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MUSIC WORKSHOP 2021

JULY 13-15, 2021

STATESBORO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

**Our Theme:
Blessed Be The Name
Job 1:21**



Job's praise, in spite of the hard times, is a reminder to us to keep on singing. The story of Job starts out in prosperity, devolves into tragedy and then in time comes to a restoration. This echoes our situation of pre-pandemic prosperity, pandemic losses and now the beginning of restoration. Job's example of Blessing God at all times, even the tough times, inspires us as we emerge from hard times. Come, let us bless the Lord together!

The Music Workshop Board of Directors is so thankful that the Lord has allowed us the opportunity to hold a modified session of the Workshop this year. Early planning for this year's conference had to be tentative, but because of developments in the COVID-19 situation over the last several months, we are very excited that there will be a 2021 Music Workshop.

All Workshop events will be held at Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church in Statesboro, GA. There we will more easily be able to follow social distancing polices by having our worship service, classes, choir rehearsals and other activities in larger spaces. Meals will be catered or prepared and served by small groups to ensure that every safety measure possible is taken.

We encourage all who can and feel comfortable doing so to join us for this reunion Workshop as we endeavor to serve the Lord. We also ask that you please submit your Registration Form as soon as possible so that we can prepare accordingly. The form is found on page 5 of this newsletter. It includes mail and email addresses to which it can be submitted.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

SCHEDULE – (Please see Workshop Schedule on page 4)

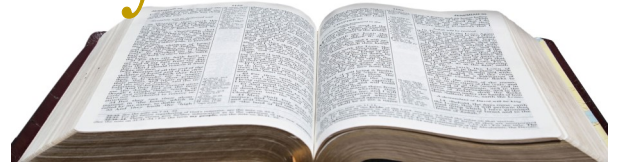
Registration will begin at 4:30 on Tuesday, July 13, at Statesboro Church. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall, followed by a general assembly in the sanctuary at 7:00. After a Welcome, Announcements and brief Orientation, our Evening Program will begin.



Tuesday night's program is entitled, "**How Can I Keep From Singing**" – **A Hymn Fest**. Unlike some of our past hymn sings, this year we will follow a more structured format, centered around the Fruit of the Spirit. There will be lots of congregational singing, a few prepared musical numbers and other presentations. After missing this opportunity last year, we are really looking forward to kicking things off with all of us singing and worshipping the Lord together!

On Wednesday morning at 8:50, we will gather in the sanctuary for our worship service which begins at 9:00. Our Worship Committee has planned this special time together, and we are very happy to announce that Elder Randy Waters, pastor of the Statesboro Church, will deliver the keynote sermon, "Blessed Be the Name." Please be in prayer for Brother Randy as he prepares to bring us this message.

Keynote Sermon



Choir Rehearsal

After the service, we will take a quick break before continuing a very busy day of choral instruction, choir rehearsals and a special "Snack and Chat" time, where attendees have the opportunity to discuss pertinent topics with each other regarding participation in church music.

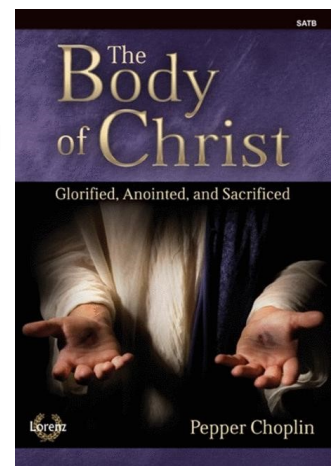
Wednesday evening's activity will begin at 7:30 in the sanctuary. We are very excited about a special program which will be presented by the Lanes Primitive Baptist choir and members of the Statesboro Primitive Baptist choir entitled "**The Body of Christ**." This cantata by Pepper Choplin, and directed by Brother Wade McElveen, is a beautiful piece with narration that expresses a theme representing many things throughout Scripture. There is the literal, physical body of Christ – the body that was sacrificed on our behalf to save us from sin. There is the body explained by Jesus to the disciples in the Upper Room – the body represented by the bread and wine. Finally, the Body of Christ that is manifested in the Church – the body of His work, multiplied in those who follow Him. Please be in prayer for those who prepare for this program and those who attend.

