

**Chattanooga Boys Choir -
Community Hymn Festival
Sunday, October 11, 2009**

June 30, 2009

Dear Friend in Music Ministry:

I hope this letter finds you well, and also finds your music program continuing to thrive in its mission in the church. I also hope that this summer will prove to be a restful break for you, your family, and your church choirs, as you all renew and refresh for your important ministry.

As plans continue to be made, I would like to formally invite you and your choir to participate in the upcoming **Chattanooga Boys Choir Community Hymn Festival**. This biennial event will again be held in the beautiful sanctuary of **First Baptist Church** (Gateway Avenue) on **Sunday, October 11, 2009**. As you might know, we were fortunate to have over 200 church choir members from around the Chattanooga area join in the mass choir for both the 2005 and 2007 festivals. In this setting, we have celebrated wonderful music of the church with the Chattanooga Boys Choir, organ, brass, and other talented musical guests. Additionally, we have raised over \$2,000 each year for the St. Andrew's Center from offerings collected at this event.

In addition to the impressive musical offerings by the festival choirs, congregation, and instrumentalists, the Chattanooga Boys Choir will sing a musical setting of Ruth Duck's hymn text *Creator of All Time and Space* by Jonathan McNair of the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. Also, **Dr. Don Saliers** will be joining us at the hymn festival this year, where he will offer a message on the music of the church. Dr. Saliers recently retired from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta where he had served as William Cannon Distinguished Professor of Theology and Worship and Director of the Sacred Music Program. Dr. Saliers has written, edited, and contributed to numerous books on church music, liturgy, and theology, and is himself an accomplished musician and composer.

I hope that you and your choir will be able to join us for this exciting event. I have included with this letter programs from our 2005 and 2007 hymn festivals. I have also included the schedule and repertoire list for the event in this mailing. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this year's festival. I am looking forward to seeing you and your choir in October!

Sincerely,

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Don Saliers
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2009 Hymn Festival Speaker



**2007 Chattanooga Boys Choir
Community Hymn Festival - First Baptist Church**
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