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A Newsletter for the Arkansas Master Singers

ABSC ANNUAL MEETING 2018



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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.

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DIRECTIONS

THANK YOU for an awesome retreat. Big thanks to Immanuel, to Eric Jones, Kasey Earl, Paula Brinkley and the food service crew and to our Master'Singer friends who attend Immanuel for all that you did to make it possible for us to have a fantastic time!!! God has given us some great music to sing this year.



The annual meeting for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is just a few short weeks away. Though we don't sing a full concert of worship, I consider this event to be a major event for us to invest in other churches and other staff members. I hope you will make every effort to join us at Central Baptist in Jonesboro.

I am sorry to be slow getting this newsletter to you. I was needing some details that I did not have before I could send it to you. For those who may be new and as a reminder to those of us who have been doing this for a while, you are asked to reconfirm your commitment to attend. Food will be prepared for you each time (bought this time), and we want to be faithful stewards!! When you enrolled in Master'Singers, 221 indicated that you would be in Jonesboro. Confirm that please. And if you marked no on your enrollment, feel free to change your mind! Please respond no later than Thursday, October 18. You can click [HERE](#) to confirm.

If you go to the demos on our website, [HERE](#), you will find a spoken demo of the Ukrainian lyrics for "How Great is Our God." (remember, the password to the member side of the website is: worship) Our friend, Igor Kudelin, spoke the words in rhythm (in his deep voice). You can listen to them over and over until you feel comfortable with them. We will sing this at the annual meeting while photos of last year's trip play on the screens. The convention leadership is excited about how God used Master'Singers in an incredible way and wants everyone to share in that report. We will also sing this with the photos of the trip at each of our Concerts of Worship as the offering is being taken.

FYI, we sang *God, For God So Love the Word*, and *It Was Finished on the Cross* last year, so we won't sing those this year.

I love it that I have been getting inquiries from people who did not go to Ukraine on our last trip about the 2020 trip. I do hope you are praying in the most positive way. Not "God show me if I should go," but rather "I am called to serve You, so show me clearly if I should NOT participate in this mission."

You will be getting another newsletter about our concert of worship at Calvary in Little Rock as we are involved in the annual meeting. Don't be confused and please respond as quickly as you can. We also plan to have a new Master'Singers photo made at Calvary!

Confirm your participation at the annual meeting in Jonesboro right now by clicking [HERE](#).

Register to Attend the Annual Meeting

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



PRAISE A Matter of Life and Breath

Elizabeth Barnett
Women's Chorus President

*Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord.
Psalm 150:6*

Perhaps no other word is more often spoken in our worship or sung in our hymns than the word praise. The word most often translated praise in the Old Testament is the Hebrew word *hālal*. Hebrew scholar Ronald Allen tells us that “*hālal* is the Hebrew equivalent of whatever you say when you watching a football game and your team has just scored the winning points.” Praise in the Old Testament was bold, exuberant, and loud.

Our praise should be uninhibited and unrestrained. I’ve heard praise defined as “enthusiastically proclaiming the unrivaled excellence of [God’s] character, his name, and his actions.” If we are to praise, we must pay attention as God reveals himself by working in our lives. When we see God’s character revealed in his word or observe his interaction in our lives, we cannot resist praising Him with “football game” enthusiasm.

Thus praise is a matter of life and breath—breathing each breath with God and watching as he reveals himself; praising him for providing each breath; and breathing deeply, prepared for each opportunity to utter an enthusiastic shout of praise. Looking forward to enthusiastically shouting praise with you soon in Jonesboro at the state convention.

New Ladies Wardrobe

Many of you received your new concert wardrobe at the retreat. Please make sure you try it on and there are any issues please bring it with you and we will do our best to help in whatever way we can. Remember we will wear the black side of the shell.

music MINISTERS

Andrew Pouncey
Men's Chorus President



I was called into music ministry when I was 15 years old as a sophomore in high school in 2005. (I know, I know, I’m young) I was attending a concert at my home church by the University of Mobile Worship Choir and Ramcorps. I remember being enthralled with the level of musical talent I saw in the college students. The choir sang a song that was about giving yourself back to God. I remember hearing the small whisper of the Lord, “I have given you your abilities. Now use them for me.” That night at the concert, I walked down the aisle and surrendered my life into music ministry.

As I began to think about this major life adjustment, I began to ponder the title “music minister.” There are so many different titles for this position in churches these days: Worship Pastor, Associate of Music & Worship, Worship Leader, The Music Guy, etc. I myself tend to lean towards the title of music minister. Before I started my journey into ministry, I thought of the two separate words contained within that title. As I prayed over my own life in ministry, I asked the Lord to make me the minister before the music. We can put on the best worship services, concerts, or performances and completely miss what God has called us to as Christians. I am not saying we should look past excellence in worship music, but you cannot have ministry without people. We are called to minister to people before the music.

