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DIRECTIONS

from
Jim Daniel



What an exciting time of the year! Although it has always been a bit sad to see summer end, there has always been a sense of excitement as we see fall approaching. This is especially true as we see the kick-off of a new season of Master'Singers on the horizon.

I hope each of you have saved the date for the upcoming retreat in September. We will be gathering at Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock on Thursday and Friday, September 15th and 16th. I have always looked forward to our Master'Singers retreats as we gather back together in fellowship and as we begin to look at the music for the season. But I am extremely excited to gather back in retreat after missing the past few years. An itinerary for the retreat can be found in this newsletter, along with a reminder to enroll for the coming year.

I have been reminded lately how important it is for each of us to identify our spiritual gifts and to serve the Lord and His church as we utilize those spiritual gifts. The letter that Paul writes to the church in Corinth can also be applied to each of the churches we serve and each ministry we serve through. Master'Singers is one of those ministries. Although not a local church, Master'Singers is an excellent way to serve the Lord and His church.

Master'Singers is composed of individuals who bind together, utilizing different spiritual gifts and talents. As the Apostle Paul would say, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work" (1 Corinthians 12:4-6). We are each a part of this body. Let it never be said that each voice is not important. When one of us hurts, we all hurt. When one of us rejoices, we all rejoice. When one of us is missing, we all suffer. What a privilege we have as we serve the Lord together through the ministry of Master'Singers... and what a responsibility we have as well.

One of the most intimidating things I do in this new role with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is stand before you to lead this great group of worship leaders and musicians. It is one of my most favorite, but most intimidating tasks. But what terrifies me even more

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Click [HERE](#) to
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Please click or double click on the link to register your attendance or absence for the Retreat. If you do not receive an email confirmation, you have not completed the registration process.

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



Let Everything That Has Breath

Alice Startup

Women's Chorus President

It has been two and a half years since we have had a full calendar for Master'Singers and our retreat can't come quickly enough! Oh, how we have missed each other, our fellowship and laughter, but mostly the incredible music we share together!

Last week, I came across a post by Sandra Thurman Caporale that brought Master'Singers to mind. You may have already read her message or listened to a TikTok video by a young woman reading Caporale's post, but by considering the concepts she puts forth, our ministry through Master'Singers may be even more meaningful!

Most of us know that at the burning bush, Moses asked God to reveal His name and God said His name is YHWH. We also understand that YHWH means life or breath, and that in Genesis 2:7 scripture tells us that God "breathed the breath of life into us." But without the vowels we added to form the name Yahweh, have you ever considered that, when we inhale and exhale a breath, it sounds like we are saying YHWH?

Caporale's hypothesis is that with every breath, we are speaking the name of God, with a baby's first breath, a sigh or a groan, we are giving our God constant acknowledgment and praise all the way to our very last breath!

So with every breath we take, whether singing, blowing a trumpet, taking a breath as one plays a timpani, we are offering praise to the Lord! As we begin our new year with Master'Singers may we remember, as Psalm 150 instructs us to ...

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in His sanctuary;

praise Him in His mighty heavens.

Praise Him for His acts of power;

praise Him for His surpassing greatness.

Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise Him with the harp and lyre,

praise Him with the timbrel and dancing,

praise Him with the strings and pipes,

praise Him with the clash of cymbals,

praise Him with the resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord

Praise the Lord!

See you September 15th & 16th! Alice

Welcome Back!!!

Darrell Spigner

Men's Chorus President



It's a delight to say, "Welcome back!" Master'Singers to Fall Retreat after three years! I'm excited to see those of you who I know and to meet those who I do not know yet but will soon as we return to retreat, rehearsals, and concerts of worship in 2022-23. Under the direction of Jim Daniel, this will be an amazing retreat! Would you join me in praying for everyone who will be participating during these two days (September 15-16)? I will see you in just a few weeks!

A thought about Worship: In Nehemiah 8, Nehemiah has just finished restoring the wall in the city of Jerusalem. To coincide with that, there is a dedication process going on and the people have discovered the book of the law amidst great joy. Then, it happens! Ezra opened the book in sight of all the people and he blesses the Lord. In response the crowd stands, and all the people answer, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting their hands. There it is: lifting holy hands without wrath and doubting. David talked about the raising of hands. Paul also spoke of these words. And now, as the dedication is taking place, we see it happening again. This comes directly from Nehemiah 8:6, Then Ezra praised the Lord, the great God, and all the people chanted, "Amen! Amen!" as they lifted their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. (NLT) That's yet another picture of how to worship, to bow before the Lord. To worship is to give deference, to give respect to the Lord, whether you're alone, at a dedication ceremony, or in a meeting with 5,000 people. When you get to a place of worship and you bow before the Lord and say "amen" to the will of God, amazing things happen. It will become a place of worship, communion, and adoration before the Lord. I'm praying for amazing things to happen September 15-16 and this year as we worship together!

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please contact Shelly Chandler
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ANNUAL RETREAT: IMMANUEL BAPTIST LR

Arkansas Master'Singers Retreat

September 15-16, 2022

**Immanuel Baptist Church
Little Rock**

Planning Center Online Training

12:15 pm - Thursday

For iPads AND Androids, please download the Planning Center Music Stand App.



