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# DIRECTIONS

from  
Jim Daniel



It is a new year, and I am praying it has been a great start for each of you. I am always amazed at how quickly one year comes and goes. We have so many events and special occasions on our calendars which seem to come and go in the blink of an eye. But there is one event that we all long for, the coming of our Lord. With each breath I take I feel the growing anticipation of His return. This anticipation causes me to reevaluate my life and ministry and to prioritize what I truly believe is most important. I long to be a good steward of the resources He has entrusted to me as I await His return. As I have prayerfully considered these things, I believe the Lord has reminded me of some simple truths that I want to share with you as we prepare to serve together in the coming year.

We have been given a simple, yet humanly impossible command to follow. Matthew records the words of Jesus in his gospel, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20). This command encompasses all aspects of our ministry. We are to go carrying the great news of forgiveness, mercy, and love of Jesus which leads to salvation (Evangelism). We are to teach everything that we have been taught (Discipleship). The ministry of Master'Singers does just that. Each time we sing and lead together we encourage believers with the truth of God's Word and we share the Gospel with the lost.

As we begin to navigate through 2023, let's continue to encourage one another with the simplicity of our commission and as the writer of Hebrews writes, "Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24-25). Let's strive together to carry the message of the Gospel to the lost as it also encourages the believer, faithfully serving the Lord together in the light of His imminent return.

Singing His Praise!  
Jim

**Register to Attend the  
E-Con**

Please watch your email for a PCO invitation to E-Con. Or you can simply log in to PCO and ACCEPT or DECLINE.

# PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



## Gratitude & Praise

Alice Startup

Women's Chorus President

When all is going well, it is so easy for us to be grateful and live in gratitude. However, in the day-in, day-out, ordinary times we often take God's providence for granted and when difficulties arise, being thankful is so very difficult. But much can be gained when we face difficulties with thanksgiving and praise. Charles Spurgeon said "...the good that I received from my sorrows and pains and griefs is all together incalculable!" But how do we do that in the face of sometimes heartbreaking hardships? . . . by offering up praise to Him.

Praise is a statement of faith and an expression of gratitude. Praise acknowledges that He is unchanging and permanent. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells us to "...give thanks in all circumstances" and in Philippians 4:6, we are encouraged to "let our request be made known with thanksgiving." That is not an easy task, but it is the way to grow in our faith and in our walk with the Lord.

In doing so, we learn to "walk by faith and not by sight." (2 Cor.5:7) We take our eyes off of the temporal and focus on the eternal (2 Cor. 4:18). When we "...take delight in the Lord" (Psalm 37:4), our hearts change and His desires become our desires (Matt. 6:21). We acknowledge that His Holy Spirit indwells us and seals and guarantees our salvation (2 Cor. 5:5). We fully embrace that we are His heirs, adopted into the family of God and are His children (Ephes. 1:5). We "...rejoice because our names are written in heaven," (Luke 10:20) and as a result we are granted "... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Gal. 5:22-23).

So as we gather at the Evangelism Conference on January 23, regardless of our circumstances, let us come together to offer praise and gratitude to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before Him with thanksgiving  
and extol Him with music and song.  
For the LORD is the great God,  
the King above all gods. (Psalm 95:1-2)*

In His love,  
Alice

## Happy New Year

Darrell Spigner

Men's Chorus President



Greetings and Happy New Year! I'm excited to gather with you once again at the ABSC Evangelism Conference. I hope you have already made plans to attend the conference and participate in Master Singers as we lead worship on Monday evening. I think of the songs we will sing and how they are based on the Word of God, but I'm particularly drawn to the songs that are taken directly from the scriptures. These songs help us memorize the Word of God. I wanted to share a brief thought about that.

The scripture says, "Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts." (Colossians 3:16)

By reading this passage, I am reminded of how important it is to make sure our worship is saturated with God's Word. And singing God's Word does a few important things for us. First, we know we are singing the truth. We must be sure that His Word is driving our worship. Second, we are hiding His Word in our hearts. Research has shown that singing is a great way to learn information. We tend to remember the things we sing. Singing the Word helps it take root in our hearts and minds. Third, we encourage our brothers and sisters in the faith. The verse says, "teach and counsel each other." Both are necessary as we seek to help one another grow in Christ. Paul tells us to do that through singing! I encourage you to let the message of Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives as you sing!

