



Digital Program

JANUARY 27-28, 2023



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Welcome

On behalf of the Music & Worship Ministries at Texas Baptists, I am so thankful you have joined us.

I am excited this year to gather, learn, network, and be inspired by our great team of leaders. We are also thrilled to have the Oklahoma Baptist Children's Chorus sing for us!

We are tasked with training the next generation on the importance of worship. Thank you for making this event a priority. I pray you will be equipped to train our future leaders to share the gospel through the powerful medium of worship. I'm praying for a wonderful 2023 in your church.

Serving Him together,

Tom Tillman

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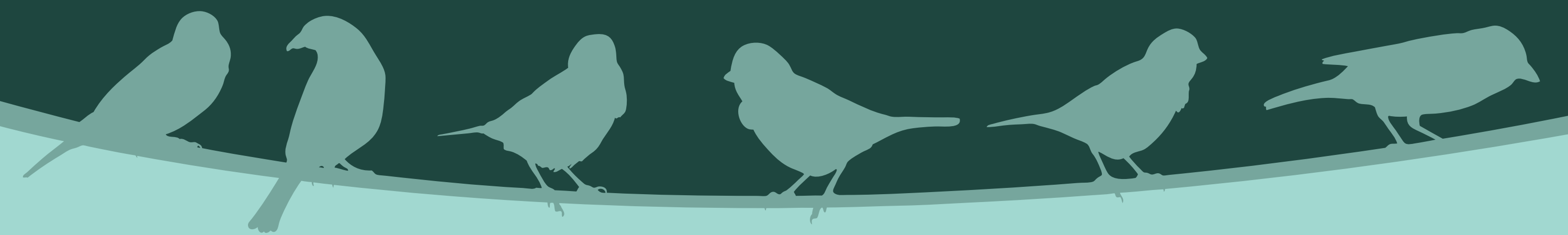
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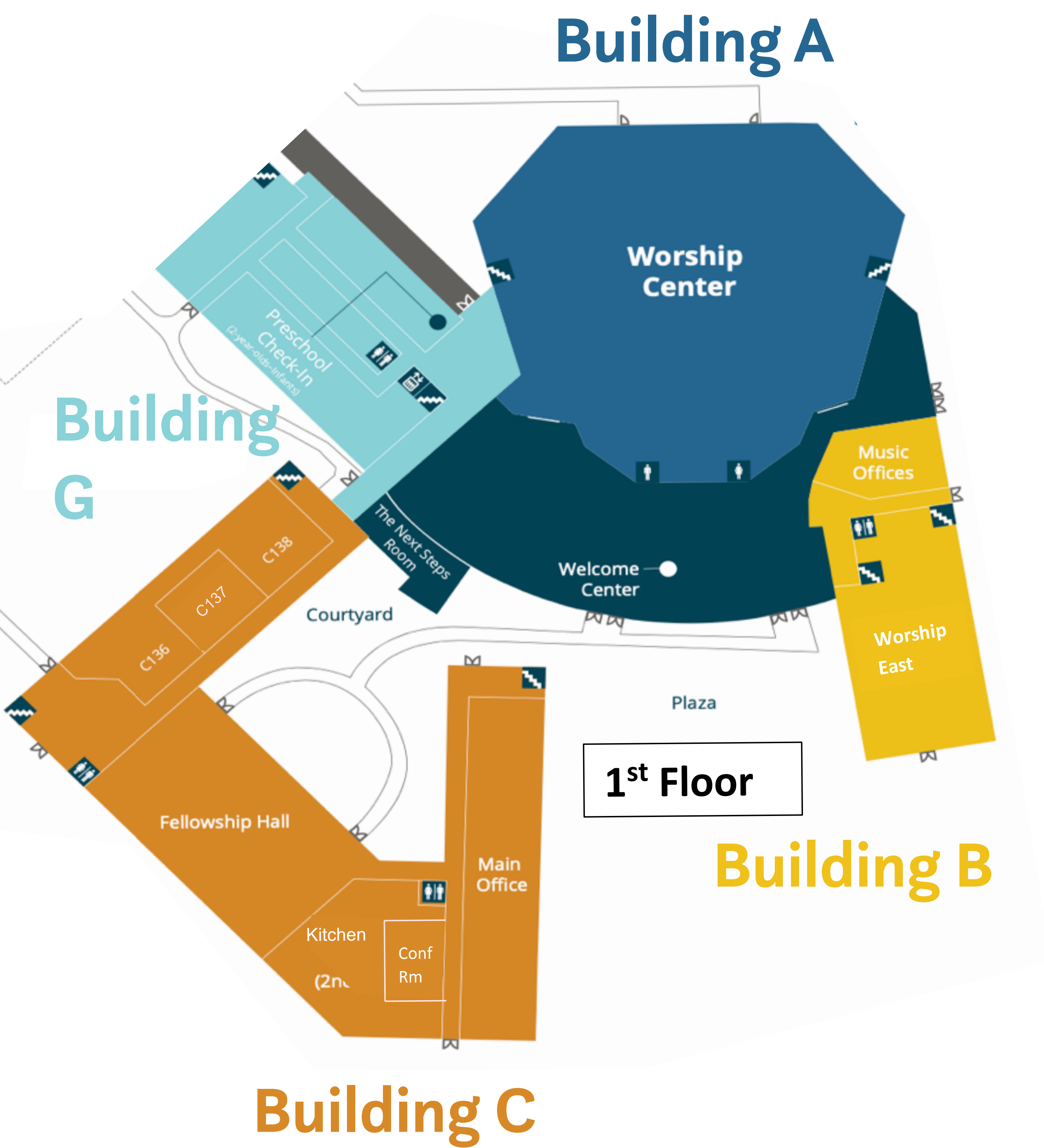
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Map



