

## Parker Homecoming Celebration Concert 2016 Review

This marked our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Parker Homecoming Celebration Concert. The attendance this year was fantastic on Friday and Saturday nights. Friday night 3/18/16 featured The Harvesters, The Talley's and Ivan Parker. Saturday night 3/19/16 featured The Harvesters, Brian Free & Assurance, Ivan Parker and the Parker Family. Elvis (alias Ivan Parker) visited while Brian Free & Assurance was singing on the first half of the concert. Very funny watching Brian's expression as Elvis came to the stage and joined in with them on "Peace in the Valley" Everyone laughed and had a tremendous time watching this portion unfold. Saturday night's family portion of the program consisted of Kenneth Parker singing a solo and The Parker Brothers with Marcus, Charles and Kenneth singing a trio number of "I Should Have Been Crucified". The guys did a fantastic job but Saturday night Mama Parker really showed out. She told me earlier in the week that she had been praying for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our weekend concert event. Her prayers were answered. Mama Parker came to the stage on Saturday night, gave her testimony of miracles and encouragement. After her testimony she sang acapella "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again" She sang this last year but this year (at 91 years young) was even more anointed than last year. What a blessing to hear her sing this song with such an anointing and sweet spirit. I don't believe there was a single dry eye in the building. The invitation was given at the end and the altar filled with folks seeking prayer for various needs in their lives. Thankful for those that came down for prayer and especially for the folks that gave their hearts to the Lord. Thanks to all the siblings and Brian Free & Assurance for praying with those that came forward. We were blessed with a spirit-filled weekend of concerts.

A special thanks to Sue Parker for her endless work to make the concert event successful, the ticket outlets for selling the tickets, FAT Lighting crew, David Overton for running the lights, Mike Rogers for handling the sound, The Dennis Wicker Civic Center staff, Meryl Bullard and others that helped with seating folks and working the doors. Thanks also to Amber Parker Marley & Jonathan Marley for taking care of concessions.

