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A Newsletter for the ARKANSAS
Master Singers



Find information inside about

ABSC Annual Meeting
Geyer Springs FBC
October 22nd

Concert of Worship
West BC, Batesville
November 14th

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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



"Here I am Lord...Send Me" As worshipers and worship leaders we often read and discuss Isaiah 6 and John 4. Those are two of my favorite "worship" texts. Isaiah saw the Lord on His throne, high and lifted up. The description of the throne room moved him through a wonderful model of personal and corporate worship. The discussion Jesus had with the woman at the well describes for us the definition of biblical worship and how it is rooted in spirit and in truth. But we often miss the response of biblical worship. The revelation of Jesus always prompts a response.

In Isaiah, the prophet's final response to the throne room vision was, "Here I am Lord...send me" (Isaiah 6:8). The discourse between Jesus and the woman ends with a response. The woman's response was not in words but in actions. "So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, Come see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" (John 4:28-29).

True, biblical worship ends with a biblical response, and evidence of that response is a changed life. I do not believe that we can encounter Jesus in authentic, biblical worship and not be changed. Sometimes that change is from death to life through salvation. Sometimes that change is confession and repentance of sin and a renewed commitment to the call of Christ. Sometimes that response is an abandoned proclamation of the Gospel to a lost and dying world.

As the Master'Singers, it is our hope that true, biblical worship occurs each time we gather. We gather to celebrate and proclaim the Gospel. We gather to express our love for our Savior in song to one another. We gather to use our talents and the message of the Gospel to encourage the believer and engage the lost with hope. It is my prayer for the Spirit of God to use us as instruments for His Kingdom. But it is also my prayer that each of us are changed each time as well. It is my prayer that we leave proclaiming, "Come see this man..."

May the Lord bless our upcoming opportunities of ministry with His convicting power. May we be changed by His presence like the prophet Isaiah and the woman at the well. May our true, biblical response to each wonderful time of worship be, "Here I am Lord... send me!"

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If you haven't done so yet



<https://app.easytithi.com/App/Form/0794bd32-d15c-4a55-8281-5da93ab691e7>

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

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



Singing Praises

Lynda Chapman
Women's Chorus President

We have begun our season with Master'Singers with a wonderful retreat. It is always such a blessing to sing with this talented dynamic group of believers.

The definition of the word psalm is "a sacred song or poem." One of our beautiful pieces in our collection this year is Psalm 24. Would you indulge me for a few moments as I/we reflect on the powerful verses in this Psalm?

Psalm 24:1, "The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord" - As I reflect on the powerfulness of this verse, I am reminded that the Lord is the creator of ALL things. As the trees are changing and the beautiful fall colors become more prevalent each day, I am reminded again and again of the sovereignty and majesty of our God. Only a master could paint such a landscape that is all around us.

As we have witnessed the force of nature through Hurricanes Helene and Milton and seen the destruction that these storms have caused, it makes me tremble and admit that my God is a FORCE to be feared and revered.

Psalm 24:3-4 paraphrased says "Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart" - This certainly makes me stop and reflect on my relationship with God and question if my hands are clean. Have I used my hands to help someone in need, or opened the scripture to share Christ with someone, or simply put them together and have private fellowship time with my Lord? Then the verse goes straight to the point. Is my heart "clean" with a "right heart attitude?"

Psalm 24:10 "Who is He, this King of Glory? The Lord of Armies, He is the King of Glory!" - The God who made the earth, the trees (that are so beautiful in color this time of year), the wind, the storms, the rain, the calm, IS the King of Glory! Let us gather to sing praises to Him and be blessed in His presence in our Concerts of Worship.