Schedule

- Key:
- Lobby
 - Fellowship Hall
 - ▲ Worship East

FRIDAY

1:00 p.m. ● **Registration & Exhibitors Open**

1:45 p.m. ■ **Early Bird Session: Engaging Kids in Corporate Worship**

3:00 p.m. ● **General Session: Welcome**
3:15 p.m. **Breakout Session I**

- A NEW Song! • C136
Darlene Abbott
- Instruments, Kids & Choir Oh My! • Fellowship Hall A
Jenny Kujath
- NEW Life in Christ: Incorporating Evangelism and Discipleship • Next Steps Room
Katheron Latham
- A Pinch of This, a Dash of That: Let’s Sing, Dance & Play • Fellowship Hall C
Angela Leonhardt
- How to Have a (Relatively) Chaos Free Rehearsal • Worship East
Christy Semsen
- Let’s Get Moving • C138
David Talaguit

4:15 p.m. ● **Exhibits & Snack Break** *Popcorn bar*

4:45 p.m. **Breakout Session II**

- Music Fun with Basketballs • C136
Darlene Abbott
- A New Day–A New Rehearsal • Fellowship Hall A
Jenny Kujath
- Let Imagination Bloom • Fellowship Hall C
Angela Leonhardt
- Musical Preview: Joy Ride: Cruising Through Philippians • Worship East
Christy Semsen
- Scripture Skits • C138
Kimberly Ingram

