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Annual Master'Singers Retreat**

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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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Jim Daniel



A Message for a New Season of Ministry

In Colossians 4:7–15, Paul closes his letter with a roll call of ministry partners who faithfully served alongside him in planting and equipping churches. He understood that his ministry would not have been possible—or bearable—without the co-laborers the Lord had placed in his life.

As we look ahead to a new season of ministry with the Master’ Singers, it is clear that this work also would not exist without each of you. In a group this size, it might be tempting to think that any one person is not especially vital—but the opposite is true. It takes every voice, every smile, and every act of kindness for this ministry to thrive and make an impact with the Gospel.

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul uses the image of the church as the body of Christ, where each part is essential to the health and function of the whole. One part cannot say to another, “I have no need of you.” If you’ve ever stubbed your toe, you know the whole body feels it! This truth applies just as deeply to the Master’ Singers. When one of us hurts, we all hurt. When one rejoices, we all celebrate. When one is missing, the entire group is affected.

As we prepare for this new season, let us begin with spiritual renewal, recognizing that each of us carries the responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel through this ministry. Let us commit to serving together—unified as one body—for the sake of Christ and the mission He has given us.

Let’s join in prayer, asking the Lord to move among us in supernatural ways, allowing the power of the Holy Spirit to work in and through us. And let’s enter this new season with a fresh understanding that we function as one—for the cause of Christ and the glory of His name.

I am excited to see what the Lord will do in and through us this season. Thank you for being a vital part of this ministry.

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PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



Remember Your “Why”

Katie Stauber
Women's Chorus President

To all the former teachers, I'm sorry if that phrase is giving you flashbacks. But also not sorry.

As we gear up this season and spend much of our retreat time in preparation and fellowship, we must remember why we gather every month. We are leading worship for the evening as a ministry, regardless of whether or not there are non-believers present. We have no idea what our brothers and sisters battle on a day to day basis and this is just as much of an opportunity to refresh them and minister to their needs as it is a chance to present the Gospel to those who need it. Ministry is two-fold and one does not outweigh the other. When brothers and sisters are ministered to, the seeds of the Good News can more readily be sown.

So when the schedule is getting off because of technicalities or your iPad doesn't want to cooperate and you're getting frustrated, STOP...and breathe...and remember that ministry is never perfect. But we serve a God that IS perfect and He will use all for His glory and our good. Remember why we do this: not just for the fun and fellowship, but for Him.

Master'Singers Casual Shirts

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

Order deadline is September 13th. Shirts will be available at the October 20th Annual Meeting and subsequent concerts. Contact Lamona (lgunter@absc.org) to arrange for pickup in Little Rock after October 22.

LADIES
Shirt Order Form

MENS
Shirt Order Form

A Brand New Season

Greg Childress
Men's Chorus President



As we kick off a brand new season with the Master'Singers, I just want to say how truly excited—and honestly humbled—I am to serve as your new President of the Men's Chorus. Being part of this group over the past several years has been one of the most rewarding and inspiring ministry experiences of my life. Worshiping and serving alongside each of you has been such a gift.

I also want to give a huge shout-out to Jeremy Raines for leading us so well last season. His passion, heart, and excellence made a big impact—thank you, Jeremy! Now, I may not be able to hit the same high notes he can, but I like to think my F# descending minor scale might give him a run for his money (lol).

One of the most meaningful parts of every new season is our Annual Retreat—a time to reconnect, recharge, and worship together. It's more than just a tradition; it's a powerful opportunity to grow in friendship, faith, and encouragement. I hope each of you will make it a priority to join us. As 1 Thessalonians 5:11 reminds us, we're called to “encourage one another and build up one another”—and that's exactly what this time is for.

Scripture is clear: we're stronger when we're together. Whether it's sharing testimonies of God's faithfulness, growing in His Word, or simply lifting our voices in harmony, we get to spur one another on toward Christlike living. Every song we sing is more than just music—it's a testimony of who God is, what He's done, and the victory we have through Jesus. Let's not forget the powerful reminder in Revelation 12:11: “They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.”

Before I let you go, a quick reminder: everyone needs to register for this upcoming season. You'll find the registration link in this newsletter, so be sure to take care of that soon.

I truly can't wait to see each of you again. Let's make this season one to remember—full of joy, worship, and brotherhood in Christ!

