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ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE: Weather may have caused the organizers some stressful moments at the Livin Out Loud event Saturday, but the crowd of upwards of 500 people attending enjoyed the performances between the passing weather fronts.

Rain and some hail early delayed the start of the program for about 90 minutes as wet sound equipment was exchanged for dry pieces. Leading off the performers was Eternity Focus (bottom photo) from Lebanon, KS. Also performing was Orphans Cry which is made up of husband and wife duo Willy and Sarah Roberts. A late-arriving storm kept VOTA and a representative of Rachel's Challenge from appearing. Despite the weather challenges, a lot of people enjoyed what they were able to see so that was still a blessing, said Tim Strauser, one of the event organizers. Another free concert is being planned for Sunday, Aug. 18, with performances scheduled by The Digital Age (former members of the Dave Crowder Band), 10th Avenue North and Jefferson Bethke.