5:45 p.m. ● **Dinner** *Rosa’s Taco Bar* **& Exhibits**

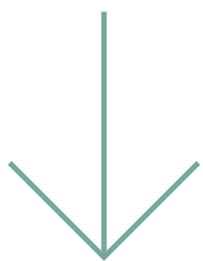
6:30 p.m. ▲ **General Session: I**

7:30 p.m. ▲ **Door Prizes & Dismissal**

- Key:
- Lobby
 - Fellowship Hall
 - ▲ Worship East

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m.	▲ Door Prizes & Devotional	
9:00 a.m.	Breakout Session III	
	<div><div>-A NEW Groove • C136 <i>Darlene Abbott</i></div><div>-A New Way to Do Children’s Choir – Worship Arts • Fellowship Hall A <i>Jenny Kujath</i></div><div>-NEW Skills for a NEW Song: Teaching Vocal Skills • Next Steps Room <i>Katheron Latham</i></div><div>-Smarties! Strategies to Reach and Motivate All of God’s Children • Fellowship Hall C <i>Kimberly Ingram</i></div><div>-The Building Blocks of Blocking: Staging a Choir and Drama for a Musical • Worship East <i>Christy Semsen</i></div><div>-Level Up • C138 <i>David Talaguit</i></div></div>	
10:00 a.m.	● Exhibits & Snack Break	<i>Veggies, Cheese & Crackers Tray</i>
10:30 a.m.	Breakout Session IV	
	<div><div>-Scripture Memory for Young Children • C136 <i>Darlene Abbott</i></div><div>-A Whole New Ballgame: Putting on a Musical • Fellowship Hall A <i>Jenny Kujath</i></div><div>-A NEW Plan for a NEW Day: Developing Effective Plans for Ministry • Next Steps Room <i>Katheron Latham</i></div><div>-Terrific Tune Ups • Fellowship Hall C <i>Kimberly Ingram</i></div><div>-Secrets to Starting (or Restarting) a Children’s Choir • Worship East <i>Christy Semsen</i></div><div>-Among the Nations, Among All the Peoples • C138 <i>David Talaguit</i></div></div>	
11:30 a.m.	Break	



SATURDAY (Continued)

- 11:45 a.m.

Breakout Session V

-A New Day–A New Rehearsal (repeat) • Fellowship Hall A
Jenny Kujath

-The NEW Leadership Teams: Developing & Encouraging Your Teams to be Effective • Next Steps Room
Katheron Latham

-Energizer Bunnies: They Just Keep Going & Going • Fellowship Hall C
Angela Leonhardt

-Musical Preview: Joy Ride: Cruising Through Philippians • Worship East
Christy Semsen

-Nuevo Dia • C138
David Talaguit
- 12:45 p.m.

• Lunch

Chick-fil-A box lunch

& Exhibits
- 1:35 p.m.

▲ General Session II
- 2:35 p.m.

▲ Door Prizes & Dismissal

Session Descriptions

Early Bird Session

Andrew Pressley

Engaging Kids in Corporate Worship (with KidsCore Preview)

This session will feature a presentation of convictions and practical ideas for engaging children in gathered worship. KidsCore, a customizable song-by-song music and worship curriculum, will be available to preview as well.

Breakout Sessions

Darlene Abbott

A NEW Song!

Teaching music with color. Breaking down the basics of music with simple techniques using one of the first things young children learn – colors. Boost your teaching with the knowledge that these musical concepts, as well as classroom management techniques, can be taught so simply. [Preschool – 2nd Grade]

A NEW Groove

Movement. How do we teach with movement for younger children? This session will look at ways to teach musical and spiritual concepts using movement. Children move all the time. Learn how we can harness that energy and make it productive towards spiritual and musical development. [Preschool – 2nd Grade]

Music Fun with Basketballs

Teaching music and steady beat with basketballs. Be ready to move in this class. We will all use basketballs to practice the concepts being taught. We will also learn part of a routine using basketballs. (We will learn as much of a routine as time will allow.) [Grades 3-6]

Scripture Memory for Young Children

We are to hide God's word in our hearts. But can preschoolers really memorize Scripture? What about 1st graders? How much Scripture? Should we do one Scripture a week? We will explore the answers to all these questions and more. We will learn different Scripture memory techniques using music and rhythm. [Preschool – 2nd Grade]

Kimberly Ingram

Smarties! Strategies to Reach and Motivate All of God's Children

God gifts us with so many ways to be smart. Multiple intelligence theory can help us find new ways to motivate every child in our choir. Boost your teaching game and learn a few new things about yourself and your family as well. [Grades 1-6]

Terrific Tune Ups

How do we get their attention – and keep it? Let's test drive some unique exercises and games to keep our choirs focused and working together. You can use these strategies in your classes this week. [All ages]

Scripture Skits

Every child has a special part in these Scripture skits. Let's look at some skit/song pairings for worship, VBS, Summer Camp, and choir tours. We'll dive deep into our Bibles with creativity and fun and give our kids a memorable experience with Scripture. [All ages]

Jenny Kujath

Instruments, Kids & Choir – Oh My!

