

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

Blake Shelton goes #1!



Dear Readers:

BLAKE SHELTON and Warner Bros. Records (WMN) returns to the #1 position this week with "God's Country." KANE & KELLY's "Written In Red" is this week's *Greatest Spin Gainer*! Celebrations all around as we continue forward!

The following stations have been frozen for this week. KEYE-AM (Perryton, TX) KFNF-FM (Oberlin, KS)

The following stations have been frozen for two or more weeks. Christian Beats (Searcy, AR)
Heartland Radio Network (Anoka, MN)
KRXT-FM (Rockdale, TX)
WPYB-AM (Benson, NC)

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 Southern Gospel & Positive Country music, please contact us!

We continue to look high and low for all of the Southern Gospel & Positive Country music currently released. If you have a Southern Gospel & 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.





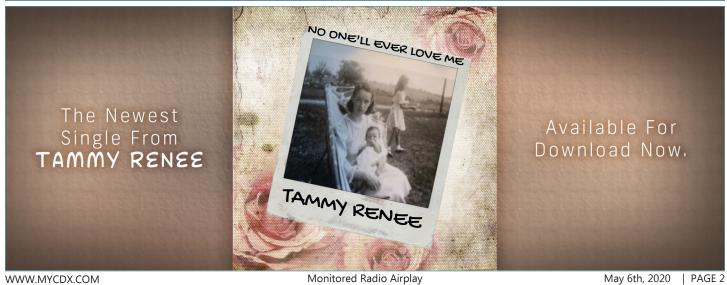


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Looking Forward, **Mark Piland** Positive Country Chart Editor



| L W | T W | SOUTHERN GOSPEL TRACtion & POSITIVE COUNTRY Artist / Song Title / Label | | + | Stations | Adds | Wks On Chart |
|--------|--------|--|-----|-----|----------|------|-----------------|
| 2 | 1 | BLAKE SHELTON/God's Country/Warner Bros. Records (WMN) | | -9 | 24 | 0 | 41 |
| 1 | 2 | JAKE OWEN/Homemade/Big Loud Records | 207 | -64 | 17 | 0 | 41 |
| 3 | 3 | ERIC CHURCH/Monsters/EMI Records Nashville (UMGN) | 175 | -29 | 17 | 0 | 10 |
| 4 | 4 | JIM & MELISSA BRADY/Follow Me To The Cross/Jim & Melissa Brady Music | 126 | -9 | 10 | 1 | 13 |
| 13 | 5 | SHELLEM CLINE/Top Of The Cross/Tireswing Records | 111 | 35 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| 6 | 6 | MICHAEL BOOTH/What Only God Can Do/Michael Booth Music | 109 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 13 |
| 5 | 7 | KINGSMEN, THE/I've Ever Been Glad/The Kingsmen Music | 99 | -17 | 11 | 1 | 13 |
| 8 | 8 | OLD PATHS, THE/Come Sunday Morning/The Old Paths Music | 99 | -9 | 9 | 0 | 13 |
| 7 | 9 | LORE FAMILY, THE/Ready To Know/The Lore Family Music | 93 | -15 | 9 | 0 | 13 |
| 12 | 10 | GAITHER VOCAL BAND/This Is The Place/Gaither Vocal Band Music | 92 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 13 |
| 11 | 11 | BRIAN FREE & ASSURANCE/This Storm/Brian Free Music | 86 | -5 | 9 | 0 | 14 |
| 10 | 12 | GREATER VISION/You've Arrived/Greater Vision Music | 84 | -14 | 9 | 1 | 13 |
| 34 | 13 | KANE & KELLY/Written In Red/Kane & Kelly Music | 83 | 51 | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| 9 | 14 | BROWDERS, THE/When God Says Wait/The Browders Music | 82 | -19 | 8 | 0 | 13 |
| 19 | 15 | STEVE BRIDGMON/Patiently Waiting/Bow Tie Country | 69 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 13 |
| 16 | 16 | GOLD CITY/Alabama Mud/Gold City Music | 69 | -4 | 4 | 0 | 14 |
| 15 | 17 | LEGACY FIVE/What Kind of Man/Legacy Five Music | 66 | -7 | 7 | 0 | 13 |
| 18 | 18 | JEFF AND SHERI EASTER/You Are Loved/Jeff and Sheri Easter Music | 66 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 13 |
| 20 | 19 | LEFEVRE QUARTET, THE/A Rugged Old Cross/The LeFevre Quartet Music | 64 | 12 | 6 | 0 | 13 |
| 17 | 20 | WILLIAMSONS/Robes of Pure White/Williams Music | 64 | -2 | 5 | 1 | 13 |
| 14 | 21 | HEART 2 HEART/Hallelujah March/Heart 2 Heart Music | 59 | -15 | 4 | 0 | 13 |
| 25 | 22 | RHETT WALKER BAND/Believer/Essential Records | 49 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 20 |
| 23 | 23 | GORDON MOTE/Set Your House In Order/New Haven | 45 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 20 |
| 21 | 24 | KELBY COSTNER/Holy Ghost Town/Kelby Costner Music | 45 | -5 | 2 | 0 | 20 |
| 49 | 25 | HEATHER SMITH/That's What I Was Thinking/Heather Smith Music | 44 | 24 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 27 | 26 | MARTINS, THE/Days Like THis/The Martins Music | 41 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 13 |
| 24 | 27 | CORI AND KELLY/Sweet Ole Claire/We Anointed | 41 | -3 | 4 | 0 | 17 |
| 30 | 28 | JOHN CONLEE/Jesus Take A Hold/Rose Colored Records, Inc. | 38 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 21 |
| 22 | 29 | WISECARVERS, THE/Jesus to Me/The Wisecarvers Music | 37 | -8 | 4 | 0 | 13 |
| 28 | 30 | BROWNS, THE/Brave/The Browns Music | 36 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 13 |