****Are you still thinking about being part of the mission trip to Costa Rica next May27? NOW is the time for sign up! This will be a wonderful trip and a chance to help share the gospel and give encouragement to those working there****

I hope you have your calendars marked for October 22 and November 14 for our next concert dates. I look forward to seeing each one of you there, singing praises to our God! I encourage you to embrace each opportunity in your life to share Christ. See you singing! ~~~ Lynda



Looking Ahead

Jeremy Raines
Men's Chorus President

It's hard to believe, but in less than two weeks we'll convene once again at Geyer Springs FBC on Oct. 22nd for the Annual Meeting. I'm really excited for the season and all of the great worship venues we have across the state. I must admit however, I find myself looking ahead to the end of May and our Costa Rica mission trip. Like some of you, this will be my first trip with Master'Singers, and it'll probably be one of the more "Hands On" experiences that I've had the opportunity to be a part of.

In preparation for this newsletter, I wanted to dive into the Word and see accounts of first time missionary experiences. I immediately came across Paul's first missionary journey in Acts 13-14. In his passion for sharing the story of Jesus, Paul traveled thousands of miles. Crossing land and sea and visiting countries such as Greece, Turkey, and Syria. Paul reflects on the journey in 2 Corinthians, noting the dangers he faced from travel, as well as opposition he faced from fellow Jews and Gentiles. It was rougher than anything we can imagine today.

However, we must focus on the miracles that took place.

-In Cyprus, though he encountered evil forces, Paul was able to lead a prominent governor of the area to Christ.

-In Asia Minor, Paul, facing opposition from his ministry team and the Jews, focused his ministry on the Gentiles and many people heard the gospel for the first time that day.

-In Iconium Paul and Barnabas were able to reach both Jews and Gentiles like, and show that the gospel was meant for all people groups.

-In Lystra, Paul healed a lame man, faced violent opposition which left him badly injured, yet he recovered and by God's grace, was able to encourage new believers, appoint elders, and even build new churches.

On May 27th-June 2nd 2025, We will be presented with an opportunity to do the same thing in Costa Rica as Paul did so long ago. We may not face the same dangers, the same opposition, or even the same travel complications as Paul did, but we will have the same Gospel to share. Even in this day and age, there is still someone out there who has never heard the Gospel before. I want to encourage all my Master'Singer friends to join me in signing up to go to Costa Rica. As it says in Matthew 9. The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.

See you at Geyer Springs!

ANNUAL MEETING: GEYER SPRINGS FBC

Tentative Schedule for October 22, 2024

2:00 pm	Check-in at GSFBC Chorus in Choir Room Orchestra in North Lobby
2:30 pm	Rehearsals
4:15 pm	Snack Supper - Middle School Aud
5:00 pm	Combined Rehearsal - Worship Center
6:10 pm	Line-Up
6:15 pm	Orchestra Pre-Service
6:30 pm	Evening Service

Directions - Geyer Springs First Baptist Church



Concert Attire for the Annual Meeting

GUYS: Black Pants and Black Master'Singers Shirt or solid black shirt

LADIES: Black Pants or Skirt and Black Master'Singers Top or similar black top

Shirts ordered at the Retreat will be available for pick-up at the Annual Meeting.



Tentative Order for the Concert

Orchestra

Goodness of God
I Speak Jesus
In Christ Alone

Chorus

Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)
Psalm 24
My King is Known by Love
Because He Lives
Abide (with PW students)
Total Praise (with PW students)
Not To Us
Holy Forever

WORSHIP STUDIES PREVIEW DAY

FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS, PARENTS AND WORSHIP PASTORS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

WORSHIP LED BY STUDENTS
LUNCH PROVIDED



SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT
OBU.EDU/WORSHIPSTUDIESDAY

WEST BAPTIST CHURCH: BATESVILLE



The West Baptist Church of Batesville is so excited and encouraged to host the Master Sings in November. We are praying for God to fill this building with worship, praise, and glorious music that our people have longed to see and hear in this Sanctuary. We know that the choir will lead

us into a great time of fellowship and worship of Jesus, and we are eager to participate in this event.

We are planning to have parking assistance before and after the program. We are expecting a great turn out from our area churches, schools and colleges so come and bring a friend as we lift our hearts in praise.

Come celebrate Jesus in this great night of praise and know that West Baptist Church will be honored to have you join us for worship.

