

COCHREN & CO.

In the fall of 2018 Gotee Records announced the newest member, Cochren & Co., to their elite family of artists. The singer/songwriter and piano player Michael Cochren hails from Montgomery, IN. As a worship leader at his hometown church, Cochren's piano based soulful pop sound has been influenced by artists such as Billy Joel, Needtobreathe and Ray Charles. After signing with First Company Management (Newsboys, Ryan Stevenson), Cochren's music was sent to Gotee Records' CEO Toby McKeehan.

"The soulfulness this man exudes brings pleasure to my ears as well as my heart," shares Toby. "His passion for the church is so refreshing and real. Michael is a true songwriter because he puts words to my own feelings and his voice takes us places we all want to go!"

The debut songs "Church (Take Me Back)" and "Grave" were produced by co-writer Bryan Fowler for Man Cub Music House (Chris Tomlin, TobyMac) and recorded at the renowned Blackbird Studios in Nashville with musicians Paul Mabury (Lauren Daigle), Brent Milligan (Steven Curtis Chapman) and more.

"My goal for 'Church (Take Me Back)' from the start is that it would stir peoples' affections for the church and the local expression of it," says Cochren. "Today it's pretty vogue for Christians to distance themselves from church in order to be relevant, but the church is God's design to spread truth and love. We should be lifting 'Her' up and talking about how beautiful it is when the 'church' is being the church."

The single "One Day" was the next release from Cochren. Written by Cochren along with producer Bryan Fowler (for Man Cub Music House) and Matt Armstrong, "One Day" was recorded at Zach Brown's Southern Ground Studios in Nashville and engineered by Joe Baldrige (Keith Urban, Dierks Bentley). The song features award-winning musicians drummer Paul Mabury (Lauren Daigle), bass player Jacob Lowery (Michael McDonald), Christopher Stevens, Mike Payne, and more.

"None of us are strangers to the brokenness of this life," Cochren shares about the new song. "We've all experienced firsthand the pain of loss, illness, and injustice. As we look around this world it's easy to feel hopeless, but thank God we are promised more than this world. We are promised heaven. That's the hope I'm clinging to, the hope of healing for all creation."

In the past two years Cochren & Co. has garnered a K-LOVE Fan Awards nomination, two consecutive Top 10 Billboard Christian Airplay radio singles and a 2020 Dove Awards Nomination for New Artist of the Year. He was featured on the radio release and remix of the TobyMac single “Edge of My Seat” which became a Top 5 Billboard Christian Airplay hit in early 2020 and has been seen on the road on 2018’s TobyMac’s Theatre Tour, the 2020 TobyMac Hits Deep Tour and the recent TobyMac Drive-In Theatre Tour.

