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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

What an incredible evening we shared at the Evangelism Conference. As I sat down, my team leader leaned over and had three words..."That was marvelous!" I don't think I have ever shared in a more blessed prayer time just before we sang! THANK YOU... THANK EACH OF YOU FOR BEING THERE!!! An E-Conference photo is below!



We are headed to Camden in February. I am grateful to Clay Doss for hosting us. Southern Arkansas folks, help us get the word out!!! There is a link to the publicity material in this newsletter! You will find posters and downloadable material for social media. Please be actively inviting and sharing!!! We are working to find some folks who will take vans and/or buses because I know that longer travel at night is difficult for some. It is important that Master'Singers be able to serve our entire state well. If you would be willing to take a vehicle so that others could go, determine how many you would need and how much they would need to pay to cover the expense and let me know ASAP. I am confident that all who possibly can make it will join us for a fantastic evening at Cullendale First Baptist!

We will wear our normal attire for this event. The all-black is just a more casual appearance that we use for the E-Conference. Are there any ladies reading this who have not ordered an outfit? Please contact Elizabeth Barnett (President), or Melissa Overstreet (ministry assistant in my office) as soon as possible.

I am including a letter from Michael Gott in this newsletter. Michael is the evangelist who, with his wife Jan, plan and host our mission trips in Ukraine. I am grateful that Michael and Jan are friends to the Master'Singers and love doing ministry with us! Starting in Camden, we need to start firming up commitments for our 2020 trip. The estimated cost is the same as previous years, \$3000.00. On our last trip, we came in under that by several hundred. We will again be in western Ukraine where the door remains wide open for us. I would so love to go to eastern Ukraine to be with our Arkansas missionary friend, Linda Gray, but just don't feel that would be a wise choice for us. I've said it many, many times...our commission is to "go and make disciples of all nations". We've already been given our marching orders from God's Word! So, let's do this one more time. We have 15 months to get ourselves funded. We will talk more about that in the days ahead. Remember, we can't, but God can!

Be thinking about the split concerts in March. Either Ft. Smith or Paragould...good roads to either location. I'll seek out a commitment after we finish in Camden.

Last November we had such a great evening at Calvary in Little Rock. That seems so long ago, but let's join together again in a few short days to sing for His glory again, this time in south Arkansas! It is such a privilege to sing with and be a Master'Singer! I love and appreciate each of you and your sacrificial commitment to this ministry.

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PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



We Need Each Other

Elizabeth Barnett

Women's Chorus President

Singing at E-Con has become one of my favorite events on the Master'Singers calendar. It's a little lighter, less stressful load than getting all of our music together for a Concert of Worship, and I enjoy getting to be a little more relaxed and worshipping with all of you! If you were not able to be there, we missed you, and I look forward to seeing everyone soon at Cullendale.

Thinking about singing together brought to mind this hymn text by Thomas Troeger. It reminds me that as a choir and as the body of Christ we need each other to become everything God calls us to be.

We need each other's voice to sing
the song our hearts would raise
To set the whole world echoing
with one great hymn of praise.
We blend our voices to complete
the melody that starts
With God who sets and keeps the beat
that stirs our loving hearts.

*We give our alleluias to the church's common chord:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise, O praise, O praise the Lord!*

We need each other's strength to lift
the cross we're called to bear.
Each other's presence is a gift
of God's incarnate care.
When acts of love and tender speech
convey the Savior's voice,
Our praise exceeds what words can reach
and we with song rejoice:

We need each other's views to see
the limits of the mind.
That God in fact turns out to be
far more than we've defined,
That God's one image shines in all,
in ev'ry class and race,
And ev'ry group receives the call
to sing with faith and grace:

We need each other's voice to sing,
each other's strength to love,
Each other's views to help us bring
our hearts to God above.
Our lives like coals placed side by side
to feed each other's flame,
Shall with the Spirit's breath provide
a blaze of faith to claim:

"We Need Each Other's Voice to Sing." Words by Thomas H. Troeger.
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The Throne Sets the Tone

Andrew Pouncey

Men's Chorus President



Have you ever been to a worship service that you wonder if the Holy Spirit was even invited? You know the kind I'm talking about. The one where you might confuse with a funeral service by the look on people's faces. If we worship an unchanging God, then it is obvious what changes from week to week in our churches. It is the position of our heart for exalting Him.

I am a big promoter of passionate worship. I like to think that expressing myself in worship is a tool that I can use to enhance my praise to the Lord. So many times we are guilty of shrinking God down to a comfortable worship experience, when in reality we should be giving it everything we have for our Creator. Each time we glimpse in the Bible what worship is like in heaven, we see all things falling face down in worship before the Lord. Specifically in Revelation, we see angels, elders, and saints bowing down before the throne of God singing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty!"

But what is so different about our own worship services? It is time for Christians to view worship not as coming to another service, but approaching the throne of God. Each time we experience the glory and majesty of Jesus Christ, we should fall face down in worship as if we are in the presence of the King of Kings. I challenge you at this next concert of worship to let the throne set the tone for the way you passionately praise the Lord!