Bro. Alan

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for Upcoming Concerts

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go to PCO to
Accept/Decline your invite

Directions

WEST BAPTIST BATESVILLE



Tentative Schedule for November 14, 2024

10:30 am	Leadership Team Meeting
12:30 pm	Check-in and Fellowship
1:00 pm	Separate Rehearsals
	Women
	Men
	Orchestra
2:15 pm	Break and Refreshments
3:00 pm	Combined Rehearsal - Worship Center
5:30 pm	Dinner and Dress for Concert
6:40 pm	Line-Up and Prayer
7:00 pm	Concert of Worship

Music List for the Concert

Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)

Psalm 24

Holy (Psalm 29)

Holy Forever

Abide

I Speak Jesus

At the Cross

Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy)

My King is Known by Love

Beauty of the Cross

Total Praise

Not To Us

CONCERT DRESS

For the Batesville Concert of Worship we will be wearing our normal concert attire:

Men: gray slacks, white shirt, black jacket, and Master'Singers tie.

Ladies: Your purple and black outfits.

Master'Singers Tie



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.

Remember that passports must be be valid until mid-December 2025 .

For more information and Booking, click here!

<https://tri.ps/kqSf>

Costa Rica Mission Trip Testimony

Greg Childress

I am so excited about the opportunity for Master'Singers to take the gospel to Costa Rica next summer and to make disciples of the beautiful "Ticos" who live there. Have you been praying about how God might make a way for you to participate? I love worshipping together in our concerts and something I've learned over the years is that "worship must lead to action". Throughout Scripture, whenever someone had a worship encounter with the Living God, it always led to action such as in the case with Moses and the burning bush, Isaiah when he saw the Lord high and lifted up as well as with the woman at the well after she met Jesus who offered her living water. Each was compelled to action in making disciples because of worship.

Last summer, I had the wonderful privilege of going on mission with Worship Convergence to Costa Rica. The sacrifice each of us made to go was great but the reward of seeing God change lives was priceless. I remember the challenge John Bolin gave us before we agreed to partner together. He said there are only four option to missions – you're either praying, giving, going or disobeying. Certainly, we can ALL pray. Some of us can give to help make a way for others to go. Hopefully, many of us will be going as God allows. Each of these first 3 options are very missional in nature and we can all participate in one of these ways. Let's trust God to do something in us that only He can do.

PEOPLE YOU NEED TO KNOW...

Nininger/Keathley Awards 2024



Congratulations
to
Bobbie Debusk
&
Darrell Spigner



Congratulations also to this year's recipient
of the Master'Singers Scholarship

Jaxson Black

Jaxson is a 2024 high school graduate who was called to ministry in 2023. He grew up at Woodland Heights Baptist Church in Conway where he led in the student ministry, and also filled in for his minister of music, Greg Childress, when he was gone. Jaxson was a member of his high school band and is continuing his marching band career in college.

Jaxson is now a Freshman at Ouachita. He is a Worship Studies Major with Larry Grayson and David Tatum. As part of his responsibilities at OBU, he is the student worker for the new Worship Lab, helping to oversee the technological needs for rehearsals and other events in the Lab.

SAVE THE DATES

[click for more information](#)



2025
PRAIZFEST
STUDENT
WORSHIP
WEEKEND

Clinician
Rhon Carter

January 31 - February 1, 2025
First Baptist, Benton



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July 14 - 18, 2025
Ouachita Baptist University



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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 Clutts
Ten 2 Host



Kevin Taylor
Baritone Host



Jerry Miller
Bass Host



Jacob Ray
Chaplain



Greg Childress
Accompanist



Taylor Keenen
Past President



Tim Gunter
Inst. Ens. Dir.



David Tatum
Communications



Angela White
Director



Lynda Chapman
President



Katie Stauber
1st Vice President



Christina Stanley
2nd Vice President



Karla Tarkington
Sop 1 Host



Diane Rodtnick
Sop 2 Host



Michelle Smith
Alto 1 Host



Kayleen Ferguson
Chaplain



Peggy Pearson
Accompanist



Cheri Cloud
Past President



Sharon Sanders
Outfit Coordinator