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A Newsletter for the ARKANSAS

Master Singers



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DIRECTIONS

Hello, Master'Singers friends. Wow, wow, wow! Our day at Woodland Heights was such a wonderful worship experience. Yes, we were tight, but from the viewpoint of those who were in the congregation and from the director's stand, it was so exciting!



Each of you is important to our ministry. Don't ever let the enemy plant in your heart self-focused thoughts like "There are enough people...they don't need me." Don't believe that lie. You-yes, you make a difference in Master'Singers. I pray that you need the encouragement and opportunity to serve as much as we need you! Thank you for being as committed as you are.

It is time for split concerts. When you register your attendance, you will have four choices...(1) Warren, (2) West Memphis, (3) wherever needed, and (4) not able to participate. If you live in south Arkansas, you will probably choose Immanuel in Warren. If you live in northeast Arkansas, you will probably choose FBC West Memphis. I hope that the majority of the rest of us will be able to indicate that we will go where needed so that we can easily have a balanced group. Most instrumentalists will not play at split concert, but I hope to have keys, drums and bass to go with the piano. Please respond by March 2 so that I will have time to make assignments.

There will not be a leadership team meeting at the split concerts. Your final meeting will be at our April Concert of Worship in Cabot. I am hopeful that we can divide you between the sites fairly evenly so that you can still check-in, greet, etc.

Alice Startup shared a verse that the Lord used to speak to her about our Ukraine mission: "See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared." Exodus 23:20. God's providence and care is so incredible. Would you be faithful to pray for the angels He is sending as He is preparing for our mission April 20-May 1? I have an itinerary and a daily prayer guide that I will attach for everyone to have. There will also be an updated and accurate listing in this newsletter of those who are going to use as you pray! There were a few names not on the list that you

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Click [HERE](#) to
Register for the Split
Concerts of Worship

<https://www.absc.org/mastersingers-split-concert-immanuel-warren-and-fbc-west-memphis>

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

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



Being Faithful in Prayer

Missy Hines
Women's Chorus President

Prayer has been defined as having a conversation with God, communing with God, and a variety of other definitions. But there is one thing that prayer is not! It is not ONLY bringing to God our list of wants, desires, and needs. It should be a time of worship that reminds us of who we are and who God is, and how much we need Him.

When we pray, we are admitting that God is sovereign and we are small. When you boil it all down, prayer is about surrender. It is surrendering our will and admitting that life isn't just about us! We simply aren't the creators, kings, or owners of our lives. We belong to God for His purpose and His glory. (It kind of reminds you of the apostrophe in our name, doesn't it?)

When we pray, we are also admitting that we need help and can't do this life on our own. We cannot be who we were made to be and do what we have been called to do without the continuous, personal, gracious intervention of the One who made us!

Prayer is confessing that we need God's guidance and wisdom. Prayer confronts us with the fact that we are not nearly as smart as we tend to think we are! It reminds us that there is so much we don't know or understand. But God is never caught unaware of our limited understanding. He is patient to hear our prayer when we come to Him, however frail we may be.

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the Lord's people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ..." (Ephesians 3:18) Paul always prayed with a heart full of thankfulness. His thankful attitude was a response to the grace of God. Think about all that the grace of God has brought to our lives. By grace, God made us alive in Christ. He redeemed us, reconciled us, forgave our sins, justified us, gave us a new identity, and sent His Spirit to live in each of us. And all of this is true, regardless of our circumstances.

What a privilege it is to pray to the creator of all things--the God of the Universe! May we never take that privilege for granted. Pray without ceasing!

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Are You Humble Enough to Be Carefree

Ken Holland
Men's Chorus President



So much of Peter's writing to the church has to do with how we, as the redeemed, are to live so differently from the world: mutual submission; craving the Word; living as chosen, set apart, and holy; not fearing what the world fears; loving each other deeply. As he concludes his letter, he takes another run at the all-important awareness of our need for humility and submission to God, as well as self-control.

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety upon Him, because he cares for you. Be self-controlled and alert." (1 Peter 5:6-8)

Note the incredible truth that is right there between humbling ourselves and controlling ourselves. "CASTING ALL YOUR ANXIETY ON HIM." Many of you have popular translations that start a new sentence with "Cast your care/anxiety..." but most translations keep it as a clause that flows from the preceding thought, flowing right out of the prior "Humble yourselves..." instruction. Humility brings trust. Pride brings anxiety. Pride doesn't trust. We may THINK we are humble all we want, but the presence of anxiety would seem to indicate otherwise.

In fact, the entire preceding verses of chapter five are all about a posture of humility. Peter tells the elders/pastors to "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock." (1 Peter 5:2-3) he then moves to the younger Christians, with the instruction, "In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders." (1 Peter 5:5)

If that weren't enough, he ties it all together with the admonition to "All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another." (1 Peter 5:6) and caps it off with this general approach we are to have to life: "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety upon Him, because he cares for you."