SNACK 'N CHAT



On Thursday, we begin the day with Morning Meditation at 9:00. We will follow that with choir rehearsal in final preparation for the Sacred Concert on Thursday afternoon.

On both Wednesday and Thursday, Dr. Jim Tipps will present a masterclass he calls **Singing School**. It has



been a long time desire of his to provide instruction in singing skills from which all of us can benefit while trying to elevate our vocal efforts, whether in choral settings, ensemble or solo work, or as a member of the congregation on Sunday morning.

As a career professor of music and choral director, Jim brings unique qualifications to Workshop each year as he works with us to develop one of God's greatest gifts to us for use in worshipping His Name – our voices. We urge you to join us in taking advantage of this opportunity.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Because of the changes in this year's Workshop there are some things you will need to know before attending.



Lodging – The dorms at Camp Hillview will be available on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. (No other camp facilities will be open). PLEASE BE SURE TO INDICATE ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM WHETHER YOU PLAN TO STAY IN THE DORMS AT CAMP HILLVIEW.

In addition, there are several hotels in the Statesboro area which will provide easy access to the Statesboro Church. Please see the list of these below. We recommend that if you plan to stay at a local hotel, you contact them soon to make your reservation.

Stay Plus Extended Stay

*Recommended
912-258-1777
17262 Hwy 67

Holiday Inn Express

912-205-5999
7 S Main St

Comfort Inn and Suites

912-225-9345
17870 Hwy 67

Days Inn and Suites

912-225-0204
616 Fair Rd

Holiday Inn

912-489-4545
455 Commerce Dr

Home2 Suites by Hilton

912-259-1900
1579 Brampton Ave



Meals – ALL WORKSHOPPERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THEIR OWN BREAKFAST ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. A LIST OF LOCAL BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU WHEN YOU REGISTER.

The following meals will be provided by Music Workshop: Tuesday night dinner, Wednesday lunch and dinner, Thursday lunch. These meals will be catered or prepared and served by a small group of people from our local churches.

If you need any further information or have special needs regarding accommodations for this year's Workshop, please contact us.

Again, we look forward to this very special time together and encourage everyone to join us! However, with all that has happened over this last year and all that we have faced, we certainly understand if anyone feels less than comfortable in gathering as a group. If you are not able to attend, we ask that you pray for those of us who do and that God will bless our efforts to serve Him!

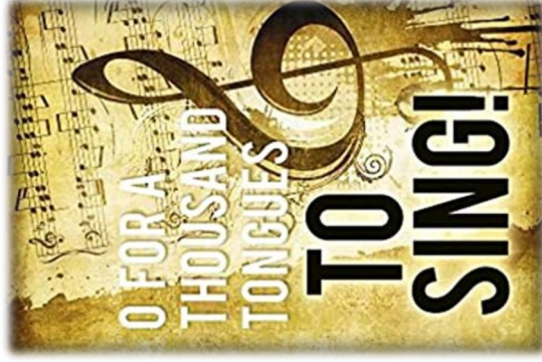
Music Workshop 2021 Schedule

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

- 4:30 - Registration (Social Hall)
- 6:00 - Supper (Social Hall)
- 7:00 - Welcome and Announcements (Church Sanctuary)
- 7:30 - *How Can I Keep From Singing?* A Hymn Fest
- 9:00 - Depart from SPBC

Wednesday, July 14, 2021 (Breakfast on your own)

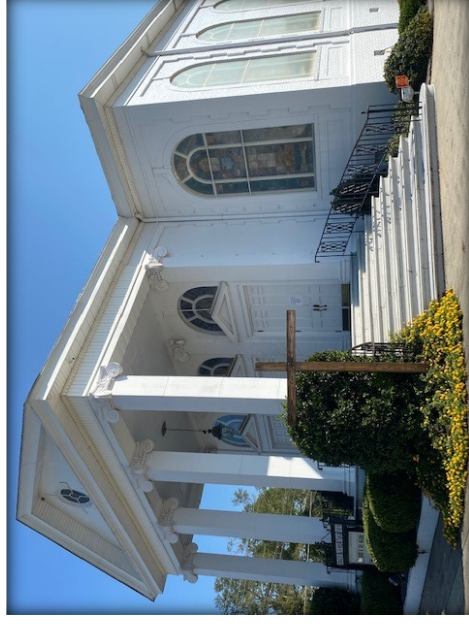
- 8:50 - Gathering Time (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 - Keynote Sermon - "*Blessed Be the Name*" Elder Randy Waters
- 10:00 - Break (Social Hall)
- 10:20 - Introductory Tone Building / Choral instruction (Sanctuary)
- Sectional Rehearsals
- 12:00 - Lunch (Social Hall)
- 1:15 - Master Class – Singing School
Dr. Jim Tipps (Sanctuary)
- Teen Breakout (Social Hall)
- 2:15 - Snack and Chat – (Social Hall)
Sharing Time / Includes break
- 3:00 - Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 - Free Time
- 6:00 - Supper (Social Hall)
- 7:30 - Program – *The Body of Christ*
Lanes PBC (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 - Depart from SPBC



Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Thursday, July 15, 2021 (Breakfast on your own)

- 9:00 - Morning Meditation (Sanctuary)
- 9:20 - Choir (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 - Lunch (Dining Hall)
- 12:30 - Master Class – *Singing School*
Dr. Jim Tipps (Sanctuary)
- Teen Breakout (Social Hall)
- 1:30 - Break
- 1:45 - Concert (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 - Departure



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN 2021

As always, Music Workshop strives to offer activities and opportunities for all ages. This year is no different. Take a look at what we have in store for our young folks!

JOYSHOP (Ages 3 – 12)

For many years, JoyShop has offered our children a broad base of opportunities to participate in Bible stories, music, arts and crafts and fun time. Sister Kathryn Waters will again lead this critical part of the conference, with the help of Sister Jenny Tankersley. In addition, JoyShoppers will present special music during Thursday afternoon's Sacred Concert.

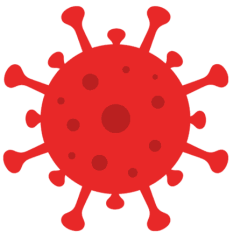
TEENS

Our teens, of course, attend the regular sessions and classes of Workshop. This year we're adding a real treat, as our teens will also attend their own breakout sessions to prepare music for the Sacred Concert. Sisters Tina Bennett and Terri Pinkstaff will lead this effort and we're excited about bringing this Workshop feature back!

NURSERY

A nursery is provided during Workshop hours for ages 0-2.

Covid Protocol at Music Workshop 2021



For months now, a recurring conversation at Music Workshop Board Meetings has been about Covid and Music Workshop. Fortunately, some things have changed in our favor: a Covid vaccine, a decline in numbers, and the knowledge for treatment. Of course, the need to do our part as individuals is as great as ever. We cannot take Covid for granted because we do not want to go back. The following comments concern our protocol at Music Workshop this year.



First of all, it seemed necessary to do two things: 1) shorten Workshop and 2) find a place that offered us the security we needed. We were able to do both of those things. That is why we are having an abbreviated Workshop, and we are meeting at Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church. Statesboro Church is the perfect place for us to meet this year, and we are thankful that they so graciously said yes to our request. Hopefully, those two things will prevent a multitude of problems.

As you probably know, the state of Georgia is no longer under a mask mandate. Masks are very personal. Some people never wore them during the whole time, and others never took them off. With that thought in mind, we have decided not to require masks at Music Workshop. Now, we are not requiring them, but you are welcome to wear them as much as you would like. Please bring a good mask as decisions about masks and singing will be made a little closer to the time. The sanctuary at Statesboro Church is really big and will lend itself to the opportunity to spread out. That might take care of any concerns we have.

We will provide hand sanitizer and gloves when needed. We do encourage you to wash your hands every chance you get. We also feel this might not be the time to hug and kiss everyone you see. It would be a good idea to keep a distance between yourself and others. A little reserve might be proper at this point.

If there is any chance that you have been exposed or if you are presenting symptoms that are suspicious, please do not attend Music Workshop this year. You will be missed, but you will know that you did everything you could do to protect yourself and others.

Consider this quote by Warren Wiersbe: "The safest place in all the world is in the will of God, and the safest protection in all the world is the name of God."

Please help us get this Workshop right by praying for us. Please hold up the name of Music Workshop when you pray. We thank you for your support.

WELCOME BACK! WELCOME BACK!! WELCOME BACK!!!