If you have any questions or need help before the retreat, please contact David Tatum
dtatum@fbcsherwood.org (501) 766-3158

Schedule for Thursday, September 15

- 10:00 am Leadership Team Meeting & Lunch
- 12:15 pm Check-In/Registration & Photos
- 12:15 pm Planning Center Training (See info to the right)
- 1:00 pm Opening Session - Choir Room
- 1:30 pm Combined Chorus Rehearsal
Orchestra Rehearsal
- 3:00 pm Fellowship Break
- 4:00 pm Separate Ensemble Rehearsals
Ladies - Choir Room
Men - Chapel
- 5:45 pm Dinner & Fellowship
- 6:45 pm Combined Chorus Rehearsal
Orchestra Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Fellowship & Refreshments

Schedule for Friday, September 16

- 8:30 am Worship & Devotions
Ladies - Choir Room
Men - Chapel
- 8:45 am Separate Rehearsals
Ladies - Choir Room
Men - Chapel
- 9:30 am Fellowship Break
- 10:30 am Business Meeting
- 11:00 am Combined Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 12:30 pm Retreat Concludes

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is the great responsibility I have been given as a steward of such a great resource for the Gospel. Each one of you are spiritually gifted individuals given to this ministry and state as a wonderful resources for the Gospel. It is a daunting thought that we will be held accountable to the Lord for how we use this resource for His Kingdom.

So, please join me in prayer as we consider all the Lord would do through this ministry in the coming year. Prayerfully consider how He would have you implement your spiritual gifts through the life of this ministry. Let us join together at each event with anticipation that the Lord is going to do something far beyond what we can ever think or imagine as we surrender ourselves to Him.

I am excited to begin this new season. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful ministry. May God bring Himself much glory as we obediently offer our gifts and talents back to Him.

Blessings - Jim

Tentative Music List for Retreat

Combined Chorus

103 (Bless the Lord)
All the Praise
Behold Our God
Breath and Clay
Come to Me
It is Well
O Give Thanks
In the Beginning
At the Name of Jesus (SATB)
Psalm 46
Soon and Very Soon
Be Thou My Vision
I Speak Jesus
I Will Rejoice
Thank You Jesus for the Blood
An Expression of Gratitude

Men's Chorus

At the Name of Jesus (TTBB)
Higher Ground
The Old Rugged Cross

Women's Chorus

Ascribe to the Lord
Psalm 23
I'll Fly Away
My Jesus, I Love Thee

**Concert Publicity
is coming soon!**

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Directions



NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW...



Welcome to Planning Center Online



We are so excited to introduce Planning Center Online (PCO) to you this year. We will utilize PCO for all of our concert scheduling and registrations as well as storing and sharing all our music charts and recordings for the year. PCO is an incredibly powerful tool that will enable us to share information more readily.

Registering for Concerts of Worship and other Events

For each event, everyone will receive a scheduling request via email. At the bottom of that email are two links, one to “Accept” and one to “Decline” the request from PCO. If you plan on attending the concert/event, please accept the request, and if you cannot attend, please decline the request. When you “Accept,” you are counted for two very important reasons: the Meal before the concert and to let us know how many are coming in each section and the orchestra. By doing so, the host church can best prepare for our arrival. The deadline for being included in the meal count is by NOON on the Monday BEFORE the event. Please help us help our hosts by replying promptly.

Scheduling emails are sent out from PCO two weeks prior to the concert. If you are NOT receiving these email requests, please do the following: 1) check your junk/spam folder as these emails may end up there, 2) log in to PCO and ensure that you are checking the right email account, 3) if neither of the two previous options help, contact Shelly Chandler at the ABSC for assistance. schandler@absc.org

Acquiring Music Files

Music charts and recordings will no longer be available on the Master’Singers website. All of these tasks will now be included in your PCO account. To view the files, you must go to the “SERVICE” (concert) in which you are scheduled to sing/play.

Once you accept your invitation, if you are viewing the service on your computer (not your smart phone or tablet), select the service in the “PLANS” tab at the top. On the right hand side of each song in the order of service, select the gray box with the number in it to access each song’s files.

Music Stand App

If you have a tablet you can use PCO’s Music stand App. It is available for free in the App Stores for free for both Apple and Android devices. To access the music for each concert/service, simply log in to Music Stand with your PCO credentials (see below). You can then navigate to the particular Service (concert) and your music will be in order and ready for you to view. This works with both singers and instrumentalists.

Forgot Your Login?

If you have forgotten your PCO login, simply click the “Need a password?” link on the PCO login page. Enter the email address that you use to log in, and PCO will send you a password reset email.

Updating Your Information

Be sure to take some time to update your contact information in PCO so that our database is correct.

1. Log in to PCO and click your name in the upper right portion of the screen and select “Profile”
2. Once you are in the profile section, click “Edit” next to your name and enter any updated info.
3. Click “Save”
4. If you do not have a profile picture, click on the silhouette next to your name and upload one.



2022 - 2023 Events

September 15-16, 2022

Annual Master'Singers Retreat
Immanuel Baptist, LR

October 13, 2022

Concert of Worship, TBA

October 25, 2022

ABSC Annual Meeting
FBC, Hot Springs

January 23, 2023

ABSC Evangelsim Conference
Geyer Springs FBC, LR

February 23, 2023

Concert of Worship, TBA

March 16, 2023

Concert of Worship
FBC, Russellville

April 13, 2023

Concert of Worship
SEARK, Monticello



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2022-2023 Leadership Team



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Director



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President



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Jerry Miller
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Alto 2 Host



Janie Thompson
Chaplain



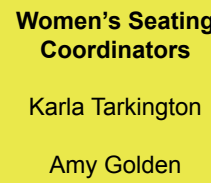
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