



# praiSING Him

A Newsletter for the Arkansas Master' Singers

## ABSC ANNUAL MEETING 2019

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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

I can't say thank you enough for your Concert of Worship in Harrison. God honored your sacrifice to drive in from all over our state and God used you in a mighty way! I saw one of our members at Tiger Tunes on the Friday night following Harrison, and we both acknowledged...we were pooped! ☺ Phil Powers and the friends at Eagle Heights Baptist Church in Harrison were amazing hosts. Thanks also to their pastor, Kenny Stacy! A great church!



**I need you to register for the annual meeting as soon as possible.** I can't believe it is only two weeks away on Tuesday, October 22. Please try to click or double click on the link. **IF you submit and are registered, you should receive an email confirmation.**

**THANK YOU FOR NOT REPLYING TO THIS EMAIL. Don't email Larry about your attendance. Either click on the link and register your attendance (one person per response) or call Melissa if you cannot make it work (501.376.4791 x 5121).**

Thank you, yet again, to Jon Skelley, Pam Raspberry and Facilities Manager, Doug Shelby, for all you are doing for us and for hosting the annual meeting! This is the year we are asking much of Geyer! They hosted our retreat, they are hosting the annual meeting, and they are going to host the annual Evangelism Conference in January! Wow...we are grateful to you, Geyer Springs First Baptist Church!

The annual meeting is a great opportunity for us to minister to and encourage others. I hope you will make every effort to be a part of the day! We sing 30 minutes as a part of the evening sessions. We have been asked to stay to the end so that it doesn't create the appearance of "we've done our thing and now we are out of here!" We will excuse those who will be standing on the stairs, but those in the chairs will need to stay to the end, PLEASE.

We talked about a third split concert at Harrison. Several mentioned that you might be interested in hosting one of the splits in the north-west part of our state. If you are seriously interested, please talk with me as soon as possible. Churches in Russellville or farther north are what we are seeking.

Have you turned in your Ukraine form? Have you paid the deposit or talked with Larry or Melissa about it? **If you need the form, contact me or contact Melissa.**

I look forward to seeing you at Geyer Springs for our Annual Meeting. Master'Singers will have Chick-Fil-A that evening! ☺ I'm so grateful for your ministry!!

Larry

Click [HERE](#) to  
Register for the ABSC  
Annual Meeting

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

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# PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



## Faithfulness

Missy Hines  
Women's Chorus President

In the world in which we live, you just never know what might happen. One day you're on top of the world and life just couldn't be better. The next day, everything seems to be crashing down around you. On our Master'Singers prayer request page, there are those among us who are fighting a diagnosis they never expected, or taking care of a loved one in the last stages of life. Those are hard days. Maybe your bad day isn't that drastic, but everyone has days that are marked by little troubles. What is our response on those "not so perfect" days? It's so easy to praise God when the sun is shining. But is God still good when it isn't? Psalm 90 says "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God." Did you get those last three words? YOU. ARE. GOD. He is God of the good days and the bad days.

It has been said that real faith never calls you to swindle yourself into thinking that things are better than they are. Biblical faith is shockingly honest and hopeful. But we can rest assured that, even when we are not faithful, God ALWAYS is. I remember as a kid hearing a preacher say that we see the events of our lives as if we're looking through a peep-hole, but God sees our lives from beginning to end and He is orchestrating our days to draw us closer to him.

One of the songs I had sung at my wedding was an old Steve Green song that I'm sure many of you remember.

*Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful  
May the fire of our devotion light their way  
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe  
And the lives we live inspire them to obey  
Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful.*

My prayer is that we would live these words every day!

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for you, please contact  
Melissa Overstreet  
[moverstreet@absc.org](mailto:moverstreet@absc.org)

## Accept No Substitute

Ken Holland  
Men's Chorus President



It's been a by-line in marketing for everything from Porsches to pharmaceuticals. While its literal truth in those arenas might be subject to question, the overall sentiment is spot on. "If there is a REAL thing and a SIMILAR thing, would the REAL thing not always be the better choice?"

2 Peter 1:12-21 is an interesting passage that begins with Peter basically explaining why he repeats himself. "I will always remind you of these things..." He knows he will be dying soon and, even facing death, he states, "And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things." Then he concludes with this amazing statement. "Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:20-21)

Accept no substitute.

This is why I will forever beat the drum of the importance of diving deeply into God's Word daily. Read anything else you like for added understanding. Listen to whatever compliments biblical teaching. But the peril in missing out on the Word itself is two-fold. On one hand, it's a bit like jumping into the medical field in some such area as heart transplants or retinal repair without having actually initially completed medical school. It's well and good to be intelligent and well-intentioned, but the foundational knowledge required is simply absent. Or maybe it's rather like studying one dead thing after another when, all the while, there is a live subject to be researched that can yield far more data and understanding in one sitting than all of the others in a lifetime.

