

# SUMMER CHOIR FLYER

The official rehearsal aid of the Summer Choir, Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, Cary, NC



## Welcome to the *Summer* Choir

Welcome to the Summer Choir. Thank you for coming. It is our hope and prayer that you will feel welcomed, that you find this an opportunity to develop your singing ability, and that you gain a sense of joy from leading the worship at Greenwood Forest throughout the summer months.

If you are a regular or former member of the choir, welcome back! You probably know what to do. If not, feel free to ask a question.

If you are new to the choir, you will be assigned a number. This number will be both your music number and your robe number.

When we have sung an anthem please put it on the counter in the Choir Room to be filed.

Please keep your robe and stole clean and hung up in the dressing room. It will help us all function successfully if we are organized.

When we have a rehearsal noted on the schedule below and your section is in parenthesis, your section is to provide the light lunch for the rest of the choir. This is an area in which we encourage competition.

## Worship and Rehearsal Schedule:

Sunday, July 18	Tony Cartledge Rehearsal (Altos and Tenors)
Sunday, July 25:	Mack Thompson
Sunday, August 1:	Mack Thompson Rehearsal (Basses)
Sunday, August 8:	Mack Thompson
Sunday, August 15:	Mack Thompson
Sunday, August 22:	Mack Thompson Rehearsal (All)
Sunday, August 29:	Mack Thompson

## Rehearsal Order

### Upcoming Anthems in Worship:

- ▶ *Without Love*, Dengler (656), July 11
- ▶ *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*, Gabriel (661), July 18
- ▶ *God of Grace and God of Glory*, Langston (593), July 25
- ▶ *Prayer of St. Francis*, Pote (470), August 15

### Announcements

### Prayer Concerns

### Songs Yet without a Date:

- ▶ *I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness*, Dvorak (234)
- ▶ *Seekers of Your Heart*, Tunney (419)
- ▶ *Clap Your Hands*, Roberts (192)

## From the Director

I am on a diet. I am losing weight. If you see me sneaking around between worship and rehearsal, guard your plates!

Part of being on a diet is admitting to yourself that you are on a diet. I have made a conscious decision to follow a prescribed plan - I will not break the rules (too often). It is a discipline; an act very closely related to fasting, in fact, it is fasting.

I have never practiced fasting as a spiritual discipline. I like to eat, and since there is nothing that I can do that will ever cause God to not love me, then maybe I can continue eating...

But the discipline of fasting is partly about allowing yourself to be hungry, but it is also about letting weight go, not just physical weight, but all of the baggage that we carry with us.

The other day I was especially feeling the weight of the church; change is stressful, and looking at being the only full-time minister on staff is scary.

Someone came up to me in one of those moments and said, "I am so excited about the church right now. I just spoke with Tonya Rankin and her enthusiasm about the potential for our future is incredible..."

I am somewhat embarrassed to say that I was floored, completely taken aback. I have been so busy, so focused on details and so worried about the future that I had lost that sense of excitement. That was the first moment that I felt weight fall off.

Greenwood Forest is faced with some great challenges: how to provide effective programming with a reduced staff, the ever-present mortgage, a new Council of Deacons forced to begin work on short notice, who is staying and who is leaving...? It is easy to get sucked into these black holes.

But it only takes a glance around to realize that people are stepping up to meet these and other challenges. Our membership is excited about having an Interim Pastor. There are going to be changes, but Greenwood Forest is an incredible church - not because of the staff, but because of her people and their love of God and one another.

My challenge to you is to look around with fresh eyes; allow yourself to get excited about our future and what lies ahead. It'll be quite a ride, but a good one.

Peace,

David

## Today's Quotes

"Prayer carries us half way to God, fasting brings us to the door of His palace, and alms-giving procures us admission." --Quran

"It takes a lot of courage to show your dreams to someone else." --Erma Bombeck

"I am not a glutton - I am an explorer of food" --Erma Bombeck

"In two decades I've lost a total of 789 pounds. I should be hanging from a charm bracelet." --Erma Bombeck

## Choir Prayer

Almighty and loving God, You have given us eyes to see the light that fills this room; give us inward vision to behold You in this place. Dear God, we like to sing, and we know that You like it too. We pray that Your Holy Spirit will help us all to sing well today so that You will be honored, and help us to remember Christians around the world as we all sing together this day. We pray that it sounds very beautiful to You.  
Amen

## Prayer Concerns

Steve Denning

Ken Scott

Fran Koenig

Gail Jones

Len Walker

Mark Soyars' father

Rick Hamm

Kathy Winstead's mother

Elizabeth Norris' aunt's fiancé

Laura Crook

Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

Terron and Paula Teander

Susan's co-worker, Alisa

David Early's sister

Judy's 1<sup>st</sup> cousin