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A Newsletter for the Arkansas Master Singers



2018-2019

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DIRECTIONS

It's almost here!!! The annual Master'Singers retreat hosted this year at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock. For the 9th year, I get to spend two days with some of the most amazing people in Arkansas! Thank you for committing to be in the group this year. I pray that our ministry will be life-changing for us and the people who are recipients of our worship leading.



I am excited to strive to fulfill our mission statement: "The Arkansas Master'Singers exist as a fellowship of believers to proclaim the majesty and love of Almighty God, to share the gospel message of Jesus Christ, and to provide the encouragement of the Holy Spirit through the medium of music." What an incredible gift God has given us to share His Gospel with music.

A big thanks to Immanuel Baptist Church and Eric Jones, Worship Pastor, for hosting us. A lot goes into hosting us! Thanks also to Kasey Earl and Paul Brinkley for joining in to make sure we are well cared for!

I ask you to put the dates for the year on your calendar. Do your best to protect these dates, like you protect Thanksgiving or Christmas!!! ☺ Start working now to pool together for transportation to some of the locations that are farther away. A choir of 20, or 30, or 50, or 100 can do an awesome job, but there is even more power, enthusiasm and passion in the music of 200+. All I ask is give your best throughout the year! Thank you for the confidence I have that you will.

When you arrive on September 20, please park in the south parking lot. We will have registration just inside those doors. Our ladies' leadership team will be handing out the new outfits, so allow time for that. (If you haven't yet ordered one, we will take care of that at the retreat.) Also, please plan to have a picture made. We all change a good bit in a year!!! That's why we had school pictures every year! ☺ Make our directory a success so people can get to know you.

If you need a place to spend the night on Thursday night, Carla Whittington, my awesome ministry assistant can help you out with suggestions. You can email Carla [HERE](#).

I'm grateful to our leadership team and the sacrifices they will make to be certain that every time we get together, things run smoothly. Find the names of that team in this Newsletter.

One last thing...if you are using a tablet for your music, please be sure that the cover/the back is black. Silver or pink ☺ really stands out and takes away! Thanks for honoring that request.

**Register to Attend the
Annual Retreat**

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



God Knows

Elizabeth Barnett
Women's Chorus President

Only a few days remain until the beginning of a new season of Master'Singers. I wish I could write to you about how the Master'Singers retreat delights my senses: driving to the retreat as the leaves turn brilliant shades of crimson and gold across the hillsides, that crisp autumn feeling in the air that convinces me to bring along my new sweater, drinking warm apple cider to soothe tired voices after a long day of singing. These are the kind of early-fall, Master'Singers-retreat, back-to-school sensations that I experience in my fantasy life.

But in reality, we are the ARKANSAS Master'Singers, and in our fair state, we don't have four seasons. Instead, we have six or seven months that range from hot-and-humid to hot-and-miserable. Then, we have four months of cold and gray and rainy. In between those two seasons, we have five days of autumn, six days of spring, a twenty-percent chance of freezing precipitation, and two tornado warnings.

One thing that changes even less frequently than the weather is our busy-ness. There's still a heat index of one hundred and seventeen, but I'd bet your days have no doubt shifted from summertime-busy to school-year-busy. If you're feeling a little overwhelmed, hang in there. Things will definitely settle down. Just in time to shift gears into Christmastime-busy.

And right in the middle of your busy-ness sits the Master'Singers retreat. It's as if God knew that about a month into the new school year you would need about twenty-four hours of laughing and catching-up and new friends and late-night-dessert and breathing deeply and singing the words to the old, old story once again but to a different tune.

It's true and right to believe that God did know that you would need this retreat. In His goodness, God has given you a couple of days of music and community. He's given you a chance to press the pause button on your busy-ness and join some other busy people just like you who are convinced that God will meet us all in these moments of being together and singing together.

I can't wait to spend that time with you.

I Choose Master'Singers

Andrew Pouncey
Men's Chorus President



It's that time of year once again to gather together as the Arkansas Master'Singers in anticipation of what God is going to do in and through us as worship leaders in 2018/19. I am completely humbled and honored to be your Men's Chorus President for the year. Being a young worship pastor in a group like this can be pretty intimidating at times, especially when you have to share an inspirational word. There is not much I can share that most of you haven't already experienced yourselves, and this article is no different. I thought that a fun way to start the year would be to share why I choose to come back for Master'Singers each year.

If you are like me, you always get excited in the Fall because you know that Master'Singers is going to start again. One of the things that keep me coming back each year are the friendships made each time we are together. I legitimately miss you guys during the summer! There is no better place to be to meet people from all over the state than our group, and I love getting to know you more while we are together. I also love our concerts of worship. Music is not only a great way to share the gospel, it is just stinkin' fun getting to take a break from being the leader and be a part of an ensemble that is just as passionate about the Lord as you!

Whether you are brand new or a long-time member, I hope that you can agree with me in sharing a love for what God does through the Master'Singers. Let's choose to have another fantastic year of worship and fellowship as we proclaim the name of Jesus to the world!