I challenge you to evaluate why you participate in Master’Singers. If you are like me, you love being challenged to sing or play some of the arrangements, but if the only thing you receive during our time together is a good vocal exercise then you may be missing what God has in store for you. Take time this day of Master’Singers to talk to the person next to you. You never know how you could potentially invest your life into them, and vice versa. Just try not to do it too much during rehearsals, or Larry may come after you.

Register Here to Attend
Annual Meeting

ABSC Annual Mtg: CENTRAL BC - JONESBORO

October 23, 2018

Central Baptist Church - Jonesboro

Host: Jeff Stotts

Instrumental Schedule

- 9:45 am Instrumental Check In - The Loft
- 10:00 am Instrumental Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 11:30 am Lunch - Disaster Relief serving
- 1:00 pm Instrumental Sound Check - Worship Center
- 1:15 pm Instrumental Ensemble plays prelude for Afternoon Session - Worship Center

Singer Schedule

- 12:30 pm Choir Check In - The Loft
- 1:15 pm Separate Rehearsals
 - Women: The Loft
 - Men: Choir Suite
- 2:00 pm Brief Break (no food)
- 2:15 pm Combined Rehearsal - The Loft

Combined Schedule

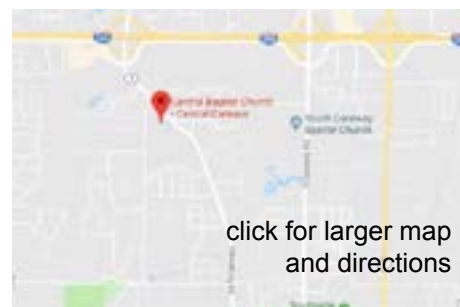
- 4:15 pm Break (snack meal and change)
- 5:15 pm Sound Check in Worship Center
- 6:00 pm Evening Session Begins
- 8:30 pm Closing Prayer

Tentative Concert Order (subject to change)

O, Give Thanks
Behold Our God
How Great Is Our God (with Ukraine Photos)
I Will Rise (SSAA)
At the Name of Jesus (TTBB)
All the Praise

Directions

Google Map
to CBC

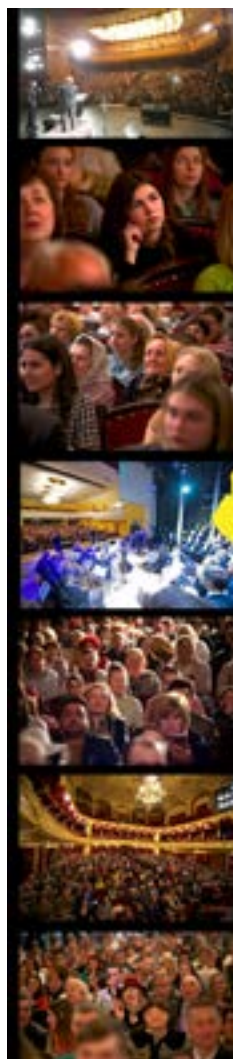


ROOM LOCATIONS

The Loft - 2nd Floor Upstairs from the main lobby - elevators are available

Choir Suite - 2nd Floor

**Register to Attend the
Annual Meeting**



Ukraine 2020



**Tentative Dates
April 20 - May 1**

**Approximate Cost
\$3,000.00**

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW...

Click on each for more information

**PRAIZ
FEST 19** JAN 25-26
[FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH UNION]

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](#)

Annual
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**Handbell
FESTIVAL**

45th & FINAL

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)



Congratulations to
Missy Hines
2018 Nininger Award
Recipient

and

David Tatum
2018 Keathley Award
Recipient



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



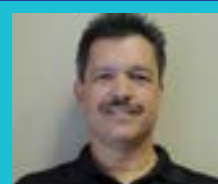
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2nd Vice President



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Ten 1 Host



Taylor Keenen
Ten 2 Host



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Baritone Host



Rick Couch
Bass Host



Butch Riddle
Chaplain



Bart Morrison
Accompanist



Phillip Johnson
Seating Coord.



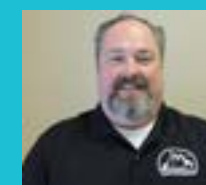
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Director



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Sop 2 Host



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Alto 1 Host



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Alto 2 Host



Janie Thompson
Chaplain



Peggy Pearson
Accompanist



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