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NEWSLETTER OF PRIMITIVE BAPTIST MUSIC WORKSHOP

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MUSIC WORKSHOP 2018



SERMONS IN SONG

The 56th annual Primitive Baptist Music Workshop, the conference of musicians, worship leaders, choir members and directors and many who just love congregational singing and music in worship, will convene Tuesday, July 17, at Camp Hillview near Metter, GA, with registration beginning at 4:30. The workshop runs through Friday evening, July 20, ending with our Sacred Concert, held at Metter Primitive Baptist Church at 8:00pm.

Since 1963, the Music Workshop has been dedicated to the development of musicians and other leadership roles within our churches. In March of that year, the Primitive Baptist Preachers' Wives Organization held their annual meeting. The agenda included a discussion of how they might contribute more in the support of the worship services in their local churches. Some in attendance were involved in their churches' music programs. It was agreed that a need existed for more and better training in worship music and planning, which led to the concept of a seminar that would provide that opportunity for those interested in enhancing their efforts in this area of ministry. Within just a few months, the seminar was designed, planned and scheduled. In August of that same year, delegates from various churches attended the first Music Workshop, held at the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church. For years, the Workshop was hosted each summer by one of our churches, with attendees invited to stay in the homes of that church's members. However, attendance grew rapidly and eventually Workshop was moved to Camp Hillview to accommodate the growing numbers of those attending. Along with this growth, the Lord has continually blessed our efforts with spiritual growth and a compelling, sweet fellowship that brings us back each year to hear His Word preached and explore ways to enhance our efforts to worship His Holy Name.

This year, we look forward to another wonderful week together as we focus on the true importance of the great hymns we love to sing. Our theme will be "Sermons In Song." Elder David Summerford will preach the Word at each of our midday worship services and has developed this theme to acknowledge that the singing of hymns, psalms and spiritual songs is meant to be a teaching tool of the church of Jesus Christ. In these three messages, Brother David will explore the Bible's instructions to teach the doctrines of the church through song, the purpose of the birth and death of Jesus Christ and the purpose of the church.

On Wednesday, we explore the question, "What kind of song did David's choir sing?" This examination of some of our favorite songs and hymns, which are truly sermons in song, will encourage a process of searching the lyrics of our songs and finding the Bible verses upon which those lyrics are based. Thursday's message, "Born To Die", focuses on the birth and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ and points to the fact that some of our seasonal favorites, the songs of Christmas and Easter, include some of the strongest doctrinal truths of any of our music. Finally, on Friday, in "The Church Victorious," Brother David will address songs that show the purpose of the church and the final victory of the church triumphant.

We are so thankful for Brother David and his countless contributions to Music Workshop over the decades as a long time Board member, minister, musician, instructor and versatile entertainer during the humorous and fun times we enjoy each year! He and his wife, Carolyn, also a member of our Board, have been such a blessing to the Workshop and our denomination, and we thank them for their faithful service. Please pray the Lord's blessings on Brother David as he prepares to preach on these rich themes in our worship services.

As always, each day at Workshop is a full schedule! We begin with breakfast at 8:00 and continue with morning meditations, a wide range of instruction classes and small group discussions, prayer groups, worship services, choir practices and a lot of fun and fellowship. Please see the daily schedule of events on page 4 of this newsletter. In addition to our fast paced agenda, there is a wide range of classes and instruction to choose from that offers opportunities to enhance existing skills, or begin a new course of study in an area you've never tried before. Be sure to see the Choose-A-Class article on page 3. Many of our attendees are not necessarily able to join us for the full week, but may come for just a day or two. We invite you to join us too, for whatever time you can. We know you'll enjoy and be blessed!

If our daytime schedule is not a possibility for you, consider attending our evening activities. Each night offers a special program. On Tuesday, after dinner, we'll meet in Camp Hillview's auditorium for plenty of singing and an introduction to the week's theme, with presentations of some of our best loved hymns and their composers. As part of the program, we'll have a special presentation you won't want to miss! Just trust us on this one – that's all we can say.