Trust is the fruit of a life lived in humility. Anxiety is the fruit of a life lived in pride. But pride isn't always a bombastic, chest-thumping, foot-stamping tantrum. Pride is often simple unwillingness to let go of concerns (that are natural) and entrust them to a God who knows best. Pride want autonomy and control.

My grandson might get frustrated trying to reassemble a toy or puzzle at times. There's the occasional pushback when I offer help. But often he actually enjoys learning by observing. He likes seeing what Papa is able to do. It's kind of amazing, when you think about it. If you witness Papa fixing things often enough, you begin to trust – you begin to believe that Papa can do anything.

In John Piper's "Are You Humble Enough To Be Carefree?" he states: "Whenever your heart starts to be anxious about the future, preach to your heart and say, 'Heart, who do you think you are... to be afraid of the future and nullify the promise of God?'"

Are you humble enough to be carefree?

SPLIT CONCERTS OF WORSHIP



TJ Files
Worship Pastor
Immanuel Baptist
Warren

Immanuel Baptist, Warren is honored to host the Master Singers for one of your split concerts on the evening of Thursday, March 19th. My wife and I were blessed to be able to participate in the Master'Singers for a couple of years and immediately fell in love with our time with you and with the ministry you provide. Unfortunately our work schedules and responsibilities had changed and caused us to not be able to be with you for this season of our lives. You have always been a blessing to all of those you encounter. I am so excited to help host this night of worship with you. This is our first time at Immanuel to have ever hosted the Master'Singers and are honored that you would entrust this opportunity to us.

Our church is located at 701 West Pine St, Warren, AR 71671. PARKING NOTE: There is a small parking lot on the West Pine St side of the church. The big parking lot is behind the church where the main entrance to the Sanctuary is. Either street (John C Moss or Lincoln St) beside the church gives you access to that lot.

There are a number of great places to eat in Warren: Robertson's Smokehouse @ 215 W Central St (BBQ) Molly's @ 201 S Myrtle St (Southern Style Cooking) Golden Girls @ 209 N Myrtle St (Southern Style Cooking) El Palacio @ 314 S Martin St El Ranchito @ 209 E Cedar St

If you decide to stay the night in Warren: Economy Inn @ 108 E Church St, phone: 870.226.5881

Clairmonte Inn and Suites @ 1408 E Church St
phone: 870.226.9888

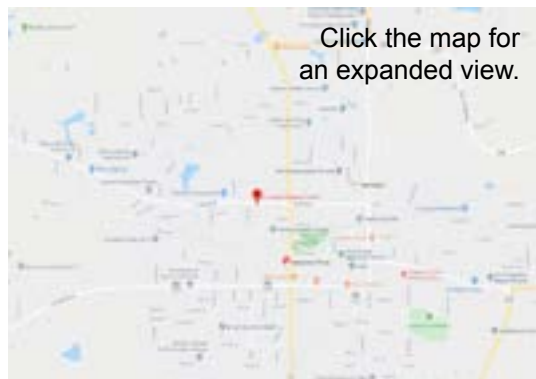
The Brinn @ 911 W Pine St, phone: 870.952.0016

There are also many hotels within 15 miles in Monticello: All on Hwy 425N Holiday Inn Express - phone: 870.460.0100

Days Inn - phone: 870.367.1881, Hampton Inn - phone: 870.367.3071

I understand the sacrifice for those of you who travel long distances to be with us, and we greatly appreciate your dedication. I pray that God will bless each of you for your willingness to come and lead us in worship. I also pray our evening together would glorify the Lord beyond measure.

Directions - Immanuel Baptist - Warren



Johnny Coggin
Assoc Pastor
Music Ministry
First Baptist
West Memphis

Last year at the State Evangelism Conference, my pastor asked me, "What do we need to do to have this group sing at our church?" I responded that I would find out. Now we are so excited about the opportunity to host one of our Master'Singers split concerts on Thursday, March 19, at First Baptist West Memphis!

First Baptist West Memphis is located at 200 N. Missouri Street, West Memphis, AR 72301. We are 1 mile south of I-40 and 1 block north of US 70.

- From the north, come south on I-55 and take the Missouri Street exit (exit 7). Turn left onto the service road at the end of the ramp and keep right onto Missouri Street. The church is about a mile on the right.
- From the west, take I -40 east. Take exit 276, turn left onto the service road, then in approx. 1 mile, bear right onto Missouri Street.
- From the south, get to I-40 the best possible way and follow the directions above!

Please park as far back in the parking lot as you can to allow our guests the premium spots up front.

In addition to the usual fast food restaurants (McD's, Lenny's Subway, BK, Popeye's, Captain D's, Sonic), we have Cracker Barrel, Applebee's, Shoney's, Sicily's (good Italian), and the original Panchos! There are also several good places to eat in Marion, just a few miles north (Colton's Steakhouse, Tacker's Shake Shack, Top's BBQ, as well as other fast food).

If you need lodging, you can choose from La Quinta, Holiday Inn Express, Quality Inn, and Comfort Suites in West Memphis. Less than 5 miles north you'll find the Hampton Inn and Comfort Inn in Marion.

