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A Newsletter for the Arkansas Master Singers



2019 Nininger Award
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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

We had an incredible retreat. The worship, the music and the sweet, sweet spirit of encouragement and fellowship were just outstanding. Thank you, thank you, thank you! We express big gratitude to Jon Skelley, Pam Raspberry, the staff, and volunteers from Geyer Springs!!!



For those who are new (and for alumni who might need reminding), we confirm our participation for every event. In this newsletter, that you will receive prior to each event, you will find a link, and/or box to click on and confirm your attendance or your absence. I cannot stress to you how important this is. Our hosts will prepare food, snacks, etc., based off of these responses. Please click here to indicate your response: <https://www.absc.org/mastersingers-at-harrison>

Harrison is a great opportunity for us! I am hopeful that many will attend our Concert of Worship who might not normally come to hear us in a church setting. They will hear the same gospel message in the Performing Arts setting! To host the Master'Singers is a major undertaking, but to host them off campus requires even more logistical work! Thank you, Phil Powers, and the staff and volunteers from Eagle Heights Baptist Church for your vision for this and your willingness to make it happen!

If you look at the music line up, you will see that we are not doing some of the new songs that we will do later in the year. We will not have as much time in combined vocal and instrumental rehearsals as we normally do. I wanted to make every effort to make it a successful day with less stress. If there are any on the list you are uncertain of, I hope you will spend time listening on the website. www.arkansasmastersingers.org using password worship. If for some reason you have difficulty accessing things at this website, you can click on this dropbox link and find the same information: [Dropbox Link](#). Spend time learning *Come To Me* and *In the Beginning*, too. Though we will not use them this time, we WILL use them in the days ahead.

You can help with publicity. If you live anywhere near the Harrison area, print off publicity signs and put them up in your church and town. If you have a social media account, share the information. To access the publicity information, login to the members section of our website, www.arkansasmastersingers.org using the word: worship (lowercase). Click on publicity and you will find a LOT of information. Or just share the post from the Master'Singers Facebook page or my Facebook page.

If you have not turned in your Ukraine form and deposit, please do that at Harrison. If you need to make arrangements for payment, please reach out to me and let's work it out. We got quite a few new people at our retreat, but I am still needing forms from some of you who said you were going last May. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN IN ON THIS MISSION JOURNEY!

FYI, Ladies outfits that were ordered at retreat are scheduled to arrive for us to bring to you in Harrison.

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<https://www.absc.org/mastersingers-at-harrison>

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



Mercy & Grace

Missy Hines
Women's Chorus President

Have you ever had one of those times where you wish you could take back those unkind words or get a do-over for something you did? I wish I had a dollar for the number of times I've used the excuse "Well, mercy's not my gift!" And honestly, it isn't! But does that mean I should not show mercy to others? What if God treated me with the same mercy with which I treat others? I'd be in a world of hurt!

Thankfully, God's mercy isn't like mine. His mercy never runs out. His mercies never fail because they really are new every morning. God doesn't pick and choose who gets His mercy. We are all recipients of it, and that's a game-changer! It calls us to live in such way that it is evident to others that we are thankful for His mercy towards us and want to spread it around!

When I think about the mercy of God, I also think about His grace. MARVELOUS GRACE! There's a song that the lyrics ring true for me every day!

Were it not for Grace, I can tell you where I'd be
Wandering down some pointless road to nowhere
With my Salvation up to me.
I know where that would go
The trials I would face
Forever running, but losing the race
Were it not for Grace.

I'm so thankful that, although I'm completely unworthy of His mercy and His grace, He bestows both on me without hesitation and in abundance. The Bible is quite clear that we all suffer from the same terminal disease called sin. "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23. But God showed mercy towards us and sent His gift of grace in His only Son. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 6:23.

Now that's something worth celebrating! Let's show mercy and grace towards others since God so faithfully shows it to us!

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Remember, "the apostrophe may just be the most important part of our name, because we are singing for the Master!" Thank you for being an

Arkansas
MasterSinger

I'll be praying for you as you make your journey to Harrison.

Larry

Filled with the Spirit

Ken Holland
Men's Chorus President



One of Paul's most fascinating teachings has to be in Ephesians 5:18. After all of the preceding cautions on the various things we are to "put off" (lying, anger, vulgar talk, bitterness, rage, fighting, slander, sexual immorality, greed, and obscenity), we come to "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit."

That's it? That's how to live victoriously? Just don't get drunk?

No - this is far, far more than an admonition against intoxication. Don't miss what Paul is saying here. He is actually making a comparison - drawing a parallel. Paul is saying, "Don't get drunk on THIS - get drunk on THAT." "Don't be under the control of alcohol - be under the control of the Spirit."

Let's take a step back and ask ourselves, "How do you get drunk.. on anything?" Very simply, you consume it - a lot of it. So, how can you drink the Spirit? Paul said, "Those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit" (Romans 8:5). So, drinking the Spirit means setting our minds on the things of the Spirit. And setting our minds on the things of the Spirit means being incredibly focused on God's written Word to us - and His inner voice that communicates with us in prayer. If we do this long enough, we will get "drunk" with the Spirit. In fact, we will get addicted to the Spirit. Instead of chemical dependency we will develop a wonderful Spirit-dependency.

Then comes the verse of validation we worship leaders love most. What does that LOOK like? What is the first evidence of being influenced by/ drunk on/ under the influence of the Spirit that Paul mentions?

"... speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord." (Eph 5:19)

How about that? A spirit-filled Christian is a singing Christian. And THAT kind of Jesus-follower is joyful, thankful, and submissive. (vss 20-21) Note, however - we are not joyful BECAUSE we sing. Too many musicians get that backwards. Then, when the thrill of the music isn't there, so goes the joy. No - the music can never be the source. I don't sing to make me happy.

