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*Master Singers*

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OBU CONCERT OF WORSHIP  
AND  
ABSC ANNUAL MEETING**

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# DIRECTIONS

from  
Jim Daniel



What a wonderful time we had at the retreat on September 15 and 16. It is always so good to be back with so many friends and co-laborers for the Gospel. I was encouraged as we gathered and sang the powerful truths of God's Word. My prayer is that each time we gather that we would intentionally "encourage one another and build one another up..." (1 Thessalonians 5:11). I left the retreat built up and ready to march on in ministry for the Gospel. I hope you did as well.

It is a healthy thing to consistently re-evaluate the purpose of anything we do which requires our time and our resources. I have had the opportunity to do that in many aspects of my life recently. I shared at the retreat a small piece of that re-evaluation process as we discussed the purpose of Master'Singers. We are asked in many ways, but the question can be boiled down to this, "Why do we do what we do?" Why would we carve out an entire day, several times a year, and pay our own expenses to travel, gather, work hard on music throughout the day, and then labor for over an hour to present what we have worked on? Here are a couple of thoughts the Lord has brought to my heart and mind:

1. To be a good steward of our God-given resources. Each has been given a talent by the Lord, of which we will be held accountable. We should be finding effective ways to invest that talent for His glory and purposes. Master'Singers gives us that opportunity to invest the talent in a Gospel proclamation effort.
2. To build one another up in the admonition of the Lord. As previously stated, when we gather in fellowship and service, we are encouraged, challenged, and over all built up as the body of Christ. We should leave each gathering physically exhausted but spiritually revived to continue the work.
3. To share the Gospel, both in word and deed, as representatives of the Lord we serve and the powerful work of the Spirit in our lives as redeemed children of God. The music we present should be biblically sound and accurate. It should not just be what we sing, it should be what we live.

I could go on and on with my list, and I know you could add your reasons to it as well. But I realize for all of us it comes down to obedience and a willingness to serve. We want to be pleasing to our Savior. We want to hear Him say, "Well done, you good and faithful servant." May we gather, fellowship, and proclaim the Gospel with that as our heart. May we continue the work He has called us to, as we observed in Isaiah 61:1-4. He is worthy!

# PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



## *The Gift of Music*

Cheri Cloud

Women's Chorus 1st Vice President

Music moves my soul. It is an emotional thing for me. It is a gift from God that sometimes makes me smile with pure joy for the blessings that I experience; sometimes makes me want to shout with jubilation and excitement for the freedom that God has given me; sometimes makes me cry tears of sheer, heartfelt gratitude for the mercy and peace He has shown me; sometimes makes me melancholy with sweet memories of times past or of loved ones who have gone on before me to be with Him. Sometimes, music just makes me want to dance! Music at its best teaches the Gospel; lifts our spirits to the heavenly heights, but most of all, exalts and magnifies our God. Colossians 3:16 says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God." I am thankful for music, but mostly for my God who created it. I am thankful for a voice to sing. I am thankful for the opportunity to sing with my MasterSingers brothers and sisters who love God and music as much as I do. I am thankful to sing His praises!

As we move into October with two opportunities to present the Gospel in song, I am reminded that God has called me to labor in His field. What a wonderful way to accomplish His command! Our first opportunity is at Ouachita Baptist University where we will sing of the love of God not only to students, but also to members of the community, some of whom may not have ever heard the Gospel story. Then later in the month, at the State Convention's Annual meeting in Hot Springs, we have the opportunity to uplift and encourage our pastors and church staff members and their families. TO HIM BE ALL THE GLORY!!

Cheri



## *Here We Go!*

Darrell Spigner

Men's Chorus President

It's so exciting to be back in the "swing of things." I look forward to seeing you on the campus of Ouachita Baptist University for our first concert of worship after an incredible retreat! I hope you will be able to join us Thursday, Oct. 13 for great day of fellowship, music, and worship. Then, make plans to be a part of the ABSC Annual Meeting at FBC, Hot Springs as we lead in worship during the evening session on Tuesday, Oct. 25. Be sure to check in for both events on Planning Center. See you in a couple of weeks!

