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A Newsletter for the Arkansas Master Singers



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# DIRECTIONS

Our Concert of Worship at Grand Avenue was just an incredible night. Thank you all for coming and working together in such an outstanding way to make a great night of giving glory to God! Thanks again to Keith Clutts and the Grand Avenue staff and volunteers for making it such a great day.



Our split concerts will be upon us before we know it. If your name is not on the list included in this newsletter, please contact me asap so that I can add you. At this point, don't complete the online survey, email me directly, please. ([lgrayson@absc.org](mailto:lgrayson@absc.org)) I will be at Hamburg, so I will miss getting to see those of you at Beebe and Maumelle! Thank you for being extremely faithful to make these split concerts work.

I'm grateful to Bob Endel for hosting us in Hamburg, Berrik Brumley for hosting us in Maumelle, and Karla Tarkington and Linda Swint and their interim minister of music, Ed Adcock for hosting us at Beebe. I know you join me in expressing thanks to them and their churches for all they will do to prepare for us.

I spent Monday cleaning out my parent's attic and storage building. Mom evidently liked to hold on to things (that is an understatement). Some good things, some that I would term clutter. (Don't tell my mom!) She kept every card and letter she ever received. I found my red child's small Palmer's Grocery t-shirt when I played baseball in the 2nd grade! And then there was all the other stuff! Purging was a challenging and overwhelming task because it was years and years and years of stuff!

I'm afraid my heart and mind have looked like that dreadful attic and storage building at times. Full of good things/memories, but also full of just plain ol' trash and clutter that should have been gone long ago. It is easier and wiser if I purge my mind and heart frequently (daily, even moment to moment). Without a doubt, a cluttered mind and heart prevents me from serving and worshiping my Savior like I want to, whether it be in Master Singers or in other ways. If you know there is clutter, maybe we should pray Psalm 139: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! Psalm 51: Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

If you, like me, have a clutter problem, let's put on the gloves, wear a mask if you need to, and ask God to shine His light into every corner and crevice of our lives! I am ready to do some major cleaning! I want to serve Him with all my heart...holding back nothing and with nothing in the way.

Be blessed as you continue to serve!

# PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



## 1,2,3...Go!

Lamona Gunter  
Women's Chorus President

What a wonderful day of worship and fellowship we had in Ft. Smith! If you were not able to make it because of illness or some other conflict, you were greatly missed! Now March is almost here and our next opportunity to sing brings some challenges as well as wonderful opportunities. Our split concerts in Hamburg, Maumelle, and Beebe bring scheduling challenges with assigning locations for singers, soloists, and accompanists, yet three different communities will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel through music and the spoken Word on the same night! I love that we are able to do this, and because of splitting up, we need you there even more! Also, if you are in or near one of these communities, please help us publicize these concerts at your own church, and even places in the community, by using promotional materials designed for each location and avail-

able on our website. And, most importantly, personally invite someone to come, especially those who are lost or may need some encouragement at this time. Luke 8:1 says "Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God." He set the example for us. Every town in Arkansas that we have the privilege to visit, as a group, is a new mission field and has many souls who need to hear the Gospel message. Let's not take these opportunities for granted!

I am so grateful to have the opportunity to serve our Lord through Master'Singers and to lead in worship with each of you. For those of you headed to Hamburg, I will see you there! For everyone else, I'm looking forward to having all the family back together in April.

"Sing the glory of His name; make His praise, glorious." Ps. 66:2

## It's All in the Apostrophe

David Tatum  
Men's Chorus President



Have you ever thought about the importance of the apostrophe? It is just a little character that resides on your keyboard to the right of the semi-colon. It just sits there, begging to be used, and to be used mightily. I do not know about you, but I use the apostrophe all the time. In fact, as I am writing this article, I am consciously not using the apostrophe, and it is rather difficult.

We have all been on Facebook or other social media platforms and have seen the improper use of the apostrophe. Is it your or you're? Or could it be there, their, or they're? It causes my grammatical senses undo stress to see the incorrect usage... why? There are several reasons, but most importantly, it changes the meaning of what is being said. The meaning be-

hind what has been written is lost in translation. Not only that, the apostrophe can also connote ownership.

