

praising Him

A Newsletter for the ARKANSAS

Master Singers



Go therefore and make
disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them
in the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Matthew 28:19

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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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from
Jim Daniel



Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Master Singers retreat in person, and to those who faithfully prayed over the weekend. The Lord was gracious to us, answering our prayers as He blessed our time of fellowship and encouraged our hearts through worship. I'm excited to see how He will use us in the coming season, and how He continues to prepare us for the years ahead.

As you know, Master Singers is more than just a choir and orchestra. We are a worship-leading ministry, called to proclaim the Gospel to the lost and celebrate the Gospel with those who have already called on Jesus as Lord. That's why we are intentional in choosing music that is biblically grounded and presents a clear Gospel message. It's also why we hold one another accountable—not only in our personal walks with Christ but in our preparation for each Gospel presentation.

Paul challenges Timothy with these words:

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

— 2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV)

Paul's charge to Timothy applies to us as well. We are not merely singing songs—we are handling the Word of God each time we proclaim the Gospel through music. That is why we practice, memorize, and rehearse diligently. We strive to present the Gospel with both passion and precision, asking the Lord to breathe life into our efforts through the power of His Spirit.

Thank you for joining the Master Singers in that kind of dedication and preparation. I look forward to seeing each of you at our annual meeting on Monday, October 20, as we continue to celebrate the Gospel with the Church and proclaim it to the world.

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PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



BEING INTENTIONAL

Katie Stauber
Women's Chorus President

I don't know about you but it's been full steam ahead since Retreat. I know fall is supposed to be the start of slowing down, but it definitely is anything but in the Stauber house. We tried, but life had other plans, and it seems to happen this way every year.

It's seasons like this when being intentional is so important. Jobs and spouses, kids and grands can easily take over as fall gets into full swing and we start looking toward the holidays. If we don't stop and have that intentional time with the Lord, we start wondering why everything has suddenly become too much. When that happens, our joyful attitude plummets, typically when we need it the most.

October 20 is quickly approaching. Yes, it's our annual meeting and there may not be many, if any, lost souls to minister to. BUT, as we've seen, the church body is hurting and what we bring to convention may be exactly what some of them need. So in these next couple of weeks, I encourage you to be mindful and intent in your time with the Lord so that when we gather together at convention, we are fully prepared for what the Lord needs from us.

Rest assured I'm preaching to myself here. I'm substitute teaching, my mom is having back surgery on the 13th, and I have a shiny, brand new ADHD diagnosis that I'm learning how to navigate. It is HARD to carve out time every day and so easy to say "I'll catch up on my off days." But when I do that, it becomes a check in the box instead of intentional, and the refreshment never comes.

So I make this commitment with you, instead of just encouraging you. No matter what happens in your day, find that time and make it count. Let's walk into convention with full hearts and spirits.

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CHOIR IS...

Greg Childress
Men's Chorus President

Hello fellow worshippers... I couldn't agree more with Jim—what an incredible retreat we just had! It was such a blessing to see so many familiar faces return and to warmly welcome several new members into the Master'Singers family. With the new season ahead, I truly believe we're stepping into a powerful year of ministry together.

We're already kicking off with an amazing opportunity: leading worship at the ABSC Annual Meeting on Monday, October 20th. I hope you'll be there—it's going to be a special time of lifting up the name of Jesus together.

Not long ago, I had the privilege of hearing John Bolin speak about the role of the choir (and orchestra) in worship. His words really resonated with me, and I see these same truths come to life every time we gather to lead—whether in our home churches or through our concerts of worship. Let me share a few thoughts that might encourage you as much as they did me:

Choir is Biblical

In Scripture, singers were appointed to "play loudly on their instruments" and "raise sounds of joy" as the ark of the covenant was returned to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:16).

And remember when King Jehoshaphat sent singers ahead of the army into battle (2 Chronicles 20:21)? Worship was their front line! What a reminder of the spiritual significance of our role.

Choir is Representative

When we step onto the platform, we're not just making music—we're representing the whole body of believers. People need to see themselves in us. We reflect the church back to itself and help create a space where everyone feels welcome to worship.

Choir is Instructional

Want to change the worship culture of your church? Start with the choir and orchestra. We don't just reflect culture—we help shape it. Every time we lead, we have the opportunity to point people toward a Christ-centered culture of authentic worship.

Choir is Inspirational

Life isn't always easy. But when we choose to worship in the midst of real struggles and trials, God uses our faithfulness to inspire the church. People see Him at work in us, and it gives them hope to keep trusting, no matter what they're walking through.