I know you realize how music helps us in worship. I sometimes need a reminder and I hope this encourages you as we gather this month. Music helps us in worship in at least four ways.

1. Music Focuses. The essential role of worship music is to help us focus on God.
2. Music Unites. Through music, worshippers draw together to exalt God. We come as individuals, but music forms us into community.
3. Music Inspires. Through music, worship touches the heart as well as the mind. Enthusiasm defeats exhaustion as we praise Him.
4. Music Prepares Us. As worshipers focus on God, we are readied to hear and respond obediently. Someone has said, "Music opens the heart, God's Word fills it."

Come prepared to worship the Lord as we gather this month!

Darrell



# OUACHITA BAPTIST: ARKADELPHIA



**Larry Grayson**  
Dir of Worship Studies

Greetings, Master'Singer friends!

I'm so honored to welcome you to Ouachita for the first Concert of Worship for this season! I am so excited to have my Arkansas Baptist State Convention World and my Ouachita World collide! ☺ I can't wait for you to meet my Worship Studies students as well as other School of Music students and share worship with them. I can't wait for you to bless our campus

with your music. Dr. Josh Brown (director of choral activities) and I are so excited and honored to have Ouachita Singers and my Worship Studies Students join you to sing *Psalm 103* and *All The Praise*. Thank you, Jim!

As our student enrollment continues to grow, parking can be difficult on a daily basis. In talking with Jim and David Tatum, we are asking, if possible, that you park at First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia (2 blocks from campus). You'll see on the map that there are several lots at FBC. If the lot closest to the campus fills up, use the lots on the other side. David has offered to have a people mover running shuttle between First Baptist and Walker Conference Center, but on a beautiful day, it is a nice and easy walk! We can block off parking around Walker Conference Center, but that will only provide about 20 spaces.

Looking for a place for lunch? At Exit 73, there are several fast-food restaurants (Chicken Express, Taco Bell, etc.,) but you might enjoy Hamburger Barn or Golden Wok as well. At Exit 78 (Caddo Valley), you will have access to Flying Burger and Seafood, Cracker Barrel, Fat Boys, Los Agaves. Closer to campus, you will have access to Java Primo (very small), Slim and Shorty's, and El Parian.

Leadership Team, you will meet in the Alumni Room in the Commons (campus dining). You will enjoy the same cuisine that we enjoy every day ☺...a choice of a main menu line, an international menu line, and there is always pizza, hamburgers, salad bar and sandwiches.

Ladies will be able to change clothes in the JPAC dressing and make-up rooms. Men will be provided classroom space in the connecting Verser building for changing clothes.

Please feel free to send me any questions concerning campus access and locations prior to your campus arrival. [graysonl@obu.edu](mailto:graysonl@obu.edu). I'm praying for a great day and honored to get to sing with you!

**Planning Center Invitations for the OBU Concert of Worship have been sent. Please check your email, or the Services App/Website and respond. Thank you for your prompt response!**

## Schedule for the Day

10:30 am	Leadership Team - Alumni Room (Commons)
12:30 pm	Check-in and Fellowship - Walker Atrium
1:00 pm	Choral Rehearsal - Walker C Instrumental Ensemble - JPAC
2:30 pm	Break and Refreshments - Walker A
3:00 pm	Choral Rehearsal - Walker C Instrumental Ensemble - JPAC
4:15 pm	Sound Check - JPAC
5:15 pm	Fellowship Meal - Commons
6:30 pm	Gather for prayer and prep
7:00 pm	Concert of Worship - JPAC

## Tentative Music List for the Concert

### Instrumental Ensemble

*Living Hope*  
*We Believe*  
*Who You Say I Am*  
*10,000 Reasons*  
*Is He Worthy*