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ANNUAL RETREAT: IMMANUEL BAPTIST I.R

Arkansas Master Singers Retreat

September 11–12, 2025

Immanuel Baptist Church
Little Rock

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT AND RETREAT REGISTRATION PROCESS

Tentative Schedule for Thursday, September 11

- 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
- 5:10 pm Group photo in Sanctuary
- 5:45 pm Dinner and Fellowship - Horne Hall
- 7:00 pm Combined Rehearsal - Choir Room
Instrumental Rehearsal - G101
- 8:30 pm Rehearsal Ends

Tentative Schedule for Friday, September 12

- 8:30 am Worship, Devotions, & Rehearsal
Ladies - Choir Room
Men - Chapel
Instrumental Ensemble - G101
- 9:45 am Fellowship Break - Horne Hall
- 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 2025–2026 Season

The music for the retreat and the new 2025–2026 season is now uploaded to PlanningCenterOnline soon.

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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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.

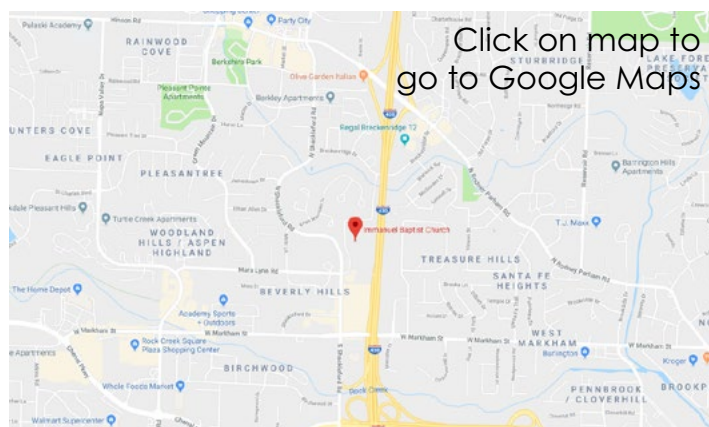
Retreat Registration Deadline September 4th.

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Concert Publicity
is coming soon!

Directions



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

2026

PRAIZFEST

STUDENT
WORSHIP
WEEKEND

Jan 30–31, 2026
FBC Benton



Register NOW for one of the
Worship Leaders' Roundtables

There's one in your area!

For more information,

[CLICK HERE!](#)



WORSHIP
LEADERS'
ROUNDTABLE

ARKANSAS BAPTIST

WORSHIP
conference.

February 21, 2026
FIRST BAPTIST CABOT

[REGISTER
HERE](#)

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.



2025 - 2026 Events

September 11–12, 2025

Annual Master Singers Retreat
Immanuel Baptist Church, LR

October 20, 2025

ABSC Annual Meeting
First Baptist Church, Russellville

November 2025

Concert of Worship
TBA

January 26, 2026

ABSC Evangelism Conference
Geyer Springs FBC, Little Rock

February 26, 2026

Split Concerts of Worship
TBA

March 19, 2026

Concert of Worship
The Woodlands Auditorium
Hot Springs Village

April 23, 2026

Concert of Worship
Grand Prairie Perf. Arts Center
Stuttgart



2024-2025 Leadership Team



Jim Daniel
Director



Greg Childress
President



Matt Jones
1st Vice President



Randy Cross
2nd Vice President



Keith Stevens
1st Tenor Host



Brian Trostle
2nd Tenor Host



Trent Broussard
Baritone Host



Jerry Miller
Bass Host



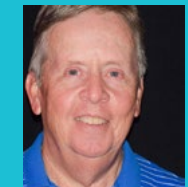
Darrell Spigner
Chaplain



Greg Childress
Accompanist



Jeremy Raines
Past President



Tim Gunter
Instrumental Director



David Tatum
Communications



Angela White
Director



Katie Stauber
President



Kay Ferguson
1st Vice President

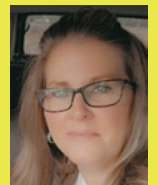


Carla White
2nd Vice President

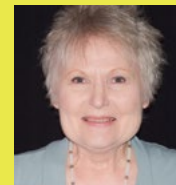
TBA
1st Soprano Host



Joy Gray-Bounds
2nd Soprano Host



Molly Miller
1st Alto Host



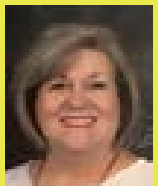
Jane Byers
2nd Alto Host



Michele Smith
Chaplain



Peggy Pearson
Accompanist



Lynda Chapman
Past President



Sharon Sanders
Outfit Coordinator