It seems like Music Workshop 2019 was a century ago! The last months have been so challenging. Things have happened to each and every one of us that have been so difficult, so hurtful, so defeating. BUT there is light at the end of the tunnel. We can only thank our God for his sustaining grace in bringing us through these hard times and staying close to each of us when we did not even know it. Our God is a GREAT God!

Today, I would like to think about the two little words *welcome back*. They may be small, but they are powerful. I have been thinking about just what those words mean, and I would like to share my thoughts.

- 1) *Welcome Back* means that someone went somewhere. Now, for most of us, it means we went home. There is comfort in going home because home is a safe and secure place, a place where we did not have to worry about what was going on outside. Home was a refuge. But we have an even greater refuge in our God: “Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast” (Psalm 57:1). Yes, we went somewhere, and thank goodness, God was there.
- 2) *Welcome Back* means there is a motivation to return. Sometimes we become very comfortable in our security. We become so comfortable that we almost become “stuck” in our surroundings. Covid-19 did that to so many of us. However, there is a whole world out there, and God would have us be a part of it. “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10). We are so thankful that your feet may lead you back to us. Music Workshop 2021 is a motivation to get out of your comfort zone. (The Workshop Board is even dealing with this).
- 3) *Welcome Back* means someone is glad to see you return. In this case, it is the Music Workshop!!! We missed you last year: the worship, the prayer, the singing, the fellowship, and so much more. It is such a blessing to have the opportunity to return to all those things. “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you” (James 4:8). We are not crazy; you do not have to come to Music Workshop to be close to God. But it is such a wonderful experience when people of like minds meet, and God is in their midst. Those times are truly uplifting and fulfilling. Please return to Music Workshop. Together, we will enter into His courts with thanksgiving.

Welcome Back carries a great deal of meaning. We look forward to July 13-15 when we can say to each of you, “Welcome Back! We are so blessed to see you and to meet together in this place.” Think about it: What could you do from July 13-15 that would be more wonderful?

Mark your calendars! We hope to see you at Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church, July 13-15, 2021. If you cannot come, please pray that God will bless us.

Love to all,

Becky Thrift



Music Workshop 2021 Registration Form

July 13-15, 2021

Please submit a registration form. *Make checks payable to **Music Workshop**.* (Fees will be accepted upon arrival.)
The deadline is **June 20, 2021**. Please observe this deadline as our planning for this MW is different.

Mail to Beth Stubbs, 1259 Carl Dasher Road, Glennville, GA 30427
Home #: 912-654-3680 / Mobile #: 912-237-1112 / Email: bethstubbs373@yahoo.com

Workshop Registration Fees: **Primitive Baptist Ministers and Pastors Attend Free of Charge.**
* Workshopper (Ages 13 and up): \$40 / ** Joyshopper (Ages 3-12): \$30 / *** Nursery (Ages 0-2): \$20 / child

Registration begins **Tuesday, July 13 at 4:30 in the Social Hall at Statesboro PBC.** Visit our website for more details:
www.pbmusicworkshop.com.

Delegate _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Church Affiliation _____

Check one: Adult (16 and up) _____ Teen (13-15) _____ Joy Shop (5-12) _____ Preschool (2-4) _____ Nursery (0-2) _____

Medical Release for Non-adults (use the back of this sheet if needed)

List any medical problems/allergies about which we should be informed: _____

List any medications required on a regular basis: _____

Emergency Contact #1 _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact #2 _____ Phone _____

In the event of an emergency, my child has permission to be treated by a doctor or in a hospital if necessary.

Please check one and initialize: Yes _____ (Initials) _____ No _____ (Initials) _____

Please list the adult who will be responsible for your child at Workshop: _____

Consider the following commitment seriously!

Individual Commitment of Teens: I will conduct myself in a Christian manner at all times. I will attend and participate in all activities of the workshop. I will follow the rules of Music Workshop and respect authority.

Teen's Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

FYI: The **Allen Simms Memorial Fund** is available for workshopppers under 25 who are in need of financial assistance to attend Workshop. Contact Kathy McCoy for information: ksmccoy2067@hotmail.com

**Contact Info during Workshop: Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church, 4 S. Zetterower Ave., Statesboro, GA 30458
(912)764-6058 or Chris Chambers (912)618-0153**

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