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Weekly Newsletter for the Choir of First Baptist Church

CHOIR NEWS

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A Word from the Director

From Brian Frost's book, *The Coming King*:

"The Christmas story begins in the Garden of Eden. Out of the dust God created a man in His image. Soon there was another, different by design, but equal in dignity. This man and woman lived in perfect peace, enjoying God and each other. Their love was pure. Their worship was undefiled. Their laughter was full. Their meals were delicious. Their work was satisfying. Their sleep was sweet. This was God's design. Then one day Satan tempted them and they chose to eat the only fruit God had forbidden. Suddenly, they felt naked, guilty, and vulnerable. Never before had they felt the need to hide at God's arrival. But when God entered the garden, they were each found hiding alone. The consequences were staggering. They were driven from God's presence. They would have to work a hard ground in order to eat. Their relationship would become more contentious as each vied for prominence in their home. Their children, born in pain, would inherit a sin nature that would guarantee more sin. In the end, mankind would die and face permanent separation from God because of their sin."

In the bleakness of this moment, God promised a rescue! One day, a special man would be born of woman. He would live without sin. His heel would be bruised, but He would bruise (crush) the head of Satan. This special man would bring redemption and freedom for those pinned under the condemnation of God's law. The New Testament removes all doubt in declaring that Jesus Christ was this man. "When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law" (Galatians 4:4-5). Jesus, the Son of God, arrived on earth through the womb of a woman. This is the coming we celebrate! He lived a sinless life before crushing evil with His death and resurrection. For all who believe in Him, God gives the gift of forgiveness. As you prepare to celebrate Christmas, know for certain that Jesus is the Promised One. He came. He accomplished what was promised. He will come again to restore all things!"

In His Service, Braxton



Here Comes Our Cantata!

After much discussion, thought, and prayer, it has been decided that our Christmas Cantata will be done digitally this year. In order to accomplish this, I am working right now on trying to record our cantata before the 13th. Our preliminary date for recording, at this time, is Wednesday, December 2nd, at 6:30 - our normal choir time. I will have more information on the exact timing of this recording soon. Thankfully, we will be able to record out of order and put things together which will help our schedule. Our final list of music for this event are listed below:

- An Advent Prayer
- Bring Us Peace
- Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
- God So Loved the World

Show-You-Care Day

Thank you to everyone who came to be a part of our Show-You-Care Day in the Choir Room. We were able to get the room clear which will allow us to begin working on the floors hopefully soon and to get the renovation done in the next few months!



Practice Resumes!

We are rehearsing on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary, taking socially distancing and mask-wearing as a necessary part of our rehearsal and week to week process! We are trying to establish rotating groups of singers for services. If you are still uncomfortable with attending in person, I totally understand. If you are comfortable, however, I will see you then!

Prayer Requests and Praises

- Jan Ashley - Father (Hospice)
- Mallory Kubasko - Recovery (surgery)
- Joyce Wright - Recovery (knee replacement surgery)
- Pope Hardee - Recovery (blood pressure)
- Amanda Howell, daughter of **Jimmy & Jackie Jones** - Recovery (COVID-19)
- **Jimmy Jones** - Recovery (surgery)
- Church Transition - That we would seek the will of God for our next pastor and for future ministries and outreaches of our church!
- Our Nation Post-election - For peace and unity!