

Baptist Church Music Conference Newsletter—Online Addition

May 2004

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Joe Fitzpatrick
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With Passion and Purpose

Countless lives have been eternally influenced by two amazing phenomena in recent days – *The Passion of The Christ* and *The Purpose Driven Life*. Both of these powerful instruments have had an overwhelming impact on our society and upon Believers within the Household of Faith. I believe Church Musicians have been and must remain passionate and purposeful in fulfilling their calling to magnify the Name of the Lord in worship. Our calling is to fulfill the purpose of the church, which is simply stated – ministry to the Lord, ministry to

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the Body of Christ, and ministry to a lost and dying world. Where do you stand, say on a scale of 1-10, in your commitment to share the love of Christ through music with both passion and purpose? Have you lost

your zeal? Have you lost your “first love”? Have you forgotten the day you sensed God’s “call” to the ministry through music? Are you missing the joy and fulfillment you had on that first day you stood before a local congregation leading them in songs of praise?

Allow me to challenge you to perhaps re-evaluate where you are regarding your passion and purpose quotient. You are aware of the old axiom “If you fail to plan, you plan to fail”. We must make effective plans and then work these plans as we bathe in them fervent prayer. It is God’s desire for us to succeed in all we do for His glory and honor. He does not want us to fail. It is His desire for our ministries to flourish as we lift His Name in joyful song.

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JOE FITZPATRICK

I am writing this article on Good Friday, the day we reflect upon the sacrifice of God’s own Son for the sins of the world. Let us covenant together, as we remember the price Christ paid for you and me, to be passionate and purposeful in our praying, planning, preparing, promoting, presenting, and praising. Let us not succumb to the sin of deliberate mediocrity, but rather proclaim the Good News with triumphant exaltation in a most superlative manner. It may require some real soul-searching on your part, or you may be reading this message as an affirmation of where you stand in relationship to your ministry today. It is my prayer we will all pursue the highest realms in our quest to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through music and ministry. Your Church Music Conference seeks to maintain “A Tradition of Excellence in Church Music”. Join with me as we uphold these ideals with both *passion and purpose!*

Passionately yours,
Joe

A Rich Tradition of Church Music

*Congratulations, Elizabeth Miller,
Recipient of the SBCMC Scholarship*

The SBCMC Scholarship to attend the annual conference in Washington, DC this summer has been awarded to Elizabeth Miller, music student at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, TX.

Elizabeth is a native of Virginia and has just completed her first year of graduate study. She attends Ridglea Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, where she leads five handbell groups. Prior to moving to Texas, she was music intern at Mount Hermon Baptist Church in Danville, VA, working with minister of music Jana Wolfe.

This is the first year we have awarded the \$500 Scholarship to make it possible for up-and-coming church musicians to be involved in the annual gatherings.

When in our music
God is glorified...

An excellently performed piece of music which reveals in a very high degree the peculiar powers given to man will always glorify God, whatever the intention of the performers may be.

C. S. Lewis

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Becky Lombard
New Orleans Seminary

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Becky Lombard

Greetings!!! I am overwhelmed by the opportunity to serve as President of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference. I see it as an opportunity to serve a body of fellow musicians who have ministry at the heart of their call. While we all do the business of music ministry, music is only a vehicle. Our ministry is to people, drawing them into a relationship with Christ and then growing them in that relationship.

I also am excited by the opportunity to serve you, as an individual. You participate in this organization for a reason. What is it that the Church Music Conference can do for you? What can the executive board do for you? What can I do for you? Now is the time for you to help us with that issue. As we plan for the 2005 meeting in Atlanta, what would you like to see and hear? What do you need at this point in your ministry. What would most affect your ministry in your congregation? Let us know how we can serve you. My prayer is that this meeting would not be about what I want to see and hear, but about what you need to see and hear.

The 2005 conference will meet June 5-7 at First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Georgia. The Atlanta area is easily accessible for travel and offers much for your family in the way of activity. Plan now to bring you family and join us as we seek to enrich one another in song.

The theme for our meeting will be *HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?* Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? Robert Lowry penned these words in the 19th century. They seem even more appropriate for the 21st century. We will look to our past, present, and future. How can we better proclaim, through song, the message God has for our congregation?

My prayer for you is that your song for Christ will be never-ending . . .

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LOCAL CHURCH DIVISION Ray Hatton, Vice President First Baptist Church - Memphis, TN

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RAY HATTON

We, as local church musicians, have awesome tasks, responsibilities, and awesome blessings as well. Leading our people IN worship and TO worship finds each of us searching for the best ways to minister to our unique congregations. And, my, aren't they all unique!

Our Conference represents great diversity, and I am so glad that we have learned to embrace and celebrate that fact. We also are bonded by great commonality, and we must be thankful for that and cherish it, for it gives us strength and companionship for our journeys. I hope to see you as we gather in Washington, DC this summer, and I look forward to our fellowship and our sharing of joys and challenges.

I also encourage you to find other support groups--perhaps denominational on the Associational and State levels, perhaps in performing groups, perhaps in ecumenical organizations, perhaps in a small support group that you help organize yourself. It is so important to remember that we are not in this alone. Our individual churches, as wonderful as they may be, are merely a small part of the body of Christ that encircles the earth. Jesus prayed, "Father, make them one, even as you and I are one." We would do well to try to live out that prayer--through our music, our ministry, and our spiritual life. May God bless you, encourage you, and use you wherever you serve.

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In Memoriam

Robert Burton— October 8, 2003
Distinguished Conducting Professor at Southwestern Seminary
Recipient of W. Hines Sims Award

Bill Roper— January 24, 2004
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Longtime Music Minister and former Director of the Church
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