

9th Hour News Break!



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BY THE NUMB3RS

From the bar codes on your groceries and the numbers on a sports team uniform to that PIN you use at the ATM, numbers are everywhere: They sponsor “Sesame Street”; they tell us our place in line; they even save us the trouble of calling every movie sequel “Reloaded” or “Again.” We would suggest throwing down the oppression of the Numbers, but we just got all our friends’ numbers programmed into our cell phone. (And we’re too lazy to start that over.) On that topic, here are four bands that decided if you can’t beat ‘em, join ‘em.






BUILDING 429
This band gets its name from Ephesians 4:29—Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. “It’s not enough to not say something bad,” says front man Jason Roy. “It’s about going out of your way to lift people up when everything else is beating them down.” Building 429’s brand new album, *Iris To Iris* (Word), is in stores now. Find them on myCCM at myCCM.org/building429.

33MILES
The members of 33Miles are on a mission to encourage the church. The band’s name is a metaphor for the 33 years that Christ spent on Earth and how He lived them. “We want to follow Christ,” says the band’s Jason Barton. “We aren’t promised a certain number of miles, so what are we going to do with the ‘miles’ that we are given?” The band’s debut album was released by INO Records in April. Learn more at myCCM.org/33miles.

GROUP 1 CREW
With a unique hybrid of hip-hop, rock, funk and soul, Group 1 Crew has distinguished itself with the 2007 self-titled debut on Fervent Records. And the three members have teamed together for one unified purpose—hence the name Group 1 Crew. Unlike many popular acts where members individually vie for the spotlight, they wanted a name that communicates their singular purpose to shine the love of Christ through the power of song. Find them at myCCM.org/group1crew.

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HONORABLE MENTION:
Family Force 5, Project 86, 21.03, Detour 180, Eleventyseven, Jump 5, The 77’s, Take 6, Starflyer 59, 2 or More, 4HIM, 7Thunders, 12 Stones, KJ-52, Pax217, Plus One, Third Day, Three Crosses, Seven Places, Sixpence None The Richer, Tree63, Seventh Day Slumber, Trin-i-tee 5:7, U2, and a partridge in a pear tree.

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