

♪ Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians ♪

News

Greetings from President Michael Waltenberger

Greetings to you all! Perhaps as you read this, you are fully engulfed in the demands of this busy time. No doubt, you are already in “high gear” preparing for the Advent and Christmas season that gets closer every day. As we celebrate this most wonderful time of year through God’s divine gift of music, it is my prayer that you experience the wonder and the joy that this holy season brings. May the hectic schedules and long hours pale against the sheer joy and delight as we celebrate our Savior’s birth.

Your FABM Board met in late September and continued planning next summer’s Conference at Green Lake. We anticipate a wonderful week together: certainly the Clinicians who will join us are top-notch and the experiences that are being planned are being done with you and your needs in mind. Our goal is to equip, teach and encourage every person who attends the week so they may return home and equip, teach and encourage those with whom they serve.



Much of our schedule for the summer will remain similar to what it has been in prior years. We are most excited to have Mr. Daniel Gutierrez as our Youth Clinician. Daniel will be leading both the Youth and Children’s portions of the Conference. He is an outstanding choral educator and leader, and has been recognized for his achievements both locally and on a national basis. His passion for connecting children and youth to music is evident through all he does.

Providing the best opportunities for study and rehearsals, the Board has designed a tentative schedule for next summer’s Youth and Children.

- 8:45am—10:15am Youth Choir @ Lone Tree
- 9:30am—10:20am Children’s Handbells
- 10:30am—Noon Children’s Choir @ RWI Veranda/Adult observation @ 11:10am
- 10:30am—Noon Youth Activities
- 1:00pm—2:00pm Ensembles or Bells
- 2:10pm—3:30pm Youth Choir @ Lone Tree/Adult observation @ 2:10
- 3:30pm—5:00pm Youth Activities/Ensembles
- 6:00pm—7:00pm Youth Choir @ Lone Tree

The Early Childhood Music will remain at 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. daily.

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Church Musicians
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We are excited about the possibilities and the continuity that will come from next summer's experience. Making changes can sometimes be difficult; know that your Board has worked diligently to be good stewards of our resources and to provide a most wonderful Conference for everyone. We are always grateful for your input: please feel free to contact me at mwaltenberger@comcast.net if you have any suggestions or comments.

On other news: YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! We have been blessed by those individuals, families and organizations who have provided resources for our daily Coffee Breaks in recent years. It would be great to share that blessing with others in our Conference family. If you would like to host a Coffee Break, please contact me at the above email, or call the FABM Office at 812-376-3321. Expenses for a daily Coffee Break (with water and tea) run between \$125 and \$150. Food is available at an extra cost. This is a great way to celebrate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.) during the week or simply to support the ministry of FABM.

In 2017, we were most grateful for the leadership of Rev. Joe and Shelley Greemore as our Youth Coordinators. Sadly, they will not be able to be with us at the 2018 Conference. The Board is looking for

individuals or a couple who would serve as our Youth Leaders/House Parents during the week. If you or someone you know, would be interested in that position, please contact me or Executive Secretary Joyce Crowder and we will be delighted to share the details of the week with you. The Youth portion of our Conference is such a vital and life-changing part of the week – and we have been blessed through the years with dedicated and capable adults who have ministered faithfully to our youth.

Thanks to each of you who submitted an evaluation form last summer. Your Board studies this information, follows up on your ideas and seeks to implement as many of your suggestions that are possible. Your input is always appreciated.

As we move into this busy Advent and Christmas season, it is our desire that in the midst of all the activity that you once again discover for yourself the Marvel and Joy of the Boy that is born in Bethlehem. God bless you in your labor for Him now and always, and especially in this joyous season!

Yours and His,
Michael Waltenberger
President, Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians

FABM Music Library

The FABM Music Library is currently housed in Indianapolis at the ABC/IN-KY Office Building. They are in the process of selling that property and we need to find a new home for the library. Although it is not being used as often as in past

years, we'd like to be able to maintain it. If you have any suggestions, please contact one of the Board Members and share your ideas. The house might sell as early as the end of this year.

FABM Friends Update

We send our love and condolences to the families of Vance Nelson (Anne Nelson) and Jim Masterson (Carolyn Masterson) who passed away recently. We also send prayers for healing to Ruth Lawson who had a recent bypass surgery



Vance Nelson



Jim Masterson

FABM Membership

You will be receiving your annual membership renewal letter in late December. Please watch for it in the mail and share with your colleagues.

*The true joy
of **Christmas** is the love
of Christ, shared with
family and friends. May
you find His peace, love
and joy in the coming
New Year.”*



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