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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 am so excited to gather with each of you again soon. We find ourselves standing at the door of a new season of Master'Singers and if you are like me, there is a longing in your heart for this season to be powerful and impactful? Stop with me for a moment to consider the impactful possibilities as we allow His Spirit to search our hearts and purify us for work in His Kingdom. Look at King David's prayer in Psalm 51.

"Completely wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin" (vs 2). "Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow" (vs7). "Turn your face away from my sins and blot out all my guilt. God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me," (vs 9 and 10).

Look with me to see how confession and repentance prepares us for what the Lord is about to do through us. "Then I will teach the rebellious your ways, and sinners will return to you" (vs 13). Through pure hearts and clean hands, we offer the truth of God's Gospel, asking Him to encourage the believer and bring the lost to repentance. What a powerful tool Master'Singers can be as we offer pure hearts and clean hands to God.

We have several ministry opportunities this season where we can use the tool of beautiful music and our demonstrations of sacrificial love in an effort to share the Gospel. Will you join me in prayer for these opportunities. Will you join me in allowing the Spirit of God to search our hearts in preparation for what is to come? Let's bind our hearts together and ask the Lord to do something extraordinary in this coming season. Let us ask for this ministry to be a clear presentation of the Gospel, encouraging the believer and impacting the lost. And as we see the Lord answering our prayers and producing much fruit from our labors, we will be careful to give Him all the glory and stand in awe as He continues to build His Kingdom. It is going to be a powerful season.

Click [HERE](#) to
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Register for the Retreat



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Please click or double click on the link to Enroll for the 2024-2025 year. You can also register for the Retreat using this link. If you do not receive an email confirmation, you have not completed the registration process.

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



Let's Shout Joyfully

Lynda Chapman

Women's Chorus President

Another year is on the horizon for Master'Singers! I am so excited to gather once again and raise our voices to praise and honor our Lord. I am eagerly looking forward to Jim and Angela's direction.

I found a quote on Facebook by @VFleischfresser that just spoke to me about Music..." We celebrate with music. We mourn with music. We party with music. We reflect with music. We learn with music. We comfort with music. We excite with music. We dance with music. We dream with music. We connect with music. We express with music. So much of life is done with music."

How much MORE exponential is that thought when applied to singing praises to our Lord Jesus Christ! Psalm 95:1-2 says, "Come, let's shout joyfully to the Lord, shout triumphantly to the rock of our salvation! Let's enter his presence with thanksgiving; let's shout triumphantly to him in song." When we sing about our Lord, we praise, we celebrate, we reflect, we comfort, and excite, we connect, we express. What a powerful tool to speak to lost souls and believers that want to worship with us.

What I love most about Master'Singers is that I do not need to have a "solo" voice to feel like I am contributing to a sound that fills my soul and speaks in a way to my heart that cannot be accomplished any other way. When all our voices combine, it is spectacular! What a way to honor and praise our Lord.

What an exciting year to be a part of Master'Singers. We have the opportunity, after six years, to be part of another mission trip (MORE TO COME). The first opportunity this year, will be singing once again at the White County Fair in September. We have the GREATEST story to SING! We must embrace every opportunity that is before us. Time is short and we MUST share!



Why I Love Master'Singers

Jeremy Raines

Men's Chorus President

My name is Jeremy Raines, and I'm humbled to be the new President of the Men's Chorus for Master'Singers. I would like to say a special thank you to my predecessor, Taylor Keenan for the incredible job he did this past year, and for the example he sets on a daily basis as one of the premier worship pastors in the state.

It's hard to believe that we are a month away from the start of the '24-'25 Master'Singers season, kicking off with the White County Fair program on Sept. 9th, and our Annual Retreat on Sept. 12th and 13th. If you are new to Master'Singers, and have never attended a retreat, there are a few things I can guarantee.

