



Ava Kasich



Honored as Living Legend in Gospel Music Fan Awards

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Ava Kasich, a longtime country gospel artist, was recently honored by Christian Voice Magazine in their 2026 Gospel Music Fan Awards as a "Living Legend" recognizing her decades of faithful ministry through gospel music.

Ava has spent the past 46 years sharing the gospel through song, fulfilling a dream she says began at the early age of three.

"To say I am blessed would be an understatement," Ava said. "These awards are very much appreciated, and I am truly honored. But I am longing for the great reward when Jesus says, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'"

The 2026 "Living Legend" honor follows another significant milestone in Ava's ministry. In July 2025, the International Country Gospel Music Association inducted her into its Hall of Fame, one of the highest honors in country gospel music.

Over the years, Ava has received numerous awards and recognitions, including Female Vocalist, Gold Cross Female Artist, Award of Excellence, and Song of the Year, among others. She has also had the privilege of sharing the stage with some of the greatest names in gospel music including Howard and Vestal Goodman, Barbara Fairchild, Jason Crabb, Karen Peck and Aaron Wilburn, and more.

Ava credits God's faithfulness for sustaining her throughout her ministry.

"If you are faithful to God, He will be faithful to you," she said. "Has it been easy? Absolutely not. But He has never left me nor forsaken me, and He has always provided. I want to reach as many as I can for the Kingdom before it's too late."

Kasich expressed gratitude for the support of her family, including her husband, Jerry, and son, Chad Sanders, as well as her church family at Faith Church of Sherman, Texas, and Pastor Ryan and Carrie Cernero.

Her ministry is rooted in the scripture Matthew 22:14: "For many are called, but few are chosen." Kasich believes the calling of God requires sacrifice, faithfulness, and a willingness to serve.

Ava Kasich is available to minister at churches and venues, sharing her music, testimony, and the message of God's miraculous healing power.

Accolades:

2001 Branson Gospel Music Female Vocalist
2012 Emerald Coast Beacon Award for Soloist of the Year & Song of the Year Stones
2015 ICGMA Gold Cross Female Artist of the Year
2016, 2017, & 2018 MSQCA Soloist of the Year
2017 TGMA Female Soloist of the Year
2017 River Award Song of the Year Looking Back
2016, 2017 & 2019 CVM Southern Gospel Soloist
2018 CVM Female Vocalist of the year
2018 CVM Favorite Song of the Year The River Runs Red
2020 IAMM Heart Award
2021 ICGMA Award of Excellence

2022 ICGMA Gold Cross Female Artist
2022 GMSC Female Soloist of the Year
2023 GMSC Living Legend
2024 GMSC Song of the Year Don't Weep For Me
2025 ICGMA Induction into the Hall of Fame
2026 Gospel Music Fan Awards Living Legend

References:

Aaron Wilburn - *Barbara Fairchild* - Brian Free -
Gerald Crabb - Jason Crabb - *Karen Peck*
Les Butler - *Randall Wilds* - Roger Barkley Jr
The Freemans

and numerous written endorsements from Pastors.