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A Little Bit of Christmas IV

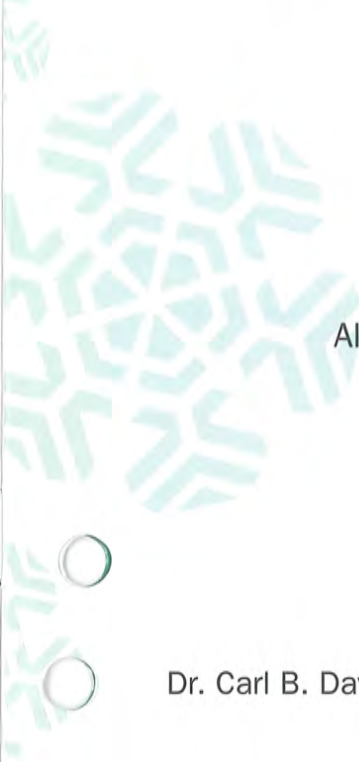
First Baptist Church
123 Church Street NE
Decatur, Alabama
December 15, 2002

Alabama Music Educator's Association Winter In-Service Conference

Auburn United Methodist Church
Auburn, Alabama
January 17, 2003

Dr. Carl B. Davis, Director

Ginny Matherly, Accompanist



Program to be chosen from the following:

- Prelude.....Ginny Matherly
- O Come Emanuel.....Chamber Chorus Processional
Trey Gallant, David Rahm, Soloist
- Brightest and Best.....Ken Berg
- What Shall We Do With the Drunken Sailor.....arr.Marshall Bartholomew
- O Come, All Ye Faithful *89Audience Carol
- Hoj, Hura Hoj.....Otmar Mácha
Laural Matherly, Cara Hollenbeck, Anna Little, Soloists
- Sail Awayarr. Malcom Daglish
- Storm is Passing Overarr. Barbara Baker

Women's Chorus

- Joy to the World *87Audience Carol
- Holly CarolReese
- Fa La La Holidayarr. Eilers

Oak Park Middle School Chorus

- Hark! The Hearld Angels Sing *88.....Audience Carol
- Carol of the Bells.....Peter Wilhousky
- All That Hath Life and Breath.....René Clausen
Mary Beth Verchot, Robin Rankin, Anna Little, Soloists
- Ubi CaritasMaurice Durufé
- Jabula Jesu.....arr. Stephen Hatfield
Joni Collins, Teela Ervin, LaShawnda Wiggins, Soloists



Vamuvambaarr. Boniface Mganga
Matt Davis, John Bishop, Soloists

Let Me Flyarr. Robert DeCormier
Zeke Ferrell, Trey Gallant, Soloists

Simple Song of PeaceJerry Estes
DHS Handbell Players and Signers

Concert Chorus

The First Noel *85Audience Carol

More Like YouScott Brown
DHS Signers

We Need A Little ChristmasAnita Kerr

Domine Fili UnigeniteAntonio Vivaldi

Ave MariaTomas Victoria

What a Wonderful Worldarr. Raymond Liebau
Cara Hollenbeck, Soloist

He's Got the Whole World in His Handsarr. Raymond Liebau

And I Love Herarr. Bob Chilcott

In the Bleak Mid Winterarr. Jeffers

Chamber Chorus

Silent NightFranz Gruber

Go With A Song In Your HeartJay Althouse

Combined Choirs



Decatur High School Chorus

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Trey Adkins
Troy Allen
Melody Ashmead
Patrick Baggett
Cherrelle Bailey
Alyssa Baker
Libby Barnes
Shona Barr
Raven Bennich
Ashley Benson
Kendra Birdsong
John Bishop
Aidan Blackwell
Amber Boutwell
Sara Bowen
Julia Brown
Peyton Buckelew
Ashley Cannon
Jessica Chase
Jeff Chenault
Nikki Clem
Joni Collins
Makenzie Conner
Valerie Cook
Megan Courington
Jessica Cowley
Clayton Cox
Emily Crampsey
Jonathan Crouch
Amanda Davis
Matthew Davis
Sam Dawson
Dee Dee Elliott
Mandi Dishman
Kanisha Driskell
Morgan Duffy
Nikita Echols
Fernan Elliott
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Andrea Ellis
Chris Endsley
Teela Ervin
Stanley Ervin
Telisha Ervin
Holly Esch
Leigh Evers
Nich Ferguson
Peter Fernandez