Learn how to incorporate instruments in your choir rehearsal in a fun and engaging way. Instruments are a good way to engage kids who “don't like to sing” and those who do. We'll play boomwackers, chimes, shakers, and maybe some instruments you haven't thought about using in your choir rehearsal. [All ages]

A New Day – A New Rehearsal

This class will demonstrate how to structure a children's choir rehearsal: arriver activity, spiritual lesson, teaching a song (including

basic conducting and music teaching strategies), and reviewing a song. [Grades 1-6]

A New Way to Do Children's Choir – Worship Arts

Interested in transitioning your children's choir into more of a worship arts ministry? Curious about what a worship arts ministry for kids looks like? This class will walk you through setting up a worship arts ministry and/or give you lots of ideas of arts classes that can be incorporated into your children's choir program. [Grades 1-6]

A Whole New Ballgame: Putting on a Musical

For those who have never done a musical before and for those who have but could use some new direction and new ideas. In this class we'll walk through the entire process of putting on a musical. Starting with choosing the right musical all the way to the after party – and everything in between. [Grades 1-6]

Katheron Latham

NEW Life in Christ: Incorporating Evangelism and Discipleship

How do we encourage our children to know Christ and walk with Him? This class will give you plans for incorporating gospel presentations and discipleship within your children's choirs and worship arts experiences. [Grades 1-6]

NEW Skills for a NEW Song: Teaching Vocal Skills

How do you teach children to use great singing skills while keeping them engaged? Come gain new inspiration for helping your children develop the vocal skills they will carry with them for a lifetime of healthy worship singing. [Grades 1-6]

A NEW Plan for a NEW Day: Developing Effective Plans for Ministry

We live in a “new day” in which we have very little time with our children. How can you plan your ministry time to the fullest? Learn how to develop effective plans for all aspects of your teaching. [All ages]

The NEW Leadership Teams: Developing and Encouraging Your Teams to be Effective

How can we cultivate a heart of service and worship leadership in children and young people? How can we develop a ministry that trains the worship leaders of tomorrow? How can we develop a ministry plan that includes teachers of various ages, experiences, and walks of life to guide children to have a love for worship? [All ages]

Angela Leonhardt

Let Imagination Bloom

Utilize children’s story books and Bible verses to capture our youngest learners’ imaginations. Tried and true activities will be shared for singing, playing, and exploration. [Preschool]

Energizer Bunnies: They Just Keep Going and Going

Little people love to move! Let’s channel that movement into creative music-making to build musical skills, create independence, and explore through the preschool lens. [Preschool]

A Pinch of This, a Dash of That: Let’s Sing, Dance and Play

Come explore ways to mix up your weekly rehearsal time with student creativity, stories, instruments, and more. [Grades 1-6]

Christy Semsen

How to Have a (Relatively) Chaos Free Rehearsal

Never need to shout or “shhhhhh” your choir again! (Well, almost never.) Tips to utilize positive reinforcement to re-energize and maximize your choir time. [All ages]

The Building Blocks of Blocking: Staging Choir and Drama for a Musical

How to easily and creatively position your choir so they are engaged in the whole musical, as well as rehearse and block your actors effectively. [Grades 1-6]

Secrets to Starting (or Restarting) a Children’s Choir

It’s a new day! Learn some exciting ways to kick-start that choir you’ve been praying about starting. [All ages]

Musical Preview: Joy Ride: Cruising Through Philippians

Listen to a preview of a unique new children’s project from Christy, Daniel, and Nathaniel Semsen. Joy Ride has the exciting new option of being performed in a concert setting with short narration or as a complete non-seasonal musical. And all the songs are Scripture-memory songs from the book of Philippians. [Grades 1-6]

