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MUSIC WORKSHOP 2023 July 18 - 21

Theme

I Will Not Be Silent, I Will Praise!
Psalms 30:12, 69:30

Music Workshop enters its seventh decade! As we prepare for the **61st Annual Primitive Baptist Music Workshop**, we look back with thankful hearts for the many blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us as an organization. The relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ, some of them life long, the fellowship we share each year as we gather, and the music and worship ministries in which we strive to serve are all such wonderful aspects of His amazing grace in our lives. We thank Him for His countless blessings and praise His Holy Name!

This year's conference will again convene at Camp Hillview, July 18-21. Our theme is *I Will Not Be Silent, I Will Praise!* We note the language of the theme texts uses the word "will" more than once. It involves both what we who love the Lord will not do and what we will do.

On Wednesday, we explore "The Imperative of Worship." Worship stems from a strong desire. The psalmist speaks of a determination of the strongest resolve. It is as if it is impossible to stay silent. The abundant mercies of God demand our whole heart.

Thursday's message addresses "Christ's Two Songs." Both of our theme verses come from chapters that include foreshadowing of the life and death of Jesus Christ. There is only one instance in the scriptures mentioning a singing Christ. "And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives." (Matthew 26:30). The Messianic prophecy of Psalms 69 seems to suggest a second song. It was a song of victory celebrating the Resurrection.

The focus of Friday's service is "We Sing Intensely, We Sing In Tenses." The truths presented in the texts of our first two services are joined to make a practical application to the times that we will say, I Will Sing! We sing remembering the past, we sing in the reality of our present hour, and we will sing in the future.

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We are very happy to announce that our guest minister for the week will be Elder Pat McCoy of the Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church. Brother Pat, however, is no guest at Workshop! He has been a foundational pillar of leadership throughout our history. As a spiritual leader, mentor, music participant and faithful supporter, he has truly had the heart of a servant in our efforts. We ask that you pray for him as he prepares to bring us these messages from the Word.



REGISTER EARLY FOR WORKSHOP 2023!

Registration is easy! Complete the form included in this newsletter and send the form and your Registration Fee Deposit to Sister Beth Stubbs, Registration Director. Her contact information, including mailing address, is provided. Please note that the balance of your fee(s) must be paid when you check in at the Registration table on July 18.

The deadline for registration is June 24, 2023. Register now and join us for our 61st Music Workshop!

PLAN YOUR WEEK AT WORKSHOP!

As always, we have a very full schedule of events and opportunities for all ages at Workshop. In this newsletter, you'll find information on the classes from which you can choose, the master classes designed for everyone and special events and activities which will take place while we're at Hillview.

Hospitality Committee

Several decades ago, a contemporary praise song was titled "Welcome to the House of the Lord." In July the Music Workshop Board will say, "Welcome to Music Workshop," and we hope you feel you are in the House of the Lord! Our sincere welcome begins at check-in and extends thru the closing prayer amen. On opening day, the Hospitality Room will be set for greeting friends, taking a respite from your travels, and having snacks as you relax. There'll also be space for photo shoots, some fun challenges, surveys and games to play. As Workshop continues the kindred spirit of praising,

our Lord will help everyone feel right at home. We hope you will come to Music Workshop and join us in learning new music and new methods while making new memories together. May God's people never be found silent, but always enthusiastically lifting His name in praise!



A Letter from the Chairman



I am sure most of us will never forget the day when God moved in our hearts to awaken us to the Holy Spirit living within us. Without a doubt, it was the most special event of our lives.

As I have mentioned before, I grew up at Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church in Aline, GA which is about six miles from Metter, Ga. As a child, I attended Mt. Olive with my parents, other family members, and special life-long friends. There were Easter egg hunts, Christmas programs, picnics on the grounds, and true fellowship. As awesome as all this was to a young child, none of these compared to that very special day . . .

I am not positive, but I think I was around ten years old. It was a regular Sunday at Mt. Olive Church. I do not remember what the preacher preached about that day, but I could not stop crying. I could hardly be still. I just wanted church to get over so I could rush up to the preacher. I knew I would join the church on that special day. Finally, the preacher opened the doors of the church for membership, and I took off! Nothing . . . absolutely nothing could stand between me and the preacher. Everything else is a blur. I know we had the right hand of fellowship and there were lots of hugs and kisses. I loved every minute of it.

“I will not be silent. I will praise!” I think that is what happened to me. I could not control myself. I could not be still. I could not wait one more minute. Everyone had to know that God loved me, and I loved Him.

