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A Newsletter for the ARKANSAS

Master Singers



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The Arkansas Master'Singers exist as a fellowship of believers to proclaim the majesty and love of Almighty God, to share the gospel message of Jesus Christ, and to provide the encouragement of the Holy Spirit through the medium of music.

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DIRECTIONS

from
Jim Daniel



As a church musician, one of my favorite stories in the Bible is found in 2 Chronicles 20:20-23. I am sure you know the story well, but it served as a reminder to me just this week and I wanted to remind you of the importance of what we do as Master'Singers. As Jehoshaphat prepared to go against the enemy of the children of Israel, he summoned all the singers together and had them march before the army. Verse 22 records that as the singers began singing and praising, the Lord set ambushes, and the enemy destroyed one another. There is power in praise! When we faithfully sing the wondrous story, God inhabits that praise and accomplishes things that only He can do, and sometimes things that only He can see. Don't ever believe the lie of the devil that our faithful service and sacrificial giving of our gifts and talents are ineffective. God often works through those moments in ways that we can see His hand, but more often than not, He is doing far more than we can imagine.

Thank you for the time and effort you put into leading the Monday night worship service at the Evangelism Conference. It is always humbling as I stand back and watch what the Spirit of the Lord does through each of you and through the ministry of Master'Singers. You are used in powerful ways to encourage and build up one another through times of fellowship and service. You carry one another's burdens well. The Spirit also uses your obedient hearts as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus over those in attendance at the events. You are faithful servants of the Gospel, and it continues to be a privilege to serve alongside each of you.

I am looking forward to what the Lord does through you as we offer two simultaneous concerts on Thursday, February 23. The two locations are First Baptist Church Searcy and First Baptist Church Fort Smith. You will receive an invitation to both concerts. Please accept one location and decline the other. If you are unable to attend either location, please decline both. Also, thank you for your flexibility and willingness to serve where needed. There may be some we need to ask to serve in a specific location as we balance the two choirs. Your servant heart is always a blessing.

Click [HERE](#) to
go to PCO to
Accept/Decline your invite

Please watch your email for the TWO PCO invitations (one to Ft. Smith and the other to Searcy). Please ACCEPT the one you wish to attend and DECLINE the other. Please do not accept both.

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



He Will Rejoice Over You with Singing

Alice Startup

Women's Chorus President

February 23rd is fast approaching for our split concerts at FBC Fort Smith and FBC Searcy. Because it is a split concert, it is especially imperative that we know our music, but even more important that our hearts are prepared to offer worship and praise to the Lord and share the good news to each person that is present.

The 3rd chapter of Zephaniah gives us a perfect illustration of His mercy and restoration; that which makes our hearts worthy.

The first section of this chapter details how we rebelled against God; (v.1), that we do not accept correction, we do not trust the Lord and we do not draw near to Him (v. 2), that we are haughty (v.11).

But when we seek refuge in His name (v.12), when we serve Him with one accord (v. 9) and bring Him our offerings (v.10), THEN He will change our shame into praise (v.19), He will remove His judgment from us (v.15), He will quiet us with His love (v. 17) and He will REJOICE AND SING OVER US (v.17)!

I pray that on the 23rd as we sing praise to Him, that He will take delight in what we do and that He will rejoice and sing over us!

*The Lord is in your midst,
The Mighty One will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will quiet you with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing!*
Zephaniah 3:17



Servant Leadership

Darrell Spigner

Men's Chorus President

"Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." – Matthew 20:26-28

Leadership is a critical characteristic of every believer who wants to follow God's divine plan for their life. If you are a follower of the Lord Jesus, God's desire is to bring people to Himself through you. He blesses you so you can be a blessing to others. And one of the ways you can shine the light of Jesus Christ is through your leadership as a believer. Not everyone is called to lead a company, a church, or a community. But every child of God is called to exhibit leadership in their life, positively impacting and influencing others through the example you set and your character. This means you display integrity regardless of personal cost. It means you exhibit humility, even when you could take the credit. It means taking responsible risks without being reckless. And it means giving your time, talents, and the resources God has blessed you with for His Kingdom purposes.

I want to encourage you to exhibit servant leadership as you choose and serve the Lord through Master'Singers at one of the two venues for our split night of worship. Join me in praying for each place where people will gather to hear the Gospel through the songs we will be singing!

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SPLIT CONCERTS OF WORSHIP



Keith Clutts
Interim Worship
Pastor
First Baptist
Fort Smith

As the interim at First Fort Smith, let me invite you to the western edge of the state! Fort Smith sits on the Arkansas/Oklahoma border and is the gateway to The West. It may be a long drive for some of you, but I certainly hope you will make the effort. First Baptist is in the process of looking for a worship pastor. This church family will certainly welcome you and be excited about your ministry to our church and city on February 23!