David Talaguit

Let’s Get Moving

Not a choreographer? Then you need this class. Learn effective ways to incorporate movements in your programs and worship events, while developing your young musician’s musicality and creativity. [All ages]

Level Up

There's nothing like drumming to electrify your programs and worship experiences. Learn techniques to level up your student's drum playing (hand drums, conga, tubano). [All ages]

Among the Nations, Among All the Peoples

Music education and missions are a perfect combination. Explore new songs from all around the world that will get your church participating in the great commission [All ages]

Nuevo Dia

Want to reach out to your Hispanic community? Learn songs, Orff instrumentation, and other activities that will be sure to be a hit. [All ages]



Speakers & Clinicians

Andrew Pressley



Andrew Pressley is the creator and director of KidsCore Worship, a music and worship curriculum for children that emphasizes rich content and congregational involvement. He serves as an associate pastor at First Baptist Church in Lindale, Texas. He also teaches music and worship at East Texas Baptist University. He is a graduate of the Fine Arts Center of Greenville County (Jazz Guitar) and has a music degree (Classical Guitar) from Anderson University as well as a Master of Divinity in Church Music (Composition) from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Andrew married Meghan in 2016. They have one daughter, Eliza, and one son, Isaac.

Angela Leonhardt



Angela Leonhardt is the music specialist at Hidden Forest Elementary in San Antonio where she was the 2018 NEISD Elementary Teacher of the Year. She holds master's degrees in Music Education and Administration with principal certification and is currently working on a DMA from Boston University. She received her Orff certification from Trinity University. Angela teaches Orff Level I Pedagogy courses in the summer and is an active clinician in the U.S. and Canada. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Orff Chapter in the posts of Recording Secretary, Treasurer, VP and President and chair of the Curriculum Oversight and Review Committee for AOSA. Her service to NAFME-Texas a division of NAFME includes President, the council of chairs for K-12 Music and Music in Our Schools Month. Publications have been included in The Southwestern Musician, TMEC Connections, AOSA Reverberations and General Music Today. She is a contributing author with Growing in Grace and directs children's choirs at her church and school. She serves as an adjunct professor on the music education faculty at the University of Texas at San Antonio and Trinity University, teaching courses in music technology, diverse learners in the music classroom and music and related arts.

Christy Sensen



Three-time Dove-Award winning children's writer, Christy Sensen has been writing children's musicals for 12 years. With over 24 published musicals, five Choral Collections and 10 Dove Award nominations, she has had over 150 songs published and performed by children across the world. She and her husband Daniel recently started a choral music publishing company, Sensen Music, and are thrilled to be able to creatively continue serving the church in new ways. Traveling around the country, she teaches on drama, choreography and engaging both younger and older children through utilizing the most current musical styles, while teaching them a love of Scripture and worship. She currently directs a choir of kids K-8th grade in the Burbank Community Kids Choir and loves serving kids. Christy has a M.A. in Pastoral Studies (Emphasis, Worship Leadership) from Azusa Pacific University's Haggard School of Theology (2010), as well as a B.A. in Music Theory/Composition; Music Education from Azusa Pacific University (1998). She resides in Burbank, California, with her husband, composer/arranger/orchestrator Daniel Sensen and has two sons in college, Nathaniel (21) and Noah (19).

Darlene Abbott



Darlene Abbott serves as director of the Kid's Worship Choir at The Church at Station Hill, a regional campus of Brentwood Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. She is a writer of preschool and children's music and curriculum currently with Semsen Family Music. She created Preschool Praisentations with Kathie Hill and has contributed to many products by Lifeway. Darlene is the creator of the Music Mom Products, which include music teaching games and activities. She travels as an instructor and clinician for church workers, choir leaders, music educators, and day school teachers as well as women's events. A graduate of the University of North Alabama, Darlene currently resides in Spring Hill, Tennessee, with her husband and children.



