

## PETRA IS COMING TO DAYTON

Celebrating Our 15th Anniversary and the Release of 'Petra Hope', their First CD Project in Two Decades.



*Come celebrate with us - Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm,  
Refuge Hill Church, 5200 Far Hills Ave, Dayton Ohio 45429  
(left to right - Bob Hartman, Cristian Borneo, John Schlitt,  
John Lawry and Greg Bailey)*

**Petra** was formed in 1972 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, by guitarist Bob Hartman. The band's name is Greek for "rock" – informing the foundation of our Christian faith and the genre of Christian music they share. In an era when Christian rock was controversial, Petra boldly and steadfastly shared the joyous message of Jesus with a generation that was hungry to find meaning in their music. Today's Petra members include:

**John Schlitt:** John joined the band in 1986, replacing Greg X. Volz who departed to pursue a solo career. John grew up in Pulaski, Illinois and graduated from the University of Illinois with a Civil Engineering degree, but always had a love of music. He took the job of lead singer with secular rock band Head East. While there, John developed a drug and alcohol addiction that led to his release from the group. On the verge of suicide, John's wife Dorla, who was a Christian, encouraged him to talk with her pastor. He accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior and with God's help was able to kick his addictions before being picked up by Petra as frontman in 1986. With his dynamic voice, Petra entered their most commercially successful era.

**Founder Bob Hartman:** Bob was born in upstate New York. He spent most of his childhood growing up in

Bryan, Ohio. He bought his first guitar at 13 with money he earned mowing lawns, teaching himself to play through music books and by ear. By 14, he had started his first band. At 20, he became a Christian—a decision that would shape the course of his life and career. He graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in psychology before enrolling in a two-year Bible program at Christian Training Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. It was out of that ministry that Petra was born.

**John Lawry:** John served as keyboardist for Petra from 1984 to 1994. He reunited with Hartman and other band members to perform under the name of Classic Petra from 2010 to 2012 before rejoining Hartman and Schlitt as a current member of Petra.

**Greg Bailey:** Greg began his musical career playing in orchestra, jazz bands, and rock groups while studying Electrical Engineering. In 1995, after graduating from Grove City College in Pennsylvania, Bailey moved to Nashville where he toured with Michael English (among others) and played cello for Sixpence None the Richer. He joined Petra as their bass player in late 2001.

**Cristian Borneo:** Cristian was born in Argentina, he joined Petra in 2013 as their drummer; however he began playing with the band during 2010 filling in for Paul Simmons during several reunion shows.

Over the years, Petra's influence on Christian rock is immeasurable. They paved the way for countless bands, proving that faith and rock music could coexist powerfully. With over 10 million albums sold, four Grammy Awards, and numerous Dove Awards, Petra's legacy is unmatched to this day.



### **Ways to get tickets and more information:**

- Scan the QR Code (right)
- Go to [faithandfriendsradio.com](http://faithandfriendsradio.com) and click on the picture of Petra
- Call Faith And Friends Radio – 937.233.2484



“Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!” (Psalm 47:1 ESV)



**Faith And Freedom 250**  
We are in the midst of celebrating our nation's 250th birthday. Be listening for patriotic music, historic highlights, and fun trivia daily. It all began on President's Day in February, running 250 days through October 23. Celebrate our nation's Christian heritage and founding with Faith And Friends Radio!



## FAITH AND FRIENDS RADIO'S CO-FOUNDER BILL NANCE HONORED

National Trade magazine *Radio Ink* rolled out a new award March 9th – their inaugural “Christian Radio Champions” list. 25 Christian radio professionals were selected from hundreds of nominees to receive this first-ever award and recognition – among them – our own Bill Nance. Radio Ink Editor-In-Chief Cameron Coats explained why Bill rose to the top – “Bill is a staple of Dayton radio. It was his work in the community and his growth with Faith And Friends Radio that really set him apart.” Cameron went on to detail how Christian radio is one of the fastest growing spaces in the US radio industry, making it worthy of an annual award to recognize those who pour their talents into their profession to really make it work. That Christian radio audience growth is largely driven by Gen Z and others who are looking for connection and a relationship that AI, automation and automatically generated playlists cannot provide. Further, radio streaming has risen to the top as the most popular way to listen, and Bill, along with co-founders Bob and Melody Morris, had the foresight to make that leap of God-honoring faith 15 year ago, to found Faith And Friends Radio.