If you are coming from south of the Fort, you'll enter the city on Highway 71. Take I-540 North to the Grand Avenue exit (exit 6). Turn left (west) on Grand Avenue. First Baptist will be 3 miles on your left. Coming from the west or north? Take I-40 West. Take Exit 7 into I-540 South. Exit onto Grand Avenue (exit 6) and turn right (west). Use the parking lot on the west side of the Sanctuary.

I'm sure your map apps will direct you to all kinds of eating establishments in the city. A few you might like to try are George's (a local burger/fries diner) 2120 Grand Avenue, Bricktown Brewery, downtown at 318 Garrison Avenue, Calico County, just off of Rogers Avenue at 2401 South 56th Street. You'll find the usual TGI Fridays, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili's, Olive Garden, etc. on Rogers Avenue just east of I-540.

If you are needing overnight lodging, you'll find Hampton Inn, Comfort Inn, Holiday Inn Express, and other known chains in the Rogers Avenue area east of I-540.

Thank you for coming to Fort Smith. First Baptist of Fort Smith has a strong musical heritage and they will appreciate your ministry in a great way!

Directions - First Baptist - Fort Smith



Taylor Keenan
Minister of Mu-
sic & Worship
First Baptist
Searcy

Hello friends! We are excited to have you in Searcy again! Well some of you at least. As we are preparing to host our part of the group for these split concerts, we also will be in fervent prayer for the group ministering in Fort Smith. May Christ be magnified, made much of, and draw people to Himself through these concerts of worship!

For those of you coming this way, our church is located at 105 S. Spring Street.

However, you will park in the parking lot on the west side of our campus off of Spruce street. It would probably be best, if you were able, to park towards the back of that lot to leave the closer spots for those attending the concert later that night. Check in will be through the entrance under the drive thru canopy there on Spruce Street.

There are a number of great places to eat in Searcy if you arrive early for lunch. In addition to typical fast food places (McDonalds, Burger King, Tropical Smoothie Cafe, Slim Chickens, etc.), there are several local places close to the church I would highly recommend; Burrito Day, Chit Chat & Chew Cafe, and Greek House are a few of my favorites.

You also have several options for over night stays with the Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Express, La Quinta Inn, Best Western Plus, and others.

If I can be of any assistance in your planning and travels please do not hesitate to call the church at (501) 268-3561 or my cell at (479) 719-9102. We'll see you all soon!

Taylor

Directions - First Baptist - Searcy



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

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. Give your nominations to your presidents (Alice Startup or Darrell Spigner). All nominees must be in by the final Concert of Worship of the current year. Non-eligible members: **Current directors (Jim Daniel, Angela White, or Tim Gunter), current presidents (Alice Startup or Darrell Spigner) 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

2020 – Carrie Taylor and Doug Moore

2021 – Shelia Moore and Larry Grayson

2022 – Sharon Sanders and Jerry Miller

Tentative Order for the Concert

Greeting

Oh Give Thanks

Behold Our God

It Is Well

At the Name of Jesus (SATB)

Psalms 46

Women's Chorus

Psalms 23

Ascribe to the Lord

Offertory Explanation & Prayer

Men's Chorus

The Old Rugged Cross

At the Name of Jesus

Breath and Clay

I Speak Jesus

Thank You Jesus for the Blood

Hymn of Heaven

Gospel Presentation

All the Praise

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Click for Publicity
Files for All Concerts

NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW....

[click for more information](#)

Register for the 2023 Spring Worship Leader Roundtables



**JULY
10 - 14
2023**



SAVE THE DATE

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 name, email, and password for all organizations. Then, simply log out and back in. Then click "Link Accounts." You may need to reset your passwords to be the same. If so, please contact David and he will send you a password reset, then you can reset the password for all organizations at once. 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

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



Darrell Spigner
President



Taylor Keenen
1st Vice President



Jeremy Raines
2nd Vice President



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Brian Trostle
Ten 2 Host



Phillip Johnson
Baritone Host



Jerry Miller
Bass Host



Michael Battenfield
Chaplain



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Coordinator**

Randy Cross



Angela White
Director



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President



Cheri Cloud
1st Vice President



Lynda Martin
2nd Vice President



Kathryn Coleman
Sop 1 Host



Carla White
Sop 2 Host



Bev Bowman
Alto 1 Host



Cindy McKinstry
Alto 2 Host



Janie Thompson
Chaplain



Peggy Pearson
Accompanist



Sharon Sanders
Outfit Coordinator



Missy Hines
Past President

**Women's Seating
Coordinators**

Karla Tarkington

Amy Golden