We are looking forward to this opportunity to share the ministry of Arkansas Master'Singers with our church and community. Thank you for your willingness to come and lead us in worship.

Directions - First Baptist - West Memphis



Schedule for the Day

12:30 pm	Check-in and Fellowship
1:00 pm	Separate Rehearsals Women Men
2:15 pm	Break and Refreshments
3:00 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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Tentative Order for the Concert

Greeting	<i>At The Name of Jesus</i>
<i>Oh Give Thanks</i>	<i>How Great is Our God</i>
Welcome	Offertory
Prayer	<i>Amazing Grace</i>
<i>103 (Bless The Lord)</i>	<i>See Him Face to Face</i>
<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>	<i>For God So Loved the World</i>
<i>Behold Our God</i>	<i>He Still Saves</i>
<i>Then Sings My Soul</i>	The Gospel Story
<i>And Can It Be</i>	<i>Breath and Clay</i>
Congregational Worship	<i>All The Praise</i>
<i>I Got Saved</i>	

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Ruth Nininger / Ervin Keathley Award Nominations

This award was established in 2009 to honor a male and female Master'Singer who have made an outstanding contribution to music ministry in Arkansas. The Award will be presented at the Annual Master'Singers Retreat. Please feel free to nominate living or deceased male and female members. All nominees must be in by the final Concert of Worship of the current year. Non-eligible members: **Current directors (Larry Grayson, Carrie Taylor, Tim Gunter), current presidents (Missy Hines or Ken Holland) or past recipients:**

2009 – Jean Pilcher and Tim Blann

2010 – Retha Kilmer and J. Paul Williams

2011 – Janie Thompson and John Dresbach

2012 – Peggy Pearson and Will Thompson

2013 – Donna Crenshaw and Glen Ennes

2014 – Donna Teague and Richard Wade

2015 – Glenda Riddle and Sam Wakefield

2016 – Mary Winters and Bob Endel

2017 – Elizabeth Barnett and Louis Criswell

2018 – Missy Hines and David Tatum

2019 – Vicki Bedford and Lee Barnett

Directions

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received at Woodland Heights. Would you begin praying today for these 82 Master'Singer missionaries? Pray for their health, their preparation, their ability to cover the cost of the mission, and all the details on the home front so that they can be away. Pray for the families that are sending one or two of their family members on mission for 10 days. We are so blessed...so, so blessed...to have this opportunity for all of us...those who are going and those who are staying and praying!

The Nininger/Keathley award is awarded from the Master'Singers each year to one man and one woman who have sacrificially served and been leaders in Master'Singers, in other Arkansas Baptist worship events, and in the worship of the local church. We are accepting nominations at this time for the 2020 recipients. You will find a list of those who have previously received the award in this newsletter as well as the guidelines for nominations. Please submit your nominations to your presidents (Missy Hines and Ken Holland).

I look forward to our split concerts and our final concert of this year in April. I love you and am so grateful to serve alongside you!

In His grip, Larry

Practice tracks for the Ukraine trip are available to download on Dropbox at the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uz5idid1fo4wuqq/AAaijVMJTvHK-B2Uo7XMsVzhja?dl=0>

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Phyllis Darling
Clay Doss
Kasey Earl
Bob Endel
Kayleen Ferguson
Joy Gray-Bounds
Larry Grayson
Judy Hargrove
Cassi Harp
Missy Hines
Ken Holland
Lois Holland
Levan Hubbard
Koletta Hubbel
Paul Huenefeld
Barbara Hulsey
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Kevin Taylor
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Becky Thurman
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Joe Vanlandingham
Peggy Wakefield
Sam Wakefield
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Ken Wheatley
Cyndi Wilkerson
Jerry Williams

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Mission Ukraine April 20 - May 1, 2020



2020 Remaining Events

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

September 17-18, 2020

Annual Master'Singers Retreat
Immanuel Baptist Church
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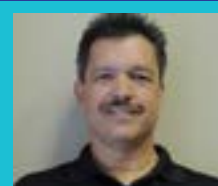
2019-2020 Leadership Team



Larry Grayson
Director



Ken Holland
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1st Vice President



Taylor Keenen
2nd Vice President



Caleb Reynolds
Ten 1 Host



Don Nichols
Ten 2 Host



Josh Junyor
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Robert Inzer
Bass Host



Jeremy Raines
Chaplain



Josh Junyor
Accompanist



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Past President



Tim Gunter
Inst. Ens. Dir.



David Tatum
Communications

Men's Seating Coordinators

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David Gagel

Randy Cross



Carrie Taylor
Director



Missy Hines
President



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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



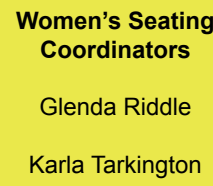
Peggy Pearson
Accompanist



Sharon Sanders
Outfit Coordinator



Elizabeth Barnett
Past President



Women's Seating Coordinators

Glenda Riddle

Karla Tarkington

Amy Golden