



# SoundFourth!

*Weekly Newsletter for the Choir of First Baptist Church*

## CHOIR NEWS THIS WEEK:

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## Upcoming Repertoire

### Sunday, September 5

- Softly and Tenderly

### Sunday, September 12

- Because He Lives

### Sunday, September 19

- If We Will Seek the Lord

### Sunday, September 26

- The Solid Rock

### Sunday, October 3

- Gloria a Dios
- Always Remember

### Sunday, October 10

- Was I Faithful?

NEED A REFRESHER?  
WANT TO PRACTICE BEFORE SUNDAY?  
[CLICK HERE AND CHECK OUT THE MUSIC!](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENT ON COVID PROTOCOLS

**Starting this Sunday, September 5, all choir members are asked to please wear a mask for the portions of the service and rehearsals when we are not singing anthems or special music.**

I understand that this may not be the most popular or wanted choice as we ramp up going into this fall, but I am personally convicted of the fact that our choir are worship leaders every week and what our congregation sees online and in-person does have an impact. The staff and I agree that our spacing is satisfactory to be able to take masks off when we are singing anthems, and I do not want to restrict your breathing during our special music selections. For hymns, I would ask that we keep our masks on to reflect what the congregation is doing. Thank you for playing your part and helping this church during this time - I appreciate your patience and continued participation!

-Braxton

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Debra Avery - Upcoming baptism of her grandson, Wilmond!
- Suzanne Carter - Dog have health issues.
- Mallory Kubasko - Health in pregnancy.
- Faye Downs - Daughter in hospice care.
- For our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan and all who are suffering there.
- For the start of the semester.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?  
A PRAISE?

[CLICK HERE TO SEND IT TO BRAXTON!](#)

Be sure to put our Fall Choir Retreat on your calendar for September 11th!

You will not want to miss this day of fun, festivities, and singing!



# Upcoming Calendar

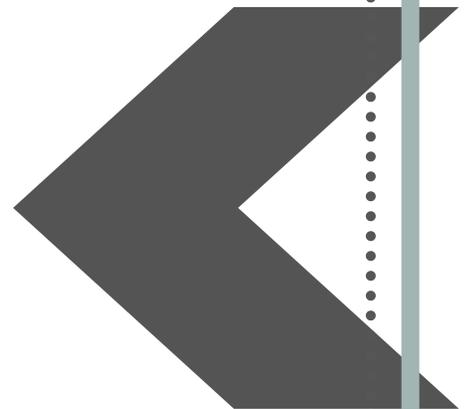
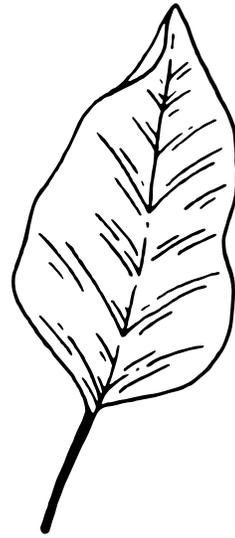
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SMITHFIELD INVITES YOU

FALL  
HYMN SING

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF  
FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND SONG  
AS WE SING THE HYMNS OF OUR FAITH!  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO FOLLOW!

Sunday, October 3, 2021 | First Baptist Church  
6-7 PM | 202 S. Fourth St.  
Sanctuary | Smithfield, NC 27577

Visit [www.fbcsmithfield.org](http://www.fbcsmithfield.org) for more details.



- Wednesday, September 1** Informational Meeting (6:30p - Fellowship Hall)  
Rehearsal (7:30p - Ryberg Hall)
- Sunday, September 5** **Labor Day Sunday**  
Sing in Service (10:35a - Choir Room)
- Wednesday, September 8** Rehearsal (7:30p - Ryberg Hall)
- Saturday, September 11** Choir Retreat (9a-1p - Ryberg Hall)
- Sunday, September 12** **Round-Up Sunday**  
Sing in Service (10:35a - Choir Room)
- Wednesday, September 15** Rehearsal (7:30p - Ryberg Hall)
- Sunday, September 19** Sing in Service (10:35a - Choir Room)
- Wednesday, September 22** See You at the Pole (6a - Ministry Center)  
Rehearsal (7:30p - Ryberg Hall)
- Sunday, September 26** Sing in Service (10:35a - Choir Room)
- Wednesday, September 29** Rehearsal (7:30p - Ryberg Hall)
- Sunday, October 3** Sing in Service (10:35a - Choir Room)  
HymnSing (6p - Sanctuary)
- Wednesday, October 6** Rehearsal (7:30p - Ryberg Hall)
- Sunday, October 10** Sing in Service (10:35a - Choir Room)
- Wednesday, October 13** Rehearsal (7:30p - Ryberg Hall)
- Sunday, October 17** Sing in Service (10:35a - Choir Room)
- Wednesday, October 20** Rehearsal (7:30p - Ryberg Hall)
- Sunday, October 24** Sing in Service (10:35a - Choir Room)  
Fall Concert (3p - Sanctuary)

Enjoy  
THE  
Autumn



# A Word from the Director

"Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory."

Psalm 73:24



From Morning and Evening Devotionals by Charles Spurgeon:

*"The Psalmist felt his need of divine guidance. He had just been discovering the foolishness of his own heart, and lest he should be constantly led astray by it, he resolved that God's counsel should henceforth guide him. A sense of our own folly is a great step towards being wise, when it leads us to rely on the wisdom of the Lord. The blind man leans on his friend's arm and reaches home in safety, and so would we give ourselves up implicitly to divine guidance, nothing doubting; assured that though we cannot see, it is always safe to trust the all-seeing God. "Thou shalt," is a blessed expression of confidence. He was sure that the Lord would not decline the condescending task. There is a word for thee, O believer; rest thou in it. Be assured that thy God will be thy counsellor and friend; he shall guide thee; he will direct all thy ways. In his written Word thou hast this assurance in part fulfilled, for holy Scripture is his counsel to thee. Happy are we to have God's Word always to guide us! What were the mariner without his compass? And what were the Christian without the Bible? This is the unerring chart, the map in which every shoal is described, and all the channels from the quicksands of destruction to the haven of salvation mapped and marked by one who knows all the way. Blessed be thou, O God, that we may trust thee to guide us now, and guide us even to the end! After this guidance through life, the Psalmist anticipates a divine reception at last--"and afterward receive me to glory." What a thought for thee, believer! God himself will receive thee to glory--thee! Wandering, erring, straying, yet he will bring thee safe at last to glory! This is thy portion; live on it this day, and if perplexities should surround thee, go in the strength of this text straight to the throne."*

Spurgeon hits the nail on the head when he states the obvious here, as we also saw last week - we are in constant need of guidance. Last week, we looked at this in the image of the shepherd who guides his sheep. This week, we are given a different image - one we can divine from the text of Psalm 119:105 - "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." As we continually seek the guidance of our Lord, the path does not always seem clear to us. Many times, we think that we can predict the best path or the path we believe to be the one that we think God would choose for us; but Spurgeon tells us that God has left us a source of guidance that will continually be with us throughout our lives in the form of His Word. Whether we are not sure or we think we know the way, we are called to come back to the unerring Word of God to hear the words of our King and Lord. In this way, He always lights a path for us; and more than often, these paths are more glorious, fruitful, and fulfilling than what we could have imagined ourselves. It is as God told the prophet Habakkuk when the question came up of what lay on the path ahead and what God was planning: "Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told."

Prayer for This Week: "Guide us, gracious Lord, as we make our way through this week, your feet revealing safe paths to follow, your calming voice giving confidence to continue, through unfamiliar, challenging and often beautiful places."