I'll see you Monday, January 23!

## CONCERT DRESS

For E-Con, we will wear:

# SOLID BLACK

# ABSC E-CONFERENCE: GEYER SPRINGS FBC

## Schedule for the Day - Monday, January 23

- 1:30 pm Split Rehearsals  
Ladies: Choir Room  
Men: Middle School Auditorium
- 3:00 pm Combined Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Sound Check in Worship Center
- 5:30 pm Dinner (provided) in Playroom A

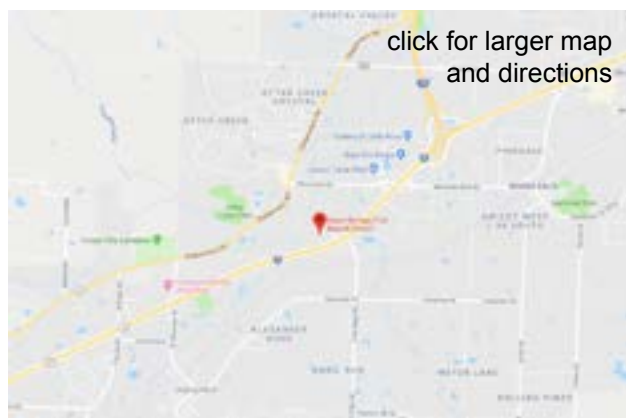
### Concert Attire: **SOLID BLACK**

- 6:30 pm Convene in Choir Room to line up  
Orchestra in Worship Center
- 6:45 pm Orchestra Prelude / Choir enters Loft

## Tentative Service Schedule (times subject to change)

- 7:00 pm Worship (Cross Church with MS)
- 7:05 pm Welcome
- 7:10 pm Worship (Cross Church with MS)
- 7:20 pm Impact of Personal Evangelism
- 7:40 pm Worship (Master'Singers)
- 8:00 pm Message (Ed Newton)
- Closing Song (Master'Singers)

## Directions



## Tentative Master'Singer Songs

*Hymn of Heaven*  
*Thank You Jesus for the Blood*  
*I Speak Jesus*  
*At the Name of Jesus (SATB)*  
*Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)*

Worship songs we will sing with Cross Church TBA

Instrumental Music TBA

You will find all the music for E-Con on Planning Center soon.

Click [HERE](#) for  
Concert of Worship Publicity

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ucrchqeoqv943u/AADLomOnP2k3\\_RvIME3LcFga?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ucrchqeoqv943u/AADLomOnP2k3_RvIME3LcFga?dl=0)



Worship Leader Luncheon  
at Evangelism Conference  
Tuesday, January 24 at Noon  
Guest Speaker: John Bolin  
Pastor of Worship Ministries  
Kingsland Baptist Church

John has created an atmosphere for healthy and effective intergenerational worship at Kingsland Baptist Church. He has arranged music for multigenerational choirs for the church. John will share great insights with worship pastors. Join us!

John will also stay and lead a Music Reading Session for Semsan Music following Lunch. Register for the Lunch [HERE](#).

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# NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW....

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



# 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.

### **What if I already have a PCO account with my church?**

If you have a current PCO account with your church, you can link the two accounts. Linking will make switching back and forth between multiple organizations very easy (without having to log out and back in). To do so, you must be using the same email account for all organizations. Then, simply log out and back in. Then click "Link Accounts." You can also access Music Stand for multiple organizations after linking the accounts. Simply click the three lines icon on the top left of your screen, click your name when it pops up at the top, then select which organization (church or Master'Singers) you wish to access! If you need help, please contact David!

### **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.

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 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.





## 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 Evangelism 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



**Jim Daniel**  
Director



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President



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1st Vice President



**Jeremy Raines**  
2nd Vice President



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Ten 1 Host



**Brian Trostle**  
Ten 2 Host



**Bruce Rodnick**  
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**Jerry Miller**  
Bass Host



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Alto 2 Host



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Chaplain



**Peggy Pearson**  
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