

Dear Parents,

Can you believe a new school year is here? The start of a new school year also signals the start of a new Children's Choir! I am super excited to inform you of some changes that will be happening to Children's Choir as well as a calendar for the year.

### **Ages/Locations**

- Kindergarten - 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be led by Tara Partington and will be located upstairs in the KidZone.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be led by Heather Vandiver and Darcie Raines and will be located upstairs in the KidZone.

### **Starting Times/Dates**

- August 17<sup>th</sup> will be the first Children's Choir meeting. Children's Choir will begin at 5:50 and will last until 6:30. Please do not drop off your children prior to 5:45.

### **Curriculum**

- Hymn Study - Each child will receive their very own hymnal which will remain at church. They will learn how to find hymns based on the title, tune and topic. Every month there will be a new hymn assigned for memorization.
  - August - Amazing Grace
  - September - How Great Thou Art
  - October - It Is Well With My Soul
  - November - Praise Him! Praise Him!
  - December - O Come, All Ye Faithful
  - January - Blessed Assurance
  - February - My Jesus, I Love Thee
  - March - Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
  - April - The Old Rugged Cross
  - May - This Is The Day
- Music Theory - Your child be learning how to keep a steady beat, different rhythms, identifying musical symbols as well as learning the names of the notes.
- Instruments - Every child will participate with different instruments such as rhythm sticks, triangles, xylophones and boomwhackers.
- Handbells - The 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have an opportunity to learn how to play handbells and handchimes. This will be a volunteer group that will play on Sunday mornings in the spring with the adult handbell choir. They will learn the following pieces:
  - The Doxology
  - Dona Nobis
  - Amazing Grace

- Song Selections - In addition to the hymns, they will learn several contemporary pieces which include:
  - This Is Amazing Grace by Phil Wickham
  - Offering by Paul Baloche
  - Oceans with 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
  
- Calendar/Important Dates
  - August 17<sup>th</sup> - Choir begins
  - October 2<sup>nd</sup> - All Children's choir will sing in the morning worship
  - November 23<sup>rd</sup> - No Choir
  - December 10<sup>th</sup> - Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Program
  - December 11<sup>th</sup> - Children's Choir Christmas Program/Sing in morning worship
  - December 21<sup>st</sup> - FALALALA Family Christmas/Last Children's Choir for the year
  - January 4<sup>th</sup> - Children's Choir Resumes
  - March 5<sup>th</sup> - Children's Choir will sing in morning worship
  - April 9<sup>th</sup> - Children's Choir sing for Palm Sunday Service
  - May 17<sup>th</sup> - Last Children's Choir rehearsal
  - May 20<sup>th</sup> - Dress Rehearsal for Spring Program
  - May 21<sup>st</sup> - Children will sing in morning worship/Spring Program

As you can probably tell we are super excited to get the show on the road! I hope that your kiddos will enjoy the new Children's Choir format as much as we have enjoyed planning it. If you have any questions or concerns with the new format, please do not hesitate to contact Heather at the information below. We hope to "sing" you soon.

In His Love,

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