

September 27, 2017

Friends:

I am certainly excited about our upcoming opportunity to participate together in the Chattanooga Boys Choir Community Hymn Festival on October 29! As more details are falling into place, I wanted to share with you some more detailed information while you continue your preparations for the event.

I have several points of information below – please review them carefully. These and other items can be found in the Community Hymn Festival section of the Chattanooga Boys Choir web site by doing the following:

- 1) Visit [www.chattanoogaboyschoir.org](http://www.chattanoogaboyschoir.org)
- 2) click EXPERIENCE in the top menu
- 3) click on COMMUNITY HYMN FESTIVAL to access the documents and information

### **FESTIVAL CHOIR REGISTRATION**

If you have not already done so, please register your choir's participation using the "Click to Participate in Festival Choir" button on the CBC Community Hymn Festival web site. This allows us to properly plan for everyone's arrival and other logistical needs.

### **FESTIVAL CHOIR SCHEDULE**

Saturday, October 28 - 10:00am-12:30pm, rehearsal  
Sunday, October 29 - 2:00pm call; 3:00pm program  
First Baptist Church-Chattanooga (401 Gateway Avenue)

### **FESTIVAL CHOIR ATTIRE**

white top, black bottom (pants, skirt); no coat or ties

### **FESTIVAL PROGRAM**

The most updated draft of the complete program is on the CBC Community Hymn Festival web site. In addition to the festival choir information, it also includes congregational singing, Chattanooga Boys Choir participation, and other service elements.

### **FESTIVAL CHOIR REPERTOIRE**

- Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ / arr. Bradley Ellingboe, Neil A. Kjos Music Company (KJ.8833)
- Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing / arr. Roland Martin, St. James Music Press (permission secured by CBC)
- There Is a Balm in Gilead / arr. William Dawson, Neil Kjos Music (KJ.T105)
- Children of the Heavenly Father / arr. Eric Nelson, MorningStar Music (MSM-50-6085)
- Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise / arr. Mack Wilberg, Oxford University Press (9780193391727)

The alternate text "Praise the Lord! His glories show..." (included in the octavo) will be used for the hymn festival.

\*\*\*NOTE: The Martin "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arrangement is available for download in the Community Hymn Festival section of the Chattanooga Boys Choir web site.

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

- A descant for one of the congregational hymns (*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*) is also on the CBC Hymn Festival web site. Please prepare this as you are able.
- Participants are asked to have all music in a black folder/binder, as well as a pencil for Saturday's rehearsal.

I'm excited about our time together and with all that lies ahead. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

All Best,  
Vincent Oakes