David Talaguit



David Talaguit often writes music for Mesquite ISD of which the most recent was a commissioned piece, “Light Shines Brightest,” performed by MISD teachers to uplift students during the 2020 lockdown. His works have been featured in many of MISD’s Elementary Fine Arts Festivals. One of his passions is conducting Orff-based Music Seminars which he has been privileged to do in Dallas, Amarillo, Alabama, Honduras and most recently, back to his roots, the Philippines. His latest work includes being the guest conductor of Wylie ISD’s 4th Grade All City Choir virtual concert, which featured his composition “Por La Vida.” He has been the general music teacher at Motley Elementary School and Music Director for Biblical Community Church since 1998. David studied Music Education with Voice concentration at SMU Meadows School of the Arts. He also finished his Orff Levels certification from the same institution.

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Jenny Kujath



Jenny Kujath graduated from the University of Missouri at Kansas City with a degree in music in 1998. She taught voice and piano lessons for a few years until she found her love—teaching children’s choir. She has coordinated her church’s WAM (Worship Arts Ministry) program for 18 years. She writes and teaches a music camp for 3 year olds through 5th grade every summer and has done several music camps in Kenya. For the last three years she has directed a men’s choir at a homeless shelter and finds that a lot of her children’s choir tricks work well in men’s choir. Jenny and her husband, Scott, live in Kansas City, Missouri, and have been married for 28 years. They have two daughters and a son who were involved in children’s choir their whole lives—whether they wanted to be or not! Their daughters are in college and their son is a worship pastor. Now that Jenny is an empty nester, she plays pickleball every chance she gets!

Katheron Latham



Katheron Latham has been the Children's Worship Arts Coordinator at Bayside Baptist Church in the Chattanooga, Tennessee, area for 25 years. She is also the full time Choral/Piano Teacher at Chattanooga Central High School, where her daughter is a senior this year. Katheron has been teaching through her private piano/voice studio, local schools, and church for 33 years. Katheron has a passion for teaching and has shared this passion through writing curriculum for Lifeway and leading various workshops throughout the Southeast. Katheron also believes children's worship arts are tools that lead children to have a personal relationship with Christ and to live for Him daily. Katheron received her Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance and her Master of Arts degree in Choral Music Education from the University of Alabama. She and her husband Chad, married 31 years, have three children: son Logan, married to Yahna, grandchild Elliott; son, Riley; and daughter, Sarah Katheron.

Kimberly Ingram



Kimberly Ingram (Open Heart Musicals) is a composer, writer, and co-creator of children's musicals such as GMA Dove-nominated "What's Up, Zak?" A Musical Encounter with Jesus, and their newest release: More Power to You! Finding Our Strength in God. She is co-author of the Praise Takes Flight! books published by Choristers Guild. Kimberly has taught church children's choirs since 1998, and loves helping children grow in their relationship with God through singing, music, and theatre. In her free time, she loves traveling with husband Blake, and following the adventures of her children Blake Jr. and Kaitlin.



