

H 1 BLAKE SHELTON "God's Country" Warner Bros. Records (WMN)

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Blake Shelton Starts Us Off!



Dear Readers;

Happy introductions to the first of CDX's TRACtion Positive Country weekly newsletters! **BLAKE SHELTON** and **Warner Bros. Records (WMN)** start us off in the #1 position this week with "**God's Country.**" They also hold the honor of *Greatest Spin Gainer* this week! Celebrations all around as we continue forward!

The following stations have been frozen for this week. Heaven's Country (Colorado Springs, CO) KAAY-AM (Little Rock, AR) KBEF-FM (Gibsland, LA) WPIL-FM (Heflin, AL)

The following stations have been frozen for two weeks. Christian Beats (Searcy, AR) Gospel Hour Radio (Eldon, MO) Heartland Radio Network (Anoka, MN) KRXT-FM (Rockdale, TX) KVIP-FM (Redding, CA) WBIP-FM (Boenson, RC) WJJT-AM (Jellico, TN) WPYB-AM (Benson, NC) WQSU-FM (Selinsgrove, PA) WXRQ-AM (Mount Pleasant, TN)

The following songs have been moved to RECURRENT status. CLIF WADDELL / That's What I Keep My Bible For MARY JAMES / Heavenly Shores VINCE GILL / When My Amy Prays

We are actively seeking stations for this chart to monitor to actively expose this music. If you are a station that programs or is interested in programming Positive Country music, please contact us!

We have looked high and low for all of the Positive Country music currently released. If you have a Positive Country single, please make sure it is sent in for fingerprinting. TRACtion only recognizes detections on songs that have been "fingerprinted." We do our best to obtain and fingerprint all new releases; songs serviced through CDX are encoded automatically. Go to https://www.cdxcd.com/fingerprinting-upload-center/ for fingerprinting.

We also plan to start featuring pictures of artists and insiders of the industry next week! If you have any photos you'd like to submit to us, please email them to <u>mark@cdxnashville.com</u>.

Sign up for the weekly chart newsletter here at www.cdxcd.com/signup-chart-newsletter.

Looking Forward, Mark Piland Positive Country Chart Editor



| L W | т w | Artist / Song Title / Label | Spins | + - | Stations | Adds | Wks On Chart |
|--------|--------|--|-------|--------|----------|------|-----------------|
| 1 | 1 | BLAKE SHELTON/God's Country/Warner Bros. Records (WMN) | 195 | 10 | 20 | 0 | 15 |
| 2 | 2 | JAKE OWEN/Homemade/Big Loud Records | 151 | 10 | 8 | 0 | 15 |
| 5 | 3 | RED MARLOW/Country As Cornbread/RM Music LLC | 84 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 11 |
| 3 | 4 | TRISHA YEARWOOD/Every Girl In This Town/Pearl Records Inc. | 83 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 12 |
| 6 | 5 | MALLARY HOPE/Pray With You/Curb Records | 77 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 11 |
| 8 | 6 | LISA DAGGS/Downside Up/MC1 Nashville | 63 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 11 |
| 7 | 7 | MARTY RAYBON/Bright New Morning/Rural Rhythm Music | 62 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 11 |
| 4 | 8 | REBA MCENTIRE/I Got The Lord On My Side/Nash Icon / Big Machine Records | 60 | -18 | 2 | 0 | 11 |
| 10 | 9 | BAND REEVES/Man On Monday/Band Reeves Music | 45 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 11 |
| 9 | 10 | CAMI SHROCK/Strong/Cami Shrock Music | 45 | -2 | 1 | 0 | 30 |
| 11 | 11 | CARROLL ROBERSON/God Takes A Nobody/Jesus Is Real Music | 38 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 14 |
| 12 | 12 | BRUCE AND BETSY MULLEN/Fried Chicken and Lemonade/Bruce and Betsy Mullen Music | 34 | -1 | 3 | 0 | 31 |
| 16 | 13 | KALI ROSE/I Wouldn't Be Caught Dead Without Jesus/Rose Records | 31 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 33 |
| 14 | 14 | GENE WATSON/Old Roman Soldier/New Day | 30 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 32 |
| 15 | 15 | CORI AND KELLY/Take Me Back to Church/Cori and Kelly Music | 29 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 33 |
| 13 | 16 | JAYNE CARTER/Why They Call It Heaven/Jayne Carter Music | 28 | -2 | 2 | 0 | 36 |
| 17 | 17 | ZACH WILLIAMS/Old Church Choir/Essential Records | 21 | -1 | 4 | 0 | 28 |
| 19 | 18 | SHENANDOAH/Good News Travels Fast/Shenandoah Music | 19 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 14 |
| 18 | 19 | JUSTIN TODD HEROD/Sometimes Good People Happen to Bad Things/Jth Music | 19 | -2 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| 23 | 20 | GREG DAY/God Did It/Greg Day Music | 17 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 25 |
| 27 | 21 | HEATHER THOMAS VAN DEREN/By The Book/Heather Thomas Van Deren Music | 16 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 29 |
| 20 | 22 | REED BROTHERS, THE/Holding On/NewStep Records | 16 | -1 | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| 32 | 23 | JOHNNY ROWLETT/If the Bottle Was a Bible/Johnny Rowlett Music | 15 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 31 |
| 22 | 24 | MIKE MANUEL/Wrong Kind of Grace/Mission Country | 14 | -1 | 2 | 0 | 36 |
| 26 | 25 | MARTINA MCBRIDE/Just Around The Corner/Big Machine Records (BMLG) | 14 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 11 |
| 30 | 26 | COREY FARLOW/Why Not Me/Corey Farlow Music | 13 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 34 |
| 29 | 27 | MICAH TYLER/Different/Fair Trade/Columbia | 13 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 25 |
| 28 | 28 | LONE HIGHWAY/Heart Like Jesus/Lone Highway Music | 12 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 36 |
| 31 | 29 | MAAZIAH MOUNTAIN/Kingdom Bound/Maaziah Mountain Music | 12 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 32 |
| 40 | 30 | JOHNNY ROWLETT/Where I'm Going/Johnny Rowlett Music | 12 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 24 |