Wednesday night, the Metter Church, along with members of a few area churches, will present "A Picture of Calvary," music and drama telling the stories of some who followed Him throughout His three year ministry and others who were with Him at the cross. These stories are the world's most compelling, as we all know. This program will bring to us a vivid picture of Calvary and its impact on those closest to our Lord during His time here with us. This program will be held at Metter Primitive Baptist Church at 8:00pm.

On Thursday, Talent Night offers everyone an opportunity to present their musical, dramatic or comedic talent to the group. We encourage EVERYONE to choose or create an act, put together a costume and props, if you like, and start rehearsing!! This should be a LOTTA fun! Oh, and one more thing: Please send us a quick email and tell us about your plans! Give us a brief description of what you plan to do, the name of your act, names of any others included in the act and whether you may need any assistance with accompaniment or other support. Please send your information to markalansimms@gmail.com. For those who may need assistance, the deadline for submitting that request is July 1. For others, please have your information to us by July 10. A distinguished panel of judges will choose the top 3 contestants, whose lives, we're sure, will be forever changed!

Friday night, of course is our Sacred Concert, featuring the Workshop Choir of nearly 100 voices. It's been our tradition to close the week with this inspiring musical worship service, which is the culmination of much hard work throughout the week. Our concert committee has spent many hours planning this night and selecting a wide range of powerful sacred music for the week's finale. Also a tradition will be the presentation of this year's Nancy Patton Scholarship winner(s). The concert will also be held at Metter Church at 8:00pm.

We hope you'll consider Workshop for your summer calendar this year! It's a wonderful experience of worship, work, music and fellowship, even if you're only able to spend a few hours with us. Please look for further details on our website, pbmusicworkshop.com. If you cannot be with us, please pray that the Lord will bless our efforts to serve Him.



July 2018						
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CHOOSE-A-CLASS OPTIONS AT WORKSHOP

Music Workshop is excited to announce the Choose-a-Class sessions for this year. We continue to have many popular offerings. We encourage you to give serious thought to those class options you may want to attend. Morning and afternoon offerings are outlined below to help in making your selections.

Sister Lisa Lamb will be with us again for the *Signing* class. Members of this class will learn sign language for a couple of songs which they can take home and use in their own churches.



Sister Tina Bennett will teach the *Instrument* class. This class is always a mix of instruments and ages.

Guitar classes will return. *Beginning Guitar* will be taught by Sister Kathy Newman and the instructor for *Advanced Guitar* is yet to be announced.



You will have a chance to take an extra look at the concert music in *Practice makes Perfect*, taught by Sister Kathy McCoy.

We are bringing back *Voice* class; it will be led by Brother Josh Devane, who has been performing in musical stage productions all over the United States. He will also present the Friday *Voice* class for the entire Workshop, explaining how to sing with a tired voice.



Student Conducting returns with Brother Tom Sye as instructor. A change to this class will be that more than one person may be chosen to lead a congregational hymn at the concert on Friday evening.

Learning a New Chorus will be a new class this year, led by Sister Carolyn Summerford. Members of this class will expand their repertoires as they are introduced to new choruses.



Are you excited yet? We are, and we are praying for God's blessings on all the instructors and the workshop attendees. Remember: If you play an instrument, whether guitar, violin, flute, oboe, clarinet, or whatever, bring it to Workshop!

Choose-a-class sessions presented in the morning time slots will be Instrument, Signing, Student Conducting, and Voice. The afternoon classes will be Practice Makes Perfect, both Guitar Classes, and Learning a New Chorus.

