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# DIRECTIONS

I am writing this a few days before the Evangelism Conference, but I can safely say thank you for the great job that you are going to do. Thank you for committing to be a part of this event.



Our next Concert of Worship will be on February 13 at Woodland Heights Baptist Church in Conway. Greg Childress and his folks are working diligently to be prepared for us. We will be packing much into the day. We will be recording the CD that will be given away in Ukraine! We will record some during the afternoon rehearsals and everything live that evening. It's going to be a great day, thanks for your dedication!

As I write this (Sunday, January 19, 2020), we are 92 days from our departure to Ukraine! When we join together on February 13, we will be 68 days from departure! Wow! How exciting! All flights should be booked now. We should have an itinerary ready for you ASAP. I will be getting the ininerary, flight groups, information about clothing, packing, etc. to you soon. Don't panic...it is all coming! ☺ And be memorizing! All Ukraine participants should have a practice CD. Strive to do these last Concerts of Worship by memory.

We are reaching the end of the road to add anyone to Ukraine. If that speaks to your heart, call our office right now! ☺

Please take note of parking at Woodland Heights. We need you to park on the south parking lots that will be marked with Master'Singer signs to allow our guests to have prime parking. Thanks for doing that.

Please be thinking about our split concerts coming up in March. Warren and West Memphis are the choices. It makes sense for those who are close to those towns to choose them, but if at all possible and sensible, please plan to respond "wherever needed."

Everywhere I go, I hear words of encouragement about your ministry. You have such a great reputation for your commitment to serve and for the manner in which you give glory to God! THANK YOU!

In His grip....  
Larry G

Click [HERE](#) to  
Register for the WHBC  
Concert of Worship

<https://www.absc.org/matrsingers-at-woodland-heights-conway-on-february-13-2020>

Please click or double click on the link to register your attendance or absence from the E-Conference. If you do not receive an email confirmation, you have not completed the registration process.

# PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



## Real Love

Missy Hines  
Women's Chorus President

*Jesus Loves Me! This I know.  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong.*

I'm sure I don't even need to write the refrain because most of you are already singing it to yourself! It's such a simple song that we have sung, many of us since we were little. We've sung it to our little ones as they grew up and some of you sing it now to your grandchildren or great-grandchildren. The Women's Chorus is singing it this year. It's a simple song with a big truth!

Sometimes we need to be reminded that Jesus loves us, or at least I do. Jesus loves us. The Bible really does tell us so. We are weak. He is strong. We are created in His image, bought with His blood, and one day He will come back for us, His beloved bride. "This is how God showed His love among us. He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him." (1 John 4:9)

Because of God's great love for us, we should make love the defining mark of our lives. Jesus was very plain when asked which commandment was most important. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." (Mark 12:30) But He didn't stop there! He made sure to include the second commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31)

Valentine's Day is quickly approaching and we will take time to do something for those we love. It may be a card, candy, flowers, even a sweet text or handwritten note on a napkin in a lunchbox. The point is, we will take time to express our love. Let's also take time to stop and remember the precious gift of God's love for us. He loved us so much He sent His only Son to pay the ultimate price for our sins so that we can be forgiven. For God so LOVED the world!

## Quid est veritas?

Ken Holland  
Men's Chorus President



In Mark 7, the Pharisees and teachers of the law criticized Jesus' disciples who were eating food with hands that were "unclean." This wasn't a question of hygiene, or even decorum. The essence of this discrepancy came down to ceremonial versus spiritual. As usual, Jesus cut to the heart of the matter... which is always the heart itself. And He showed that their hearts were far from Truth.

"He replied, 'Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules." You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.'" (Mark 7:6-8)

It was true. Every point at which the Jewish leaders tried to trip up Jesus was based on their tradition - something that they had added to their belief system beyond what God had ever actually said. In these verses, we find the word "tradition(s)" used four times. The account is also peppered with words like "ceremonial" and "rules." This is why I pray that I will forever point others back to the Word - the Word alone. It is when we add words TO the Word - pile on words ABOUT the Word that we wander off the mark.

I worry when believers tell me that they have a devotion time that consists of reading what someone has written. I don't care how good the person is - unless their name is God, that's not the author I most need to hear from. And if it happens to be a devotion that postures as God, speaking in first person as if channeling divinity, I don't just worry... I shudder. There is simply no substitute for the Word itself. It has never and can never be said of anything else that it is "alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." (Heb 4:12)

I was in a discussion the other day and the question that came up is one I've heard at nearly every meeting of pastors/worship leaders: "What are you reading?" What they are referring to are books on leadership, discipleship, worship, church growth, etc. Maybe it's because I'm old but I have had to confess in recent years that I don't read that kind of material much. For one, I don't seem to come across anything new, honestly. But also, I just love (and prefer) to go to the Word and try to dig a little deeper - research a little more. That's where I find Truth.

Truth died on a cross to conquer death. It is that Truth that will one day come calling against asking not what is truth, but what have we done with it - with Him?

Maybe the question Pilate asked should not have been "Quid est veritas?" (What is truth?) but "Qui est veritas?" (Who is truth?)

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If the links are not working for you, please contact Melissa Overstreet  
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# WOODLAND HEIGHTS BC: CONWAY



**Greg Childress**  
Minister of Music  
WHBC Conway

Woodland Heights is very excited to host the Master'Singers on February 13th. Our worship team is working hard in preparation to host you for a wonderful night of worship. It has been many years since Master'Singers has sung at WHBC and the group has certainly grown tremendously over the years. About 75 singers were in the choir during that concert in 2003!

