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DIRECTIONS

from
Jim Daniel



When my wife, Kay, and I were in college, we sang an anthem with our college choir entitled, "Your Love Compels Me." You may be familiar with the song and its simple message. I catch myself singing that song often. But this morning, as I read through my daily Bible readings, I was reminded of the simple lyrics once again, and how it is that the love of the Savior compels me to offer Him my life daily.

Hebrews 9:11-14 explains to the reader how Jesus is our high priest and how He entered into the presence of His Father, not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood. The author writes that Jesus, "entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleaning of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:12-14)

I stopped to consider what the author of Hebrews was writing and I was prompted to worship my Lord once again for what He accomplished on the cross. Knowing that I am sinful and completely unable to serve the Lord in my sinful state, I rejoiced knowing that Jesus offered Himself as my sacrifice and has cleansed me, preparing me for service to the living God. It is an amazing thing, "My sin not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Oh, my soul!

I am reminded of Jesus' great love and great sacrifice and it causes me to love Him even more. The more we know Him, the more we love Him. And the more we love Him, the more we want to serve Him. It is His love that compels us.

As we prepare to lead a time of worship on March 31st, let's once again be compelled by Jesus' love. We serve Him, not from a sense of duty or guilt, but from a deep sense of love and gratitude. He loves us and has given Himself for us. Let us serve Him with our whole heart as we tell the world of His great love.

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

<https://www.absc.org/the-arkansas-mastersingers-concert-of-worship-registration>

Please click or double click on the link to register your attendance or absence for the Concert of Worship. If you do not receive an email confirmation, you have not completed the registration process.

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



Sounds of Spring

Alice Startup

Women's Chorus President

All creation points to the Creator, giving testimony of Him who created all things! Psalm 18:1-2 tells us, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the skies proclaim His handiwork." The beauty of creation reminds us of who we are, of His power, His love and His promises to us.

Usually, when we consider creation, we focus on what can be seen, but for today we turn our attention to what we hear, because sounds touch our emotions and thoughts differently than how we are touched by what we see. When we close our eyes and patiently listen, it induces deep reflection and quiet thoughts, leading us into the very presence of the Lord!

As spring approaches, nature is filled with the sounds of spring: the chorus of bird songs in the forest, the croak of frogs in wetlands, the harmony of soft rain and rumbling thunder rolling across the hills, the music of a breeze through pine trees, the melody of a gurgling brook as it meanders through a ravine. All of these sounds are a part of spring and speak of the Creator.

On March 31st Master'Singers will meet in Cabot for our next Concert of Worship. We, too, as His creation and are blessed with the opportunity to join our voices, so that we may add to the sounds of spring! As we raise our voices in worship and praise, we call all who hear us to recognize Him as the Creator, so that they too can rejoice with us!

"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth in singing and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

Isaiah 55:12

See you on March 31st in Cabot!
Alice



It's That Time Again!

Darrell Spigner

Men's Chorus President

Well, it was that time on February 24, but God had other plans...snow, ice and sleet! So, now it is time to gather for a Concert of Worship with your Master'Singers friends! Join us Thursday, March 31 at FBC, Cabot. It will be an incredible day together of fellowship and rehearsal! Then at 7:00 pm, we will lead an evening of worship and praise. Make your plans now to be a part. As you travel from the four corners of the state, do so safely. I'll be praying for you! I look forward to seeing you and greeting you personally in a few weeks!

I'd like to share the following thoughts as we prepare for March 31. Mark 14 gives an interesting account on worship. Jesus was eating a meal with some friends when a unnamed woman (John's account identifies her as Mary) entered and broke open a container of expensive perfume then anointed Jesus with it. Some standing by criticized her for "wasting" what could have been sold and the proceeds given to help the poor. Do you remember Jesus' response? He said, "Leave her alone! She's done the proper thing and her act of devotion will be remembered forever." And here we are, still talking about her. Three principles come to mind that have shaped my thoughts. First, WORSHIP IS EXPENSIVE. Just as the woman offered what the Bible says was worth a year's wages, so we need to acknowledge that worship is costly. It cost time, energy, preparation, and effort. Second, WORSHIP IS EXPRESSIVE. While she could have displayed her devotion to Jesus in private (after the meal when everyone was gone), she acted without regard to others' reaction or judgment. We, too, need to worship freely not according to those sitting around us or to public opinion, but according to "His excellent greatness." Third, WORSHIP IS EXALTING. Exalting Jesus, that is. We're in danger these days of worshiping style or even worshiping worship if we're not careful. Jesus must be the object of our devotion, the subject of our praise and the focus of our adoration.