Register Here to Attend
Annual Retreat

RETREAT: IMMANUEL BAPTIST - LITTLE ROCK

Arkansas Master'Singers Retreat

September 20-21, 2018

Immanuel Baptist Church - Little Rock

Eric Jones, Host

Schedule for Thursday, September 20

- 10:00 am Leadership Team Meeting - Fireside Rm
- 12:15 pm Check-In/Registration & Photos - South Lobby
- 12:15 pm Tablet Training (See info to the right)
- 1:00 pm Opening Session - Welcome - Choir Room
- 1:30 pm Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal - Room 142
- 3:00 pm Fellowship Break - Horne Hall
- 4:00 pm Separate Rehearsals
 - Ladies - Choir Room
 - Men - The Spot (Youth Room)
- 5:45 pm Dinner & Fellowship - Horne Hall
- 6:45 pm Combined Rehearsal - Choir Room
 - Instrumental Rehearsal - Room 142
- 8:30 pm Cupcakes and Conversation - Horne Hall

Schedule for Friday, September 21

- 8:30 am Worship & Devotions
 - Ladies - Choir Room
 - Men - The Spot (Youth Room)
- 8:45 am Separate Rehearsals
- 9:30 am Fellowship Break - Horne Hall
- 10:30 am Business Mtg/Combined Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 12:30 pm Retreat Concludes

Directions



click for larger map
and directions

Tablet Training

12:15 pm - Thursday

in The Spot (Youth Room)

For iPads, please download *ForScore* app

For Android *Mobile Sheets* is the best

If you have any questions or need help before the retreat, please contact David Tatum
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Music for the Retreat

COMBINED CHORUS

A Mighty Fortress

Doxology

For God So Loved the World
God

It Was Finished on the Cross

My Eternal King

103 (Bless the Lord)

How Great is Our God - Ukranian

Amazing Grace

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Behold Our God

O Give Thanks

All the Praise

See Him Face to Face

MEN'S CHORUS

O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

Be Thou My Vision

Because He Lives (Amen)

At the Name of Jesus

Song of Heaven

WOMEN'S CHORUS

I Will Rise


Still, My Soul, Be Still

And Can It Be

Click [HERE](#) for ALL
Concert Publicity Items

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW...


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Get ready for an exciting weekend, Friday night and Saturday, January 25-26, 2019, with a massive choir made up of students from all over the state under the direction of Clinician Dan Baker. PraizFest is for students grades 6-12. Whether your church has a few students who love singing or several dozen students in a student choir ministry, PraizFest will be an opportunity for them to meet, rehearse, and sing a finale concert with students from all over the state.

Music Selections
The Blood of Jesus Speaks for Me - arr. Cottrell
Hlolonofatsa - by Daniel Jackson
I Will Lift Up Your Name - by Cliff Duren
Behold Our God - by Joshua Spacht
No Longer Slaves - by David Wise
Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts) - Neale, Walker, Wagner

find publisher information [HERE](#)



March 8 & 9, 2019
 Calvary Baptist Church, Little Rock
 Clinician: Glenn Ennes

Music Selections
Exultation - by Matthew Compton (35371)
Gospel Hymn Ring - arr. Tammy Waldrop (46228)
Good Christian Friends Rejoice - arr. Ron Mallory (59568)
How Great Thou Art with Majesty - arr. Joel Raney (2829)
Prelude on Holy Manna - arr. Cathy Marker (35364)

2018 -2019 Season Leadership Team

President	Elizabeth Barnett	Andrew Pouncey
First Vice President	Missy Hines	Ken Holland
Second Vice President	Alice Startup	Darrell Spigner
Chaplain	Janie Thompson	Butch Riddle
Soprano 1/Tenor 1 Hosts	Cheri Cloud	Randy Cross
Soprano 2/Tenor 2 Hosts	Melanie Rothwell	Taylor Keenen
Alto 1/Baritone Hosts	Carol Moore	Kevin Taylor
Alto 2/Bass Hosts	Tammy Albrecht	Rick Couch
Past President	Sharon Sanders	Tim Gunter
Communications & Publicity/Social Media Promotion	David Tatum	
Event Photographer		
Seating Coordinators	Glenda Riddle	Phillip Johnson
	Mary Winters	Mark Galbreath
Accompanists	Peggy Pearson	Bart Morrison
Women's/Orchestra Directors	Carrie Taylor	Doug Moore
Director	Larry Grayson	

2018 - 2019 Events

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

January 28, 2019

ABSC Evangelism Conference
Geyer Springs First Baptist Church
Little Rock

February 21, 2019

Concert of Worship
Cullendale First Baptist Church
Camden

March 28, 2019

Split Concerts of Worship
First BC - Fort Smith
Eastside BC - Paragould

April 25, 2019

Concert of Worship
First Baptist Church
Russellville



2017-2018 Leadership Team



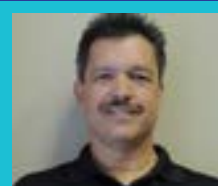
Larry Grayson
Director



Andrew Pouncey
President



Ken Holland
1st Vice President



Darrell Spigner
2nd Vice President



Randy Cross
Ten 1 Host



Taylor Keenen
Ten 2 Host



Kevin Taylor
Baritone Host



Rick Couch
Bass Host



Butch Riddle
Chaplain



Bart Morrison
Accompanist



Phillip Johnson
Seating Coord.



Tim Gunter
Past-President



Mark Galbreath
Seating Coord.



Doug Moore
Inst. Ens. Director



David Tatum
Communications



Carrie Taylor
Director



Elizabeth Barnett-
President



Missy Hines
1st Vice President



Alice Startup
2nd Vice President



Cheri Cloud
Sop 1 Host



Melanie Rothwell
Sop 2 Host



Carol Moore
Alto 1 Host



Tammy Albrecht
Alto 2 Host



Janie Thompson
Chaplain



Peggy Pearson
Accompanist



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