Things should be somewhat straightforward as all rehearsals, meals, and changing areas will be in the same building at 4215 Prince Street in Conway. We have plenty of seating for guests coming to the concert. The stage area will prove to be quite cozy but we are up to the challenge. We are certainly trusting that God will be honored and magnified through this special time of worship and we are praying that many of you will be able to participate as Conway is a great central location within our state. We are less than 5 minutes off Interstate 40!

Everyone will check in at the main lobby. Separate rehearsals will take place in the Choir Room (Ladies) and Youth Room (Men). Instrumental and Combined Rehearsal will be on stage in the Worship Center. Instrumentalists can store their cases, etc. in the Handbell room adjacent to the Worship Center.

Suggested parking for Master'Singers is behind the main building in the southeast lot. Enter the building through the lobby doors. There will be signs and volunteers directing you to this area. Changing areas and restrooms will be clearly marked and our security team will ensure everything is in order throughout the day.

Most of the places to eat are within 5-10 minutes of the church. A small selection of restaurants includes Chick-fil-A, Stoby's (a local favorite!), Brick Oven Pizza, Razorback Pizza, Pasta Grill, Road Hog BBQ, Tacos 4 Life, Zaxby's, Don Pepe's, Moe's Southwest Grill, Tropical Smoothie, Slim Chicken's and Marco's Pizza. Hotels nearby include Fairfield inn & Suites, Holiday Inn Express & Suites, La Quinta Inn & Suites and Comfort Inn & Suites. We like our Suites!!

## Directions From Little Rock:

Go west on I40  
Take exit 124B onto Salem Road toward AR-25 South (Last Conway Exit)  
Turn right onto Old Morrilton Hwy then travel 2.2 miles  
Turn left onto Hogan Lane and go 1.6 miles to Prince Street.  
Go straight at the light at Prince Street and turn right into the church lot.

## Directions From Russellville:

Go east on I40  
Take exit 117 toward Menifee  
Turn right toward Jct. U.S. 64  
Turn left onto US-64  
Go 4.6 miles and turn right onto Hogan Lane  
Go 1.6 miles to Prince Street  
Go straight at the light at Prince Street and turn right into the church lot.

## Schedule for the Day

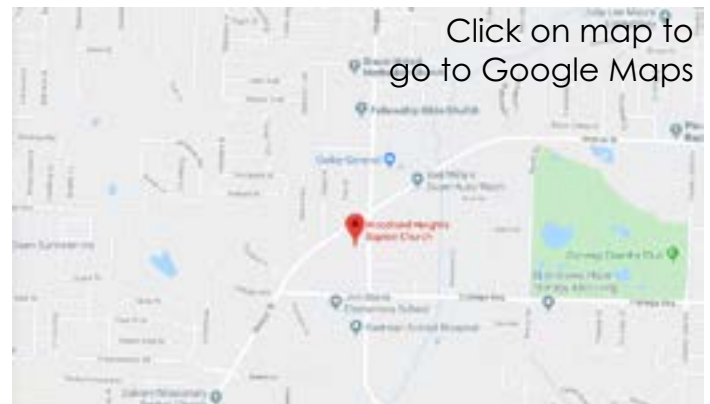
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| 11:00 am | Leadership Team - Great Room  |
| 12:30 pm | Check-in and Fellowship - Main Lobby<br>Park in South Parking Lot (look for signs)  |
| 1:15 pm  | Separate Rehearsals<br>Women - Choir Room<br>Men - The Grove (off of Fellowship Hall)<br>Instrumental Ensemble - Worship Center |
| 2:15 pm  | Break and Refreshments - Fellowship Hall  |
| 3:00 pm  | Combined Rehearsal - Worship Center   |
| 5:30 pm  | Dinner - Fellowship Hall<br>Changing Rooms:<br>Women - 213, 215, 217, and 219<br>Men - 504, 505                                 |
| 6:45 pm  | Line-up and Prayer - Fellowship Hall<br>Purse lock up will be in the North Robe Room  |
| 7:00 pm  | Concert of Worship  |

## Tentative Order for the Concert

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| Instrumental Ensemble<br><i>O Praise the Name</i><br><i>Revelation Song</i><br><i>Crown Him King! Medley</i>   | Congregational Worship<br><i>I Got Saved</i> (Men)<br><i>At the Name of Jesus</i> (Men)<br><i>How Great is Our God</i><br>Offertory - Ken Holland<br><i>Amazing Grace</i><br><i>See Him Face to Face</i><br><i>For God So Loved the World</i><br><i>He Still Saves</i><br>The Gospel Story<br><i>Breath and Clay</i><br><i>All The Praise</i> |
| Greeting - Pastor<br><i>Oh Give Thanks</i><br>Welcome - Missy Hines<br>Prayer - Greg Childress<br><i>103 (Bless the Lord)</i><br><i>It Is Well With My Soul</i><br><i>Behold Our God</i><br><i>I Will Rise</i> (Women)<br><i>And Can it Be</i> (Women) |   |

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WHBC Publicity Items](#)

## Directions



# NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW...

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Time is running short if you feel you might want to go to Ukraine, please contact Larry in the office as soon as possible.

**Arkansas Master'Singers**  
**Mission Ukraine**

**April 20 - May 1, 2020**



## 2020 Remaining Events

### 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



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## 2019-2020 Leadership Team



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**Robert Inzer**  
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Chaplain



**Josh Junyor**  
Accompanist



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**Calleen Spigner**  
Alto 2 Host



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