"For the word of God is alive and active." (Hebrews 4:12)

When Lee was little, we had the opportunity to tour the FBI headquarters in Washington DC. In addition to the visceral fun of shooting various automatic weapons in their firing range (Lee shooting an old-school Tommy gun), we also saw an amazing collection of counterfeit money collected over the years in various arrests. Some were laughable but some were so astonishingly good that you simply couldn't figure out how the counterfeit could be distinguished from the original, when placed side by side. The well-worn, familiar wisdom that would have seemed cliché any other day actually had a real-life application as it related to paper money - and as it relates to inspiration from God. "Study the original." Know it intimately and you will recognize anything lesser.

"...but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

Accept no substitute.

# ABSC ANNUAL MEETING: GSEBC

## Schedule for the Day

9:45 am	Instrumental Check In - Choir Room
10:00 am	Instrumental Rehearsal - Choir Room
11:30 am	Lunch - Disaster Relief Serving
12:45 pm	Instrumental Sound Check Worship Center
1:00 pm	Instrumental Ensemble Plays for Afternoon Session
12:30 pm	Choir Check In - Choir Room
1:15 pm	Separate Rehearsals Women - Choir Room Men - Children's Auditorium
2:00 pm	Brief Break (no food)
2:15 pm	Combined Rehearsal - Choir Room
4:15 pm	Break (Chick-Fil-A & change) - Playroom A
5:15pm	Sound Check in Worship Center
6:00 pm	Evening Session Begins
6:50 pm	Concert of Worship

## Tentative Order for the Concert of Worship

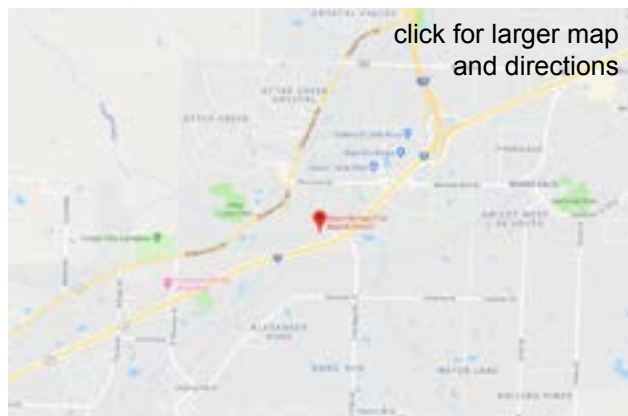
103 (Bless the Lord  
He Still Saves  
And Can It Be  
I Got Saved (Jeff, Will, Jon)  
Breath and Clay  
Amazing Grace  
or See Him Face to Face

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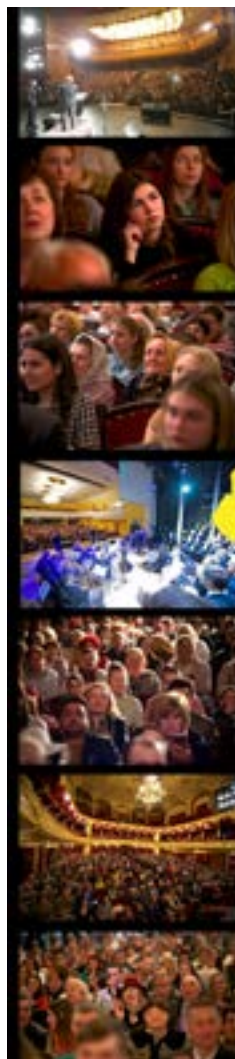
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## Directions



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All Publicity Items

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# Ukraine 2020



April 20 - May 1

It's not too late to go!  
Contact [Larry](#)  
or [Melissa](#) Today!

# NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW...

click for more information

## 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](#) or  
[Melissa](#) Today!

Arkansas Master'Singers  
Mission Ukraine

April 20 - May 1, 2020

# 2019-2020 Events

**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



**Caleb Reynolds**  
Ten 1 Host



**Don Nichols**  
Ten 2 Host



**Josh Junyor**  
Baritone Host



**Robert Inzer**  
Bass Host



**Jeremy Raines**  
Chaplain



**Josh Junyor**  
Accompanist



**Andrew Pouncey**  
Past President



**Tim Gunter**  
Inst. Ens. Dir.



**David Tatum**  
Communications

### Men's Seating Coordinators

Phillip Johnson

David Gagel

Randy Cross



**Carrie Taylor**  
Director



**Missy Hines**  
President



**Alice Startup**  
1st Vice President



**Cheri Cloud**  
2nd Vice President



**Amy Golden**  
Sop 1 Host



**Shelia Moore**  
Sop 2 Host



**Sherry Polsgrove**  
Alto 1 Host



**Calleen Spigner**  
Alto 2 Host



**Janie Thompson**  
Chaplain



**Peggy Pearson**  
Accompanist



**Sharon Sanders**  
Outfit Coordinator



**Elizabeth Barnett**  
Past President

### Women's Seating Coordinators

Glenda Riddle

Karla Tarkington

Amy Golden