



Sound of Shalimar

Chancel Choir Newsletter | March 2017

Great Times Ahead

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Thank you for the opportunity to share about some great times that we have coming as part of our Lenten Season. The Lord uses us as we sing and lead His people in worship. I very much appreciate your part and how we look to the Lord for His leading and guidance.

Lenten Musical

Our presentation date is Sunday, April 2. I thank you in advance for the work that you will put into this. Please remember that we will begin each of our Wednesday rehearsals with the musical and will be in the Sanctuary for our Wednesday, March 28 rehearsal. Also, we will have our final rehearsal on Saturday, April 1 at 10:00 am. Our presentations will be 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00. We do plan to have snacks in between the presentations for your times of refreshing.

Easter Day

Our greatest day of celebration is Sunday, April 16. As is our custom, we will sing the entirety of both the 8:00 and 11:00 services. The orchestra will join us that day and I know it will be a wonderful time of worship together. We are planning to do our traditional singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" for the benediction.

We WILL rehearse on Wednesday, March 15. I know this is Okaloosa

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Church Happenings

Ash Wednesday
3.1

Service Times
6am · 12pm · 6pm

New series begins
"The Circle Maker"
3.5

Lenten Lunches
3.7 to 4.11

Daylight Savings begins
3.12
Set clocks forward 1 hour

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County School Spring Break, but I ask that if you're in town to please make sure you make that rehearsal. Our Easter Day dress rehearsal will be on Wednesday of Holy Week, April 12.

Save the Date

Our worship ministries celebration banquet is set for Thursday, May 11 beginning at 6:00. This will be a full a great time of food, fellowship, fun, and inspiration. Please put this on your calendar and plan to join us for the catered meal with along with a wonderful time of inspiration led the Spiritual Director of the Alabama-West Florida Conference, Pam Avery.

You are a blessing and a most valuable member of this worship team. I appreciate you!!

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!

~Brad



What is Lent and why does it last forty days?

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Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Create in me a
Clean Heart

O' God, and renew a

Right Spirit

within me.

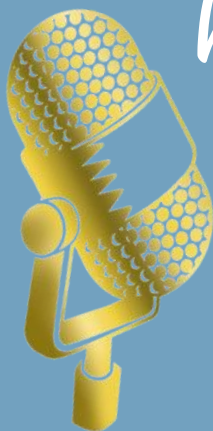
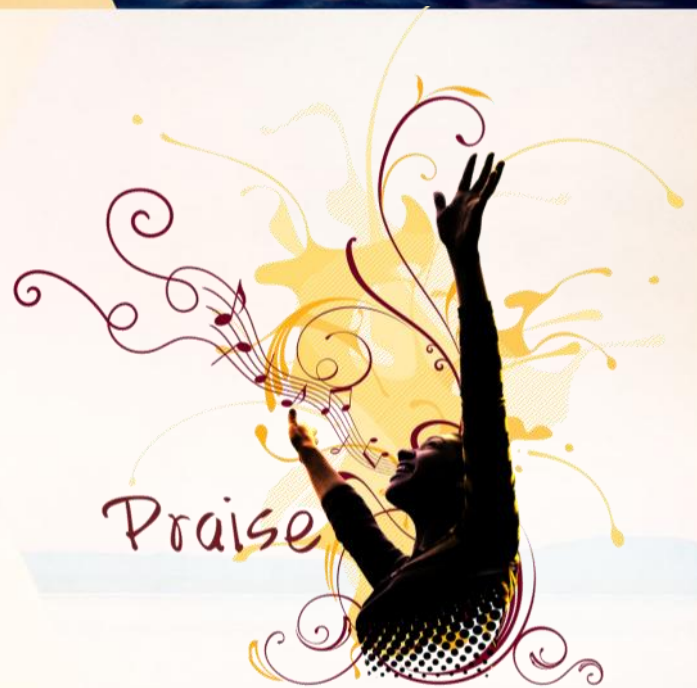
Psalm 51.10

Lifting our Voices!

Marcia WrightReynolds - President

As we move into the Lenten season, it is often a time of quiet reflection. But for those of us in the Chancel Choir, it is also a time of lifting our voices in song! I enjoy learning the songs of our Lenten musical because I often find myself singing in the car or as I'm working at the computer. Learning the songs is a devotional in itself. Let's make a commitment to rehearsing for our musical and Easter. We're not just learning the notes, we're learning God's Word to share with all who will hear it! See you at rehearsal!

~Marcia



Voice Coaching

With Dr. Marilyn Overturf

Results of Voice Coaching:

- Make a consistent, focused, clear sound
- Blend better in a group
- Control staying on pitch
- Extend your controlled range
- Clearer diction
- Learn how to vocalize
- Breath control for phrasing
- Sing three cantatas without blowing your voice
- Develop a solo repertoire

March Anthem Schedule

- March 1** (Ash Wednesday) "Lord Have Mercy"
- March 5** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
- March 12** "Agnus Dei"
- March 19** "Keep Me Near the Cross"
- March 26** "As the Deer"

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- March 1** Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 pm
Through the Torn Curtain rehearsals begin, 7:00 pm
- April 2** Lenten Musical – 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 services
 - April 9** **Holy Week**
 - April 13** Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm
 - April 14** Good Friday service at 7:00 pm
 - April 15** Easter Fest at 10:00 am
Break Free, Holy Saturday, 6:00 pm
 - April 16** Easter Sunday
- April 21/22** Youth Choir Dinner Theater
- May 7** Children's Choirs Musical, 6:00 pm
- May 11** Worship Ministries Banquet
- June 5-9** Vacation Bible School
- June 9-18** Youth Choir Mission Tour (Commissioning Concert is Wednesday, June 7)
- July 2** God and Country Celebration

"Through the Torn Curtin"

- March 1** Rehearsals begin
- April 2** Presentation Day — 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00



*Happy
Birthday!*

- 3/1 Annette Klabuhn
- 3/2 Bob Mann
- 3/11 Carole Norton