Music Workshop 2018 Schedule

July 17– 20

Tuesday

3:00 – Board Meeting
4:30 – Registration / Visit Hospitality Room
5:00 – Peek at Concert Music
5:30 – Dinner
7:00 – Welcome / Program
The Power of Songs
9:00 – Pool Time
10:30 – Orientation in Dorms

Wednesday and Thursday

8:00 – Breakfast
9:00 – Morning Meditation / Assembly
9:20 – Choose-a-Class
10:20 – Choir Rehearsal
11:20 – Prayer Groups
11:35 – Break
11:50 – Worship Service: *Elder David Summerford*
12:50 – Lunch
2:00 – Choose-a-Class
3:00 – Break
3:15 – Choir Rehearsal
4:30 – School's Out

Wednesday Evening

5:30 – Dinner
7:30 – Caravan to Metter PBC
8:00 – *A Picture of Calvary*
10:30 – Get ready for bed!

Thursday Evening

7:00 – Talent Night Competition
9:00 – Pool Time
10:30 – Get ready for Bed!

Friday

8:00 – Breakfast
9:00 – Morning Meditation/ Assembly
9:20 – Combined Voice Class:
How to Sing with a Tired Voice
9:50 – Choir Rehearsal
11:20 – Prayer Groups
11:35 – Break
11:50 – Worship Service: *Elder David Summerford*
12:50 – Lunch
2:00 – Depart for Metter PBC
2:30 – Choir Rehearsal
5:30 – Dinner
Pack and Clean Out Dorms
7:15 – Depart for Metter PBC
8:00 – *Sacred Concert*

*For a list of Choose-a-Class options, refer to the article in the *Shofar*.

**For information about the worship services, refer to the article in the *Shofar*.





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MUSIC WORKSHOP OUTREACH PROGRAM

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Most of you are aware of the Outreach program that the Music Workshop Board has initiated. The purpose of this Outreach idea is to unite interested Music Workshopers in a group whose desire is to help the churches in our denomination by offering music opportunities such as pianists, soloists, song leaders, etc.

Fairview Primitive Baptist Church in Chattanooga, TN became the first church to take advantage of this Outreach by asking Sister Becky Thrift, Music Workshop Chairman and member of the Metter Primitive Baptist Church, to be their guest musician for their Spring Meeting in April. I was also asked to serve as song leader during the revival. I am thankful that I was able to be at this meeting and pray that God was pleased with our service to Him and to the members of Fairview.

Elder Buck Grantham was the guest minister for the week, and Fairview also was blessed to hear his wonderful singing and piano playing each night. Elder Mike and Sister Leah McGrady sang a beautiful duet on Thursday night. All these musicians brought so many blessings to the Spring Meeting that would not have happened if they had not been willing to share their musical gifts, and if they had not been asked by Fairview to share these gifts.

Apparently, there is a lot of talent in our churches, but many hesitate to offer to share their talents when visiting other churches and wait to be asked. These churches do not ask because they do not want to put people on the spot. This is sad because so much good can come from the sharing of God's musical gifts with each other.

When you are willing to go to another church to assist with the worship music, you get blessings back fourfold:

1. You are doing what God wanted you to do when He gave you your talent.
2. Each congregation's worship service has something unique from which you can learn.
3. You meet a lot of wonderful children of God.
4. You're *gonna* eat some great food!

Likewise, when your church is willing to ask guest musicians to assist in the worship service, the church gets blessings back fourfold:

1. The congregation will hear new songs presented in beautiful and new ways.
2. Your church is encouraging an emphasis on music as an integral part of the worship service.
3. You meet a lot of wonderful children of God.
4. You give your regular pianist/organist/song leader/soloist a much-needed break to enjoy a peaceful service.

So, consider being a part of the database of Primitive Baptist musicians, and "let your light shine." And churches, please don't be shy about asking for assistance in your worship service music. Fairview Primitive Baptist Church experienced firsthand the awesome blessings that came from a desire to incorporate other musical gifts in their worship.

