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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



I hope you have had a great start to this new year and are looking forward to what the Lord does through us and through this ministry in the coming year. If you are like me, every new year is a chance to re-set. I evaluate and look back at all that was accomplished the previous year. I compare those accomplishments to the goals that were set, yet not accomplished. I then set new goals and dream about what could happen in the coming year.

As I pray about the ministry opportunities and dream of how the Lord might use us for His Kingdom in 2024, I am reminded of one of my favorite verses, 1 Corinthians 2:9, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him." This verse is not only talking about what the Lord would have for us in 2024, but it is referencing the "secret and hidden wisdom of God" (verse 7).

We have been given the Gospel to proclaim as a wonderful mystery and the hidden wisdom of God. We proclaim that Gospel in the spoken word as well as the Gospel in song. We proclaim the Gospel individually as well as corporately. We proclaim it with our congregations, and we proclaim it in beautiful harmonies as we gather as Master'Singers. We have been given a wonderful gift in the Gospel.

Now we stand, looking over the landscape of 2024, asking the Lord to guide us into Gospel-sharing opportunities as stewards of this wonderful gift. "Father, show us how to steward this gift of the Gospel well. Show us how to use the medium of music for Your glory and for Your Gospel purposes. Guide us into Gospel encounters, both individually and corporately. Allow us to join in with the heavens in declaring the glory of God."

Click [HERE](#) to
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to Accept/Decline Invitations

<https://services.planningcenteronline.com/schedule>

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



A New Year

Cheri Cloud

Women's Chorus President

A new year always means a fresh beginning. I like to buy a new planner right after Christmas and write in birthdays, anniversaries and events. How busy is the new year going to be for me? What new adventures will I engage in this year? What will my New Year's resolutions be? Will I actually be able to keep those resolutions?? What will God be calling me to do this year? Will I respond according to His will? Oh, I pray fervently that I will with much joy in my heart. As I enter this new year, I pray to be able to see this world through God's eyes – to see what He sees. In a dark and judgmental world, I want to see the needs of others. I want to see deep into their hearts and not just their superficial actions or reactions. **“... The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7** We may never know what those around us are going through, but we can be a light. By letting God's light shine through us, we can touch a confused and hurting world and just maybe, bring a little understanding and peace. **“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16** We have that light shining through our lives if our actions reflect the nature of Christ - His love, compassion, and forgiveness. His light shines through our attitudes, words and actions.

Let us be His light in 2024!



A New Song

Taylor Keenen

Men's Chorus President

“He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.”

— Psalm 40:3 (ESV)

We've all heard people use this verse in the “worship wars” as a defense of “new” songs vs. “old” songs. That, however, is not at all what the Psalmist is trying to communicate. We, as human beings, in our very nature are created to worship. We have a song in our heart. John MacArthur writes, “In scripture, ‘song’ is often connected to salvation. We have the true song!” Obviously for many people, the song of their heart celebrates the things of their flesh that lead them towards eternal punishment. Which was us too, had God not intervened in our lives and given us this “new” song. The song of salvation!

As we sing this “new” song of salvation, the Psalmist also says that, as a result, “Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.” Do realize that as we gather together as the body of Christ in corporate worship, every believer in that room is an evangelist? At a conference I attended, I heard MacArthur and Alistar Begg discussing this very point. They challenged us that how we sing can bring validity to gospel in the eyes of the unbeliever. If we are telling them about how Christ has changed our lives, yet they see us singing to and about Him looking like we don't care or believe what we're singing, why should they believe us when we say He's changed our lives?

May we begin this new year with a new resolution to sing from the “new” song of salvation Christ has put in our hearts and let HOW we sing be a testimony to the work of salvation He has done in our lives!

CONCERT DRESS



For E-Con we will be wearing our new black “casual” outfits. For the men, you will wear your new Master'Singers Polo (or a solid black polo) and black pants. For the women, you will wear your new Master'Singers top (or a solid black top) and black pants. All ordered shirts will be picked up at E-Con. You may want to bring a solid black top in case there are sizing issues. Orders for new shirts will take place again before the 2024-2025 season.



E-CON: NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH-ALEXANDER

Tentative Schedule for January 22, 2024

2:30 pm	Check in at New Life Alexander
3:00 pm	Rehearsal in the Youth Worship Room
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:40 pm	Line Up
7:00 pm	Evening Session Begins
7:05 pm	Master'Singers Concert
7:30 pm	Evening Session Continues
	Worship - Cross Church
	Message - Shane Pruitt
	Guided Prayer - Nathan Lino
8:55 pm	Dismiss

Due to the Platform configuration at New Life Baptist, Master'Singers will need to leave the platform after we sing. If at all possible, please plan to stay and hear Shane Pruitt, the speaker for the evening and participate in the time of corporate prayer as we conclude the service.

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

Tentative Music List for the Concert

I Will Rejoice
Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)
Holy (Psalm 29)
Beauty of the Cross
We Sing Worthy

Directions

PLEASE NOTICE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION

NEW LIFE BAPTIST - ALEXANDER



New Life Baptist Church
10765 Samples Rd.
Alexander, AR 72002

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SAVE THE DATE.....

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2024

PRAIZFEST

STUDENT
WORSHIP
WEEKEND

Worship Clinician
Cliff Duren

January 26 - 27, 2024
First Baptist, Benton



July 8 - 12, 2024
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.

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 Lamona Gunter at the ABSC for assistance. lgunter@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.



2023 - 2024 Events

September 11, 2023

Concert of Worship,
White County Fair, Searcy

September 14-15, 2023

Annual Master'Singers Retreat
Immanuel Baptist, LR

October 7, 2023

One Day Mission Trip, Monticello
Men to the Dermott Prison Unit

October 24, 2023

ABSC Annual Meeting,
Walnut St Baptist, Jonesboro

January 22, 2024

ABSC E-Con, New Life BC, Alexander

February 15, 2024

Concert of Worship
First Baptist, Sherwood

March 14, 2024

Split Concerts of Worship
FBC Greenwood & FBC Hamburg

April 18, 2024

Concert of Worship
Williams Baptist University
Walnut Ridge

May 2, 2024

Concert of Worship
First Baptist, Benton



2023-2024 Leadership Team



Jim Daniel
Director



Taylor Keenen
President



Jeremy Raines
1st Vice President



Greg Childress
2nd Vice President



Matthew Jones
Ten 1 Host



Don Nichols
Ten 2 Host



Danny Fagala
Baritone Host



Robert Inzer
Bass Host



Randy Cross
Chaplain



Eric Jones
Accompanist



Darrell Spigner
Past President



Tim Gunter
Inst. Ens. Dir.



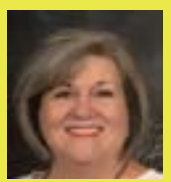
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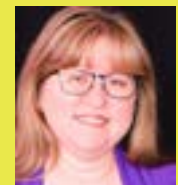
Christina Stanley
Sop 1 Host



Bobbie Debusk
Sop 2 Host



Kayleen Ferguson
Alto 1 Host



Tammy Albrecht
Alto 2 Host



Janet Gathright
Chaplain



Peggy Pearson
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