

# A Timeline That Can Be Your Background for the Austerity Program.

You're short on time, we're short on prose, here's the band bio.



## THE AUSTERITY PROGRAM

THAD CALABRESE -  
BASS

JUSTIN FOLEY -  
GUITAR/VOCALS

DRUM MACHINE -  
PERCUSSION

Finished reading a book on the Federal Reserve that gave right name for the band. Let's go.

1997

Time to put out a record. We record it in a crumbling Lutheran church in the Bronx. Some European reviewer says "it sounds Lutheran". (Huh?)

2000

We become one of the two unsolicited demos ever picked up by Hydra Head. We had no idea who the label was, other than they liked that our CD came with a razor blade

2003

More "let's do it the hard way: instead of a cracked version of Cubase and comping vocals, we bought a 400lb tape machine and recorded like it was 1976.

We should have been touring and posing for Decibel in black t-shirts. Instead, we bought acoustics textbooks and drywall compound to build our own studio.

2007

Three years to write a four song EP. This slow-plod pacing somehow becomes part of our DNA. I can't explain it.

2010

Hydra Head (our lovely label) flames out. "Should we go find another label or absolutely punish ourselves by starting our own label?" Column B, as usual.

Weirdly, our next record is out most critically-acclaimed thing yet, despite intentionally having zero melodies. (Not hyperbole)

We launch Controlled Burn Records with our friends in Nonagon. Putting the "niche" back in "No Picnic Here."

2014

The Boss DR-660 (circa 1992) is finally retired in favor of a software-based drum machine. MCI JH-110s still handle the recording, though.

We adopt a slightly less dorky way of naming songs than just sequentially "Song #".

2019

Longest gap between recordings yet. We can blame COVID, but honestly? More painful granularity on the songwriting choices than ever. Eh, deadlines - who needs 'em?

First of two records on a new theme. A trip to Europe includes a stop in Normandy where the promoter insisted we have wine and cheese before playing. "You are in France." This really happened.

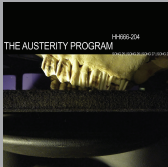
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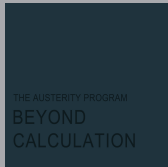
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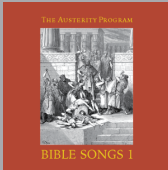
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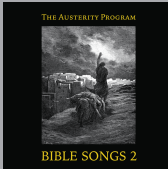
Backsliders and Apostates will Burn



Beyond Calculation



Bible Songs 1



Bible Songs 2