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Christian Recording Artist Gets Back to the “Basics” with new release of the same name

Waterford, MI, September 19, 2017 – Metro Detroit Recording Artist – Rufus Harris hopes to encourage listeners to embrace a more practical approach to Christianity with his latest album release – *basics*.

“**We’ve made Christianity way to complicated,**” says Harris. Harris, who is also Pastor of a small fellowship in Pontiac called *The Bridge Church*, feels that in order for people to understand Christianity, it needs to be presented and taught in practical terms. Every Sunday he encourages congregants to keep it simple. The album *basics* is an acoustically-driven collection of songs with spiritual concepts centered on what he considers to be the **“basics tenets of the Christian faith.”** The project features various songs from two of Rufus’ CDs: *rufus harris* (self-titled) and *How Do You Read It?* Originally, these songs featured the electric guitar as the principle instrument. These versions, however, are performed on acoustic guitar. The album also includes four new songs: a cover of the beautiful song *Tapestry* by Glenn Kaiser (Rez Band); *Blessed Abundantly* (the 1st song of faith he wrote); *Rescue* – inspired by Fanny Crosby (1864); and a brand new *Happy Birthday to You* song. Most of the songs he chose for *basics* deal with giving thanks to God; the importance of diversity; the Christian lifestyle; and sharing hope.

Harris calls this CD “prison-inspired.” Why? Harris says, “I created it project because there were many places I was invited to perform his music but for security reasons could not take in his electric guitar and all the extraneous gear that it includes – namely prison. So, I performed the songs on acoustic guitar and wanted a project that represented that sound that sound too.”

Rufus will be performing songs from his new CD on September 22nd and October 27th at 8pm at **4thFridays with rufus harris**, a music venue presented by the non-profit - *Christian Artists and Musicians Project (The CAMP)* he and wife Denise founded in 2002. Rufus is host of the monthly show that in a coffeehouse setting. Now in its 15th year, the 4thFridays has become one of Metro Detroit’s premiere venues for showcasing Christian music, poetry and art. Shows are held in Studio A at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center (also known as the Michael Guido Theatre) at 15801 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn, MI. He will also share songs at **Lakeside Coffeehouse** on September 30th, 7pm. The venue is held at Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian located at 5171 Commerce Road in Orchard Lake on September 30th, 7pm. Free Admission.

Basics can be purchased online at Amazon.com; CDBaby; iTunes and on his newly-designed website: www.rufusharris.com. For more information about *Rufus Harris* and for interviews contact Denise Strong-Harris at Red Letter Records 248-872-1197 or information@redletterrecords.com.