If only we lived our lives with that same feeling of anticipation, with that rush of absolute happiness, with that determination to serve God on a daily basis and nothing can stop us.

“I will not be silent. I will praise . . . I will NOT be silent. I WILL praise . . . I WILL NOT BE SILENT. I WILL PRAISE!”

I pray that we will all experience these feelings at Music Workshop 2023. I pray that God will move among us and fill us with His presence. I pray that the halls of Camp Hillview will be filled with music and praise and song.

Please decide right now to join us at Music Workshop 2023 from July 18 – July 21 at Camp Hillview. It would be such a blessing to get our numbers back up to 125 - 150 where they were before covid. However, it is not about numbers; it is about praising God with our whole hearts and all of our being.

If you have never attended Music Workshop, give it a try. It might be just what you need. If you have fallen away, come back. We are waiting for you and saving you a seat. If you are a regular attendee, start a countdown. It won't be long!

“I will not be silent. I will praise . . . I will NOT be silent. I WILL praise . . . I WILL NOT BE SILENT. I WILL PRAISE!”



The Daily Schedule



Ready, Set, **Go!** The daily schedule for Music Workshop will definitely keep Workshop attendees on the go. Each day begins with breakfast at 8:00 am, followed by Morning Meditation at 8:45am. Master Class begins for all delegates at 9:05 am. The morning continues with Vocal Training at 9:50 am and Choir Rehearsal at 10:15 am. Next, 11:30 is break time and relaxing to focus on the morning worship service which begins at 11:45 am. Lunch will be served at 12:45 immediately following the worship service.

On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, activities begin at 2:00 pm with Choose-a-Class. Class offerings with details and descriptions are included in the Music Education article of this edition of The Shofar. Break time comes at 3:00 pm with Choir Rehearsal close behind at 3:15 pm. Daily activities are completed with the end of Choir Rehearsal at 5:00 pm, and dinner is served each evening at 5:30 pm.

On Friday afternoon in final preparation for the Sacred Concert, Workshoppers will depart Camp Hillview for Metter Primitive Baptist Church at 2:00 pm, arriving to participate in Choir Rehearsal at the church 2:20 – 5:00 pm. Evening activities are planned for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. Music Workshop concludes with a Sacred Concert Friday at 8:00 pm at the Metter Primitive Baptist Church. What a full schedule for 3 full days! May the hearts of all those in attendance be filled with enthusiasm to make the most of every minute whether in worship, class, or rehearsal. It will be time well spent!

Joy Shop 2023

Joy Shop is an essential part of Music Workshop. After all, many Workshoppers got their start as Joyshoppers. It's a great place to begin!

While Workshop will be following the theme "I will not be silent. I will praise!" Joy Shop will study about "Praise." Our youth will explore questions like "What is praise?" and "How can we praise?" One thing is sure: there will be a lot of praise going on.

We are excited to have first time directors Melanie Nessmith and her husband Lee working with Joy Shop this year. Melanie serves as Youth Director at Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church where she and her husband are members. They will bring new "eyes" and new ideas to Joy Shop.

We always have a wonderful and dedicated team of teachers at Joy Shop. This year will be no different. We welcome Dr. Jim Tipps and Terry Pinkstaff back as

they continue the development of theory in our future Workshoppers.

Annlyn Royal, a former recipient of the Nancy Patton Scholarship, will lead the Joy Shop Choir. Annlyn attends Berry College where she is studying music performance and taking education classes. Additionally, she works with a kids' choral group as part of her study. We welcome Annlyn!

There will be many more smiling faces introducing this young group to Joy Shop. We are so thankful for the willingness of these teachers from all over our denomination.

Workshop will be here before we know it, and we are working hard to make Joy Shop 2023 the best year

ever!

We will see you soon! Come prepared to "PRAISE!"



Music Education

The goal of the Music Workshop Schedule Committee is to provide meaningful instruction in worship music for **ALL** Music Workshop attendees. From singing to instrumentals, our best should be given in praise to the Lord. By participating in Master Class and Choose-a-Class offerings, our manner and methods of musical worship can be broadened, and our church music ministries will be enhanced.

Master Class will be taught 9:05-9:50 am each day. Wednesday and Thursday will focus on Expressive Worship: the appropriate use of drama, choral readings and reader's theatre in worship. Friday's Master Class entitled *I Have a Question* will be a panel discussion and question and answer session giving Workshoppers an opportunity to seek advice and solutions to challenges and concerns regarding music ministry.