2023 MUSIC & WORSHIP Events & Opportunities

Texas Baptists Children's Chorus

Grades 3-6 • monthly rehearsals

Worship Summit

February 23

Texas Baptists Offices • Dallas, TX

Instrumental Convergence

February 25

Green Acres Baptist Church • Tyler, TX

Everlasting Choir Celebration

March 6-7

Calvary Baptist Church • Lubbock, TX

Everlasting Choir Celebration

March 9-10

The Woodlands First Baptist Church • The Woodlands, TX

Everlasting Choir Celebration

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October 27-28

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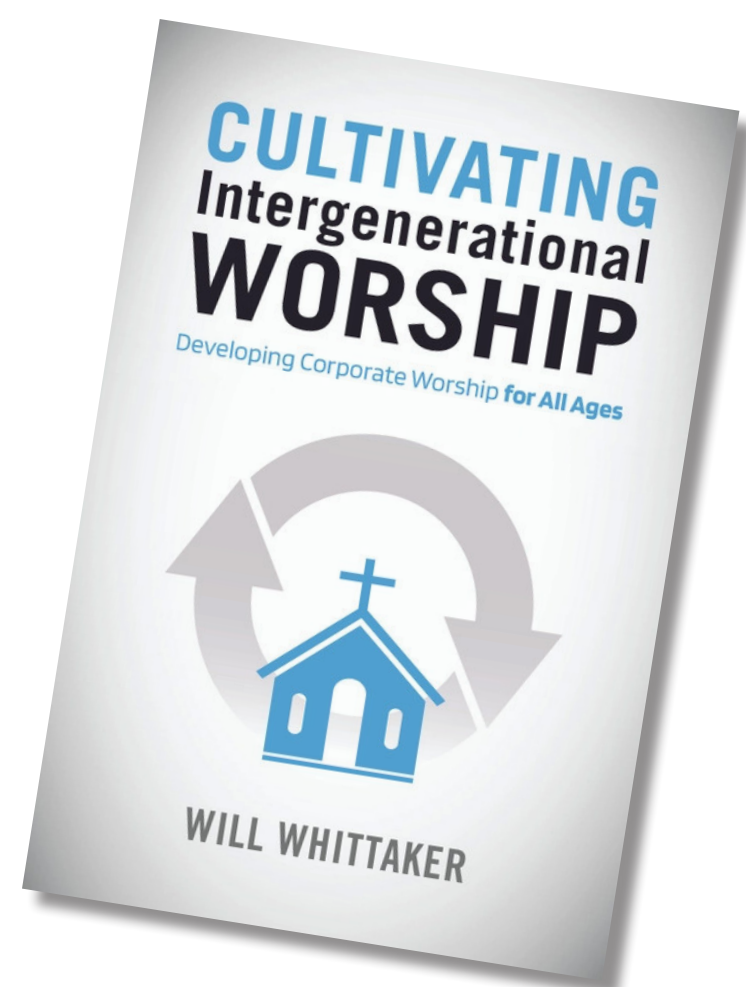
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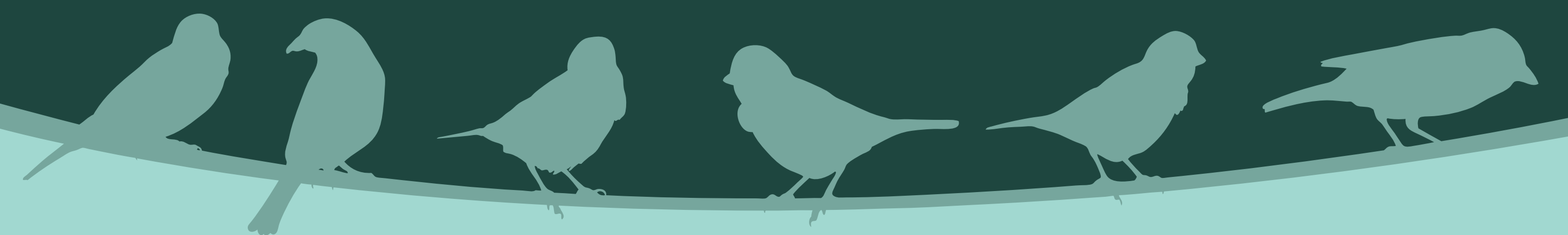
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for leading our worship time