| L W | T W | SOUTHERN GOSPEL TRÂCTION & POSITIVE COUNTRY Artist / Song Title / Label | Spins | | Stations | Adds | Wks On Chart |
|--------|--------|--|-------|----|----------|------|-----------------|
| 26 | 31 | 1 KAREN PECK & NEW RIVER/The River/Karen Peck Music | | -6 | 4 | 0 | 13 |
| | 32 | CHRIS GOLDEN/Thank You Lord For This Day/24k Records | | 32 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 32 | 33 | BRUCE AND BETSY MULLEN/Fried Chicken and Lemonade/Bruce and Betsy Mullen Music | | -6 | 3 | 0 | 57 |
| 33 | 34 | JOSH & ASHLEY FRANKS/No Other Name Like Jesus/Josh & Ashley Franks Music | 29 | -3 | 3 | 0 | 13 |
| | 35 | BLAKE SHELTON/Jesus Got a Tight Grip/Warner Music Nashville/WEA | 27 | 27 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 37 | 36 | MARK BISHOP/I'm In Good Hands/Mark Bishop Music | 26 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 13 |
| 39 | 37 | GERALD CRABB/Deeper/Gerald Crabb Music | 26 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 11 |
| 46 | 38 | 8 ANDREW MARSHALL/Get Your Praise On/Serenity Records | | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 31 | 39 | CASEY BAKER/We Don't Care Enough To Fight Anymore/Casey Baker Music | 26 | -9 | 2 | 0 | 9 |
| 42 | 40 | CARROLL ROBERSON/God Takes A Nobody/Jesus Is Real Music | 26 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 40 |