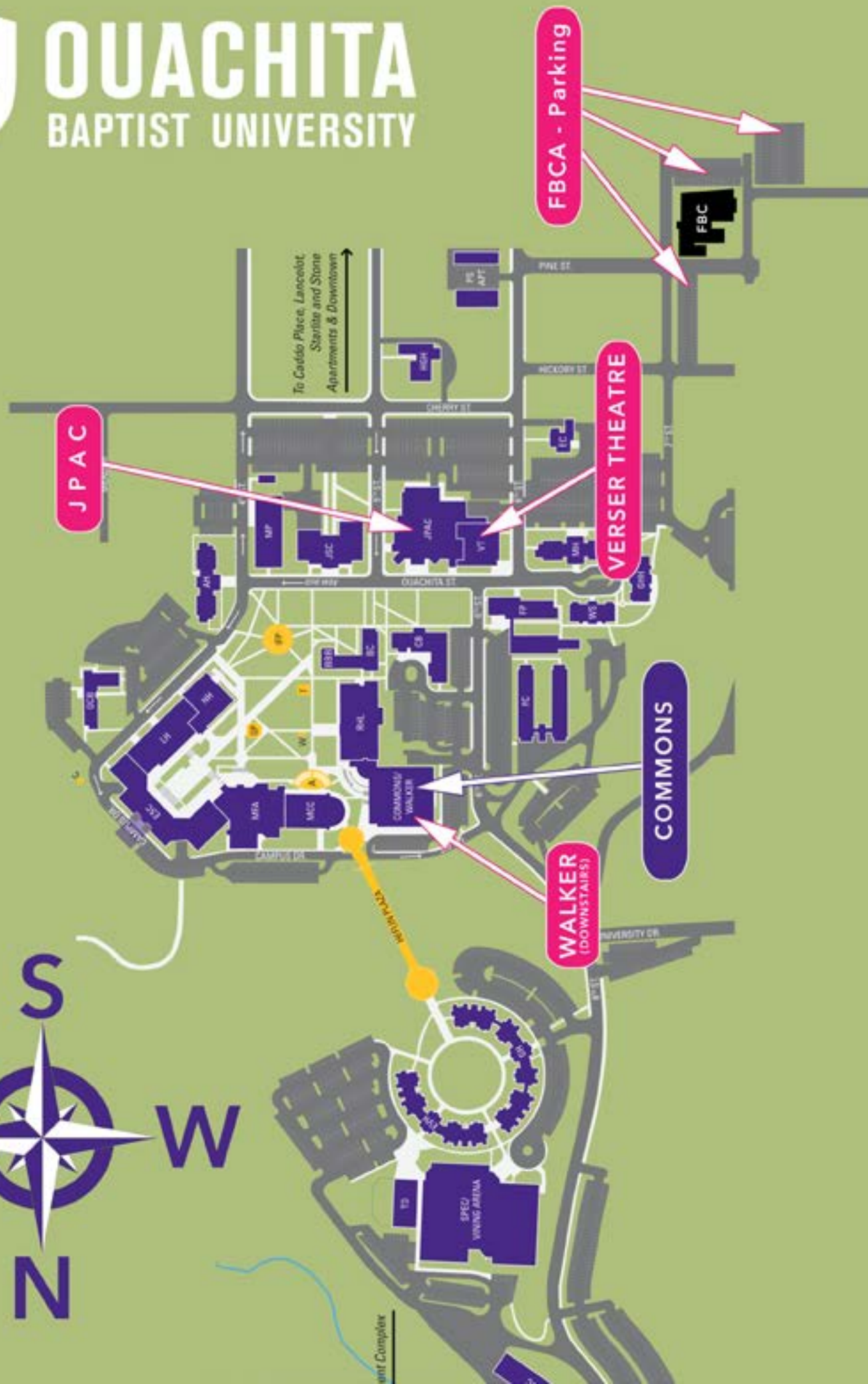
### Chorus Songs

<i>Oh Give Thanks</i>	<i>I Speak Jesus</i>
<i>Behold Our God</i>	<i>Thank You Jesus for the Blood</i>
<i>Come to Me</i>	<i>Breath and Clay</i>
<i>It Is Well</i>	<i>Hymn of Heaven</i>
<i>At the Name of Jesus</i>	<i>103 (Bless the Lord)</i>
<i>Psalm 46</i>	<i>All the Praise</i>
<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	