See you at FBC Russellville!!

ABSC ANNUAL MTG: FBC RUSSELLVILLE

Tentative Schedule for October 20, 2025

2:00 pm	Check-in at FBC
2:30 pm	Rehearsals
4:45 pm	Sound Check - Worship Center
5:15 pm	Snack Supper - Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Line-Up
6:15 pm	Pledges
6:20 pm	Orchestra Pre-Service

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

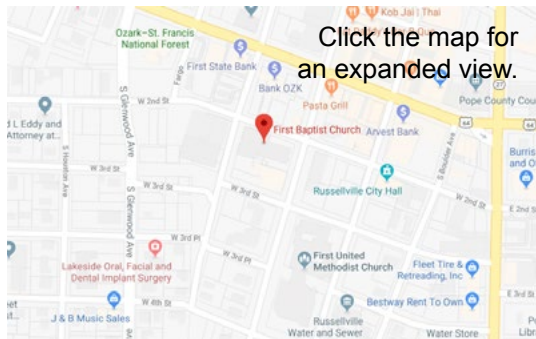
*Come Christians Join to Sing
All Creatures of Our God and King*

Chorus

- * *Rejoice*
- * *Psalm 40*
- * *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
Not to Us
Better
Praise to the Lord with Gratitude*

* Songs to be memorized.

Directions - First Baptist Church Russellville



Save the Date
WORSHIP STUDIES
PREVIEW DAY

For prospective students,
parents & worship pastors

MON., OCT. 27, 2025
10 A.M. — 2 P.M.

WORSHIP LED BY STUDENTS
LUNCH PROVIDED

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BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

**CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER**

NEWS 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,

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WORSHIP
LEADERS'
ROUNDTABLE

ARKANSAS BAPTIST
WORSHIP
conference.

February 21, 2026
FIRST BAPTIST CABOT

[REGISTER
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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.

PEOPLE YOU NEED TO KNOW



We will be recognizing **Peggy Pearson**, who has retired from her role as a Master'Singers accompanist. You are welcome to **bring cards or signed notes of appreciation**, which will be collected and presented along with a group gift at the conclusion of the afternoon rehearsal. Please **accept or decline this invitation** so that we can prepare accordingly.



Nininger/Keathley Awards 2025

Congratulations
to
Becky McPherson
and
Randy Cross



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

Trevor Greene



Hello! My name is Trevor Greene. I'm a junior Worship Studies major at Ouachita, originally from Norman, Oklahoma.

I felt called to full-time ministry the summer before my senior year of high school and chose to attend Ouachita to receive deeper musical and theological training in order to pursue God's call on my life.

Over the past few years at OBU, God has placed on my heart not only a desire to lead the church in congregational singing, but also a passion to help remind the church what congregational worship is and why we do it. I want to be someone who shepherds the church I serve by discipling young worship leaders and students—teaching them what it truly means to live a life of worship.

Currently, I serve as the music associate at Second Baptist Church in Arkadelphia, and I also lead a chapel worship team for Ouachita Worship. In my free time, I enjoy going on hikes with my wife and hanging out with friends.

I'm incredibly thankful for the generosity you've shown in awarding me this scholarship. It is a true blessing, and I know it will ease the financial burden of my senior year. I'm so grateful.



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



2025-2026 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



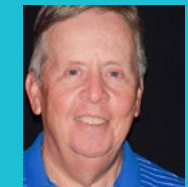
Darrell Spigner
Chaplain



Greg Childress
Accompanist



Jeremy Raines
Past President



Tim Gunter
Instrumental Director



David Tatum
Communications



Angela White
Director



Katie Stauber
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1st Vice President



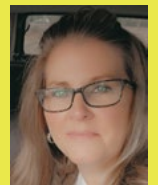
Carla White
2nd Vice President



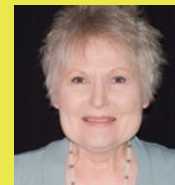
Vicki Rudell
1st Soprano Host



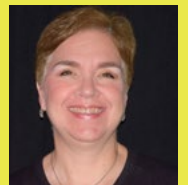
Joy Gray-Bounds
2nd Soprano Host



Molly Miller
1st Alto Host



Jane Byers
2nd Alto Host



Michele Smith
Chaplain



Missy Hines
Accompanist



Lynda Chapman
Past President



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Outfit Coordinator