"I sing because I'm happy.
I sing because I'm free."

Register Here to Attend
Harrison Concert

CONCERT of WORSHIP: Harrison



Phil Powers
Minister of Music
EHBC Harrison

Eagle Heights is very excited to host the Master'Singers on October 3rd. We have been looking forward to this day for so long, and the Eagle family can't wait to worship along with you in Harrison! To my knowledge, the Master'Singers have never been to Harrison. We are so ready.

There will be a lot of moving parts to this day. We are going to be leading worship in the Harrison High School Performing Arts Center, 925

Goblin Drive, Harrison. This will give us many opportunities for stretching the norm, for demonstrating flexibility, but more importantly for reaching people with the gospel of Jesus Christ who might never come into a church building. We are praying for God to move in power as lost people come and experience the overwhelming Spirit of God. We are praying for souls to be won to Christ through our efforts and availability to our Savior.

With the Concert of Worship taking place in the High School, we are not able to rehearse on the stage until school is out and the kids are gone. Our friends at the First Presbyterian Church have made their facility available to us for rehearsals.

Everyone will check in at the First Presbyterian Church, 220 N. Arbor Dr. Harrison. Separate Rehearsals at FPC – Women in the Auditorium and Men in the Gym/Fellowship Center.

Instrumental Rehearsal will be on stage in the High School Performing Arts Center, so don't unload your instruments at the church. After you check in, you will need to park behind the Middle School and enter the PAC from the back of the High School. We will have signs along with people and golf carts to help you get to exactly where you need to go.

Combined Rehearsal will be in the PAC at the High School. Dinner will be in the High School lunch room. Remember... FLEXIBLE. Love Ya!!!

Most all of the places to eat are on Hwy 65/412. Anything from Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Good Guy's Pizza to T's BBQ, El Mexico Lindo, Brick Oven Pizza, Colton's Steak House, Neighbor's Mill, and Jamie's Local Flavor. As for places to stay, Quality Inn, Holiday Inn Express, and Hampton Inn are your best options in Harrison. Remember Branson is only 30 miles to the north and has many options for your Thursday night, Friday and Saturday, should you choose to take a couple of days to relax.

We'll see you soon! Phil

Schedule for the Day

11:00 am	Leadership Team - Eagle West Campus 912 Goblin Dr.
12:30 pm	Check-in and Fellowship First Presbyterian - 220 N Arbor Dr
1:15 pm	Separate Rehearsals Women - FPC Auditorium Men - FPC Gym/Fellowship Center Instrumental Ensemble - HS PAC
2:15 pm	Break and Refreshments - Dress for Concert
3:15 pm	Combined Rehearsal - HS PAC
5:30 pm	Dinner - HS Cafeteria
6:45 pm	Line-up and Prayer
7:00 pm	Concert of Worship

Important Addresses for the Day

Eagle West - 912 Goblin Drive (Leadership Meeting)
First Presbyterian - 220 N. Arbor Drive
(Checkin and Rehearsals)
HS PAC - 925 Goblin Drive (Performance)

Tentative Order for the Concert

Instrumental Ensemble	<i>I Will Rise</i>
<i>On Jordan's Stormy Banks</i>	Congregational Worship
<i>O Praise the Name</i>	Women Exit Stage
<i>Crown Him King! Medley</i>	<i>I Got Saved</i>
Oh Give Thanks	<i>At the Name of Jesus</i>
Greeting & Prayer	Offertory
<i>103 (Bless the Lord)</i>	<i>All the Praise</i>
<i>It is Well With My Soul</i>	<i>See Him Face to Face</i>
<i>Behold Our God</i>	<i>For God So Loved the World</i>
<i>How Great is Our God</i>	<i>He Still Saves</i>
Welcome	The Gospel Story
Men Exit Stage	<i>Breath and Clay</i>
<i>And Can It Be</i>	<i>Amazing Grace</i>

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Directions



NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW...

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PraizFest

January 24 - 25, 2020 - FBC Benton
Clinician: Trent Blackley
First Baptist Rockwall, TX

Get ready for an exciting weekend, Friday night and Saturday, with a massive choir made up of students from all over the state! PraizFest is for students grades 7-12, and students in 6th grade may be included if they are part of the student ministry at your church. Whether your church has a few students who love music and singing, or has 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.



Contact [Larry Grayson](#)
or [Melissa Overstreet](#)
ASAP to register to go.

Arkansas Master'Singers
Mission Ukraine

April 20 - May 1, 2020

2019-2020 Events

October 3, 2019

Concert of Worship
Harrison High School Fine Arts Audit.
(sponsored by Eagle Heights BC)
Harrison

October 22, 2019

ABSC Annual Meeting
Geyer Springs FBC - LR

January 27, 2020

ABSC Evangelism Conference
Geyer Spring FBC - LR

February 13, 2020

Concert of Worship
Woodland Heights BC
Conway

March 19, 2020

Split Concerts of Worship
Immanuel BC - Warren
First BC - West Memphis

April 16, 2020

Concert of Worship
& Ukraine Commissioning
First BC - Cabot

April 20 - May 1, 2020

Ukraine Mission Trip



2019-2020 Leadership Team



Larry Grayson
Director



Ken Holland
President



Darrell Spigner
1st Vice President



Taylor Keenen
2nd Vice President



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Ten 1 Host



Don Nichols
Ten 2 Host



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Robert Inzer
Bass Host



Jeremy Raines
Chaplain



Josh Junyor
Accompanist



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Alto 2 Host



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Chaplain



Peggy Pearson
Accompanist



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