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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend the ministry of Galen and Malinda Oakes to your church.

In February of this year the CBT Women's Ministry hosted a special event for our women and the program consisted of the Elvis concert, "Alive in Christ", performed by Galen Oakes.

I learned of Amazing Grace Land Ministries from the brother of Malinda Oakes, who is a member of our church. On several occasions he told me about their different programs and was very enthusiastic about what they were doing. Still, it was "family" giving me the recommendation and "Elvis" was going to be a stretch for some of the women in our congregation.

After I received a packet of information from Amazing Grace Land Ministries, I called and talked with Malinda about the possibility of doing the "Alive in Christ" concert. The more I talked with her, the better I felt. Malinda and Galen are very aware of the potential controversy and work very hard to make the concert honoring to the Lord and a witness to those who do not know Christ.

We moved forward with the concert and I have to say that all my concerns flew out the window in the first five minutes. When it was over I was giddy with delight. I had been entertained and inspired. Galen's humor was appropriate (not to mention hysterical) and his sincerity in sharing the gospel was moving. There was something for everyone in our audience. He was also able to personalize the concert with a special presentation to one of our members. Galen's talent and creativity is unquestionable. It took many women several songs to believe we were hearing a live voice and not a recording.

Galen and Malinda were professional in every way. I wouldn't hesitate to use them again and hope I have the opportunity to see more of their creative ministry programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barb Harwell".

Barbara Harwell
Women's Ministry Team

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jake Tovissi".

Jake Tovissi
Family Ministries Pastor