TEEN MUSIC RETREAT 2018

The 2018 Teen Music Retreat was filled with music and friendship. We had a wonderful group of teens from Florida and Georgia who embraced the theme of True Christian Friendship. In his lesson, Elder Mike Newman had a heart-to-heart talk with our teens about true friends and how to recognize them. Officer Ross Newman spoke to our teens because of the recent shooting that had occurred in a Florida School. He also addressed texting while driving. He brought a calm and strong voice with a Christian perspective.

Skit night/Talent night was fun and a blessing, all rolled into one. We started the evening laughing and having a wonderful time together in fellowship during the skit portion. Then we proceeded to the talent portion of the program. Our teens have God-given talents, and they are all using them for the Lord.

Sister Terry Pinkstaff worked with our instrumentalist class, and they presented a few pieces for the worship service on Sunday. It is amazing how fast our youth learn a piece of music and play it so skillfully! The teen choir learned and sang "Prayer for my Friend" for the Worship Service on Sunday. Brother Taylor Dollar preached a wonderful sermon about the examples of friendship throughout the Bible.

We are extremely grateful to those people who volunteered their time and energy, or baking/cooking skills. Without you, events like this could not take place. You are a Blessing!! These teens are truly grateful for your dedication to them and so am I. Future volunteers are always welcome!!

And speaking of the future, Teen Retreat is always one of the first big events of each calendar year. Before you know it, we'll be planning for Teen Retreat 2019! Please give serious thought to one of the more important aspects of the Teen Retreat – the training of our youth to become leaders in our churches in the future. If you are, or know, a young person who should be involved in this critical denominational activity, do whatever it takes to make sure this wonderful weekend is a regular activity on your, or their, calendar. It's always a blessing!

JOYSHOP – Where Workshop Memories Begin



"Oh, I've got joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart..." Where? AT MUSIC WORKSHOP - JOYSHOP!!!

Music Workshop actually began as an adult function. To accommodate all our adult workshopppers, Joyshop was created many years ago. What better way to take care of the kiddoes than to provide a safe, supervised environment where the children are exposed to Biblical principles, music instruction, and singing? That is the joy of Joyshop! Joyshop offers Bible class, music, music theory, recreation, swimming, and crafts, as well as lots of fun.

Plans for this year's Joyshop are well under way. This year's director is Terry Pinkstaff, who brings numerous areas of expertise to Joyshop. First, she is an educator who has years of experience with young people. Second, she is a public-school choir director. She knows what she is doing. Finally, she is an instrumentalist. Under Terry's direction, Joyshoppers will blossom.

We are also excited that Dr. Jim Tipps, whose decades long contributions to Workshop include musician, instructor, worship planning/leadership and choral director, will be teaching the Music Theory class in Joyshop again this year. Our kids will be well prepared for entry into the adult Music Workshop in their time. Jim brings so many talents to Workshop, and we are blessed that he has a desire to share them with our children.

You ask, "How can I help?" At the moment, we are looking for helpers for Joyshop. If you feel led to work in that capacity for an hour or two each day of Workshop, it would be awesome! Contact Becky Thrift (rmthrift@hotmail.com) and she will put you in touch with Terry.

You may be a little jealous because there is no place quite like Joyshop, and you have to be twelve and under to participate. We promise to make this year's Joyshop an incredible experience for your youngsters. As usual, a nursery will be provided for children two and under.

So... "I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart... Where?" Down in my heart at Joyshop, an integral part of Music Workshop. Come and join us!



THE ALLEN SIMMS FUND

Allen Simms was a big part of the fellowship of the Music Workshop family. We lost him to a tragic accident several years ago. His sweet spirit, friendly, infectious smile and strong bass voice in the men's section are sorely missed! To honor his faithful participation at Music Workshop, a fund was established and is used each year to help other young people attend Music Workshop who may not have the funds otherwise.

If you, or another young person you know, would like to be able to attend the Workshop, but are unable to raise the funds to do so, please contact Kathy McCoy or Becky Thrift for information regarding assistance. Contact information is listed below.

