

Recording Artist Gary Chapman Makes Triumphant Return With 'The Truth'

Award-winning singer-songwriter Gary Chapman returns with *The Truth*, due Nov. 5 from Merf Music Group and distribution partners Elevate Entertainment and Syntax Distribution. The collection of songs is the first studio album from Chapman since 2002.

The Truth features 16 new songs, with special vocal appearances from some of Chapman's friends and family. Allison Krauss joins him on "If God Had a Front Porch," John Rich and Tanya Tucker show up on "The Rough Crowd," and Rebecca Lynn Howard sits in on "When I Say." Chapman's daughter Sarah sings on "Put It in His Hands," and his wife, Cassie, sings with Chapman on the Christmas-themed "All About a Baby."

While it's been a decade since Chapman's last studio album, he wrote, produced and directed the documentary *The 8th of November* for country duo Big & Rich, managed the content assets of professional football's "School of the Legends" and launched the popular "A Hymn a Week" online song and stories series, which was inspired by singing gospel standards at his ailing father's bedside.

At home, the Chapmans also welcomed the birth of their adopted baby daughter, Eva Rose, earlier this year.

"My family is my life—they're everything to me, really—and my local church is also a primary focus where I serve as an elder," Chapman says. "I'm excited for people to hear what I have to say about it all, and I'm also very anxious to get back on the road, not only to play, but also to connect with everyone again after all this time. I just want to keep singing. It's one of the things I was born to do."