Choose-a-Class sessions will be 2:00-3:00 pm on Wednesday and Thursday with offerings varying each day. See the listing below of daily class offerings.

Wednesday Choose-a-Class

Technology in Worship Part 1 – Class Leader Elder Vernon Eckleberry

The class will explore options for the use of technology in worship and music ministry.

Guitar and Instruments Part 1 – Class Leaders Elder David Summerford, Sister Terry Pinkstaff, Sister Jennifer Gerrald, Sister Elizabeth Kasper

Bring your instrument! The class will learn new music and practice playing music as a member of a small ensemble.

Church Pianist/Piano – Class Leader Sister Dee Dee Phillips

Class participants will discuss the role and responsibilities of serving as church pianist, music selection for special occasions, and being a supportive accompanist.

Next Generation Worship Leaders – Class Leader Sister Carolyn Summerford

This class will present ways to involve, encourage, and guide youth and young adults in filling leadership roles in worship.

Practice Makes Perfect – Class Leader Brother Josh DeVane

Class time will be used to review and rehearse challenging sections of Sacred Concert music pieces.

Thursday Choose-a-Class

Technology in Worship Part 2 – Class Leader Elder Vernon Eckleberry

Continuation of Part 1

Guitar and Instruments Part 2 – Class Leaders Elder David Summerford, Sister Terry Pinkstaff, Sister Jennifer Gerrald, Sister Elizabeth Kasper

Continuation of Part 1

Practice Makes Perfect – Class Leader Brother Josh DeVane

Class time will be used to review and rehearse challenging sections of Sacred Concert music pieces.

Solo, Ensemble and Small Choir Development – Class Leader Sister Kathy McCoy

Come to this class to gain insight into developing the skills of soloists as well as ensemble and choir members.

Singing With Musical Understanding – Class Leader Brother Tom Sye

Reading music is a little like reading a map—you need to know the signs and symbols! This class will help you find your way when reading music.

Contemporary Christian Music Up Close -- Class Leader Sister Lauren McCorkle

Everyone needs to learn a new song. This is the perfect class to do just that. You will be immersed in good contemporary Christian music.

EVENING ACTIVITIES AT WORKSHOP

Music Workshop is excited about our week of wonderful evening activities! On Tuesday night, we look forward to “Getting to Know You.” Everyone will break into small groups of 12-14 and participate in an icebreaker activity. Following the icebreaker, you will have a chance to share with your group something you’re thankful for, something you’re praying about, or your testimony. Each group will then select a worship song or hymn and choose how you would like to share the song with the larger congregation once reconvened. You can present this song in any way—a formal presentation, solos, congregational singing, canon, etc. Following the small group activities, all workshopers will return to the sanctuary and each group will present their song. Each group may also share some of their prayers, thanksgivings, and/or testimonies that were discussed within their small groups. Each group is also encouraged to share related scripture. Before departing, we’ll have a reveal of Thursday night’s theme!

On the second night, Wednesday, we are excited to share a beautiful cantata of chamber music, *From Silence to Song*, by Joseph M. Martin. This cantata is focused on “remembrance, reflection, and resurrection.” The choir is comprised of volunteers from regional churches.

Thursday night is the return of Fun Night in *Workshop’s Got Talent: Season 2*! This is the night we take a break from the demands of Workshop’s rigorous schedule to relax and have some fun! Everyone will rejoin their same groups from Tuesday night and prepare their group performances (skits, songs, comedy, etc.). Individuals are also encouraged to sign up to participate! Our program will have plenty of opportunities for alternating individual and group performances. “Commercial Breaks” will also be included. Individual and group performances will be judged separately. So, start planning now for how your group, or you as an individual, can participate!

Sacred Concert: 8:00 pm at Metter Church

I Will Sing and Be Not Silent

Josh DeVane will open the evening of worship by singing Zion’s Walls: “Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers, Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.”

What an appropriate theme for believers who love to sing! The scripture is emphatic that God’s people tell His wonders through word, song and deed. We have combed the Music Workshop files for musical treasures from the past which express God’s love for us and our love for Him. Please join us for the week as we proclaim:

“A New Song”: “He has given me a clean heart, He has given me salvation; therefore I will sing...”

“Sing and Be Not Silent”: “Sing to the **Lord** and be not silent, sing to the Lord and glorify! Sing to the Lord all ye His children. Sing to the Lord, O Most High!

“Go and Tell John”: “Go and tell John what you see and hear, that the blind recover their sight, that the lame are able to walk, that the deaf are able to hear.

“Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal”: “ringing on the farther shore, Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, glory to the great I Am.