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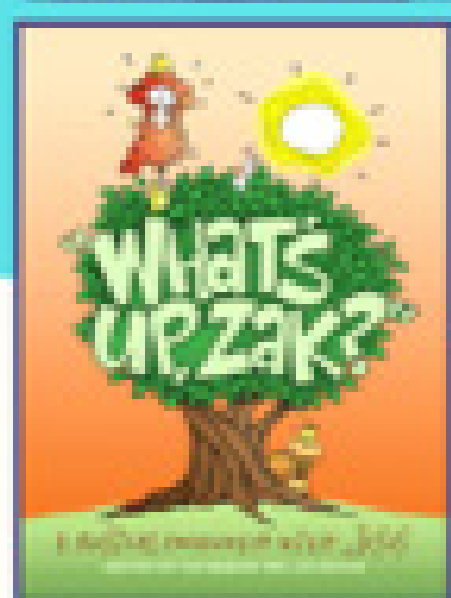
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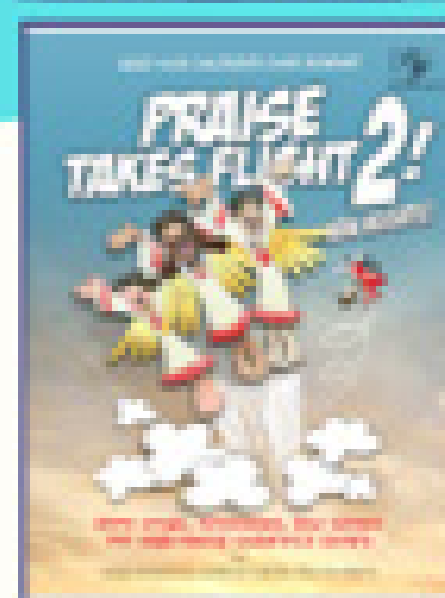
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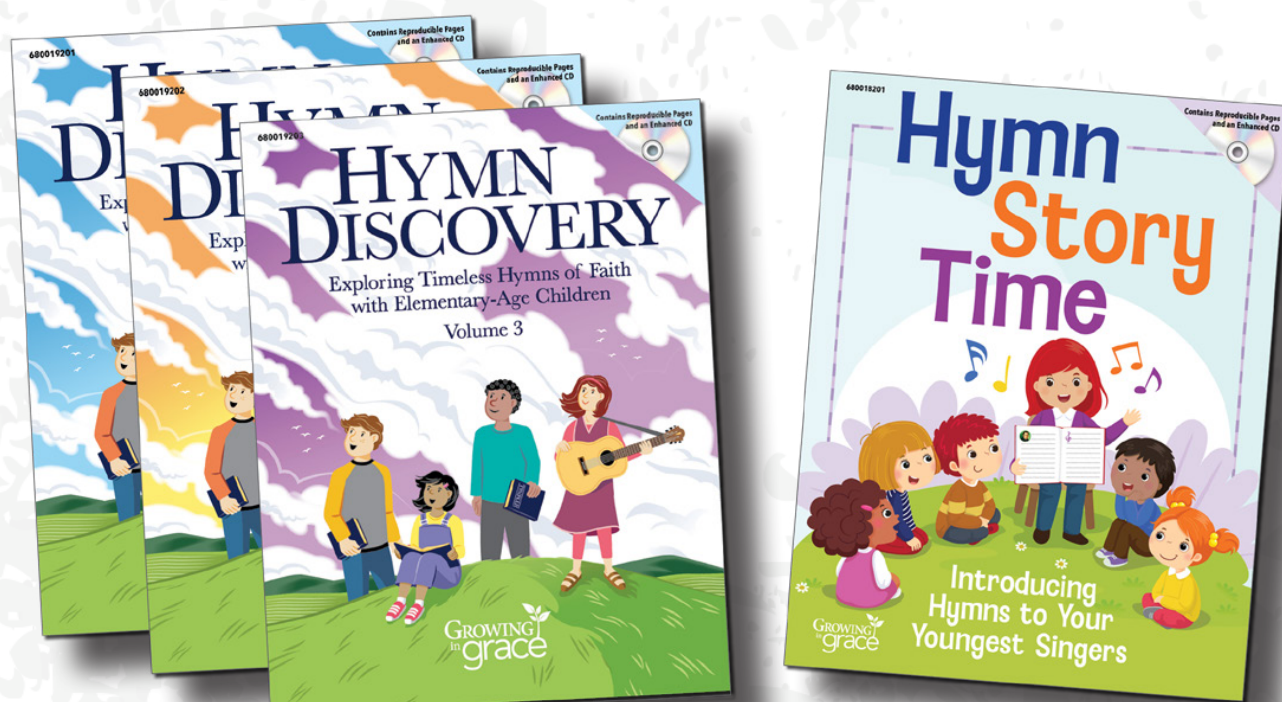
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