

Sanders FAMILY



CHRISTMAS

Character Breakdown

Mervin Oglethorpe:

A young and enthusiastic minister of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

Burl Sanders:

The proud, strong patriarch of the Sanders family and its leader

Vera Sanders:

Mother, strong faith, challenges the Reverend with knowledge of scripture

Stanley Sanders:

Burl's Brother, formerly served hard labor time and most recently returned from a role in a Hollywood western

June Sanders:

The oldest daughter, a comedic figure known for her unconventional (and not always accurate) sign language

Dennis Sanders:

The quiet, shy twin brother, a stark contrast to his sister Denise

Denise Sanders:

The outgoing twin sister, whose energetic nature often causes minor conflicts

Sanders Family Christmas is a bluegrass gospel musical and a sequel to *Smoke on the Mountain*, set on Christmas Eve 1941 as America enters World War II. The story follows the Sanders Family Singers as they host the annual church Christmas celebration to bid farewell to their son, Dennis, who is shipping out to join the Marines. The show blends hilarious and touching stories with performances of Southern Gospel Christmas favorites, aiming to entertain and inspire the audience with faith and holiday spirit.