Number 1 =

Spin Gainer =

| Greatest Spin Gainers | Increase |
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| KANE & KELLY/Written In Red/Kane & Kelly Music | 51 |
| SHELLEM CLINE/Top Of The Cross/Tireswing Records | 35 |
| CHRIS GOLDEN/Thank You Lord For This Day/24k Records | 32 |
| BLAKE SHELTON/Jesus Got a Tight Grip/Warner Music Nashville/WEA | 27 |
| JOSH & ASHLEY FRANKS/Just As Blessed/Josh & Ashley Franks Music | 25 |
| HEATHER SMITH/That's What I Was Thinking/Heather Smith Music | 24 |
| LEFEVRE QUARTET, THE/A Rugged Old Cross/The LeFevre Quartet Music | 12 |
| STEVE BRIDGMON/Patiently Waiting/Bow Tie Country | 10 |
| RHETT WALKER BAND/Believer/Essential Records | 9 |
| MIKE WALKER/I'll Be At Home/Mike Walker Music | 9 |

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| TRACtion country | Monitored Stations | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Christian Beats | Searcy, AR | KIKT-FM | Cooper, TX | SOGR Radio | Powell, TN |
| Gospel Hour Radio | Eldon, MO | KJIC-FM | Sante Fe, TX | Spirit Country Radio | South Bend, IN |
| Heartland Radio Network | Anoka, MN | KJIR-FM | Hannibal, MO | WANT-FM | Lebanon, TN |
| Heaven's Country | Colorado Springs, CO | KKUS-FM | Tyler, TX | WBBN-FM | Taylorsville, MS |
| HLE Radio | Jennings, LA | KMIL-FM | Cameron, TX | WCYN-AM | Cynthiana, KY |
| KAAY-AM | Little Rock, AR | KMOO-FM | Mineola, TX | WGGY-FM | Scranton, PA |
| KABF-FM | Little Rock, AR | KNEO-FM | Neosho, MO | WGOL-AM | Russellville, AL |
| KATI-FM | Jefferson City, MO | KNES-FM | Fairfield, TX | WHQA-FM | Honea Path, SC |
| KBEF-FM | Gibsland, LA | KNMO-FM | Nevada, MO | WJBZ-FM | Seymour, TN |
| KBIE-FM | Auburn, NE | KOGT-AM | Oragne, TX | WJEC-FM | Vernon, AL |
| KBON-FM | Mamou, LA | KPSM-FM | Brownwood, TX | WJJT-AM | Jellico, TN |
| KBUB-FM | Brownwood, TX | KRIG-FM | Nowata, OK | WKGA-FM | Goodwater, AL |
| KBUF-AM | Garden City, KS | KRXT-FM | Rockdale, TX | WKLF-AM | Clanton, AL |
| KBUK-FM | La Grange, TX | KSTV-FM | Dublin, TX | WKWX-FM | Savannah, TN |
| KCMH-FM | Mountain Home, AR | KTJJ-FM | Farmington, MO | WKYK-AM | Burnsville, NC |
| KDHL-AM | Fairbault, MN | KTTK-FM | Lebanon, MO | WMTC-FM | Jackson, KY |
| KEYE-AM | Perryton, TX | KTXJ-FM | Jasper, TX | WNLB (New Life Broadcast | ting) Hillsville, VA |
| KEYE-FM | Perryton, TX | KVIP-FM | Redding, CA | WPIL-FM | Heflin, AL |
| KFNF-FM | Oberlin, KS | KVLG-AM | La Grange, TX | <u>WPYB-AM</u> | Benson, NC |
| KFYN-AM | Bonham, TX | KWHW-FM | Altus, OK | WQSU-FM | Selinsgrove, PA |
| KGVE-FM | Grove, OK | KWLS-FM | Winfield, KS | WRGS-AM | Rogersville, TN |
| KHBR-AM | Hillsboro, TX | KYMS-FM | Rathdrum, ID | WSGM-FM | Coalmont, TN |
| KHII-FM | Cloudcroft, NM | Praise Radio | Spruce Grove, Alberta | WXHB-FM | Richton, MS |
| KHYI-FM | Howe, TX | RKP Radio | Washington, PA | WZYX-AM | Cowan, TN |
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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.