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DIRECTIONS

It is hard to believe that our last Concert of Worship for this season is QUICKLY coming on us! Will you stop now and click on this link and indicate your attendance for April 5th at Sherwood FBC: <https://goo.gl/forms/aGQ9QPQNGDtInpHM2>

PLEASE RESPOND NO LATER THAN THURSDAY MARCH 29 (1 WEEK PRIOR TO OUR CONCERT OF WORSHIP)



Thanks to all who made the split concerts happen. To our hosts (Jim, Jeremy, Taylor) and host churches, to our added directors, accompanists, soloists, and other leadership...I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU! We will be evaluating split concerts in our April 5 Leadership Team Meeting. If you have any thoughts or feedback, get it to me before that meeting.

We have had a great year. It has flown by to me! Seems like just yesterday we were at Williams! We always need to be looking ahead as calendars fill up quickly. Please be sure that our kick-off retreat for the 2018-2019 year, September 20-21 at Immanuel, Little Rock, is on your calendar. I hope you will plan to be there for both days.

PLEASE PLAN TO TURN IN ALL OF YOUR MUSIC AT THE APRIL CONCERT OF WORSHIP (unless Ukraine folks need to keep it a little longer as you memorize!) In a conversation with one of you this fall, you didn't realize that if we don't get the music back in our hands by June, and are using it again the following year, we pay for and order new copies to legally fill all of the music packets. Help us out by getting the music turned in or mailed back, PLEASE!

By the way, if any of you have song suggestions you'd like to throw in the mix for consideration for next year, send them to me in the next month.

Thanks to the leadership team this year for your hard work and support under Sharon Sanders and Tim Gunter's leadership! Each event could not have happened without this incredible team! (New leadership team will be affirmed at Sherwood.) Thanks also to Carrie, Doug, Bart and Peggy for leading and accompanying. And you know all of this wouldn't happen without my outstanding ministry assistant, Carla Whittington!

I am counting on and trusting in your prayers on behalf of those going to Ukraine! We have been talking about it for so long, and it is finally almost here. If you do not have a prayer guide, you can pick one up in Sherwood or email me and I will send it to you!

Remember to pass the word along about the Master'Singers scholarship if you know of a deserving candidate. We always have plenty of applicants, but don't want a deserving candidate to miss the opportunity to apply.

Another reminder: remember if you have a nomination for the Nininger/Keathly award, we need those no later than Sherwood.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you, David Tatum, for your hard work and dedication to produce this newsletter. Thanks also for all you have done to get our lyrics ready and available as we sing. You are an awesome asset and friend to Master'Singers.

You are awesome friends! Thank you for serving! See you at Sherwood!

Larry

**Register to Attend the
FBCS Concert of Worship**

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



Plant Smiles Grow Giggles Harvest Love

Sharon Sanders
Women's Chorus President

Plant Smiles Grow Giggles Harvest Love

This saying is on a plaque on my desk, and reminds me daily of the importance of a simple smile.

Webster's Dictionary defines a smile as a "facial expression in which the eyes brighten and the corners of the mouth curve slightly upward which expresses a pleasant or encouraging appearance."

So often in our busy, fast-paced world, we tend to overlook the simple things. Among the things listed on a recent survey of valuable assets that cost us nothing was an encouraging word, a compliment on a job well done, and a smile. Think about it—when someone smiles, the majority of the time the recipient smiles back. It is a natural response. I've heard it said that it takes more effort to frown than it does to smile. And quite frankly, I would much rather encounter a person who is smiling than one who is frowning !!! It will be interesting to see what will be the popularity of the new Sonic drink that is "dill pickle" flavor. If it causes people to smile, the old adage of "did she drink pickle juice for breakfast" will take on new meaning !!

In the meantime, I would like to propose that each of us think about spending more time smiling than being critical, negative, complaining, or mean-spirited. Those attributes are not becoming to anyone's demeanor—but a genuine smile comes in all sizes and fits every personality. Try smiling at a stranger, or adding a smile to the end of your encounter with a tired clerk at the grocery store, or as an encouragement to a family member, friend, or co-worker. Even better—smile first thing in the morning and last thing at night at yourself in the mirror!!! (For me, that will be enough to make me break forth in outright laughter !!!!!). :-)

The Message version of Proverbs 17:22 – "A cheerful disposition is good for your health; gloom and doom leave you bone-tired."

30 Days!!

Tim Gunter
Men's Chorus President



It is now less than 30 days when we get to return to Ukraine for the first time since 2014! I am SO excited to go again! Whether you are actually making the trip or not, everyone can play a major role if you will be a prayer warrior for this trip. And we need you! I can't help but believe that God is going to move in an incredible way if we will surrender to Him in our personal lives and make Him our priority every day. That also means that Satan is going to try to make trouble. Let's come together to pray for the people of Ukraine and for the Master'Singer members making the trip every day from now through at least the end of the trip. Thank you for your faithfulness to pray.

This will be my last article as your Men's Chorus President. It has been an honor and privilege to serve alongside you this past year. Each time we come together for a concert of worship, I sense the Lord's presence each time. It is much like getting my tank filled with fuel every single time. Thank you for your faithfulness to our mission! I look forward to seeing each of you in Sherwood on April 5.

[Click Here for
FBCS Publicity Items](#)

[Register Here to
attend the FBCS Concert](#)

IN CONCERT: FIRST BAPTIST - SHERWOOD



David Tatum
Associate Pastor for
Music & Worship

First Baptist Sherwood is very excited to host the Master'Singers in April. We have been looking forward to this day for so long, and our church is ready to worship along with all of you!