1. Great Vision- Bro. Jim will lay out a vision for Master'Singers this coming season that glorifies God and will connect with people of all walks of life.
2. Great Worship- Bro. Jim has carefully planned and prayed over the worship music we will rehearse and share with the masses this season.
3. Great Food- Master'Singers retreats always have great meals provided by the staff of host churches, and you will never leave hungry. Besides, you need all the energy you can get because We Work Hard!
4. Great Fellowship- Master'Singers provides an excellent opportunity to catch up with fellow worship pastors and other friends, and it's also fun to welcome new members into the group.

Of these reasons mentioned, Great Fellowship is crucial for me. We read in Hebrews chapter 10 about encouragement, and spurring on others to love and good deeds. This is what makes Master'Singers special. We laugh together, we cry together, we pray together, and we worship the name of Jesus together. I can't wait to do it all again next month with my brothers and sisters in Christ. See you in September!

Master'Singers Casual Shirts



If you need to order a Master'Singers Casual shirt, please click one of the buttons below.

LADIES
Shirt Order Form

MENS
Shirt Order Form

Order deadline is September 13th. Shirts will be available at the October 22nd Annual Meeting and subsequent concerts. Contact Lamona (lgunter@absc.org) to arrange for pickup in Little Rock after October 22.



CONCERT OF WORSHIP: WHITE CO FAIR



Taylor Keenen
Host

Hello friends! We are so excited to have you in Searcy again! We are even more so excited to be able to minister and share the gospel in our community and county again by singing at the White County Fair here in Searcy for the second year in a row!

Before we head to the fairgrounds (located at 802 Davis Dr., Searcy), we will meet at our church, First Baptist, located at 105 S. Spring Street. You will park in the large lot on the west side of our campus off of Spruce Street. Check in will be through the entrance under the drive through the canopy there on Spruce Street. The rehearsal will be in our Worship Center.

There are a number of great places to eat in Searcy! In addition to the typical fast food places (McDonalds, Chic-Fil-A, Tropical Smoothie Cafe, Slim Chickens, Whataburger, etc.) chain restaurants (Colton's Steakhouse, Texas Roadhouse, Chili's, Rib Crib, etc), there are several local places I would highly recommend: Rock House, Burrito Day, Chit Chat & Chew Cafe, and Greek House are some of my favorites.

You also have several options for overnight 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!

Directions - First Baptist Church - Searcy



Schedule for the Day-MONDAY, September 9

2:00 pm	Check-in and Fellowship-First Baptist (105 S. Spring St., Searcy)
2:30 pm	Rehearsal
4:00 pm	Break and Ministry (move to fairgrounds) Canvassing & hand out goodie bags Dinner on your own
6:00 pm	Sound Check
7:00 pm	Concert of Worship

Concert Attire for the Fair

GUYS: Jeans/Khakis and Black Master'Singers Shirt or solid black shirt

LADIES: Jeans/Khaki (pants/skirt) and Black Master'Singers Top or similar black top

Tentative Order for the Concert

I Will Rejoice

In the Beginning

This is God

Psalms 46 (Lord of Hosts)

Holy (Psalm 29)

I Speak Jesus

My King is Known by Love

Beauty of the Cross

We Sing Worthy

Endless Praise

Concert Publicity
Coming Soon!

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

ANNUAL RETREAT: IMMANUEL BAPTIST LR

Arkansas Master'Singers Retreat September 12-13, 2024 Immanuel Baptist Church Little Rock

Tentative Schedule for Thursday, September 12

- 10:00 am Leadership Team Meeting & Lunch
- 12:15 pm Check-In/Registration & Photos
- 1:00 pm Opening Session - Choir Room
- 1:30 pm Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal - G101
- 3:00 pm Fellowship Break - Horne Hall
- 4:00 pm Separate Rehearsals
Ladies - Choir Room
Men - Chapel
- 5:45 pm Dinner and Fellowship - Horne Hall
- 7:00 pm Combined Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 8:30 pm Rehearsal Ends

Tentative Schedule for Friday, September 13

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

Tentative Music List for Retreat and 2024-2025 Season

The music for the retreat and the new 2024-2025 season will be uploaded to PlanningCenterOnline soon. Keep checking PCO to see the music when it hits!

