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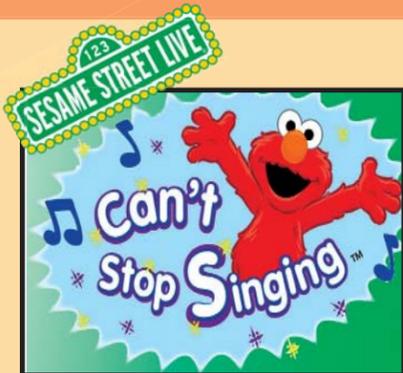
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# The Noise Box, Brandon's Mission-Oriented Concert Venue

By Kayla Hayes

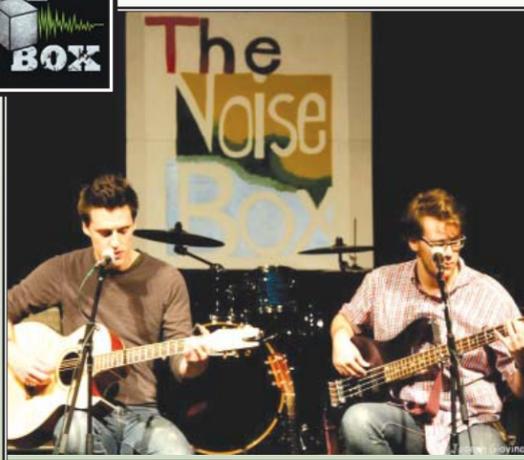
The Noise Box is "a whole new breed of venue" according to its Facebook page, and aptly labeled as it features all genres and styles of bands, from Indie-acoustic bands to hard-core/ metal core bands— as a part of DCN (the Diversified Christian Noise concert series) that is "committed to representing Christ through our continued support of local Christian and secular bands alike, as we offer a respectful, faith-based, mission-oriented venue."

"I think that when done correctly, music bridges the gap between the secular and the religious," said Thom Schultz, director of operations for The Noise Box. "Through music you can display the emotions that come from the hardships that we all share in life."

So what does a mission-oriented venue look like?

Every concert held at The Noise Box benefits a charity in some way. I Matter Too, Center for Excellence, Ronald McDonald House Charities and Team HOPE are some of the charities that the DCN team has supported so far. Not all bands that play at The Noise Box are Christian bands, although each is expected to sign a

conduct agreement. The DCN team does not plan any formal gospel presentations, but Christian bands are encouraged to share their faith and the DCN team focuses on outreach and building relationships at the



The Noise Box is a multi-faceted music ministry on John Moore Rd. in Brandon. Thom Schultz established the ministry August 2012. The venue is located at Christ Community Church.

concerts.

"There is no 'bait and switch,'" Schultz said, meaning the purpose of DCN is not to invite you to a concert and then pummel you with religion. The events are an opportunity to connect within the community and promote

diversity because of the redemption that Christ offers.

Schultz came up with the venue and ministry idea last year after going through the book of James with his college Bible study group. James focuses on living out your faith, and Schultz' dad, who was his youth pastor in high school, challenged Schultz to think about how he was living out his faith.

"One of the biggest blessings we've had is to learn the do's and don'ts of ministry, without much risk," Schultz said. His team of mostly college students is now at a place where they can focus less on the organization of the ministry, and get down to the "nitty gritty" (as Schultz puts it) of outreach and building relationships.

DCN is looking for individuals to contribute their skillset to the growing ministry. People interested in concert set-up and tear down and advertising/promotions can contact Schultz at ThomSchultzDCN@gmail.com or call 304-5568. The Noise Box is a non-profit where high school students are able to earn community service hours. Visit www.dcnoise.com or www.Facebook.com/TheNoiseBoxDCN for more info. Christ Community Church is located at 1310 John Moore Rd, Brandon,

# Joshuacord Announces Premier 5K Joshua 1:9 Religious Freedom Run

By Staff Report

Joshuacord, a nonprofit, non-denominational organization dedicated to raising awareness about the oppression and persecution of Christians in the Middle East and Africa, will be conducting its premier 5K Joshua 1:9 Religious Freedom Run from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, November 16.

The race will start and finish at Al Lopez Park, which is located at 4810 N. Himes Ave., in Tampa. The registration fee is \$25 for all participants, if completed before November 16, or \$30 the day of the event and can be done online via Active.com or at <http://www.joshuacord.org/5k>. Joshua 1:9 organizers are anticipating approximately 300 runners.

"The Joshua 1:9 Freedom Run was created to bring awareness to the plight of the persecuted Christians", said founder Patrick



Tampa is hosting the first Joshuacord 5K run, designed to bring awareness to the persecution of Christians in the Middle East and Africa.

Carberry. "Our goal is to help raise awareness about the oppression and persecution of Christians in the Middle East and Africa, to be an advocate for the persecuted, and to activate Christians across America to stand united with Christians who are suffering for following Christ. The Freedom of Religion is a cher-

ished freedom for all Americans and all those who want freedom."

"The Joshua 1:9 freedom run gives all Christians from all denominations an opportunity to show their concern and support to our fellow believers" said Carberry. "Our goal is also to give courage and hope to our brothers in sisters who are suffering. We stand with them in spirit and the run is a sign to remember and pray for suffering believers."

To find out more about Joshua 1:9 Religious Freedom run and resources designed to help you get involved, visit [www.Joshuacord.org](http://www.Joshuacord.org). Help to remind our Christian brothers and sisters that even though they may be persecuted, they are not forgotten.

