

SoundFourth!

Weekly Newsletter

A Word from the Director

Dear Choir Family,

"Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

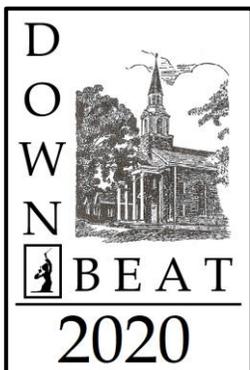
~II Corinthians 1:3-4~

How comfortable are you feeling today? Have the circumstances of our world and our day-to-day lives given us peace or caused us to be anxious? In this passage from Paul's letter to the church at Corinth, Paul makes a profound statement that our God is the God of all comfort. I'll say that again, because Paul doesn't say **some** comfort or **most** comfort - instead, he says **ALL** comfort. This means that none of the comfort we receive in our lifetimes comes from ourselves or our surroundings. The Psalmist declares that "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God."

Oftentimes, we are so concerned with the things in our world that we cannot change - the actions of others, the thoughts of others, our politics, our culture, and our economy, just to name a few. But Christ gives us a different point of view. "Look at the birds of the air," said Jesus, "that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and *yet* your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? And who of you by being worried can add a *single* hour to his life?" Today, I encourage us to take our minds away from the worries of the world and to, instead, place our minds on Christ and His care. He, as the God of all comfort, will watch over us and comfort us so that we are, in turn, able to comfort those in affliction around us today.

In His Service,
Braxton

Announcement



We will return to rehearsing on Saturday, September 12th, from 9am-2pm as a kickoff to our fall and Christmas music! More information will be shared when we get closer to the day!

Announcement

I have heard from a few of you about the potential switch to Wednesday night at 6:30pm, and I cannot wait to hear even more from you all about your opinions! As I told you all last week, the ministerial staff at our church has been taking an in-depth look at Wednesday nights in an effort to find a working solution for everyone, and we believe that the best way to do that is to pursue having choir practice on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. Rehearsal would run at the same time as the Bible Study and children's and youth programs. This would enable anyone interested in choir to join our group and have something for every age group! For those of you who engage in a study and choir normally - our idea is to continue to record the Bible study so that you and others can engage with us online. I would love to continue to hear from you. Please either call the office of the church or email me to talk with me about this development. We, as a body of faith, desire to be a place where everyone can use the gifts that God has given them without a hindrance, and we believe that this solution can work for everyone so that everyone who wants to serve through music can, but in order for that to happen, however, I need to hear from everyone on their opinion! I can't wait to hear from YOU!

Update on Our Website!

Our website and the way in which our church interacts online is changing day by day as we go through this time in our lives! As such, I wanted to remind you all that we have our own choir page! This is a place where I can update you all on events & repertoire as well as post the choir newsletter and keep up a calendar of all we have going on! Here's a guide as to how to log-in!

1. Go to our website at www.fbcsmithfield.org
2. Scroll down on the main page and click on "Music & Worship Ministry"
3. Scroll down to the button on that page that says "Choir Login" and click it.
4. Log-in with the password "fbcchoir"

Prayers & Praises

- Continue to pray for all who are being affected in health and financially by the coronavirus.
- Pray for the leaders in our church and in other churches as they continue to make decisions generally and in relation to the virus - may God give them His mind and Spirit to guide them.

Do you have a prayer request or praise?

Do you know of someone who has needs in this time?

If you know of any prayer needs or people who need help in this difficult time, please email it to Braxton at braxton@fbcsmithfield.org so that it can be known for everyone to address!

He answers prayer!