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*Weekly Newsletter for the Choir of First Baptist Church*



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## **A Word from the Director**

*"How marvelous! how wonderful! and my song shall ever be;  
how marvelous! how wonderful! is my Savior's love for me!"*

Love is a curious thing. Some think it is merely a feeling. Some think that it is something you can produce. Some make songs, books, movies, and more talking about it in some vague and existential way. Yet the Bible tells us that love is something relatively simple. The word "love" is used over 600 times in the Bible. Perhaps the most well known version is from John 3:16 - *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

"Great! There's love!" is the thought that so many will have, and that emotion is the reason we must choose love as well. But there is something more to love itself. We look at that verse and connect the word to something our world thinks and believes in but does not truly understand. You see, that word love or *agape* in Greek means more than an emotion. It means a choice. It means that in and of ourselves, we do not have the ability to show true love. Mankind never knew true love until God revealed it to us through the person of Christ. And it is now because of that love that we have come to salvation in Christ and can now share that love to others through our choice to love others! And it's because of that we sing *"how marvelous! how wonderful! is my Savior's love for me!"*

In His Service, Braxton

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## Follow-up on the Retreat

This past Saturday was such a blessing in seeing you all! It was a great chance for us to talk about what our involvement would be for the next several months! From our talks, here is what we have come up with...

1. Starting on October 7th, we will plan on having socially distanced choir rehearsals in the Sanctuary or the Fellowship Hall (depends on other programs).
2. We will make rotating small groups of singers that will sing on Sundays throughout the month.
3. We will have our Christmas cantata on December 13th, but the format will be different than that of the past. The choral involvement for the cantata would utilize the previously mentioned small groups.
4. We are open minded to the idea of singing again for the town tree lighting if it is held. If we are invited, we will consider what group would be available & willing.

I would love to hear thoughts from those of you who were not able to attend, and I look forward to October 7th!

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## Our Music Ministry Website

We now have our own space for each musical group at our church, and I hope that you all will begin exploring as improvements continue to be made.

To access it, you can either go to <https://fbcsmithfieldmusic.wixsite.com/home> or go to our church website and go to our tabs as you previously have done! Once there, go to the tab called *Sanctuary Choir*. This tab can be clicked for general information, or you can click the roll-down tab that says *Choir Members*. This is the page where I will be sending information for you all to see!



FOR IT IS GOD WHO  
WORKS IN YOU TO  
WILL AND TO ACT IN  
ORDER TO FULFILL  
HIS GOOD PURPOSE.



PHILIPPIANS 2:13

## Prayer Requests and Praises

- Continue to pray for **Joyce & Henry Wright**, who are mourning the loss of their great-granddaughter, **Lily Howard**. Pray for comfort and peace for the entire family.
- Continue to pray for our community, which has seen extensive damage & even potential loss of life from the storms the other evening.
- We are thankful that **Thad Hardee**, who had a procedure done to put in three stints in his heart, is doing well after the procedure!
- Continue to pray for **Lori & Delbert Garrison** after the loss of Delbert's brother, **Rob**. Pray for continued peace and comfort for them and their family.
- Continue to pray for all who are being affected in health and financially by the coronavirus.
- Pray for the leaders in our churches, cities, and communities as they continue to make decisions generally and in relation to the virus – may God give them His mind and Spirit to guide them.