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A Newsletter for the ARKANSAS

*Master Singers*

# ECON

2026 STATEWIDE CONFERENCE ON  
EVANGELISM + CHURCH HEALTH

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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



Psalms 40 has become one of my favorite Psalms and one of my favorite Master Singers pieces for this season. In its opening verses, the psalmist reminds us of several truths I have recently needed.

The psalm begins, "I waited patiently for the Lord..." As Inigo Montoya from *The Princess Bride* humorously puts it, "I don't like wait." Waiting is challenging in our fast-paced culture, let alone waiting patiently. Yet it is often in the waiting that I am drawn closer to the Lord. Seasons of delay push me into deeper prayer as I seek His clarity and direction.

I am also reminded that the Lord truly does care and hear our prayers. Our waiting does not mean He is slow to listen or respond. Instead, He is doing a sanctifying work in us while we wait. He is often orchestrating circumstances to come together in His perfect timing.  
"Lord, help me to wait patiently."

The psalmist then encourages us to look back over our walk with the Lord and remember how He has answered our desperate cries. He has lifted us from "the pits of destruction, out of the miry clay," and set our feet on solid ground. We each carry a testimony of a mighty and faithful God who hears and rescues. "Lord, help me tell of Your mighty acts."

God has also placed a new song in our mouths—a song of praise to our God. When we reflect on His salvation and the sanctifying work He is doing in us, we cannot help but sing. "Father, help me honor You with my song and proclaim Your lovingkindness."

But we must not overlook a subtle phrase: "Many will see and fear, and will trust in the Lord." The psalmist does not say that many will hear—he says they will see. "Father, help my physical expression of praise encourage the saved and point the lost to You."

What a privilege it is to demonstrate our praise to the Lord as we sing together. I look forward to gathering with you at our Evangelism Conference on Monday, January 26 and at our split concerts on Thursday, February 26. May the Lord be honored in our worship, and may He continue to use each of us in this wonderful ministry as we move through this season.

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<https://planningcenteronline.com/schedule>

# PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



## Happy New Year!

Katie Stauber  
Women's Chorus President

I love winter. I love the chill, the hope of snow, the opportunity to slow down after the holidays.

I also love the dark. Nightfall forces us to stop in a time when we are encouraged to continually go. It has its purpose and it needs to be embraced. But more importantly, if we didn't have the dark, we wouldn't notice the light.

As I'm writing this, it's a week before Christmas. During Christmastime, I am forever finding ways and places to add extra lights to my decor, then shutting off the main lights to let the house glow. It makes the light pop to bring that cheer. But without the dark, the impact is weakened, if not outright lost. A candle is barely noticed in the sun but in the dark, it shines brightest.

I don't find it coincidental that Easter falls as we are exiting the dark months and stepping into the light of spring. Jesus was born into a dark time in history but His death brought the biggest light the world ever will see. He is the Light of the world in every sense.

As we roll into January, let's not focus on the gloom but look towards what it brings. Let's concentrate on being the light in a dark world instead of wishing the world would be brighter. We are here in this time for a reason and purpose. Let's use ECON to kick off bringing the Light into 2026. My Christmas lights don't shine unless I put them out and turn them on. Jesus had to come to Earth in order to provide His light, and now that we have that Light, we have to shine it.

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Publicity Items For Spring Events

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## Happy New Year!

Greg Childress  
Men's Chorus President

As we step into a new year together, my heart is already full as we lift our voices and sing, "Rejoice! Rejoice! Let everything that has breath rejoice!" Those words, drawn straight from Psalm 150:6, are more than lyrics—they are our calling. They remind us that we were created to make His praise known, not only through the songs we lead, but through the lives we live.

These words echo in my heart:

*I was created for a purpose,  
An instrument that magnifies.  
Out of the shadows, out of the darkness,  
I'm walking in His marvelous light.  
So we say: REJOICE!*

As worship leaders, we know it's easier to rejoice when life feels light and everything seems to fall into place. Like Matt Redman sings, "Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's all as it should be." But if we're honest, for some of us this past year has brought loss, extended illness, financial pressure, relational strain, or ministry challenges that feel heavier than expected. My own family has felt that weight deeply this past year—walking through my wife's cancer journey, my father-in-law's Alzheimer's diagnosis, and the everyday struggles that life inevitably brings. Yet even in the midst of it all, one truth continues to anchor us: God has been faithful!

That faithfulness is why songs like *This Is My Father's World* resonate so deeply in seasons like these. The final verse has become a steady reminder for my soul:

*This is my Father's world,  
O let me ne'er forget,  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.*

What a gift we have as worship leaders—to stand before God's people week after week and declare these truths, not just from a place of joy, but from a place of trust. Every time we lead worship, we're given the sacred opportunity to offer our testimony through song: a testimony of a loving Father, a sovereign King, and a God who is still at work even when the story feels unfinished.

# ABSC ECON: GEYER SPRINGS FIRST BAPTIST

## Tentative Schedule for January 26, 2026

2:00 pm	Orchestra Check-In– North Lobby
2:00 pm	Choir Check-In–Choir Room
2:30 pm	Combined Chorus Rehearsal
4:45 pm	Sound Check - Worship Center
5:30 pm	Dinner – A124
6:00 pm	Line-Up
6:40 pm	In Choir Loft
6:45 pm	Pre-Service begins

## Concert Attire for ECON

**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



## Directions - Geyer Springs First Baptist Church



## Tentative Order for the Concert

### Orchestra

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
*I Speak Jesus*

### Chorus

*Rejoice*  
*Psalm 40*  
*Psalm 91 (I Will Say)*  
*Christus Victor (Amen)*  
*Better*

## Tuesday Workshop with Kenny Lamm 10:00 - 11:30 am

Kenny Lamm, senior consultant for worship and music for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, served 23 years as worship pastor of a Baptist church in NC. The church experienced worship renewal under his leadership and became a model for many churches seeking to transform and improve their worship services. Kenny is a frequent worship clinician and guest worship leader. His heart for the nations has also taken him to international fields of service. He and NC Baptist worship teams have led worship conferences and outreach events throughout Malaysia, Singapore, and two other countries in Asia. Kenny also spent a summer in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia working with churches in worship renewal. Revisions of the curriculum developed for these events continue to be used extensively in equipping worship leaders in churches today around the world and are currently published in English and Chinese.



Click [HERE](#) to register for the workshop.

# NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

2026

# PRAIZEFEST

STUDENT  
WORSHIP  
WEEKEND

Jan 30–31, 2026  
FBC Benton



ARKANSAS BAPTIST  
**WORSHIP**  
conference.

February 21, 2026  
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Register NOW for one of the  
Worship Leaders' Roundtables

There's one in your area!

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WORSHIP  
LEADERS'  
ROUNDTABLE

# 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](mailto: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

**January 26, 2026**  
ABSC Evangelism Conference  
Geyer Springs FBC, Little Rock

**February 26, 2026**  
Split Concerts of Worship  
First Baptist, El Dorado  
West View Baptist, Paragould

**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



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Director



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President



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1st Vice President



**Randy Cross**  
2nd Vice President



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1st Tenor Host



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2nd Tenor Host



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Bass Host



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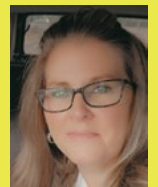
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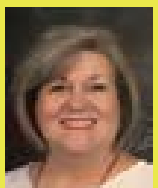
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