There are 2 churches offering ride-sharing to Camden. Please contact the churches below by email if you wish to ride with them.

FBC - Sherwood (People Mover)

[Email FBC Here](#)

Graves Memorial BC (Traverse)

[Email GMBC Here](#)

CONCERT OF WORSHIP: Cullendale FBC



Clay Doss
Minister of Music
Cullendale FBC

We at Cullendale First Baptist are looking forward to hosting the Master'Singers on February 21st. It's going to be a great night worshipping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our church family is looking forward to this great night of worship and we've been working hard to promote it by inviting friends, relatives and neighbors to join us.

When you arrive at Cullendale, we ask that everyone park at the rear of the building on the gravel parking lot adjacent to our storage shed and bus barn. Parking lot greeters will be available as you arrive to assist in parking. You are welcome to drop off those with physical issues underneath the canopy before parking.

There are several eating places available when you get to Camden. The closest in proximity to our church is TJ's and Cardinal Cafe. Of course we have fast food: McDonald's, Sonic, Subway, Taco Bell, Mexican restaurants, and Pizza places, Mazzio's Pizza will be right off the bypass exit and they do have a lunch buffet.

Getting to Camden is not that difficult. You have to want to come to Camden to get here. The address for the church is 1850 Cash Rd SW. Some GPS maps will take you to the old church on North Street (wrong address), so please be sure you have the Cash Rd address.

We are looking forward to a wonderful worship service with everyone. See you on Thursday, February 21st.

Schedule for the Day

11:00 am	Leadership Team Meeting
12:30 pm	Check-in and Fellowship
1:15 pm	Separate Rehearsals Women Men Instrumental Ensemble
2:30 pm	Break and Refreshments
3:15 pm	Combined Rehearsal
5:30 pm	Dinner and Dress for Concert
6:45 pm	Line-up and Prayer
7:00 pm	Concert of Worship

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Concert of Worship

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Tentative Order for the Concert

Prelude - Instrumental Ensemble	<i>I Will Rise</i>
To God Be the Glory	<i>God</i>
Power in the Blood	<i>Behold Our God</i>
My Redeemer Lives	<i>How Great Is Our God</i>
Host Pastor Greeting	Offertory
Oh, Give Thanks	<i>And Can It Be</i>
Prayer	<i>At the Name of Jesus</i>
Women's Chorus Greeting	<i>See Him Face to Face</i>
Doxology	<i>For God So Loved the World</i>
<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	<i>It Was Finished on the Cross</i>
<i>O Praise the Name</i>	Gospel Presentation
<i>My Eternal King</i>	<i>All the Praise</i>

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Directions



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A Letter from Michael Gott



Dear Larry and Master'Singers,

Even as the new year started, you were very much in our focus, and that now continues. Read on! Let me take a step back—you know the situation—elements of war in the east with Russia. As a result some of the early plans we made must be reconsidered due to martial law in some cities. We cannot know how long this will continue, but the west is open to us. All this is part and parcel to ministry on the cutting edge of life—so we are not shocked or discouraged. We press on!

In only days we will again prayerfully look over more than enough cities that want and now request us.

What is your role? — To stand with us in prayer and to be aware this effort on your behalf will continue for the next 30 days. Be faithful daily.

Frankly, as you know, it's not a matter of filling our days with engagements—rather it's a matter of sensing God's direction. Remember, Luke said that they were forbidden by God to go some places:

**“... having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word
in the province of Asia.” Acts 16:6**

**“... they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus
would not allow them ...”Acts 16:7**

We want to be as sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leadership as Paul and his team. Later, “... concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them” (Acts 16:10)—they went.

So, see the process that went on with them, and so it is with us! Ask God to make it clear to all concerned. Finally, please think of us as intimate friends in Christ and heart-bonded with you in ministry.

Together as one for only One!

Michael Gott

P.S. Do not forget, we are sometimes available to come to your church for a Sunday or to other planned strategic engagements; so ask, if you need us. We are available.

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2019 Events

March 28, 2019

Split Concerts of Worship

First BC - Fort Smith

Eastside BC - Paragould

April 25, 2019

Concert of Worship

First Baptist Church

Russellville

2019-2020 Events

September 12-13, 2019

Annual Retreat

October 3, 2019

Concert of Worship

Harrison High School Fine Arts Audit.

(Tentative)

(Eagle Heights Baptist Church)

Harrison

October 22, 2019

ABSC Annual Meeting

Geyer Springs FBC - LR

January 27, 2020

ABSC Evangelism Conference

February 13, 2020

Concert of Worship

TBA

March 12, 2020

Split Concerts of Worship

TBA

April 16, 2020

Concert of Worship

& Ukraine Commissioning

TBA

April 20 - May 1, 2020

Ukraine Mission Trip

2018-2019 Leadership Team



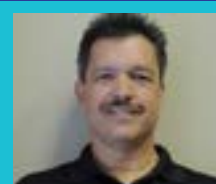
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Ten 2 Host



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