We welcome and appreciate contributions to this fund in Allen's memory. They may be sent to Beth Stubbs, Music Workshop Treasurer, at [1259 Carl Dasher Road, Glennville, GA 30427](mailto:1259CarlDasherRoad@glennville.ga.us).

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THE NANCY PATTON MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

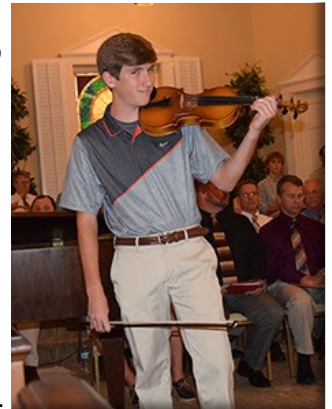
Each year a scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded to a deserving member of the Primitive Baptist Church who desires to further their education to better enable them to serve in the area of music and worship. It is named in honor of the first vice chairman of the Music Workshop who died in a tragic automobile accident in 1969. Nancy's life was dedicated to sharing her talents for the betterment and inspiration of others. She had a particular influence on the youth of the denomination.

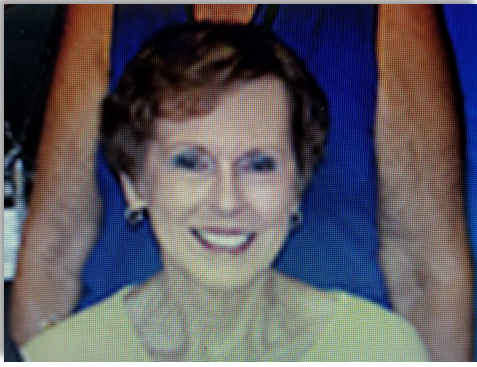


Last year, two winners were named and their scholarships were presented at the Friday night sacred concert. Joseph Deloach, who plays piano, violin and saxophone, plans to continue his music education with the help of the scholarship funds. Connie Millar, a composer, lead a group in singing one of her compositions at last year's concert.

We congratulate both of these fine musicians and pray that God will continue to bless them in their efforts to use His gifts in glorifying His name.

For more information about the Nancy Patton Scholarship Fund, including past winners and how you can apply, please visit our website at pbmusicworkshop.com.





ELLEN ARMSTRONG RESIGNATION – “We’ll Miss You, Ellen!”

Ellen Armstrong has been a valuable member of the Music Workshop Board of Directors for several years. Her quick wit and sense of humor, along with her love for all things music, have endeared her to all of us who have worked with her. Her resignation from the Board has saddened us, but we realize that she still has much work to do for the cause of Christ.

Ellen has been the organist at Beards Creek Primitive Baptist Church for 34 years. Before that, she was pianist for a church in Atlanta, while pursuing a degree in nursing. When there was a need to help other churches, Ellen was there. She plays the organ, piano, dulcimer and accordian. She also sings soprano. According to Carolyn Summerford, “Ellen loves Music Workshop and the idea of educating others in the pursuit of worshipping our Savior.”

Ellen, you will be greatly missed, but we know you will not be a stranger. We pray God will bless you and look forward to seeing you soon!



THE MUSIC WORKSHOP BOARD WELCOMES JENNIFER GERRALD

The Music Workshop Board of Directors consists of 18 members. Those who serve are musicians, worship leaders, choir directors and members, pastors and others involved in leadership roles from various churches within our denomination.