“Just Beyond This Land of Mortals”: “There’s a place so fair, nothing can compare where no one ever quarrels. Every smile real, every hurt is healed, just beyond this land of mortals.”

Josh DeVane and the choir will sing a portion from *Five Easter Songs*, by Ralph Vaughn Williams. “Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without delays”

From *Handel’s Messiah*, “Glory to God” and the “Hallelujah Chorus.”



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Music Workshop Board of Directors

Chair – Becky Thrift

Viki Bookhoop

Chris Chambers

Josh Devane

Brenda Eckleberry

Nadine Gadberry

Jennifer Gerrald

Kimberly Haddock

Lauren McCorkle

Kathy McCoy

Wade McElveen

Dee Dee Phillips

Terry Pinkstaff

Mark Simms

Beth Stubbs

Carolyn Summerford

David Summerford

Tom Sye

Gary Weed

The Music Workshop Board has a set number of Board members, but the makeup of the Board is always evolving. There have been many amazing and talented members through the years who have departed for various reasons.

The good news is there are numerous talented and creative individuals ready to step up and do the job. We are happy to introduce our two newest members, both talented and anxious to serve—just the kind of people we need.

First, we welcome Viki Bookhoop, long time participant in Music Workshop. Viki is a member of Lanes Primitive Baptist Church. She sings in the choir and takes part in the activities of the church. She is married to Harry Bookhoop and they have two children, Claire and Cal. Recently retired, Viki is working with the Kairos Prison Ministry when she and Harry are not travelling. Viki will be a strong addition to the Board.



The second new Board member is Kimberly Haddock. Kimberly comes to us from Ramah Primitive Baptist Church. She has served as pianist and been very involved with the music program there.

She and her husband Blake have three amazing children—Liam, Benson, and Mattie—and a 4th on the way. No one knows where Kimberly gets her energy, but we all witnessed it when she showed up at Workshop a few years ago with a 3-week-old baby girl, a toddler, and a well-mannered young fellow in tow. Kimberly will be helping with Joy Shop this year. We are so happy to welcome her to the Board.



Viki and Kimberly are just who we need at the moment. We are thankful God sent them our way. Music Workshop 2023 will be amazing.

Ashlyn Summers

2022 Nancy Patton Scholarship Winner

Ashlyn Summers, attending St Leo University in Florida, was last year's recipient of the Nancy Patton Scholarship.



Ashlyn is an accomplished violinist who has aided the Music Workshop, Youth Camp, and worship services at her home church of Palma Ceia in Tampa Florida. She is a second time awardee of the scholarship.

Ashlyn's violin playing has reached a higher performance level that now requires an upgrade of quality in her violin and bow. This will enable better tone and projection for her solo violin performances. She is applying the funds to aid her purchase of this very fine instrument and bow.



Upcoming Event: Singing School with Dr. Jim Tipps

For several years now, there has been discussion about hosting a Singing School for our churches. We are happy to announce that plans are under consideration for that exact purpose. When there is a really good idea, but you are not sure how to handle it, what do you do? You contact someone who does know. In this case, that would be Dr. Jim Tipps, long time member of Music Workshop and our resident teacher. Not only does he have an amazing memory, but he also has a great love for the Primitive Baptist denomination and the needs of our people. Therefore, we are excited to announce that a regional Singing School will probably be held in the fall of 2023.

A time and place have not been set yet, but Jim is already up and running. The idea of a Singing School is not new to Jim because he has even recently conducted a school in his own church in Ohio. He already has an outline of ideas that will be so much fun and informative for all of us who take time to attend. We know one thing for sure: there will be a lot of singing!

You can't mark your calendar yet, but you can keep your eyes open for announcements concerning an upcoming Singing School. Please help us by praying for the success of this activity. All of us can use a little help in our singing, and we believe God will be pleased.

61st Annual Music Workshop

July 18 – 21, 2023

Theme: *I Will Not Be Silent. I Will Praise!*

Tuesday, July 18

3:00 – Board Meeting
4:00 – Registration / Visit Hospitality Room
4:30 – Help! What part do I sing?
(Soprano, Alto, Tenor, or Bass)
5:30 – Dinner
7:00 – Welcome to Workshop
7:30 – “Getting to Know You”
9:00 – Pool Time
10:30 – Orientation in Dorms / Bed Time

