



# praiSING Him

A Newsletter for the Arkansas Master Singers



Split  
Concerts of  
Worship - Details Inside

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# DIRECTIONS

I cannot thank you enough for your HARD and DILIGENT work at Conway. It was an even more fatiguing day than usual for you guys because you had to stand so much during rehearsal to do the recording! BUT, as always, you were beyond incredible. I wish I was able to share with you all of the comments from attendees, as well as the testimonies from Master'Singers about the impact of that day! God was good! Thanks again, Darrell Spigner and Central.



NOW is the time to register for split concerts. I am begging you to give me at least two options. A large number of you will give me all three as an option. If you are able to do that...awesome!!! When 70+ of you only gave me one choice last year, it made scheduling extremely difficult. The hardest one to fill will, of course, be Magnolia since it is the greater distance for many. Will you consider giving Magnolia as one of your options? The only instrumentalists we will use is piano, keyboard (strings), drums, and bass (if I can cover that). Other instrumentalists, if you are planning to come and sing and don't have music, please let us know so that we can have music for you at your assigned site. Click on this link to register NO LATER THAN MARCH 8:

**Register to Attend one of the Split Concerts of Worship**

THE BEST THING TO DO....RESPOND NOW!! ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE MADE MARCH 9!!

Help get the word out about these three events! Invite, invite, invite! Use social media. Print posters from publicity on arkansasmastersingers.org and put them up in your church.

[Click Here for Balboa Publicity Items](#)

[Click Here for Magnolia Publicity Items](#)

[Click Here for Searcy Publicity Items](#)

Ukraine participants...this is getting REAL! Look for an email about meeting either in person or online. Did you pick up your practice CD, your scarf or tie at Conway? Be enlisting your 10 (minimum) prayer partners from outside of Master'Singers. We are assuming all of our Master'Singers friends will be our prayer partners!

# PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



## Rainbows and Promises

Sharon Sanders  
Women's Chorus President

While driving on the interstate Saturday evening after the heavy rainstorm, I looked in the sky and saw a beautiful rainbow. The colors were so vivid as it arched across the horizon. It has been quite awhile since I have seen a rainbow, and this one was especially stunning. Immediately, my mind went to the Genesis account of the first rainbow—a visual reminder of a promise (covenant) between God and His people. This prompted me to start thinking about all of the promises of God recorded in His Word. The best thing about God's promises is that He has NEVER failed—nor will He ever FAIL—to keep those promises.

As people, we make promises to our families, to our friends—and even to God. The problem is.....we are human, and we often fail to keep these promises. Whether it is a deliberate choice or an unintentional oversight—even with the best resolve or goal, we cannot always keep every promise we make. Aren't we glad it is not this way with God—HE NEVER FAILS TO KEEP HIS PROMISES !!!!!

Do you have a favorite promise from God's Word? Stop right now and thank Him for His faithfulness in always keeping His promises.  
LOOK UP – there just might be a RAINBOW IN YOUR SKY TODAY !!!!!

## Take Time to Be Holy

Tim Gunter  
Men's Chorus President



Sometimes, the best devotional thoughts are found in old hymns. "Take Time to Be Holy" is a beloved devotional hymn written by British layman William D. Longstaff (1822-1894) and set to music by George Stebbins in 1888. The hymn text was inspired by Griffith Johns, a missionary to China, who cited 1 Peter 1:16 ("Be ye holy, for I AM holy"), which is a reference to Leviticus 11:44-45 where God instructs His children to be holy, for He is holy.

"Take time to be holy. Speak oft with thy Lord. Abide in Him always and feed on His Word. Make friends of God's children. Help those who are weak. Forgetting in nothing, His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy. The world rushes on. Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be. Thy friends in thy conduct, His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy. Let Him be thy guide. And run not before Him whatever betide. In joy or in sorrow still follow the Lord. And looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy. Be calm in thy soul. Each thought and each motive beneath His control. Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love. Thou soon shall be fitted for service above."

Thank you for your faithfulness to Master'Singers and to our mission!

[Click Here for  
Ukraine Trip Information](#)



[Register Here to attend one  
of the Split Concerts](#)



# IN CONCERT: SPLIT CONCERTS OF WORSHIP



**Jim Rainey**  
Balboa Baptist  
Hot Springs Village

It is a great pleasure for our church, myself and our Pastor, Dr. Denny Wright to invite you and to host the Master'Singers in our split concert on March 15 at 7 p.m. We have been thinking about and planning for your participation with us since January when we opened our New Outreach

Center that doubles the size of our original plant. We will be gathering there and also eating our meals there. We have also remodeled our worship center choir loft and platform in the last couple years.

Especially if you are within a couple of hours from us, we wish to extend you the heartiest invitation and we know that our three Village Baptist Churches (Coronado and Barcelona) along with other denominations in our Village will desire to be present at this night of worship. Our church family and Villagers in general are a most appreciative group who love to hear great music and Christians here love to worship. We are anticipating an overflow crowd so we will also have an overflow room to seat another 80 people.

You might not be aware of this, but we have seven members of the MasterSingers from our church: Dennis and Glenda Ford, Steve Matthews, Wayne and Nancy Trull, Glenda Seabaugh and myself. Along with many of you, the Trulls and myself are also looking forward to going to Ukraine in April.

Again, we are all thrilled at the prospect of your coming to be with us. Please make your plans to join us at Balboa.



