

## THE 2009 BAPTIST CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE JUNE 7-9, Nashville, Tennessee

Host church: Forest Hills Baptist Church (see map online)

Conference fee includes four meals at the church and admission to all sessions and concerts. Registration for conference does not include hotel reservations.

CONFERENCE HOTELS: see complete list of conference hotels ONLINE.

Call hotels for reservations and mention the BAPTIST CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE to receive special conference rates.

REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE: [www.sbcmc.org](http://www.sbcmc.org) -- or copy this form and mail with check to: **Buford Cox - BCMC, 5400 College Drive, Graceville, FL 32440.**

[For additional registrants, copy this form and use one per registrant.]

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church/Org.: \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home or Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

- \$175 Early Bird Member Conference Fee (\$195 after 5/1/09)
- \$125 Early Bird Spouse/Retiree Conf. Fee (\$150 after 5/1/09)
- \$90 Student Registration (seminary/college/high school students)
- Childcare for the Tuesday Evening Session (opens after banquet), age 4 and under, \$8 per child. Please calculate total due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Individual meals for non-registrants:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ lunches at \$10 per; \_\_\_\_\_ dinners at \$15 per; \_\_\_\_\_ snack breakfasts at \$5 per  
**Total due for extra meals: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Fees are non-refundable after May 1, 2009.

Total amount due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ [make checks payable to: BCMC]

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discussions, prayer and zealous worship. May we celebrate our diversity and unite in the person of Christ, not in musical styles, worship expressions, "tools," memories, or even hopes and dreams — Jesus is enough!

As I write these words, I am aware that we are experiencing many unprecedented events in the world, and in church music, as well. During the past several weeks, our country has witnessed events of historic significance, including: the worst economic meltdown in decades; the recent mortgage lending debacle; government bailouts of historic proportion; the credit crisis; billion-dollar Wall Street crooks; the election of our nation's first black president; gas prices on a roller coaster scale; century-old name-brand businesses closing their doors; deep global recession; new conflict in the Middle East; and on and on it goes. Each of these events will be found in history books. My children and yours will read about these events in coming years. These days are marked with turmoil, change and uncertainty.

As in all noted historical events, God's hand is seen working through the circumstances, and He always achieves greatness. I am convinced that a time such as this gives us a wonderful chance to explore the future, celebrate the present, and honor the past as we make Jesus real to our world through the gift of music.

Come to Nashville June 7-9 and join in this historic conference as we gather to celebrate our heritage and identity, re-dream the BCMC dream, and seek God's guidance to explore new ideas for the future.

*Soli Deo Gloria, indeed!  
For Such A Time As This, indeed!*

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NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2009

*"Behold, I am doing a new thing!" - Isaiah 43:19*

June 7-9, 2009

## SOLI DEO GLORIA

For Such a Time as This

Forest Hills Baptist Church Nashville Tennessee




### Conference highlights:

- Concert by vocal group THIS HOPE
- Concert by Skip Cleavinger and Celtic instrumental group CEOL NA TIARNA [Gaelic for *Music of the Lord*]
- Concert/lab session by the Mercer Children's Chorus
- Worship Concert by the combined State Convention Chorales [Monday night's venue is First Baptist Church, Downtown Nashville] led by Dr. Milburn Price; Mary McDonald and Vicki Wright, accompanists
- Tuesday Night's Historic Hymnfest Concert featuring guest orchestra and artists as they lead the conference participants
- Hymnal previews
- Commissioned Orchestral piece by David Hamilton
- Music Reading Session
- Panel Discussion featuring music and theological scholars, music pastors, writers, Nashville area music artists, and more
- Open Forum Session about the BCMC's future possibilities
- Senior Adult Musical Event
- Vocal Health session by Dr. Tom Cleveland, Vanderbilt Voice Clinic
- Spiritual Renewal Sessions with Dr. Terry York
- Spiritual Discipline/Personal Worship Sessions with Dr. Wendell Boertje
- Hines Sims Award Presentation; Lifetime Ministry Award Presentations
- The Gracious Hospitality of Wayne Causey and Forest Hills Baptist Church, Nashville
- *Much, Much More!*

### FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Richard Suggs – Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky

*SOLI DEO GLORIA! For Such a Time as This!*

After prayerful thought, these phrases were the first to come to my mind as planning for the 2009 conference became my task nearly two years ago. Like many of you, I have been curious about God's plan for our conference gathering in June and for our "family's" future. Both phrases have been uttered at significant times for various reasons by people throughout the ages. For us, they have a unique and timely significance. Along with these phrases came the inspiration from God's word in Isaiah 43:19: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

In the early phases of the work, I began to see two tasks of equal significance emerge: the first and most obvious is to plan a yearly event worthy of our conference attendees. Your Executive Council is planning and coordinating an event with the excellent and memorable content our constituents have come to expect and enjoy. As any BCMC past-president knows, this is a monumental task. Kudos to every past leader of this conference! We covet your prayerful support as we strive to be found faithful.

The second task is to tackle the unending challenge of shaping the future of our conference. Like many of you, I have hopes and dreams for our "family," especially in the midst of our rapidly growing diversity. Ours is an entirely unique family of "bright youth and snow-crowned age". We are music educators, denominational servants, and laborers in the local churches. There is a unique, but equal place for each around our collective table. I am also keenly aware of our need to embrace future opportunities, future paradigms, and future realities while maintaining a respect for, and adherence to, the value systems, heritage, and identity of our past. Only God knows our future, and only God can lead us through the present. Obedience suggests we earnestly approach Him, and grace proves He will answer.

In keeping with our first goal, we've planned wonderful musical events, concerts, spiritual renewal sessions, and opportunities to rekindle friendships. Toward beginning our second task, we will aggressively explore a future illuminated by the light of God's past direction through spiritual renewal sessions, round-table and panel

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