Wednesday, July 19 and Thursday, July 20

8:00 – Breakfast
8:45 – Morning Meditation and Assembly
9:05 – **Master Class** with Mark Simms & Gary Weed
Wednesday: *Expressive Worship*
Thursday: *Practicing Expressive Worship*
9:50 – Vocal Training with Josh Devane
10:15 – Choir Rehearsal
11:30 – Break
11:45 – Worship Service with Elder Pat McCoy
Wednesday: *The Imperative of Worship*
Thursday: *Christ’s Two Songs*
12:45 – Lunch
2:00 – **Choose-a-Class** (see choices below)
3:00 – Break
3:15 – Choir Rehearsal
5:00 – School’s Out
5:30 – Dinner

Wednesday Evening

5:30 – Dinner
6:30 – Depart for SPBC
7:30 - “From Silence to Song”
9:00 – Pool
10:30 – Get ready for bed!

Thursday Evening

5:30 – Dinner
7:00- “Workshop’s Got Talent!”
9:00 – Pool
10:30 – Get ready for bed!

Friday

8:00 – Breakfast
8:45 – Morning Meditation and Assembly
9:05 – Master Class
I Have a Question . . . A Panel Discussion
9:50 – Vocal Training with Josh Devane
10:15 – Choir Rehearsal
11:30 – Break
11:45 – Worship Service with Elder Pat McCoy
We Sing Intensely; We sing In Tenses!
12:45 – Lunch
2:00 – Depart for MPBC
2:20 – Choir Rehearsal
5:30 – Dinner / Pack / Clean
7:15 – Depart for MPBC
8:00 – Sacred Concert

Choose-a-Class Offerings

Wednesday

Technology in Worship – Part 1 (**Auditorium**)

Elder Vernon Eckleberry

Advanced Guitar and Instruments – Part 1 (**Dorms 3&4**)

Terry Pinkstaff, Elder David Summerford, Jennifer Gerrald, Elizabeth Kasper

Church Pianist / Piano (**Room 2**)

Dee Dee Phillips

Next Generation Worship Leaders (**Room 3**)

Carolyn Summerford

Practice Makes Perfect (**Room 4**)

Josh Devane

Thursday

Technology in Worship – Part 2 (**Auditorium**)

Elder Vernon Eckleberry

Advanced Guitar and Instruments – Part 2 (**Dorms 3&4**)

Terry Pinkstaff, Elder David Summerford, Jennifer Gerrald, Elizabeth Kasper

Solo, Ensemble, Small Choir Development (**Room 2**)

Kathy McCoy

Singing with Musical Understanding (**Room 3**)

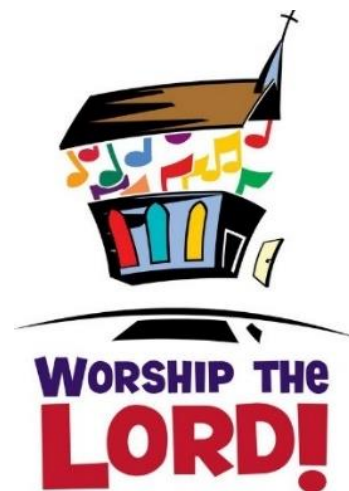
Tom Sye

Practice Makes Perfect (**Room 4**)

Josh Devane

Contemporary Christian Music Up Close (**Dining Hall**)

Lauren McCorkle



Music Workshop 2023 Registration Form
July 18-21, 2023

Please submit registration form and \$10 deposit for each person attending. Make checks payable to **Music Workshop**. The deadline is **June 24**. Registration forms postmarked **after June 24** 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 Music Workshop: Pastors free

Full-time Workshopper or Joyshopper: \$130.00; 2nd family member: \$120; 3rd+ family member(s): \$110.00

Part-time Workshopper or Joyshopper: \$45.00 / day

Nursery: \$100 / week **or** \$35.00 / day Meals Only: \$10.00 per meal

Registration begins **Tuesday, July 18 at 4:00 PM**.

Visit our website for more details: www.pbmusicworkshop.com.

Delegate _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Church Affiliation _____

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

Adult ____ Young Adult (16-20) ____ Teen (13-15) ____ Joy Shop (8-12) ____ Preschool (4-7) ____ Nursery (0-3) ____

Medical Release for Non-Adults (use the back of this sheet if necessary)

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 initial: Yes ____ **No** ____ **Date** _____

Please list the adult who will be responsible for your child at Workshop (**Required**):

All teens: Consider the following commitment seriously!

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's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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

Contact info during Workshop: Camp Hillview, 7159 Hillview Road, Claxton, Ga 30417 / Phone: 912-693-9953
FYI: Camp Hillview is located in Tattnall County, Ga.