A group from NC is continuously climbing the charts. They are C3, a Lumberton based contemporary gospel trio, whose music can make its’ listeners dance, or give them chills through forms of gospel-powerful ballads, blues numbers, rap, and even catchy pop songs. “Our market is everybody” Harley said.

“Getting there hasn’t been easy, said Kim Worley, one of the members of C3. With the death of their founder two years, Felicia McLean, the singers sometimes wanted to give up, “it didn’t always seem worth it,” Worley said. McLean formed the group with Worley and Terri Pittman about 15 years ago, along with two male singers who eventually left the group, and the women continued as a trio.

McLean was always pushing them forward, even when she was going through radiation and chemotherapy after being diagnosed with Stage IV breast cancer. Even when McLean was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008, the group members knew that mixture of determination and faith that pushed the group forward. Pittman and Worley said. They brought on Kimberly McCoy, a Fayetteville nursing assistant who had filled in when McLean was too sick to sing. She is a breast cancer survivor, which serves to reinforce the group’s commitment to breast cancer awareness and research.

C3 will travel to Nashville to tape a music video for the “Bobby Jones Gospel Show” on TBN. The group is also gearing up for a national and international distribution deal with Chicago-based Kingdom Records, an independent distribution outfit tied to Universal Records, Harley said. “The real deal is this,” he said. “They done came too far to go back.” C3 was Gospel Group of the Year at the Independent Music Awards, held at the Seabrook Auditorium of Fayetteville State University; “What McLean had started couldn’t be stopped easily,” Harley said.