Zeke Ferrell
Davis Fite
Leslie Fletcher
Whitney Fletcher
O'neal Foster
Kristy Foster
Eric Foster
Besstina Foster
Trey Gallant
Lara Gonzalez
Britney Gordon
Kiley Grant
Charlie Gray
Brian Gray
Aaron Griffith
Deyalen Gutierrez
Amy Hale
Kayla Hallman
Emily Hammon
Whitney Hampton
Kerri Harding
Josh Harlow
Cord Harris
Brandon Harris
John Harris
Josh Hawkins
Stevie Hays
Graham Heard
Drew Hill
Katie Hodges
Cara Hollenbeck
Dana Hollenbeck
Virginia House
Stephen Hubbard
Jessica Hughes
Derek Humphries
Elizabeth Hurst
Whitney Irvin
Sha Jackson
Antoinette Jackson
Lori Johnson
Cassandra Jones
Donna Jones
Jamie Keeton
Bobbie Kirby
Olivia Klein
Brooke Kubiak
William Kyle

Maggie Landers
Whitney Lankford
Ally Laughlin
Jessica Ledbetter
Breanna Lee
Whitney Lee
Lequida Lewis
Cherita Lewis
Anna Little
Robert Locklayer
Jonathan Love
Leslie Loyd
Sam Malone
Laurel Matherly
Caitlin McCamy
Josh McCulloch
Matt McElyea
Emily Miller
Sarah Miller
Selina Miller
Jessica Monarch
Myra Morales
Kendra Morris
Domeon Myers
Briana Nantz
Kerri Neuendorf
Jessica Neville
Christen Newsom
Eliana Ocampo
Elizabeth Orman
Tequila Orr
Kendra Orr
Ashley Osby
Alan Ozier
Behnaz Pardazi
Brittany Parker
Ametra Patterson
Antonio Petty
Julie Phillips
Taylor Phillips
Lyndsey Prickett
Rosemary Puckett
Catherine Qualls
David Rahm
Robin Rankin
Nakosha Redus
Devon Richardson
Elleasia Robertson

Kedashal Robinson
Andrew Rutherford
Amber Rutherford
Whitney Ryan
Richard Sanders
Peggy Sandlin
Dana Scott
Javonne Sears
Jeff Self
Parker Smith
Justin Smith
Brittany Sneed
Lacey Spears
Rebecca Spears
Audra Stallings
Brandon Stevens
Tammy Stracner
Caridad Stripe
Jessie Summers
Kim Teague
Octavia Thomas
Matthew Thomas
Amanda Thomason
Amber Thornton
Stephanie Tiwari
Julie Tiwari
Asia Tucker
Elizabeth Tucker
MaryBeth Verchot
Ashley Vest
Jonathan Waldo
Lara Walker
Trekko Watkins
Quinci Watts
Morgan Weaver
Kristina Weiland
Cory Wells
Jana White
La'Shawnda Wiggins
Amos Williams
Anna Wood
Richie Wright
Ben Wyker
Kay Wynn
John Wynn

Decatur High Developmental Sign Company

Joyce Hopper & Cathy Winchester, Directors

Heather Wilson

Dana Thomas

Estrella Sanchez

Developmental Center Handbells

Pam Payne, Director

Meghan Butler
Steven Guilbeault

Phillip Hood
Jennifer Waters

Emanuel Elliott
Kaimin Wall

Briance Potter
Miranda Johnson

Oak Park Middle School Chorus

Stacy Owens, Director

Sashe Agnew
Grace Allen
Landon Adams
Sheree Baker
Tori Barrentine
Jasmine Baugher
Marissa Chambers
Connie Cline
Lauren Coddling
Kara Couch
Jasmine Daily

Patrice Edmonds
Paton Fellows
Heather Freeman
Dalton Garner
Nick Guillian
Elizabeth Hargett
Maggie Harwell
Heidi Hughes
Blaine Ingram
Travis Letson
Abi Lott

Brittney Long
Latasha Madry
Mark Mason
Spencer Matthews
Hillary Miller
Sherrell Nash
LD Parker
Jared Peck
Jeremy Pelzer
Jeremy Peterson
Haley Rutherford

Hunter Shelton
Tamara Smith
Sloan Stofel
Tanisha Tucker
Tom Webb
Paige White
Tiara Willingham
Timothy Witherspoon
Kris Word



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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ALABAMA MUSIC EDUCATORS CONFERENCE:

Greetings from the faculty, staff, and students of Decatur City Schools. Our school system is honored to have received your invitation for the Decatur High School Chorus to perform at your meeting.

