

# ♪ Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians ♪

## News

### Greetings from President Jan Corrothers

Greetings, Dear FABM Family!

On this January day, my mind is flooded with warm thoughts in anticipation of our time together at our annual Conference for Church Musicians this July. What a wonderful opportunity each new year brings, as we turn the page and think upon the blessings, challenges, and experiences that await us! When a struggle presents itself, I am often reminded of the beloved Gaither chorus that states, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living, just because He lives." What a promise, what assurance!

Plans are well under way for our 2017 conference! In the coming weeks, you will receive a registration brochure containing all pertinent information and our conference theme and logo. "Many Gifts, One Spirit" is the theme that will be thread throughout our music and worship experiences during the week of July 16-22.

At the conclusion of the 2016 conference, we offered our deepest gratitude to beloved Youth Coordinators, Jeff and Katie Rector, for their years of service and dedication in leading the FABM Youth. Their presence and spirit will be deeply missed. However, we do have exciting news to share! Our very own, Rev. Joe Greemore has graciously agreed to serve as Coordinator of the Youth division for 2017, with the assistance of his wife, Shelby, and an outstanding team of vibrant leaders! Joe currently serves as Pastor of First Baptist Church, Waterloo, IA and is a long-time friend and supporter of FABM. Joe participated in the Youth Choir for several years and has willingly shared his gifts as a musician and leader with our conference in numerous ways. Joe and Shelby have three beautiful children, who reflect the love and joy of the Lord. We are thrilled to have Joe on our leadership team for 2017 and hope you will help us promote and encourage the Youth of your congregation to join us for an unforgettable week together!

It remains an honor and privilege to serve with you. Please make plans now to attend our conference this Summer and bring a friend, family member, fellow church musician, or colleague that you know will benefit from the Green Lake experience!

Yours in Song,  
Jan Corrothers  
President, FABM

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## A Note from President-Elect/Treasurer Michael Waltenberger

The decorations are put away (mostly!), stacks of music for Christmas and Advent are being sorted and filed in the drawers, and the echoes of the wonderful music from this Christmas season are still in our ears. We pray that your Advent and Christmas season was blessed and that in spite of the demands of this hectic time, you once again experienced the joy and the marvel of the Birth of our Savior.

Now is the time we are preparing for Lent and Easter and look ahead to the things beyond that time. You should have received your Membership Letter from FABM Executive Secretary, Joyce Crowder, and I hope that, if you haven't done so already, you've filled out the form and sent it in.

It's not too early to be planning for the 2017 Conference For Church Musicians, July 16 – 22. Our roster of clinicians is outstanding again this year and the Board continues to prepare for a week that will equip and inspire us all through our worship, study and fellowship. Check out the website at [www.fabm.com](http://www.fabm.com) to view the bios of our Clinicians. The tremendous leadership, inspiring worship services, informative classes, reading sessions and the evening sharing add up for a week that will bless your work all year long. Mix all that in with the beauty of the Green Lake Conference Center and you have an unbeatable combination!

But we need your help! Perhaps you have

colleagues who would benefit from the Conference experience. Maybe you know of a church that would be blessed by using the Lending Library resources. Could there be someone you know who needs some inspiration and refreshment as they serve the Lord through music? Plan to share the Conference with them or better yet – bring them with you!

If you are on Facebook, watch for updates as they become available. We're working to increase our network through a new Twitter account and other social media resources. Be sure to "Like" us and share the information about FABM and the week at Green Lake everywhere you can. If you have pictures from last year's Conference and would like to share them on Facebook, kindly e mail them to me at [mwaltenberger@comcast.net](mailto:mwaltenberger@comcast.net).

Please remember that your Board is here for you: feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance to you. While we are all volunteers, busily engaged in our own situations, the Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians is very dear to us and we want to serve you however we can.

God be with you as you serve Him in this New Year! Please remember to send in your membership and we'll look forward to seeing you this summer!

Yours and His,

Michael Waltenberger  
President-Elect



## FABM Friends Update

We are saddened to learn of the unexpected passing of Arthur Myren, husband of Millie Myren. Arthur passed away late Thursday, January 17th, after suffering a stroke. Cards and notes may be sent to Millie at: 10713S Keller Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

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## A Note from Executive Secretary Joyce Crowder

We are praying a New Year Blessing for each of you as you continue in the music ministry in your part of the country. May you find God in all things and may you be bold to share Him in all things.