Bill Nance



### Thank you to...

- All of our prayer warriors who remember us in your prayers.
- All our volunteers who help with events, mailings, parades, landscaping and lawn care, and so much more.
- All our faithful financial supporters. We are blessed by your generosity.
- And those who would commit to prayerfully seek God's guidance in how and where you can become a team supporter.

### Giving may be done easily in one of several ways:

- Text “donate” to 937.442.8030
- Online: [faithandfriendsradio.com](http://faithandfriendsradio.com) – click Donate
- By Mail: Faith And Friends Radio, PO Box 24855, Dayton OH 45424
- ACH using your online banking Bill Pay feature
- Or call us for assistance at **937.233.2484**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, June 5th - 100-mile Century Bike Ride Supporting the Dayton Gospel Mission.** Starting from the Troy Senior Center, 134 N. Market St., Troy OH. Pedals down at 6AM sharp. To register for the ride, simply go to [faithandfriendsradio.com/events](http://faithandfriendsradio.com/events) and fill out and submit the "Bike Ride Participation Sign-Up" form.

**Saturday, July 25th, 7 PM – PETRA Hope Tour 2026 Concert celebrating Faith and Friends Radio's 15th Anniversary Concert** Refuge Hill Church, 5200 Far Hills Ave., Dayton OH 45459. **Tickets On Sale Now through iTickets.** Call (937)233-2484 for more info.

**Saturday, August 8th, Englewood Parade** - Step-off at 9AM

**Saturday, August 8th, Kaleidoscope at the Greene County Fair** - Double-header Programs, 1-2PM and 2:30-3:30 PM. Special Guest to be announced.

**Monday, September 7th LABOR DAY, Holiday At Home Parade**

**Saturday, September 12th Beaver Creek Popcorn Festival**  
Double-header Kaleidoscope programs 1-2PM, 2:30 - 3:30 PM.

**Saturday, October 17th 10AM to 6PM - 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chocolate Festival.** This year we will be at a new location - the **Expo Center at the Greene County Fairgrounds** with our special guest, DUPREE. Also double-header Kaleidoscope programs (10:30 AM and Noon). Entertainment all day. Free admission, Free parking.



**Thank You**  
for Your Gift

## 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL



**chocolate  
fest**



- **WHEN?** Saturday, October 17 2026, Time: 10AM – 6PM
- **WHERE?** Greene County Fairgrounds Expo Center, 120 Fairgrounds Rd., Xenia OH 45385
- Free admission and Free parking
- Games, Prizes and a Free Kidz Zone
- Live entertainment ALL DAY
- **Double Kaleidoscope Pgms 10:30-1130 AM and Noon-1PM with Special Guest Artist DUPREE**
- Crafts, Food trucks, and Lots of chocolate
- Oh, and did we mention **LOTS OF CHOCOLATE??**



We completed the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Century Bike ride on Friday, June 5th. We departed from the Troy Senior Citizens Center and finished up at Avoca Trailhead near Cincinnati. Lots of great weather, fun and fellowship. We will be collecting donations for this effort through the end of June. As in previous years, all of the money raised through the bike ride will be presented to the Dayton Gospel Mission for their great and God-honoring work in the inner-city. Please make your tax-deductible gift out to the "Dayton Gospel Mission" and mail it to:

**Faith And Friends Radio**  
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Or give online at [faithandfriendsradio.com](http://faithandfriendsradio.com) and click on the DONATE button. *Please make sure you type "Bike Ride" in the comments section.*



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Gospel Mission by  
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**We Thank You**

**Want to Join the Team as a Volunteer?**

Many hands make light work. There are a number of ways you can become involved with the ministry of Faith And Friends Radio. Email [melody@faithandfriendsradio.com](mailto:melody@faithandfriendsradio.com) and let us know about your gifts and talents!



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Summer  
2026

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Spring  
2026

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### SUPPORT THE CENTURY BIKE RIDE FOR THE DAYTON GOSPEL MISSION

100% of all proceeds go directly to the Dayton Gospel Mission supporting the wonderful work they do in the name of Christ. Make your check out to the *Dayton Gospel Mission* and mail it to Faith And Friends Radio, PO Box 24855, Dayton OH 45424. You can also give online at [faithandfriendsradio.com](http://faithandfriendsradio.com) by clicking the DONATE button. See also page 3. All gifts are tax-deductible.

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