See you March 31!
Darrell

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FIRST BAPTIST: CABOT



Ken Holland
FBC Cabot

"Are we lost? Haven't we seen that tree before?" Well, if all of this feels eerily familiar, that's not without good reason. It was almost exactly 2 years ago that we were supposed to have a final spring concert at FBC Cabot before our mission trip. It was also two years ago when Ukraine was

very much on our minds and hearts. Déjà vu, right? I'm so grateful that we

have this opportunity to circle back and finish something from two years ago.

It's hard to believe that our last concert of worship was at Woodland Heights in Conway on February 13 2020. We all really need this, don't we?!? Especially since this is our one and only opportunity until fall. So, I hope you'll make every possible effort join us on the 31st. FBC Cabot is certainly looking forward to it and welcomes you.

We're not a large town so there's not a lot of well-known franchise restaurants to pick from. However, good eating is to be found. Here are some local options.

Restaurants: Purple Onion, IHOP, Slim Chickens, Fire & Stone, Colton's, Morina's (Italian), Chef Candace, IHOP, China Buffet, Mean Pig (BBQ), Pea Farm Bistro, Cheryl's Diner, Cabot Café, Naru's (sushi)

Mexican Restaurants: El Canaveral, Cocos, Nachos, Guadalajara

Pizza: Pizza Hut, Papa John's, Little Caesars, Domino's, US Pizza, Brick Oven

Coffee: Starbucks, Grinds, Brew Ya Ya,

Fast food: Subway (3), McDonald's (2), Popeyes, Burger King (2), KFC, Hardee's, Taco Bell, Dairy Queen, Waffle House, Arby's, Tropical Smoothie, Zaxby's, Wendy's, David's

Obviously, you can get here from any of the Cabot exits. But the simplest is to get off 67/167 at exit 19 and come east on Main Street (Hwy 89) through several lights until you get to a main intersection, where FBC will be at the corner on your left. Turn left at that corner (2nd St./367) and then left again on Olive Street to circle around to the back/north side of the church. Please park, toward the back end of the lot, where you will see our church vans. That will provides better parking for those who will come to the concert that evening.

CONCERT DRESS

For the Cabot Concert of Worship, our concert dress will

be **ALL BLACK**, like the dress for E-Con.

Ladies, we ask that you limit your jewelry to stud earrings.

By wearing all black, we gain needed time in purchasing outfits for our new ladies. Thank you for helping out!

Schedule for the Day

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| 11:00 am | Leadership Team Meeting |
| 12:30 pm | Check-in and Fellowship |
| 1:30 pm | Separate Rehearsals Mixed Chorus Instrumental Ensemble |
| 3:00 pm | Break and Refreshments |
| 3:30 pm | Combined Rehearsal - Worship Center |
| 5:00 pm | Break to Change and prep for Concert |
| 5:30 pm | Dinner |
| 6:45 pm | Line-up and Prayer |
| 7:00 pm | Concert of Worship |

Music List for the Concert

Instrumental Ensemble

O Praise the Name

Crown Him King! Medley

My Redeemer Lives

Choir Songs

Oh, Give Thanks

103 (Bless the Lord)

It Is Well with My Soul

Behold Our God

Come Thou Fount

Come to Me

All the Praise

See Him Face to Face

For God So Loved the World

He Still Saves

Breath and Clay

Amazing Grace

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Directions



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2022 Events

March 31, 2022

Concert of Worship
First Baptist Church
Cabot

September 15-16, 2022

Annual Master'Singers Retreat
Location TBA



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