Don't forget that you can use a tablet (iPad, Amazon Fire, etc.) to access the music all year long. Using the PCO Music Stand App allows you to just open the app and have the music ready to go and in order. You can also mark your music and it will be there every time you open the score. If you have questions, contact either Lamona (lgunter@absc.org) or David (tatumd@obu.edu) for help.

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ANNUAL ENROLLMENT AND RETREAT REGISTRATION PROCESS

We have made updates to the registration form for the new year. The form is now set up to take multiple registrants with one payment form. This should benefit couples/families who are in the group by signing up together and paying once. For all users, the form requires a card payment for completion. We ask you to please utilize this form to eliminate the need for collecting payments onsite. Please contact Lamona at lgunter@absc.org, if for some reason you are not able to utilize the online form.

Please note that EVERYONE needs to complete a new registration form each year--even if you will not be attending the retreat. We will base the Planning Center Invitations for the Concerts of Worship on your registration. Click the button below to register.

Retreat Registration Deadline September 5th.

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Concert Publicity
is coming soon!

Directions



COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP

May 27 - June 2, 2025



Early Registration Deadline - January 31, 2025

Use code: EARLYBOOK to receive a \$300 discount

Financial Cost and other information can be viewed on the booking site, please click the link to the right.

For more information and Booking, click here!

<https://tri.ps/kqISf>

Tentative Mission Trip Schedule

All activities subject to change.

Day 1 - Tuesday, May 27

International flights to San Jose. Transfer and check in at hotel. Free time until welcome dinner.

Day 2 - Wednesday, May 28

Local Park: prayer walking, outdoor concert, and street evangelism both before and after the concert. Spend the afternoon with local worship musicians for workshop. Evening Concert.

Day 3 - Thursday, May 29

Mini concert at a public school and small group sessions. Afternoon prep for evening concert.

Day 4 - Friday, May 30

Free day to spend exploring.

Day 5 - Saturday, May 31

Morning workshop with local church leaders and musicians. Evening concert with combined choirs.

Day 6 - Sunday, June 1

Lead worship with a local church. Afternoon tour of San Jose. Evening dinner with a cultural festive farewell.

Day 7 - Monday, June 2

Travel to airport with flights home.

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.



2024 - 2025 Events

September 9, 2024
Concert of Worship
White County Fair, Searcy

September 12-13, 2024
Annual Retreat
Immanuel Baptist, LR

October 22, 2024
ABSC Annual Meeting
Geyer Springs FBC, LR

November 14, 2024
Concert of Worship
West Baptist Church, Batesville

January 27, 2025
ABSC ECON
Geyer Springs FBC, LR

February 13, 2025
Concert of Worship
Woodland Heights Baptist, Conway

March 13, 2025
Split Concerts - Locations TBD

April 22, 2025
Concert of Worship
Ouachita Baptist University

May 27 - June 2, 2025
Costa Rica Mission Trip



2024-2025 Leadership Team



Jim Daniel
Director



Jeremy Raines
President



Greg Childress
1st Vice President



Matt Jones
2nd Vice President



John Cole
Ten 1 Host



Keith Clatts
Ten 2 Host



Kevin Taylor
Baritone Host



Jerry Miller
Bass Host



Jacob Ray
Chaplain



Greg Childress
Accompanist



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Past President



Tim Gunter
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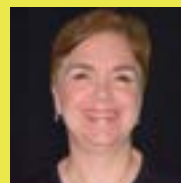
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2nd Vice President



Karla Tarkington
Sop 1 Host



Diane Rodtnick
Sop 2 Host



Michelle Smith
Alto 1 Host



Kayleen Ferguson
Chaplain



Peggy Pearson
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