Now, look at the name of our organization - the Arkansas Master'Singers. When we we first moved to Arkansas, I thought you all were really just full of yourselves (said with my tongue firmly planted in my cheek). It was, however, not until someone pointed out that little apostrophe that I came to realize the true meaning of our name. Yes, we are master singers. We hone our craft, practice with intent, and are led by Larry with such skill - but there is much more to the name. When you add that apostrophe, we not only sing with skill, but we fall under the baton of the Master Musician. It is not our talent, but the One living inside of us that grants us the power to sing praises when we gather together. We are His singers, and it is (or should be) evident in our faces as we share the life-giving Gospel of Jesus.

It may not roll easily off the tongue yet ("Master's Singers"), but I am practicing! I want the people with whom we come into contact to know just exactly who and Whose we are!

# IN CONCERT: SPLIT CONCERTS OF WORSHIP



**Karla Tarkington**  
**First Baptist Beebe**

First Baptist Church of Beebe is looking forward to hosting the Master'Singers in March. We are so excited to serve as a site for one of the split concerts and we know that it will be a memora-

ble evening of worship.

The church's address is 101 Highway 64 West, Beebe. If you are traveling on Hwy 67/167 you will take Exit 28 (Beebe/Conway exit). Coming from Conway, the church is on the right, approximately ½ mile before you reach the 67/167 overpass. Our church's website is fbcbeebe.com and the phone number is 501-882-3342, should you need to contact the church.

As for eating establishments in Beebe, all of them are located on DeWitt Henry Drive or are close to DeWitt Henry and

are within a 10 minute drive from the church. The following are recommended:

Road Hog Barbeque (2008 W Dewitt Henry Dr., 501-882-1034), The Grill (2010 W Dewitt Henry Dr, 501-882-1080), Casa Mojitos (1911 W Dewitt Henry Drive, 501-232-5114 ), Sawbucks (1910 Dewitt Henry Drive, 501-882-6363) Chipotles Mexican Grill (1204 N Main Street-right off of DeWitt Henry Drive, 501-882-5111). We also have McDonalds (behind the Shell Station and Taco Bell which is located in the Exxon gas station. Both McDonalds and Taco Bell are located on Center Street which intersects with Dewitt Henry Drive.

For lodging accommodations, Searcy to the north, Cabot to the south and Conway to the west would be your best bet as Beebe has no hotels.

Once again, First Baptist Church Beebe is honored to be part of the Master'Singers concert. We are praying for safe travels and we look forward to seeing you and worshipping with you.



**Bob Endel**  
**First Baptist Hamburg**

Hamburg and Ashley County is excitedly looking forward to the Master'Singers being back in southeast Arkansas. The group was in Crossett just a couple of years ago and First Baptist Hamburg is honored to be hosting a split concert this year. We hosted the

entire group 10 years ago, but at that time, the group was much smaller. People all over town ask me again and again when the Master'Singers are coming and I'm happy to tell them. We are really expecting a full house for this year's concert of worship.

Directions: FBC Hamburg is very easy to find. We have 3 traffic signals in town. Coming from the north on Hwy 425, turn left at the 3rd traffic light which is Parker St. (Hwy 8 East). The church is

on the next block. Coming from the south on Hwy 425, turn right at the first traffic light. The church is on the next block. Coming from the east on Hwy 82, turn left onto Hwy 425 S and then turn left on Parker St. (Hwy 8E).

We are already praying for a great outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. Blessings on you as you travel.

As for eating establishments, there is not a lot from which to choose. Everything is located on Hwy 425: T-N-T Hog Hut serves really good burgers and comfort food (on the north end of town next to Fred's); Sonic Drive-In (further south) Subway is about 5 blocks from the church and Fiesta Linda is about 1/4 mile on further south.

Some of you have asked about a motel in Hamburg and there isn't one. Your best bet is Monticello or Crossett.



**Berrik Brumley**  
**First Baptist Maumelle**

Hey Master'Singers! I can't tell you how excited & thankful I am for these split concerts. It's such an honor to share the Master'Singers experience with our smaller churches like FBC Maumelle. Our folks are already excit-

ed and looking forward to hearing from those of you who are coming to FBCM.

As for directions, it's really quite simple. Both the I-40 & I-430 exits for Maumelle will put you on Maumelle Blvd, which leads straight to our church building. Follow "the boulevard" towards Maumelle to Millwood Cir. You'll see our building

to the west. We have parking lot entrances on Millwood Cir. & Valencia Dr. There will be signs for Master'Singers parking. Our Worship Center is the main building on the top of the hill. The Activities Building is at the lower parking area.