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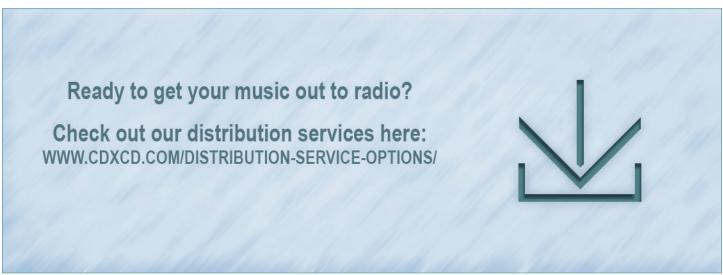
| L W | T W | CDX TRACtion COUNTRY Artist / Song Title / Label | Spins | | Stations | Adds | Wks On Chart |
|--------|--------|--|-------|----|----------|------|-----------------|
| 38 | 31 | KENNY CABLE/I See a Fire/Kenny Cable Music | 11 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 17 |
| 45 | 32 | BRANDED/Must Be In The Water/Sliced Bread Music | 11 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 24 |
| 21 | 33 | REBA MCENTIRE/Hallelujah Amen/Valory Music Co. (BMLG) | 10 | -6 | 2 | 0 | 27 |
| 34 | 34 | ALLIE COLLEEN/Work In Progress/Allie Colleen Music | 10 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| 41 | 35 | BRUCE HEDRICK/I'll Take It From Here/Red Hen Records | 10 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 25 |
| 33 | 36 | MIKE FREEMAN/It's Time to Go Back home/FreMark Records | 9 | -1 | 1 | 0 | 36 |
| 37 | 37 | DARRYL WORLEY/Awful Beautiful Life/CreekHouse Entertainmnet | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 25 | 38 | LISA DAGGS/Love Found Me/Serenity Records | 8 | -5 | 2 | 0 | 31 |
| 46 | 39 | CARROLL ROBERSON/Everything's Gonna Be Alright/Jesus Is Real Music | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 26 |
| 35 | 40 | CHRISTIAN DAVIS/Every Scar/Christian Davis Music | 7 | -2 | 2 | 0 | 19 |

Number 1 =

Spin Gainer =

| Greatest Spin Gainers | Increase |
|---|----------|
| BLAKE SHELTON/God's Country/Warner Bros. Records (WMN) | 10 |
| JAKE OWEN/Homemade/Big Loud Records | 10 |
| RED MARLOW/Country As Cornbread/RM Music LLC | 6 |
| LISA DAGGS/Downside Up/MC1 Nashville | 6 |
| MALLARY HOPE/Pray With You/Curb Records | 4 |
| MARTY RAYBON/Bright New Morning/Rural Rhythm Music | 4 |
| KALI ROSE/I Wouldn't Be Caught Dead Without Jesus/Rose Records | 4 |
| HEATHER THOMAS VAN DEREN/By The Book/Heather Thomas Van Deren Music | 4 |
| JOHNNY ROWLETT/If the Bottle Was a Bible/Johnny Rowlett Music | 4 |
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TRACtion COUNTRY Monitored Stations

