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# SoundFourth!

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*Weekly Newsletter for the Choir of First Baptist Church*



*Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;  
with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise!  
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;  
sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.*

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## CHOIR NEWS THIS WEEK:

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## A Word from the Director

*"For there is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, Christ Jesus, Himself human, who gave Himself—a ransom for all, a testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed a herald, an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), and a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth."*

*~1 Timothy 2:5-7~*

The apostle Paul had a habit of including little doxologies and creeds throughout his letters, and the one he gives to Timothy and the church at Ephesus is one of my favorites of all Paul's statements. This is not just because of the wonderful way in which Paul lays out Who Jesus is, but also because his calling is the same as ours. Jesus came to us in the proper time to be the mediator - the bridge - between us and God. He lived as fully God and fully man and gave Himself for all of us as a testimony, or evidence, of God's love for us. But He did all of this at the proper time - a favorable and chosen moment known only to God for our benefit and good.

And here we stand, as did Paul, in the spirit of the seventh verse. Christ has chosen us as heralds, apstoles, and teachers to those who do not know the Gospel of Jesus Christ. How often do we forget this as we walk through life? We are bringers of news, and not just any news - the greatest news in all of human history! How can we be silent with this news? The Bible declares that if needed that the rocks themselves would cry out the Truth with which we have been entrusted!

Our task, then, as a choir is important. We are one of the most visible elements of the worship of God. We proclaim to other believers the truths of Scripture, we tell to the unsaved the love of God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and we praise the God Who gives us life and this great news! We then must go as heralds of this good news, this Gospel, and give to all around us through our song and through each of our lives the wonderful news that Jesus Christ, the Lord, is given to all freely for their salvation through faith!

In His Service, Braxton

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# Costume Party Candy Donation!

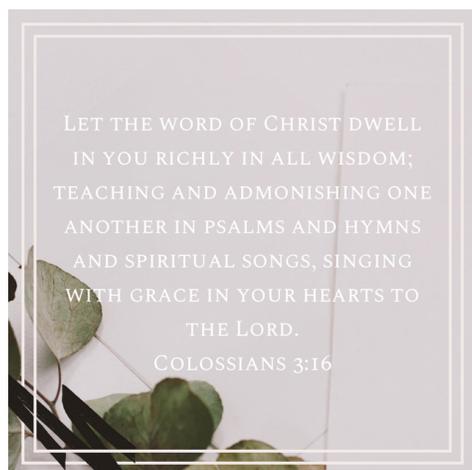


Our Youth Group is hosting a costume party for the Children of our church! They need help with donations of candy for the kids and to be given to our First Responders as a part of their Ministry Project!

Needs include:

- LifeSavers
- Smarties
- Starbursts
- Hershey's Kisses
- Gum
- Tootsie Rolls
- Peppermint Patties
- Dum Dums
- Pay Days
- Laffy Taffy

**If you are able to donate any of these, we need them by Friday, October 23rd!**



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## 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!

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## Prayer Requests and Praises

- Pray for **Mallory Kubasko**, who had surgery today and is at home resting. Pray for a speedy recovery!
- Pray for **Joyce Wright**, who had a knee replacement Tuesday and is at home recovering. Pray for a speedy recovery!
- Continue to pray for **Pope Hardee**, who is recovering after being in the hospital.
- Continue to pray for **Amanda Howell**, the daughter of **Jimmy & Jackie Jones**, for recovery and healing after being diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Continue to pray for **Jimmy Jones**, who had surgery. Pray for a speedy recovery and comfort!
- Pray for our church in this time of transition - that we would, as a group and as individuals, shed aside anything that would inhibit us from seeking the will of God as to who He would have as our next pastor. And pray for our new pastor, that even now God would be working in his heart to prepare him for his ministry here in Smithfield!
- Pray for our nation - that we would seek unity and the face of Christ as we go into a volatile time around our elections. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."