I have just a few reminders for you as you plan ahead.

- Scholarship applications and recommendations need to be mailed before May 1, 2017. When you apply, you are requesting for a scholarship from FABM for the conference registration fees—not membership—not housing, etc. This is a great way to encourage new conferees to join us.
- There are also limited scholarships from the Green Lake Conference Center for room and board. After you make your reservation with them, ask how you can apply for their scholarship.
- Membership fees are due each year.

Hopefully you received the renewal for that right after Christmas. You can send it in with the included form, register online, or send it with your Conference Registration.

- You should have a registration form for The Conference for Church Musicians by mid-February. You can register with that or register online. If you have 10 or more coming from your church, you'll get 1 free registration, but they need to come together in one envelope. Be a FABM ambassador and help someone, who has not been, to join us this summer.
- Please be in prayer for the Clinicians, Accompanists, Coordinators, etc. As you know it takes many persons to pull together such a large event. Pray for clear discernment on repertoire, for helpful materials in workshops, for safe travel, for health, and for the many other details as they come together.



## 2017 Clinician Highlights



Michael Glasgow  
Handbell Clinician

Michael J. Glasgow holds B.A. degrees in music and in journalism; as well as a Master of Church Music degree, in both choral and handbell music. He serves in leadership roles with the North Carolina Master Chorale and the Tar River Orchestra & Chorus. An award-winning composer, he strives to creatively advance the art of handbell and choral music, through special projects, assignments and commissions. Michael is proud to have served as the inaugural conductor for the annual *Anthornis* and *Anthornis North* advanced-ringing events in Minneapolis and Fargo; and to have conducted in England, Canada, and on a cruise ship in the Eastern Caribbean. He will make his Carnegie Hall debut conducting his *Requiem* in June 2017. He also serves as the editor for the Handbell Musicians of American Area 3 newsletter, *The Bell-O-Gram*, and is a member of ASCAP, American Composers Forum, Mensa and several other professional organizations. Additional information and samples of Michael's work may be found at [www.michaeljglasgow.com](http://www.michaeljglasgow.com).

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## 2017 Clinician Highlights continued



Sandra Thornton  
Children Clinician

Sandra Thornton is the Assistant Artistic Director of the Cincinnati Children's Choir and serves as the Artistic Director of the CCC Satellite Program, as well as teaches Vocal Pedagogy on the annual CCC Summer Festival Staff. Additionally, Sandra serves as the Education Chair of the Greater Cincinnati Choral Consortium. Sandra is the Director of Traditional Music at Epiphany United Methodist Church in Loveland, OH and also sings professionally with the Cincinnati Vocal Arts Ensemble, under the direction of Craig Hella Johnson. In 2012, Sandra was the recipient of the Joy Anthony Douglas (1956) Master Teacher Residency at the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam and in 2013 she was awarded the SUNY Potsdam Alumni Association Rising Star Award. In 2013, Sandra was a quarter finalist for the first ever GRAMMY Foundation Music Educator of the Year award. Sandra has served as an honor choir guest conductor and clinician for both the Ohio Music Education Association, the New York State School of Music Association and the Kentucky Music Education Association. She regularly conducts choirs in the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music Feast of Carols and in March of 2013, made her Carnegie Hall conducting debut.



Dr. Jeffery Redding  
Youth Clinician

Jeffery Redding, Director of Choral Activities at West Orange High School, Winter Garden, Florida has led his choirs in performances at State, Regional, and National conventions of the American Choral Directors' Association (ACDA). Nationally, Dr. Redding is in demand as a guest conductor and lecturer and was awarded the *R. Wayne Hogo-boom* Distinguished Service Award for dedicated service, leadership, and excellence by the Florida Chapter of ACDA in November 2015. Dr. Redding is founder and Artistic Director of the Garden Community Choir in Winter Garden, Florida. Formerly with the Moses Hogan Singers, he is now a member of the professional male singing group, "Brethren." Dr. Redding directed the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for their 2005 spring broadcast. He was featured as guest conductor at Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Kennedy Center, and Orchestra Hall on numerous occasions and has been honored to give the prestigious TEDx Talk.



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