

# THE COMMUNITY CRUSADE

The Bishop Joe Simon Community  
Crusade is established to:

Motivate the community

Encourage family unity

Promote friendship and world peace

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# THE BISHOP JOE SIMON COMMUNITY CRUSADE GOES TO BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA

## From Hit Parade to Community Crusade 70s Musician Joe Simon Visits Boone

By Jeff Eason

In the world of seventies rhythm and blues, hit-maker Joe Simon was nearly unstoppable. He burst on the scene in the 60s with the novelty song “Teenager’s Prayer” but really hit his stride in the early and mid-70s when he recorded a string of hit records such as “Drowning in the Sea of Love,” “Pool of Bad Luck,” “Power of Love,” “Trouble in My Home,” and “The Theme from Cleopatra Jones.” His oeuvre is the basis of the Rhino Records collection *Music in My Bones: The Best of Joe Simon*.



**Bishop Joe Simon met with Boone Mayor Loretta Clawson on Wednesday during the Clergyman’s Community Crusade. Simon, a former funk and R&B musician, will appear at the Boone United Methodist Church on Thursday, July 20, 2006** *Photo submitted*

Simon, now a Bishop, visited with officials in Boone this week prior to his appearance at the Boone United Methodist Church. During his visit he met with Boone Mayor Loretta Clawson. “I would like to thank the Mayor and the people of Boone for their wonderful hospitality and welcoming me to the High Country,” said Simon.

“It is a pleasure to have Bishop Simon here and we express our sincere appreciation for the good works he has performed both here in America and internationally,” said Mayor Clawson.

Bishop Joe Simon and the Community Crusade appeared at the Boone United Methodist Church on Thursday, July 20, 2006 for a fundraiser for Mt. Dora’s Christian Retreat, a facility to be built in Collettsville in Caldwell County, North Carolina.

# Community Youth Choirs

Bishop Joe Simon's **Community Crusade's** mission is to bring people to Christ through the word of God and through music. The Crusade reaches throughout America and the world to rebuild the family. The Crusade creates Community Choirs throughout America and the world. These Choirs delivers messages of hope to the World.

A success story is when youth from Fort Pierce, Florida traveled with The Bishop Joe Simon **Community Crusade** on a tour of Italy. With God's help, we will rebuild our communities, and the family structure. The Bishop Joe Simon **Community Crusade** is built on Christian principles.



**Bishop Joe Simon Headlines 2008 Porretta Soul Fest  
in Porretta Terme, Italy  
Featuring The Avenue D Boy's Choir**



**Bishop Joe Simon and Avenue  
D Boys Choir sits on bleachers,  
awaiting rehearsal for the nights  
performance.**



**Bishop Joe Simon joined by the  
Avenue D Boys Choir sings for  
morning services at a Porretta,  
Italy Church.**

# Community Youth Choirs (Continued)



Members of the Fort Pierce, Florida Police and Fire Departments played a very significant role in fundraising and support to help the Avenue D Boys Choir. Their support assisted the Avenue D Boys Choir to go to Italy to exchange cultures and perform with the Bishop Joe Simon Community Crusade.

## **THE AVENUE D BOYS CHOIR**

Bishop Joe Simon has a vision to have Bishop Joe Simon Community Crusade Youth Choirs all across the country. His vision is to go into communities across the country setting up youth choirs. These youth choirs will be made up of children that are at risk or from broken homes. Bishop Simon's Community Crusade will assist these communities in setting up and organizing programs that will help prevent the high dropout school rate that plague many of our communities. This will be accomplished by setting up mentoring and tutorial programs. The program will also help prevent many of these young people from joining gangs. Statistics show that many of our youth join gangs because they have a need to belong and feel loved. The youth choirs will give many of them the love and attention that many are searching for.

Some years ago while on one of his Community Crusades in Florida Bishop Simon met a young group of boys that were trying to get some national exposure. They were called the Ave D Boys Choir. He invited these young boys to Chicago to record an album with him. Many of these young boys had never been outside the state of Florida. Over ninety percent had never flown on a plane. Most had never seen snow. Bishop Simon gave these young boys that opportunity, it changed their lives. A short time later Bishop Simon took these same boys to Italy with him to perform, it made an amazing impact on these young boys' lives. None of them had ever been outside the United States. Many of our youth live in a world that is so small because they have never seen any place other than where they live. They do not know there is a better life for them because of where they live. Because of Bishop Joe Simon, the Ave D Boys Choir members can now dream of a world other than the one they live in.

# THE DAVID SIMON FOUNDATION

**The David Simon Foundation** was started in 2005 to help provide opportunities for young students and to encourage and assist in their pursuit of higher education.

The David Simon Foundation gave the initial check in the amount of \$1,000 for the Avenue D Boys Choir tour of Italy. David Simon is a 2005 graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Purdue University, and is currently working towards his Masters degree in Business Administration. Simon finished his Indiana-Purdue FortWayne (IPFW) basketball career 4th on the school's All-Time Scoring List. Simon is IPFW's All-Time leader in blocked shots. He is also 3rd All-Time in rebounds and was named All-Independent First Team for two straight years. He was also named to the ESPN Magazine/CoSIDA Region V Academic All America Team for two consecutive years.

David Simon participated in many National Basketball Association (NBA) camps and began his professional basketball career in Europe, where he has played in Bulgaria, Russia and France. Simon is currently playing his second season with Sigbasket, in Strasbourg, France.

# DAVID SIMON and...



David Simon playing in Dijon, France in 2008

# The Bishop Joe Simon Community Crusade on the Move in California

Bishop Joe Simon met with various Mayors and other government officials while in California where he was presented with several awards, keys to the cities, and proclamations.



**Photo: (Left) Bishop Joe Simon, Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa/Los Angeles, California, and Mayor Johnny Ford, Tuskegee, Alabama, Founder of the World Conference of Mayors, Inc.**

**Photo: (Right) Mayor Eric J. Perrodin Compton, California, Bishop Joe Simon, and Mayor Johnny Ford.**



## **The Bishop Joe Simon Community Crusade Continuing the Move in California**



**Photo: (LEFT) Bishop Joe Simon, Mayor  
Johnny Ford, and Webster Guillory, Orange  
County Assessor, Santa Ana, California.**