If you plan on eating lunch in Maumelle, there are many options within less than a mile of FBCM: Great Wall (Chinese), Sashimi Japanese Steakhouse, Pasta House, Cheers, Mr. Pancho (Mexican), Taco Bueno, Beef O'Brady's, Zaxby's Chicken, Arbys, Wendy's, Sawbucks, Sonic, Domino's, Subway, Pizza Hut, Little Caesars, Starbucks, & U.S. Pizza. A little further north or south on the boulevard will give you Marco's Pizza, David's Burgers, Razorback Pizza, KFC, Cock of the Walk, McDonald's, Senior Tequila, and more.

Again, FBC Maumelle is honored to host this concert and look forward to worshipping our Savior with you on March 2nd.

# NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW...

## SPLIT CONCERT INFORMATION

### Schedule for the Day

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 1:00 pm | Choir check-in and fellowship                                     |
| 1:45 pm | Separate Rehearsals<br>Women - Choir Room<br>Men - Worship Center |
| 3:00 pm | Break time and refreshments                                       |
| 3:45 pm | Combined Rehearsal  |
| 5:30 pm | Dinner & Dress for concert  |
| 6:45 pm | Line-up and Prayer  |
| 7:00 pm | Concert of Worship  |

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Here  
for the  
Split  
Concerts

### Tentative Music Order for the Concert

Declare His Glory  
Shine On Us  
Lord, Have Mercy  
Come, Now is the Time  
(M) God Loved the World  
(W) I Will Sing of Your Love  
Congregational Song  
(M) I'll Fly Away  
(W) Only God  
Never Once  
Blessed Jesus  
(W) Yes, My Jesus Loves Me  
(M) Almighty  
I Believe in a Hill Called Mt  
Calvary  
Jesus, Only Jesus  
Unto the Lamb

### Maps and Directions to the 3 Concert Locations



FBC Beebe



FBC Hamburg



FBC Maumelle

Click any of the following for more information.



March 10-11, 2017  
Geyer Spring First Baptist Church



WorshipWorks Camps  
July 17-21, 2017  
Ouachita Baptist University





# SPLIT CONCERT ASSIGNMENTS

## FBC - Beebe

### Soprano 1

Elizabeth Barnett  
Mary Ellen Bowman  
Julie Dodge  
Ginger Gilbert  
Amy Golden  
Pat Jones  
Sharon Pearcy  
Etta Richard  
Marie Rundio  
Alice Startup  
Carolyn Stringfellow  
Karla Tarkington

### Soprano 2

Jo Ellen Austin  
Mila Baker  
Joan Blann  
Carrie Brown  
Debbie Green  
Lisa Grigg  
Judy Grimmett  
Karen Harris  
Lois Holland

Sarah Irby  
Sharon King  
Lori Mills  
Mary Stuart  
Donna Teague  
Barbara Worrell

### Alto 1

Debbie Crownover  
Carol Hargrove  
Jenna Martin  
Fran Miller  
Kaye Moore  
Peggy Pearson  
Linda Swint  
Becky Thurman

### Alto 2

Annette Crumby  
Phyllis Darling  
Robyne Doyle  
Barbara Henson  
Darlene Jernigan  
Suzanne Lassiter  
Lynda Martin

Tina McGregor  
Kerry Murphy  
Nancy Rasmusson  
Calleen Spigner

### Tenor 1

Douglas Allen  
Randy Cross  
Steve Garner  
Jesse Hathcote  
Matt Jones  
Dale McGregor  
Robert Ramsey  
Jeff Stotts

### Tenor 2

Tim Blann  
Andrew Chandler  
John Cole  
Ken Holland  
Jody Hurst  
Chris Neaveill  
Dee Spann  
Leslie Willis

### Baritone

Ralph Baker  
Lee Barnett  
Danny Fagala  
Mark Galbreath  
Phillip Midkiff  
Don Moore  
Doug Moore  
Wayne Randolph  
Zack Thomas  
John Waters  
David Whittington

### Bass 2

George Dillin  
Curtis Foster  
William Glover  
Jerry Jones  
Jerry Miller  
Darrell Spigner  
Stephen Watson