**Jeremy Raines**  
Central Baptist Magnolia

Master'Singers community,

Central Baptist Church in Magnolia, is humbled by the opportunity to share in hosting the split concert series on March 15th. Plans are already in place to make this an enjoyable and more importantly a very worshipful experience.

To get to our church,  
You have a couple of options if you are coming from Little Rock or the surrounding areas.

Take I-30 W to exit 46(Prescott), Take AR-19 S to US 371 S. stay

on US 371 until you get to the church.

Take I -530 S to 79 S into Magnolia, you will come to a stoplight at E North St. Turn right, and stay on E North until you get to the church.

The physical Address is 207 W. Union; Magnolia, AR 71753

If you plan on eating lunch in Magnolia, there are great spots on US 79 Highway, such as Flying Burger and Chicken Express. If you like Mexican, you have 3 options to choose from. Cancun, Antiguas, and El Compadre. There is a variety of other restaurants if you continue towards Main Street, where you can experience Chinese Buffet, Italian, and of course there's a Larry's Pizza!

We at Central Magnolia are honored to host this concert and look forward to worshipping our Savior with you on March 15th.



**Taylor Keenen**  
First Baptist Searcy

We at First Baptist Church, Searcy are so excited to once again be hosting the Master'Singers! As the other hosts have said, I know many of will be traveling from across the state to be apart of this great night of worship and I just want to say how much I appreciate your willingness to do so. The excitement

about this concert of worship has been growing among our people! So begin to pray now for this night, for your own heart as we prepare to lead in worship, and for those that will be in attendance. Let's pray together the gospel will be evident and the Holy Spirit will soften the hearts of those in

attendance! See you all soon!

Here are some recommendations for both hotels and restaurants close to FBC Searcy.

[Click for Restaurant Recommendations](#)

[Click for Hotel Recommendations](#)

# INFORMATION: SPLIT CONCERTS OF WORSHIP

## Schedule for the Day

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

## Tentative Music Order for the Concert

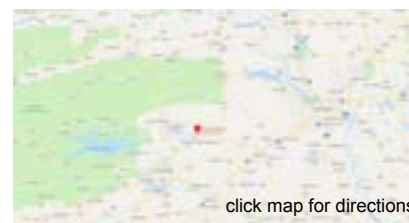
Declare His Glory - Combined  
Shine On Us - Combined  
Prayer and Welcome  
Let Everything That Has Breath - Combined  
Jesus, Only Jesus - Combined  
It Was Finished on the Cross - Combined  
How Great Thou Art - Men  
I Sing Because I'm Happy - Women  
How Great is Our God - Congregation  
I'll Fly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

## Maps, Directions, and Publicity for the 3 Concert Locations



### Balboa Baptist - Hot Springs Village

Get Publicity  
for Balboa Baptist - HSV



click map for directions



### Central Baptist Church - Magnolia

Get Publicity  
for CBC Magnolia



click map for directions



### First Baptist Church - Searcy

Get Publicity  
for FBC Searcy



click map for directions

# UKRAINE MISSION TRIP UPDATE



Ukraine Mission Participants, if you did not pick up your blue tie (men) or yellow scarf (women), please let us know and we will have them at your split concert, or you can pick it up at Sherwood in April.



We have 78 participants going to Ukraine! There are still two spots remaining on the busses (that are fully equipped with bathrooms)! Are you one of those two?



You each will receive a bag of ink pens to include in your luggage. The pens will be available at the Sherwood Concert of Worship.



If you did not pick up your practice CD in Conway, please let Carla know and we will try to get it to you ASAP. Do your best to Sing the Ukraine selections by memory in the last two concerts!



## IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO GO!

God is moving across Ukraine and we have the opportunity to strike for the Gospel while the country remains open. As believers we are called and created to Go and Tell. Will you fulfill your purpose? Ask God to reveal to you why you should NOT go.





# NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW...

Click on each for more information



44<sup>th</sup>  
Annual  
Arkansas  
State

# Handbell FESTIVAL

2018

March 9-10  
Calvary Baptist  
Little Rock

"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



# ALL IN

student worship arts camp

**praiseworks**  
Ouachita Baptist University  
July 16-20, 2018



2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-18A

# MORPH

BEING  
MADE  
NEW

JULY 16-20, 2018

**JOYWORKS**  
A WORSHIP ARTS CAMP FOR KIDS  
COMPLETING GRADES 3-6

# 2017 - 2018 Remaining Events

## March 15, 2018

Split Concerts of Worship  
Central Baptist - Magnolia  
First Baptist - Searcy  
Balboa Baptist - Hot Springs Village

## 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



**Larry Grayson**  
Director



**Tim Gunter**  
President



**Andrew Pouncey**  
1st Vice President



**Ken Holland**  
2nd Vice President



**Berrik Brumley**  
Ten 1 Host



**David Gagel**  
Ten 2 Host



**Gene McPherson**  
Baritone Host



**Michael Battenfield**  
Bass Host



**Phillip Johnson**  
Chaplain



**Bart Morrison**  
Accompanist



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Seating Coord.



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Seating Coord.



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Director



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2nd Vice President



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Sop 1 Host



**Lequjeta Endel**  
Sop 2 Host



**Becky McPherson**  
Alto 1 Host



**Doris O'Connell**  
Alto 2 Host



**Janie Thompson**  
Chaplain



**Peggy Pearson**  
Accompanist



**Glenda Riddle**  
Seating Coord



**Mary Winters**  
Seating Coord



**Lamona Gunter**  
Past-President