

## Welcome to the Chancel Choir from David Childs

Words cannot truly express the joy, honor, and privilege I feel at having been chosen to become a part of such a wonderfully caring, musical, and loving group of musicians such as the HPUMC Chancel Choir. Just over twelve months ago I was fortunate enough to meet a kind and talented musician in Santa Fe who was gravely ill with cancer. I spoke on a panel with him, and I watched him work gently and patiently with fellow musicians. Little did I know then that David Davidson would not see out that year. Little also did I know that I would step into the huge void that he left behind him. God does indeed work in mysterious ways, and I feel very blessed to be here with you in David's place.

What do I expect from you, and what should you expect from me? First and foremost I believe we are drawn together on Wednesdays and Sundays for fellowship and spiritual fulfillment. These should be joyous and joyful times we spend together, and along with the hard work learning and shaping music (so that we can honor the composer, poet, and the Almighty as optimally as possible), we should also allow ourselves to have fun. Humor is a wonderful thing; it relieves stress and raises levels of serotonin and dopamine. Research tells us that children up to pre-school age laugh about 300 times a day. To them, life is one big happy occurrence. As adults, we laugh about 15 times a day. That doesn't mean that we're miserable, but it does indicate that as we grow up, we start to worry and concern ourselves with things, and unfortunately, we end up laughing less. Let's allow ourselves to laugh and be happy on Wednesday evenings (but maybe curb it a *little* during Sunday services!).

Let us also allow ourselves to delve deep into our own souls, sharing with one another our concerns, 'griefs', or troubles. We should not shy away from sharing; I already know that this is a safe, warm, concerning, and caring environment of wonderful people. I have already heard so many heartwarming stories of support, comfort, and camaraderie that Chancel Choir members have demonstrated. Where else can one find such fellowship equal to this?

So how does music fit into all of this? Consider the following quote from music therapist Dr. Deforia Lane: *"Music has the power to move a person between different realities: from a broken body into a soaring spirit, from a broken heart into the connection of shared love, from death into the memory and movement of life. Music has the power to touch the heart of a child with God."* I know that music constantly touches my spirit in the most powerful of ways. My hope is that it will reach out and move yours in similar ways. I am honored to be a facilitator of such experiences for you. I hope that you will share and rejoice with me each and every time we are in fellowship together. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. I look forward to many years of great music-making and fellowship in the years to come. - David

*"Music is a fair and glorious gift from God. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art than can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart."* Martin Luther

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# Chancel Choir Notes

## Rehearsal Order

August	Introit	<i>Praise Ye the Name of the Lord</i>	Gordon Young
8-22	Anthem	<i>Hallelujah Unto God's Almighty Son</i>	Beethoven
8-22	Anthem	<i>All Ye That Cried Unto the Lord</i>	Mendelssohn
8-29	Anthem	<i>O Taste and See</i>	Vaughan Williams
8-29	Anthem	<i>Let the People Praise Thee, O Lord</i>	William Mathias
9-5	Comm.	<i>Walk in the Light</i>	Andre Thomas
9-5	Comm.	<i>Here, O Lord, I See Thee Face to Face</i>	Percy Whitlock
9-5	Comm.	<i>Taste and See</i>	James Moore
9-5	Anthem	<i>Let All the World in Every Corner Sing</i>	K. Leighton
9-12	Anthem	<i>How Can I Keep from Singing</i>	Eric Nelson
9-12	Anthem	<i>Sing to God with Gladness</i>	Peter Flor
9-19	Anthem	<i>Hosanna to the Son of David</i>	Orlando Gibbons
9-19	Anthem	<i>I Lift Up Mine Eyes</i>	Allen Pote
9-26	Anthem	<i>How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place</i>	Johannes Brahms
9-26	Anthem	<i>O Be Joyful in the Lord</i>	John Rutter

## *Mark your Calendars-more to follow*

*Saturday, August 21—Welcome Party for David & Lesley Childs*

*Friday, Sept. 10—Chancel Choir Retreat (6-9pm)*

*Saturday, Sept. 11—Chancel Choir Retreat (9am-3pm)*

*Thursday, Nov. 18—Messiah sectionals (7-9:30pm)*

*Friday, Dec. 3—Messiah choir rehearsal in Sanctuary (7-9pm)*

*Saturday, Dec. 4—Messiah choir & orchestra dress rehearsal (9am-1pm)*

*Sunday, Dec. 5—TowerArts Messiah—6pm (5pm call) - Sanctuary*

## Happy August Birthday

Bradley Welch—8/7  
Carolyn McLain—8/9  
Jade Edwards—8/9  
Michael Everidge—8/11  
Ryan Cole—8/12  
Dorothy Nash—8/13  
Carol Wilson—8/20  
Jim Gray—8/22  
David Oswald—8/28  
Margaret King—8/29  
Rick Amsberry—8/31



## Family News

Pat Johnson, Joan Ochel and Milt Strong are all recovering from summer surgeries.

### TowerArts Series—2010-2011

September 19—Dr. Bradley Hunter Welch, *organist*  
October 17—Dallas Wind Symphony & Bradley Welch  
December 5—Handel's MESSIAH  
January 30—Park Cities Organists' Showcase  
March 27—Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas  
April 10—Durufle REQUIEM; Vierne MESSE SOLLENELLE  
May 29—Memorial Day Picnic & Concert

## Hymns for August 22

513  
314  
545

*Soldiers of Christ, Arise*  
*In the Garden*  
*The Church's One Foundation*

DIADEMATA  
GARDEN  
AURELIA

## IT'S A CHOIR PARTY!!

### “WELCOME TO HPUMC / MEET DAVID & LESLEY CHILDS”

**WHERE: WELCH HOUSEHOLD (10215 LINKWOOD DR, DALLAS, 75238)**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 BEGINNING AT 4-7PM—“COME & GO”**

**WHAT: MEET & GREET AND CC COOKBOOK APPETIZER TASTE TESTING**



## COOKBOOK UPDATE

YOUR Chancel Choir Cookbook is well on its way to becoming a reality! We're including delicious recipes from all sections of the choir. The Welcome Party for David and Lesley will be our first chance to **TEST** and **TASTE** some of the appetizers that will be in the book.

You can be one of our Singing Chefs! Choose a recipe from those on the table up front and put your name next to that appetizer on the Sign Up Sheet. See you Saturday for a Tasty Good Time!

For more information,  
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