## FBC - Hamburg

### Soprano 1

Jo Burk  
Barbara Cantley  
Glenda Ford  
Brenda Garrett  
Peggy Hargett  
Koletta Hubbell  
Glenda Seabaugh  
Christina Stanley

### Soprano 2

Nancy Arnold  
Lequjeta Endel  
Lamona Gunter  
Katherine Long  
Shelia Moore  
Glenda Riddle  
Diane Rodnick

Towanann Schatz  
Carrie Taylor  
Janie Thompson

### Alto 1

Donna Faith  
GeorgeAnne McMoran  
Becky McPherson  
Carol Moore  
Nancy Trull  
Carrie Weindorf

### Alto 2

Tammy Albrecht  
Jane Byers  
Leslie Hill  
Barbara Hulse  
Cynthia McKinstry  
Peggy Wakefield

### Tenor 1

David Gray  
Phil Hardin  
Rusty Hart  
Larry Killian  
David Nipps  
Lynn Schatz  
Will Thompson

### Tenor 2

Gregg Bennett  
Don Nichols  
Kennety Overton  
Gary Powell  
Al Ray Taylor  
Brian Trostle  
Gordon Wells

### Baritone

Doug Beasley

Bryan Bolton  
Tim Gunter  
Gene McPherson  
Ron Paul  
Jim Raney  
Butch Riddle  
Bruce Rodnick

### Bass 2

Clay Doss  
Bob Ende  
Dennis Ford  
John Ford  
Robert Inzer  
Ben Morris  
Clint Stanley  
Wayne Trull  
Sam Wakefield

## FBC - Maumelle

### Soprano 1

Cheri Cloud  
Donna Crenshaw  
Susan Crosby  
Sheila Fletcher  
Janet Gathright  
Cassi Harp  
Carol Heavin  
Virgie Horn  
Jill Morgan  
Hayden Newman  
Kerry Russell  
Kim Ukens

### Soprano 2

Janada Barnett  
Suella Blevins  
Bobbi DeBusk  
Amanda Earl  
Sue Grimes  
Pamela Lowery  
Becky Morrison

Betty Overturf  
Melanie Rothwell  
Sharon Sanders  
Melanie Stockholm

### Alto 1

Beverly Bowman  
Georgia Criswell  
Pat Grady  
Linda McAlister  
Sherry Polsgrove  
Mary Winters

### Alto 2

Ella Braden  
RaJeana Dukes  
Missy Hines  
Ashley McInturff  
Wendy Nelson  
Doris O'Connell  
Becky Rogers  
Martha Rosenbaum  
Sherry Rowlett

Debbie Sanders  
Arti VanZandt

### Tenor 1

Glen Blevins  
Berrik Brumley  
Johnny Lewis  
Andrew Pouncey  
Phil Powers  
Will Richey  
Bob Sharpe  
Jerry Williams

### Tenor 2

Keith Clutts  
David Gagel  
Kyle Grizzard  
Tim Key  
Robert McGee  
Peter O'Connell  
Michael Shields  
Joe Vallandingham  
Jerry Wilson

### Baritone

Louis Criswell  
Jim Daniel  
Kasey Earl  
Bob Fletcher  
Levan Hubbard  
Phillip Johnson  
Josh Junyor  
Bob Littleton  
William Love  
David Moore  
Tom Nelson  
Evan Rogers  
David Tatum  
Kevin Taylor  
Wayne Trull

### Bass 2

Buddy Barnett  
Michael Battenfield  
Rick Couch  
Dennis Ford

## 2017 Events

MARCH 2, 2017

Split Concerts of Worship

First Baptist Beebe  
101 Hwy 64 West Beebe

First Baptist Church Hamburg  
203 E Parker St. - Hamburg

First Baptist Maumelle  
100 Valencia Dr - Maumelle

APRIL 20, 2017

Concert of Worship  
Municipal Auditorium  
El Dorado

MAY 11, 2017

Prison Ministry Day  
Tucker Unit

SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2017

Annual Retreat  
Geyer Springs First Baptist Church

OCTOBER 12, 2017

Concert of Worship  
Williams Baptist College

NOVEMBER 7, 2017

ABSC Annual Meeting  
First Baptist Church - Russellville



## Leadership Team

## 2016-2017



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**Brian Trostle**  
Ten 2 Host



**Mark Galbreath**  
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Alto 2 Host



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Seating Coord