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## Music Workshop 2020

# A LOOK BACK



Greetings from the Primitive Baptist Music Workshop! We pray this finds you safe and well during this challenging and uncertain time. Through the trials of this period, however, we are all certain of one thing: the Lord God is in control!

**“By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea: Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power: Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.”**

**Psalms 65: 5-7**

We were all very disappointed when it became clear that moving forward with plans for this year's 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Workshop was not a wise decision. The Music Workshop Board of Directors was approaching the final stages of completing the week's schedule of events, classes and worship services when it was decided that we simply could not assure everyone's safety and well being. Camp Hillview is not conducive to social distancing and even if it were, avoiding hugs and enthusiastic singing is not something any Workshopper is known for!

In lieu of pursuing this favorite week of summer, we've decided to follow what to many has become a real blessing gained in the storm of the pandemic – Reflection. So many with whom we have spoken, those among our own churches and within the Workshop family, have stated that perhaps the Lord wants us to use this pause in our normal life's activities as a time to reflect on our busy lives, frantic schedules and perhaps whatever lapses they cause in our times of prayer and meditation. Perhaps there is a greater purpose here. We know you have felt the same way and have taken advantage of this opportunity.

**Join us on the  
Music Workshop YouTube Channel  
July 15-17**

**as the Music Workshop takes**

## **A LOOK BACK**

**Wednesday, July 15**

**7:00 pm** - Prelude by Cecile Carrin McGuire

Greetings from Workshop – Becky Thrift, Chairman

A Sermon from Elder F. Arthur Devane

Music Workshop Sacred Concert, 2012

*Upon This Rock*, A Dramatic Musical

**Thursday, July 16**

**7:00 pm** - Prelude by Cecile Carrin McGuire

Greetings from Workshop – Becky Thrift, Chairman

A Sermon from Elder R.L. Mitchell

Music Workshop Sacred Concert, 2015

*A Picture of Calvary*, A Dramatic Musical

**Friday, July 17**

**7:00 pm** - Prelude by Cecile Carrin McGuire

Greetings from Workshop – Becky Thrift, Chairman

A Sermon from Elder Hoyt Simms

Music Workshop Sacred Concert, 2016

*The Living Last Supper*, A Dramatic Musical

As we continue this process, Music Workshop has decided to also reflect on a few of the many blessings the Lord has provided us over our 58 year history. We are calling it **A LOOK BACK**. For three evenings during this year's planned Workshop Week, July 15 – 17, the Music Workshop will present special events from Workshops past on our new Music Workshop YouTube Channel.

Each evening, beginning at 7:00 pm, our program of past presentations will begin with a prelude by Cecile Carrin McGuire. All are aware of the significant contributions Cecile has made to Workshop for many years. You may have seen some of her recent offerings on Facebook – beautiful arrangements of wonderful music that we've become accustomed to hearing from her. We're thankful that Cecile will be with us again this year.

Our Chairman, Becky Thrift will address the Workshop each night with brief opening remarks about that evening's agenda. It is Becky's inspired leadership that has made these special online sessions possible.

Throughout the history of Workshop, we've been blessed to hear the powerful preaching of the Word by many of our denomination's beloved pastors. During this year's Look Back, we'll hear messages from three of these ministers who have gone on to their heavenly home with the Lord. Compelling messages from Elders F. Arthur Devane, R. L. Mitchell and Hoyt B. Simms will begin each night's agenda.

The final night of each year's conference features the Sacred Concert, the culmination of many hours of hard work by the Workshop Choir. Each evening of this year's online programming will include a concert from past Workshops, which will inspire us again as we remember God's blessings on our efforts.

The third component of each night's lineup will be a selected dramatic musical presentation from Workshops over the last several years. These special programs have become a regular part of each year's "second night" ac-

tivity and have been a true blessing to those from various churches who work together to produce them.

