

The Music Ministry at First Baptist Church Roswell



The **Music Ministry** of First Baptist Church-Roswell is led by the Minister of Music, Reverend Jerry W. Tyler (known as “Tyler”), along with the Music Associate (and organist), Maryann Tyler, the Orchestra Director, Rita Loadholt, and Pianist, Suzanne Ivey.

Throughout the choir year, the various choirs are scheduled to sing during Sunday morning and evening worship services. Additionally, the collective choirs present either a Thanksgiving or Christmas music program to the church family each

year. These programs could include solos, duets, or the entire choir – contains singing, instrumentals and perhaps dance or drama interpretation.

Chancel (Adult) Choir

The Chancel or Adult Choir is under the direction of the Minister of Music, Jerry W. Tyler, (known as “Tyler”) and prepares an anthem each Sunday morning during both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services and are accompanied by both the organ (played by Maryann Tyler) and the piano (played by Suzanne Ivey.). Additionally, they present a cantata each Christmas, participate in the annual Greening Service on the first Sunday evening in December, as well as the annual Community Thanksgiving Service when First Baptist Roswell is the host church. There are special performance opportunities throughout theyear. These opportunities could include solos, duets, quartets, or the entire choir membership.



The Adult choir consists of individuals from college age to the senior adult classification; all levels of voice training (from none to professional) are encouraged to participate. The current membership is approximately 90. Members are assigned to one of four voice groups: soprano (I and II), alto, tenor, and bass. The choir is organized with elected officers and section leaders which assist the Minister of Music in growing the group both in numbers and singing quality. Rehearsals are each Wednesday evening in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. following Pastor's Bible Study/Prayer Meeting. An annual retreat is held in August/September, usually on-site, with a guest director which provides training and rehearsals in preparation for the Christmas cantata.

Orchestra and Jubilee Ringers



The First Baptist Orchestra is under the direction of Mrs. Rita Loadholt, and is accompanied by the piano, played by Maryann Tyler. The Jubilee Ringers (Handbells) are under the direction of Mr. Jerry Tyler. The orchestra and handbell groups are scheduled to perform on various Sunday mornings during the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Additionally, they prepare for Christmas program, which often is a joint production. Special performance opportunities throughout the year include activities at the church facility as well as off-site events. The handbells, in particular, often perform at

businesses or assisted living facilities, especially during the Christmas holidays. These opportunities could include instrumental solos, duets, or quartets as appropriate. There are approximately 30 members in the orchestra and 15 in the handbells. The orchestra consists of brass, string, woodwind, and percussion instruments and membership is not limited to our church members. FBC-R has a full set of Malmark handbells with five octaves of bells. Orchestra rehearsals are each Wednesday evening in the Music Suite at 6:30 p.m. Handbell rehearsals are each Tuesday evening in Room 313 at 7:00 p.m.



“His Light” Youth Ensemble



“His Light” is the name of the choir consisting of students from Grade 8 through 12. This group is under the direction of the Minister of Music, Jerry W. Tyler and is accompanied on the piano, by Suzanne Ivey. Rehearsals are each Sunday afternoon beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Music Suite. A bi-annual trip is planned for the group to tour, sing, and have recreation, Bible study, and fellowship time together. Trips have included YouthCUE, based in San Antonio, Texas, a New York City Tour, and a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico. The cruise had a Disney

theme and the group performed several selections for the ship’s passengers. All the trips include opportunities for the youth to represent our church as they sing at other churches or special venues, spend time getting to know each other better, and spend time in Bible study seeking God’s direction in their lives. Trip chaperones are mature, dedicated adults within the church family – many of which have had children in youth or children’s choirs in previous years.

Children's Choir Ministry

The Children's Choir Ministry is a combination of choir groupings of children ranging from age 3 through Grade 7. Each choir has leadership, collectively referred to as Children's Choir Workers, that consist of



a director, one or more teachers (depending on choir size each year) and an outreach leader. These workers have many years of experience in this ministry and are under the overall direction of the Music Associate, Maryann Tyler. Many of the participants begin in the Experience for Three's choir and move through each age-level choir until completion of the seventh grade – then move to the Youth Choir and eventually the Adult Choir. The Children's Choirs Finale in the spring normally includes all the groups and is a wonderful opportunity for parents to witness the difference in music skills learned at each level, as well as, a chance for the children to experience worship through music at all ages and see what they have accomplished.

Young Musicians (YM) Choir

Membership includes Grades 4 through 7. Their rehearsals are in Room 201. This group has an annual 2-3 day trip, alternating between a Sea World trip one year and a trip to the Young Musicians' Festival (on similar function) the next. The trips are wonderful experiences for the choir members where they sing, study the Bible, learn about God, share about their day-to-day challenges, have fun, and grow as young people. The trips are chaperoned by mature, dedicated adults within the church family – several of these are actually leaders or teachers in the choir, which makes for a very comfortable environment for the children (and parents) as they are away from home.

Young Musicians Ensemble

This group is a sub-set of the Young Musicians Choir, and membership includes interested students in Grades 6 and 7. Rehearsals for the ensemble are at 5:00 p.m. in Room 202.

Music Makers Choir

Membership includes Grades 2 and 3. Their rehearsals are in Room 212.

First Grade Choir

Membership is First Grade only. Their rehearsals are in Room 203.

Preschool Choir

Membership is for 4 and 5 year old preschoolers. Depending on choir size, this group could be separated into 4 Year Olds and 5 Year Olds. Their rehearsals are in Room 101 (in the Kindergarten area).