| Christian Beats | Searcy, AR | KIKT-FM | Cooper, TX | WCYN-AM | Cynthiana, KY | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Gospel Hour Radio | <u>Eldon, MO</u> | KJIC-FM | Sante Fe, TX | WGGY-FM | Scranton, PA | | |
| Heartland Radio Network | <u>Anoka, MN</u> | KJIR-FM | Hannibal, MO | WGOL-AM | Russellville, AL | | |
| Heaven's Country | Colorado Springs, CO | KKUS-FM | Tyler, TX | WHQA-FM | Honea Path, SC | | |
| HLE Radio | Jennings, LA | KMIL-FM | Cameron, TX | WJBZ-FM | Seymour, TN | | |
| KAAY-AM | Little Rock, AR | KNEO-FM | Neosho, MO | WJEC-FM | Vernon, AL | | |
| KABF-FM | Little Rock, AR | KNES-FM | Fairfield, TX | <u>MA-TLLW</u> | <u>Jellico, TN</u> | | |
| KASO-AM | Minden, LA | KNMO-FM | Nevada, MO | WKGA-FM | Goodwater, AL | | |
| KATI-FM | Jefferson City, MO | KPSM-FM | Brownwood, TX | WKLF-AM | Clanton, AL | | |
| KBEF-FM | Gibsland, LA | KRIG-FM | Nowata, OK | WKWX-FM | Savannah, TN | | |
| KBIE-FM | Auburn, NE | <u>KRXT-FM</u> | <u>Rockdale, TX</u> | WKYK-AM | Burnsville, NC | | |
| KBON-FM | Mamou, LA | KSTV-FM | Dublin, TX | WMTC-FM | Jackson, KY | | |
| KBUB-FM | Brownwood, TX | KTJJ-FM | Farmington, MO | WNLB (New Life Broadcast | ing) Hillsville, VA | | |
| KBUF-AM | Garden City, KS | KTTK-FM | Lebanon, MO | WPIL-FM | Heflin, AL | | |
| KBUK-FM | La Grange, TX | KTXJ-FM | Jasper, TX | WPYB-AM | <u>Benson, NC</u> | | |
| KCMH-FM | Mountain Home, AR | <u>KVIP-FM</u> | <u>Redding, CA</u> | WQSU-FM | Selinsgrove, PA | | |
| KEYE-AM | Perryton, TX | KVLG-AM | La Grange, TX | WRGS-AM | Rogersville, TN | | |
| KEYE-FM | Perryton, TX | KVVO-LP | Abilene, TX | WSGM-FM | Coalmont, TN | | |
| KFNF-FM | Oberlin, KS | KYMS-FM | Rathdrum, ID | WXHB-FM | Richton, MS | | |
| KFYN-AM | Bonham, TX | RKP Radio | Washington, PA | <u>WXRQ-AM</u> | <u>Mount Pleasant, TN</u> | | |
| KGVE-FM | Grove, OK | Spirit Country Radio | South Bend, IN | WZYX-AM | Cowan, TN | | |
| KHBR-AM | Hillsboro, TX | WANT-FM | Lebanon, TN | | | | |
| KHII-FM | Cloudcroft, NM | WBBN-FM | Taylorsville, MS | | | | |
| KHYI-FM | Howe, TX | WBIP-FM | Booneville, MS | I | | | |
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| Strikethrough = Removed Bold = Newly Added Underlined = Frozen this Week Double Underlined = Frozen 2 Weeks | | | | | | | |

Chart Recurrent Methodology

When does a song move to recurrent on the chart? It is one of the more challenging issues we encountered in creating the CDX TRACtion Positive Country chart system. Rather than relying on subjective editorial decisions, we've chosen to automate this process using the weekly chart data as a marker.

We strive to avoid having singles past their prime create a logjam on the chart, because that stifles upward momentum for up-and-coming singles. But we also try to ensure that singles "on the bubble" are not removed prematurely. As long-time chart watchers know, singles often take a while to establish a solid base among early believers at radio before they truly find their legs. Due to any number of reasons, the path to peak chart position rarely includes straight-line, week-over-week spin and/ or chart position growth.

On a monitored airplay chart like CDX Positive Country, the reality is that new singles bounce around a bit spin-wise and position-wise, particularly in the lower half of the chart. Even small spin increases and decreases can be magnified as fairly significant up-ordown chart position moves. With this in mind, the CDX Positive Country recurrent policy grades each chart position on a curve, using an algorithm that considers the chart position and spin history for that song. Newly serviced singles are allowed 20 weeks to chart before being removed from chart consideration. Once a status change is actively being considered by the algorithm, the cumulative amount of spin loss from the single's previous peak spin count is the trigger. The allowable spin loss varies as a percentage, depending on the chart position.

In addition to making sure that only singles with significant downward movement become recurrent, this methodology also benefits slow-developing singles in several ways. For instance, the allowable spin loss (as a percentage) is very generous at the lower reaches of the chart to accommodate the lower spin counts. Additionally, if a single is at risk of being moved to recurrent status with two consecutive weeks of minor spin loss, it can still return to positive spin growth the following week, which will reset the clock.

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