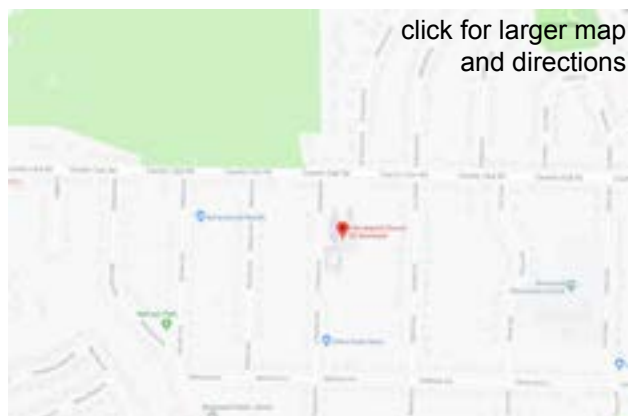
As many of you know, parking is at a premium here. So we have made arrangements for off-site parking for all of the Master'Singers. If possible, please park at the corner of North Hills Blvd and Country Club Road (a large parking area about 6 blocks west of the church). We will have both of our new people movers running the 6 block shuttle between the parking lot and the church beginning at 12:30, and then resuming after the concert.

There are many great places to stay and to eat around the church, and you can find a link to that list in the column to the right.

See you in a couple of weeks! David

Directions

From I-40 take exit 155 for US 167 toward Jacksonville. Then take Exit 3 for Wildwood Dr. Follow around the circle and turn right on Country Club Road. FBC will be on the left, and the parking area will be six blocks past the church on the SE Corner of North Hills Blvd and Country Club Road.



Schedule for the Day

11:00 am	Leadership Team Meeting (Conf Room)
12:45 pm	Instrumentalist check-in (Foyer)
1:00 pm	Instrumental Rehearsal (Worship Center)
1:00 pm	Choir check-in and Fellowship
1:45 pm	Separate Rehearsals Women - Worship Center Men - Choir Room
2:45 pm	Break and Refreshments
3:30 pm	Combined Rehearsal (Worship Center)
5:30 pm	Dinner and Dress for Concert
6:45 pm	Line-up and Prayer
7:00 pm	Concert of Worship

[Click HERE to
Register for FBCS
Concert of Worship](#)

Tentative Order for the Concert

Declare His Glory	Only God (Women)
Shine On Us	God
Prayer and Welcome	Never Once
Let Everything That Has Breath	Offertory
Jesus, Only Jesus	Blessed Jesus
It Was Finished on the Cross	Yes, My Jesus Loves Me (Women)
How Great Thou Art (Men)	Almighty (Men)
I Sing Because I'm Happy (Women)	The Gospel Story
How Great Is Our God (Congregation)	For God So Loved the World
I'll Fly Away (Men)	I Believe in a Hill Called Mt Calvary

[Click HERE for
FBCS Publicity Items](#)

GREAT LUNCH SPOTS AND HOTELS IN SHERWOOD

[Click for
Recommendations](#)

UKRAINE MISSION TRIP UPDATE



If you have not yet picked up your Blue Tie (men) or Yellow Scarf (women), they will be available at the Sherwood Concert of Worship.



Each Ukraine participant will need to take one bag of ink-pens in your luggage. The bag weighs 1 pound, and may be picked up at the Sherwood Concert of Worship.



Link to Ukraine Prayer Guide:

[Prayer Guide](#)



Link to Ukraine Itinerary:

[Ukraine Itinerary](#)



Link to other Ukraine Info

[Ukraine 2018](#)

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Pray for Our Ukraine Team



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Sam Wakefield
Laverne Wallace
John Waters
Carrie Weindorf
Phyllis Wells
Gordon Wells
Carla Whittington
David Whittington
Jerry Williams



NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW...

Click on each for more information

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and "Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart..." Colossians 3:23



student worship arts camp

praiseworks
Ouachita Baptist University
July 16-20, 2018

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-18A



BEING
MADE
NEW



A WORSHIP ARTS CAMP FOR KIDS
COMPLETING GRADES 3-6

JULY 16-20, 2018

Arkansas Master'Singers Memorial Scholarship

The Arkansas Master'Singers are committed to encouraging and equipping future worship leaders. The Arkansas Master'Singers Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of deceased members, is awarded annually and designed to support a student who is preparing for some type of vocational ministry through music. Funds for the \$1000 scholarship, renewable for up to three additional successive academic years, are received in the form of memorial gifts and freewill offerings at concerts of worship presented annually by the Master'Singers. Scholarship application forms and information for the 2018-2019 academic year are available now on the Arkansas Baptist State Convention website at www.absc.org/music scholarship. Contact the Evangelism & Church Health team of the ABSC at 1-800-838-2272, ext. 5121 with any questions about the scholarship process. **All scholarship applications and required supporting documents must be received by June 11, 2018.**

2018 Remaining Events

April 5, 2018

Concert of Worship
First Baptist Church
Sherwood

April 16 - 27, 2018

Ukraine Mission Trip

September 20-21, 2018

Master'Singers Retreat
Immanuel Baptist Church
Little Rock

October 23, 2018

AMS at the ABSC Annual Meeting
Central Baptist Church
Jonesboro

November 1, 2018

Concert of Worship
Calvary Baptist Church
Little Rock



2017-2018 Leadership Team



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Director



Tim Gunter
President



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1st Vice President



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2nd Vice President



Berrik Brumley
Ten 1 Host



David Gagel
Ten 2 Host



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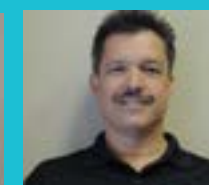
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Phillip Johnson
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