



The Couriers • Scot • Duane • Kris • Neil • Larry • Phil

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The History of **The Couriers** reaches further back than most are aware. The Couriers was one of many names used by student outreach ministry teams at Central Bible Institute, (C.B.I.) in Springfield, Missouri for many years. Most of the teams were musical groups; duets, trios, quartets, ensembles, etc. Though the outreach group names were never officially owned by the school; now an accredited college, each year students would assume one of these established names which had previously gained a quality reputation by other alumni. Because of this practice each recycled group name took on new life each year. The same group personnel usually didn't last more than a semester or, at longest, a full school term. With a constant flow of senior graduations and freshmen enrollments each group would either be reorganized or revitalized annually.

The Couriers, originally formed in 1953, consisted of five young students preparing for the Ministry. In September of 1955 a new enrollee; **Don Baldwin** of Chicago, Illinois recruited four other students to join him to continue The Couriers. Don managed the group and sang baritone, **Lem Boyles** returned to sing tenor, **Eddie Mosher** sang lead, **Nick Schubert** on piano and **Dave Kyllonen** of western Pennsylvania sang bass. After several short tenure pianists, **Eddie Reece** of Memphis, Tennessee became The Couriers pianist in 1956. Also in 1956, **Duane Nicholson** of Woodward, Oklahoma accepted the lead position for his graduating predecessor then moved to first tenor when **Neil Enloe** of Wood River, Illinois joined as lead singer. The Couriers' singing schedule became so busy that they often spoke of making this group their life's calling. As the year progressed and group momentum mounted a tempting offer came from a youth leader in the northeast. At the end of the school year The Couriers moved to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and launched their full-time music ministry career in the fall of 1958.

Through the years some of the personnel changed, but the group maintained the same identifying sound through the unique arrangements and song writing of Neil Enloe. **Phil Enloe**, of the Jr. Blackwood Brothers, Memphis, Tennessee became the baritone for The Couriers. Phil is Neil's brother and stayed in The Couriers from 1965 through 1968 helping to launch The Couriers' television ministries and missionary tours. Phil felt a call to youth evangelism as a preacher/singer and launched his Ministry Association. At Phil's resignation Dave Kyllonen moved up to baritone and The Couriers became a trio. In 1979 Dave left The Couriers to work as a missionary in the Caribbean for three years; then pastored in Iowa for eight years and formed a family ministry team in 1990. After Dave's resignation, Phil returned to The Couriers in 1980 and still schedules the group with a vigorous itinerary.

In 1998 The Couriers added three additional members. Looking to the future, **Duane, Neil** and **Phil** decided it was time to expand the team with youthful energy while perpetuating The Couriers' ministry. **Scot Womble, Kris Walker** and **Larry More** are gifted and dedicated. With these three multi-talented young men singing and ministering along side **Duane, Neil** and **Phil**, The Couriers' music and ministry are more powerful than ever. They still carry their Bible School name; **The Couriers**, now a Non-Profit Corporation, and have carried its musical ministry reputation to all fifty of the United States in every Bible believing church you can name; into every province of Canada and eighty nations around the world. This temporary group still views their work as musical evangelism. They have stayed faithful long enough to their call that the fruit of their labor is reported to them daily. Many great and wonderful men helped create and establish **The Couriers**. They will forever be members of **The Couriers**.

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