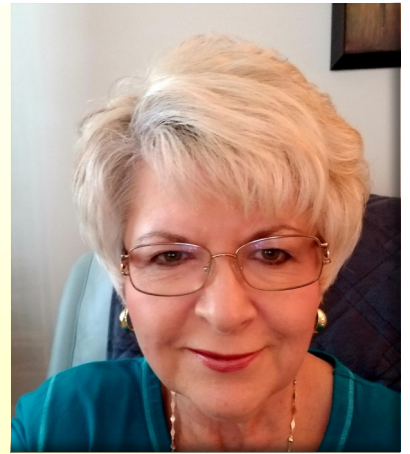
We are happy to introduce our newest board member to you: Jennifer Gerrald, who is a member of Brooklet Primitive Baptist Church. Originally from Collins, GA, Jennifer recently finished, and was recognized for, 25 years of employment with Georgia Southern University, where she works in the Zach S. Henderson Library. She is known as a “true blue Eagle.”

According to Jennifer, “I like a good story. It’s best when it’s a true story told by the person who lived it.” Is it any wonder that Jennifer would love church and being actively involved in church activities? She loves her Lord. In addition to her work in her home church, she is actively involved in the community and civic organizations where she works to help others.

Jennifer is a musician, as well. She plays and sings with the Amazing Grace dulcimer group, sharing her talents with the recorder.



A Letter from the Chairman



“Soon and Very Soon,” Music Workshop will convene for the 56th year. “Praise Him, Praise Him” as we are reminded once again that “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” and create “Precious Memories” as we fellowship together in the Lord.

As we gather, “Let’s Just Praise the Lord” through music and give of “Our Best” in every opportunity we have while at Music Workshop. My heart’s desire will be for Elder David Summerford to “Tell Me the Story of Jesus” in our worship services because “I Love to Tell the Story” is a common theme among Workshopers. There will be times to discuss how “People Need the Lord” as we enjoy the meals prepared by our Workshop chefs. There will be “Something for Thee” in our diverse selection of classes where each person can “Be Still and Know” that my teacher will “Open My Eyes, That I May See” something new and different and interesting. “Jesus Loves the Little Children” will resound through the halls as the children laugh, play, and learn while in Joy Shop. During the day, we will “Work, for the Night Is Coming” when we will “Take Time to Be Holy” as we “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” in word and song.

So... “What If It Were Today?” Personally, “I’ll Be Satisfied” with a little more time to get ready because I know “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need.” “One Day” at a time will pass and “Alleluia,” it will be July 17. I pray you will say, “I am coming to Music Workshop 2018, and I am sure this Workshop will be one ‘I Can Never Forget.’ ”

We are looking forward to Music Workshop 2018 with great anticipation and expectation! In the meantime, we pray that “God will take Care of You” with “The Unseen Hand” of His love. One last thought... “Why Do I Sing about Jesus?” I sing because “He Is So Precious to Me.” If you agree, mark your calendar, and join us July 17 at Camp Hillview.



Music Workshop 2018 Registration Form

July 17-20, 2018

Please submit a registration form and \$10 deposit for each person attending. *Make checks payable to Music Workshop.* The deadline is **July 1**. Registration forms postmarked **after July 1** will be billed a **\$10 late fee**.

Mail to Beth Stubbs, 1259 Carl Dasher Road, Glennville, GA 30427

Home #: 912-654-3680 / Mobile #: 912-237-1112 / Email: bethstubbs373@yahoo.com

Cost of the Workshop: **Pastors free**

* Full-time Workshopper / Joyshopper: \$110.00; 2nd family member - \$90; 3rd family member - \$80

** Part-time Workshopper / Joyshopper: \$35.00 per day

*** Meal only: \$7.00 per meal ***** Nursery: \$60.00 full time or \$20.00 per day per child for part time

Registration begins **Tuesday, July 17 at 4:30 PM**. Visit our website for more details: www.pbmusicworkshop.com.

Delegate _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Church Affiliation _____

Check one and list your age (everyone except adults):

Adult ____ Young Adult (16-20) ____ 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 Camp Hillview / Music Workshop and respect authority.

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

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

Contact Info during Workshop: Camp Hillview, 7159 Hillview Road, Claxton, GA 30417 / Phone: 912-693-9953
FYI: Camp Hillview resides in Tattnall County