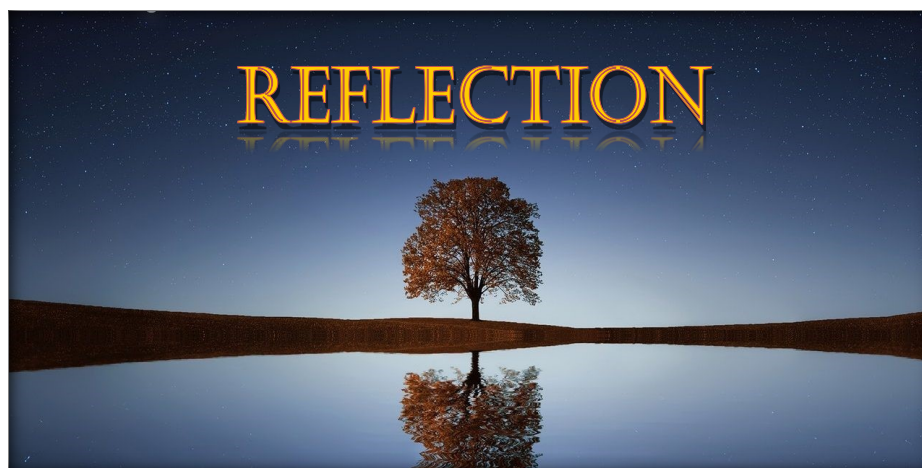
Please see the inset schedule of this year's events for specific information on each night's program. We hope you will join us each night for these online presentations as we look back with fond memories of Workshop experiences we shared together. Also, take advantage of the opportunity to offer comments online and respond to others in real time as these events take place.

**The links to each evening's program will be available on the Music Workshop Facebook page by July 8. Following the link takes you to our YouTube Live channel where each evening's 7pm broadcast can be found. If you have questions, please email [eckleberry@mac.com](mailto:eckleberry@mac.com). You can also request that the YouTube Live link be sent to you via email. That's all it takes to relive these special moments in Music Workshop history.**

We want to express our deep appreciation to Elder Vernon Eckleberry of Brunswick, GA for his hard work and dedication in providing his technical expertise and video editing skills to this project. Brother Vernon has not only directed this special three night series, he was also involved in the original taping of some of the presentations. We are so thankful for his and Sister Brenda's involvement in Workshop over the years!

We're excited about this opportunity to relive these special times from previous Music Workshops! It means so much to those who were there for these events and will hopefully be an inspiration to our young Workshoppers who were not.

As we look back, we also look to the future and pray that the Lord will bless us all to work hard to uphold the original vision of Workshop: to elevate our efforts to worship His Name to the best of the abilities He has given us. We ask you to join us now as we renew our efforts with an eye toward reconvening in 2021. May His Name be praised!





# Dillon McCoy

## A Memorial

“A life well-lived” — We often hear this statement with the passing of one of God’s precious children. Certainly, the life of Dillon Ray McCoy exemplifies the kind of life that honors our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On June 5, 2020, Jesus carried Dillon to his eternal home in the arms of our loving God at the young age of 16.

The Music Workshop family is a very special group because it is made up of very special people. Dillon was one of those special people. Dillon is the son of Mark and Sheyna McCoy and is survived by his brothers, Nicholas and

Aaron. He is the grandson of Pat and Kathy McCoy, Bill and Brenda Culver, and Tom and Jackie Gilbert.

For many years, Dillon, his parents and brothers made the annual trip to Music Workshop at Camp Hillview. This was a joyful time, and more than once, the McCoy “men” shared their musical talents with the group. Dillon was right in the middle of them. It is no surprise that Dillon had a love for music and particularly the guitar. He had a contagious smile and a love for people, as well. His parents describe him as “kind, giving, loving, and funny.” These wonderful characteristics were always exemplified at Music Workshop.

How does one of such a young age have “a life well-lived”? Dillon loved his God. He touched so many people through his young spirit. Not only did Dillon love God, but God shone through Dillon in his life experiences. At such a young age, Dillon made the choice to become an organ donor: “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13). Truly, Dillon’s life was well-lived and will live on in our memories.

We will miss Dillon McCoy at Music Workshop. However, he made a lasting impression on each and every one of us, both young and old. We send our prayers and love to all of Dillon’s family and hold to the promise we find in Matthew 5:4: “Blessed [are] they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.”

Truly, God is good and He will care for His people.