The City of Decatur is committed to education. Our system ranks very high in the state for local funding to our schools. The Decatur City Schools Foundation has a balance of approximately \$1 million. The interest from this money is used to enhance our system, including the performing arts. The system provides violin lessons to all third grade students. The All-City Music Festival, held in April, is a highlight of the school year. We boast of 11 Alabama Reading Initiative Sites. We are proud of our school system and the opportunities it offers students.

This choral group, under the direction of Dr. Carl B. Davis, provides exceptional musical opportunities for our school and surrounding community. Music plays a major role in the total education and development of our students. We thank you for your recognition of the Decatur High School Chorus. We are proud to share them with you.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Lawrence T. Walters.
Lawrence T. Walters
Superintendent

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To the Members of the Alabama Music Educator's
Conference:

The Decatur City Schools, Decatur High School, and the members of our community take great pride in the comprehensive educational programs offered to our students. Our academic and co-curricular programs are viewed as critical to ensure development of our students.

The vocal music program at Decatur High School is one of the most visible and successful programs in our school. The administration and faculty of Decatur High School are proud that the Decatur High School chorus has been chosen to perform for your state music teachers meeting. Thank you for the opportunity that you've extended to our students. I know they will represent our school system well.

Sincerely,

Mike Ward



The Decatur High School Choral Department

The choral department at Decatur High School involves approximately 189 students who are divided into four performing ensembles. Those performance ensembles are divided into six rehearsal periods each school day. The 54 voice Chamber Chorus is comprised of auditioned seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshman. Other ensembles include the 110 voice Concert Chorus, 130 voice Women's Chorus and the 54 voice Men's Chorus. Performance is an integral part of the choral department. Students perform in four major concerts during the year and various other smaller concert venues. Each year all choirs enter 2 choral festivals with Chamber Chorus competing in the Gulf Coast Choral Festival in Biloxi, MS, or Peanut Festival in Dothan, each November. DHS choruses have scored superior rating at Alabama Vocal Association Festivals. In the fall of 2001 Chamber Chorus earned the highest numerical score rating of all five choirs participating at the Gulf Coast Choral Festival in our school size category (6A).

Any student at Decatur High School who desires to sing is given the opportunity to join a DHS chorus. A large number of "rookies," around 35% of our enrollment, are performing today.

Decatur High School

Decatur High School is a four-year comprehensive high school for students in grades 9-12. Located in Southeast Decatur, the school recently celebrated its 50th anniversary at its current location. With a current enrollment of approximately 1,000 students and a faculty of 79, Decatur High School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Of the 79 faculty, 48 have a Master's Degree or higher with 33 having more than 15 years experience. Approximately 50% of all graduating seniors attend a four-year institution. Decatur High School's student's average ACT and SAT scores are above the national average. Please visit our website www.dcs.edu for more school information.

The Director

Carl B. Davis is completing his 11th year of teaching and 6th year as director of Decatur High School Choruses. Transferring to the University of Mississippi from Calhoun Community College in the fall of 1985, he completed requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Music in December 1987. He entered Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, and received the degree of Master of Music in December 1988. Then, he reentered the University of Mississippi in January 1989 and completed all course work for a doctoral degree in music education in the summer of 1991. He then accepted employment in Natchez Public School System and Jefferson County School system from 1991 - 1996, then accepted employment with Decatur City Schools in the summer of 1996. In the spring of 1999, Mr. Davis completed his dissertation and received the Doctor of Arts degree in Music Education and Vocal Pedagogy. He and his wife, Beth, have two children Emery, who is five, and Ellen, who is two.

The Accompanist

Ginny Matherly holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Campbellsville College, in Campbellsville, Kentucky, and a Master of Music Degree in Music Education from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Mrs Matherly began her teaching career at Wallace Middle School in Charleston, South Carolina in 1978. Upon completion of her master's degree, she taught high school chorus and elementary school general music in Sale Creek, Tennessee for two years. Mrs. Matherly and her husband, David, moved to Decatur with his job at TVA in the summer of 1987 where she began and maintains a private piano studio. In January of 2000 she became the director of the then newly opened School of Fine Arts at First Baptist Church, where she is accompanist for one of the children's choirs. She donates a minimum of three hours each week to teach music during the school day at Decatur High School for which this director is most appreciative.



