



GRACE NOTES

The Sanctuary Choir Newsletter of First Baptist Church, Cookeville, Tennessee 24 November 2009

This Sunday at a Glance

Stoles: Two-tone out
Anthem: "We Who Were Walking in Darkness" Oc 241
Meeting Location: LOFT
MORNING Schedule:
 9:45 a.m.—warm-up
 10:00 a.m.—lead worship

Rehearsal Order

Warm-ups/Welcome
 "We Who Were Walking in Darkness" Oc 241 (for 11/29)
 "The Word Was God" Oc 749 (working for memorization)
 "This Is My Word" Oc 633
 "Sing Christmas Praise!" Oc 663
 Mark and observe cuts (see below)
 "I Hear the Prophet Callin'" 738
 "What Child Is This?" Oc 337
 "In the Bleak Midwinter" Oc 332
 "That's the Good News" Oc 611 (working for memorization)
Announcements and Prayer

Upcoming Worship Leaders

Nov. 29	AM	SC "We Who..." Missionary preacher Missions Revival Glorylanders quartet
	PM	Happy Tones older children FBC Orchestra Handbells NO Sanctuary Choir harps; Luminesce
Dec. 6	AM	Sanctuary Choir FBC Orchestra Music Makers
	PM	Christmas musical
Dec. 13	AM	Sanctuary Choir FBC Orchestra Music Makers
	PM	Christmas musical
Dec. 20	AM	Sanctuary Choir Music Time Carol Cooper
	PM	Choirchimes Remnant
Dec. 24	PM	Janna Leigh Ryon Glenda Nelms
Dec. 27	AM	no choir
	PM	Remnant

One Morning Worship Begins This Sunday

Last Sunday night the church voted to consolidate our morning worship services. The new schedule will be as follows:

8:30 a.m.—Instrumentalists rehearse in Sanctuary
8:45 a.m.—Sunday School begins
9:45 a.m.—Choir rehearses in Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.—Worship begins

Sanctuary Choir Caroling Party Planned

Members of the Sanctuary Choir and their spouses are invited to a Christmas caroling party on Thursday, December 17, at the home of Jackie and Lonnie Donaldson. The event will begin with chili and soup at 5:30 p.m. The choir will walk around Bilbrey Park Subdivision and sing carols at 6:00 p.m. We will return to the Donaldsons' for dessert at 7:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided at First Baptist Church. Please sign up for childcare before the event. The officers will also be enlisting choir members to bring the food. There will not be a rehearsal that week. However, the choir will sing on Sunday, December 20 in the morning worship service.

Special Choir Rehearsal Schedule Additions

Thursday and Friday,
 December 10 and 11, 6-8 pm: Christmas dress rehearsals

Effort to Improve Communication

In an effort to make music ministry communication more effective, Jonathan is asking all youth and adult music ministry participants to complete a brief questionnaire regarding their preferred means of receiving information. Please take a moment to complete the survey. Jonathan anticipates implementing some changes in January.

Advent Begins Sunday

The season of Advent begins next Sunday, November 29, and ends with Christmas Eve. From the Latin word which means "coming" or "arrival," Advent is a time for Christians to consider the first coming of Jesus Christ as a babe in Bethlehem as well as his second coming. Advent is a time of preparation. We are preparing not only to celebrate Christmas, but we are preparing for Christ to return.

Back in 2000, I published an Advent devotional booklet that featured daily devotionals written by members of First Baptist Church, some of whom have gone to be with the Lord. I will be posting these devotionals and other resources for Advent on our website: www.tools4worship.com. Please visit our site for more information about beginning and maintaining your own daily times of personal and family worship. We hope this will encourage you to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ.

The Lord be with you, Jonathan Nelms

Cuts for "Sing Christmas Praise" Oc 663

Cut mm. 6-73 (eliminating "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and "The First Nowell")
 Cut mm. 132-155 (eliminating "Silent Night")
 Cut mm. 172-190 (eliminating "The Birthday of a King")