# A Letter From The Chairman

**TP . . . TP . . . TP!!!**

How many times in the past weeks have you seen or heard “TP”? For days and days—No! For weeks and weeks—No! For months and months, people have talked about it, read about it and fussed about it! I have named it “The Great Toilet Paper Saga.”

As you read my letter, I hope your mind will be reprogrammed. I pray that you will think about “TP” in a Music Workshop frame of mind from this day forward.



## TP #1 – Tough Person

Scripture: “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Philippians 4:13).

Song: “His Strength Is Perfect”

## TP #2 – Tiny Problems

Scripture: “For with God nothing shall be impossible” (Luke 1:37).

Song: “Leave It There”

## TP#3 – Tremendous Power

Scripture: “God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect” (2 Samuel 22:33).

Song: “There Is Power in the Blood”

## TP #4 – Tender Prayer

Scripture: “But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to the Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly” (Matthew 6:6).

Song: “The Lord’s Prayer”

## TP #5 – Today’s Promise

Scripture: “[A]nd being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was also able to perform” (Romans 4:21).

Song: “Standing on the Promises”

## TP #6 – Total Praise

Scripture: “I will praise thee with my whole heart . . .” (Psalm 138:1).

Song: “How Great Thou Art”

## TP #7 – Today's Purpose

Scripture: "He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace" (2 Timothy 1:9).

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

## TP #8 — Thorough Plan

Scripture: "For I know the Thoughts that I think toward you, Saith the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Hymn: "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

So . . . how can I use all this wonderful "stuff" in my life? This is my new mantra:

"I am a tough person with both tiny and large problems. The tremendous power of God will reveal today's purpose based on today's promise. God hears my tender prayers and my total praise. TP . . . TP . . . TP!"

The 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of Music Workshop was cancelled for this year. At this moment in time as you read my letter, know that we are all saddened that the circumstances of Covid-19 have caused us to make this decision. It was important to us for people to say, "They did more than enough" rather than "They did too little." It is our collective prayer that you are all safe and thriving in this new world in which we find ourselves. Of course, only God knows the future, and we can trust Him with ours. Let us spend time changing our way of thinking and preparing for MW 2021. Hopefully, our "TP" will be reflected in our message in song no matter what our challenges might be.

Love to one and all,  
Becky Thrift

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## **P.S. We need to include just one more TP: Teen People**

One of the strong points of Music Workshop is our youth group. For years, we have watched our Joy Shoppers grow into Music Workshoppers and then into positions of leadership in Music Workshop and their individual churches.

A new and exciting event happened in Music Workshop this last year—a Junior Music Workshop Board was established. The Junior Board is overseen by three of our very capable Board members: Carolyn Summerford, Jennifer Gerrald, and Chris Chambers.

The purpose of establishing this Board is 3-fold:

- 1) to encourage input from young people in the planning of Music Workshop
- 2) to groom young people for future leadership roles
- 3) to encourage young people to become planners for the annual Teen Music Retreat.

The first year of the Junior Music Workshop Board was on the road to complete success until Covid-19 interfered. One thing is certain: they had an awesome teen retreat this year. Attendance was up, the theme was perfect ("Noise"), and the Christian fellowship was everywhere. Congratulation to the Junior Music Workshop Board for a job well-done.

A list of Junior Board members follows:

Erica Couch - Social Media  
Joseph Deloach  
Whitley Gatch - President  
Hannah McCorkle - Secretary  
Lauren McCorkle  
Ashlyn Summers - Vice President  
James Waters - Chaplain

We look forward to an awesome year in 2021 under the leadership of the Junior Workshop Board.





# Annlyn Royal

## 2020 Nancy Patton Scholarship Winner

Each year, the Music Workshop presents the Nancy Patton Music Scholarship. This 1,000 dollar award is given in memory of the first Vice-Chairman of the Music Workshop, who died in a tragic accident in 1969. The fund was begun by a man who had been greatly aided by the music and youth ministry of Sister Nancy and wanted to aid those who were pursuing a future work in the service of God. In addition to the main award, two years ago we began to give other aids and assistances to other worthy applicants.

Once again, this year's scholarship award goes to Annlyn Royal. Annlyn is a singer, pianist and plays the clarinet. She is also the first three time winner of this award. (An applicant can win a maximum of three times). Congratulations again, Annlyn, and may the Lord bless you as you pursue your degree in Music Education.