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## Directions





# ABSC ANNUAL MEETING: FBC HOT SPRINGS

## Schedule for the Day

12:30 pm Check-in **HOT SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**144 Weston Rd, Hot Springs**

Please note that our afternoon rehearsals are at Hot Springs Baptist Church, **NOT** First Baptist Hot Springs (where the Annual Meeting is being hosted)

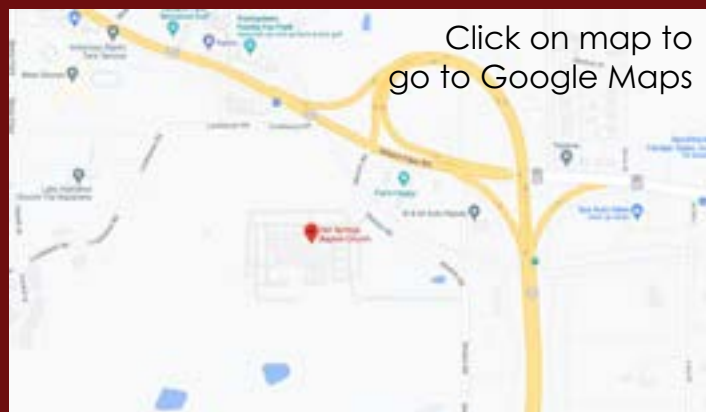
1:30 pm Rehearsals at Hot Springs Baptist

4:00 pm Move to **FBC Hot Springs**  
**2350 Central Ave, Hot Springs**  
Eat Dinner, Change, Sound Check

6:00 pm Evening Session/Concert

## Directions

### REHEARSAL HOT SPRINGS BAPTIST



### CONCERT FBC HOT SPRINGS



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*Hymn of Heaven*  
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*All the Praise*

## CONCERT DRESS

For both the OBU Concert of Worship and the ABSC ANNUAL MEETING, we will wear our normal concert attire:

Ladies: Concert Outfit

Men: Mid-gray Slacks, Black Blazer, M'S Tie (see pic),  
Black shoes.

Master's Singers Tie





# 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 David Tatum for assistance [dtatum@fbcsherwood.org](mailto:dtatum@fbcsherwood.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. You can also use the Music Stand App (see instructions below) to view and play the files on your tablet/phone.

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. For those using a tablet running Windows, it is possible to download Music Stand to your tablet by using an Android emulator. Please check out this link that will describe the process for you: <https://appsplayground.com/planning-center-music-stand-pc/>

### 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. We will be adding the profile pictures taken at the retreats/concerts this year. Please be patient as we edit and upload the pictures. Special thanks to Sam Wakefield for all his work in taking and editing the photos. Sam, you’re the best!!

SAVE THE DATE....

click for more information

# PRAIZFEST

January 27-28, 2023 | First Baptist Church in Benton

[ABSC.ORG/PRAIZFEST](http://ABSC.ORG/PRAIZFEST)

**Arkansas**  
BAPTISTS



July 10 - 14, 2023  
Ouachita Baptist University







## 2022 - 2023 Events

**October 13, 2022**

Ouachita Baptist University  
Jones Performing Arts Center

**October 25, 2022**

ABSC Annual Meeting  
FBC, Hot Springs

**January 23, 2023**

ABSC Evangelsim Conference  
Geyer Springs FBC, LR

**February 23, 2023**

**Split Concerts of Worship**  
FBC Fort Smith &  
FBC Searcy

**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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**Jeremy Raines**  
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**Bruce Rodnick**  
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