In addition, assistance awards go to Preston Adkins, Erica Couch, Joseph Deloach and Whitley Gatch. Congratulations to these fine young people who are developing their God given gifts and dedicating their lives to service in His Kingdom. Our prayers are with you as you pursue your goals.

If you or your church would like to donate to the scholarship fund, please contact our treasurer, Beth Stubbs. Please earmark contributions Nancy Patton Music Scholarship.

The address is  
Beth Stubbs (Treasurer)  
1259 Carl Dasher Rd.  
Glennville, GA 30427

Applications for the Nancy Patton Scholarship can be found online at <http://www.pbmusicworkshop.com/>

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## *Psalm 150*

*Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary:*

*praise him in the firmament of his power.*

*Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.*

*Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.*

*Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.*

*Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.*

*Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD.*

*Praise ye the LORD.*

# The Music Workshop Welcomes Its Newest Board Member



The Music Workshop Board is an 18-member Board. It is always a major disappointment to lose one of our members, but things happen and we understand when it is necessary for a valued member to step aside. This year, we found ourselves in the position of once again having a vacancy to fill. In all sincerity, this is probably one of the hardest things we ever have to do, but it did not take long to come to a consensus as to whom we should choose to fill this particular position.

We are so happy to introduce our newest Board member: Sister Dee Dee Phillips of Riverside Primitive Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL. Sister Dee Dee is married to Donnie Phillips and they reside in Middleburg, FL. Sister Dee Dee may be a new Board member, but she is not new to Music Workshop. We realized what a hard worker she was and that she would bring so much to her position on the Board.

Sister Dee Dee is a retired educator. She taught at all levels and has served as an assistant principal and principal in her career.

This lady is BUSY! Sister Dee Dee shares pianist responsibilities at Riverside. She also coordinates the Riverside Outreach Committee and serves on the Riverside Kitchen Committee. She is Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Camp Sonlight in Florida. She serves on the Southern States Bible Conference Time and Place Committee. If that isn't enough, she also is a member of the Primitive Baptist Scholarship Fund Committee.

In her "spare" time, Sister Dee Dee enjoys outdoor activities, especially taking walks with the family pet Ol' English Bulldog, Daisy. As busy as she may be, she always has time to care for her family.

It is our privilege to welcome Sister Dee Dee Phillips to the Music Workshop Board of Directors. We know she will be a tremendous asset to the work of this Board.



# Pat Flowers

The Music Workshop Board of Directors is a very unique Board. There are 18 members and they are a diverse group of folks. Each person has a job to do and without each person, things just do not run smoothly. At the moment, we are a little bit off kilter as we say good-bye to another of our Board members. With regret, we announce that Sister Pat Flowers has resigned from the Music Workshop Board of Directors.

There is an old saying that “if you want to get something done, get a person who is busy.” That is Pat Flowers. No one works harder or has her finger in more pies than Pat. Pat is married to Elder Steve Flowers. Presently, they are serving Bethesda Primitive Baptist Church in Wadley, Georgia. Some preachers settle in a church and stay for years; others travel wherever the Lord leads them on a regular basis. Brother Steve and Sister Pat have served a number of churches throughout their ministry and are

loved everywhere they go. Pat is not one to ask you to do something unless she is willing to get in there and help. She is busy in all organizations associated with the Primitive Baptist denomination. She has held offices in most. At this point in their lives, Brother Steve and Sister Pat are enjoying motoring around the country and spending time with family members in their personal RV. Busy, busy, busy!

Pat has served as secretary of the Music Workshop Board for several years. Our meeting minutes have been meticulous and timely. There is never a question about the contents because Pat takes her job very seriously. On a personal note, I think of Pat as my “right-hand friend.” I have called on her to assist me with so many things. Thanks to her, we have a very efficient and complete database for the attendees of Music Workshop. One thing is certain, Pat will be greatly missed.

We love you, Pat, and we appreciate your time with us. Go and enjoy your retirement. Just remember that we meet the third week in July each year. We plan to see you there!

Love,  
Becky Thrift

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## THE MUSIC WORKSHOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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