

JOYFUL PRAISE HOMESCHOOL CHOIR

We are delighted that you have chosen to be a part of our music program!!! Students will benefit in ALL areas of education from the study of music. The Joyful Praise Homeschool Choir will train students in the art of singing and performance in a choral setting. Those students interested in drama and dance will also be given the opportunity to develop their talents in these areas through our musical productions. The choir performs two major musical productions each year, as well as performing for various events in the community.

REHEARSALS:

Rehearsal Location: Grace Community Fellowship
75 Roscoe Rd.
Newnan, GA 30263

Rehearsal Schedule: Wednesday afternoons

K-6th Grade Choir 1:00-2:00

Drama, Soloists & Dance 2:00-3:00 (Includes members from both choirs)

Joyful Praise Ensemble 3:00-4:00 (7th-12th Grade)

(6th graders will be considered for this choir, depending on maturity and vocal development. You must have approval of the director.)

Parents are asked to volunteer in some area of service during the year. We have need of much assistance during rehearsals, performances and fundraising events. Please pray about an area you may serve. We are a non-profit 501c3 organization. All leaders serve on a volunteer basis. We have tried to keep our dues affordable to our families. Monthly dues cover normal operating expenses. Two group fundraisers will be held during the school year to cover additional equipment needs and production expenses. Dues do not allow us to compensate those who serve. However, God will bless you for your service to our children. This is an outstanding group of students.

STUDENTS SHOULD BE PROMPT FOR ALL REHEARSALS!

It is very distracting when students arrive late. Please plan to arrive at least ten minutes early to sign in and take care of any bathroom or drink breaks. Students should check the attendance sheet each week. If you are arriving at the time rehearsal is scheduled to begin, you are considered late. Students should be in their seats with music at the beginning of rehearsal.

Choir members will not be permitted to get drinks during rehearsal. Students may bring a water bottle to keep underneath your chair. Water only please! Soft drinks and snacks should never be brought into the sanctuary! No gum or snacks allowed during choir.

Parents are always welcome to attend rehearsals. If you do plan to attend a rehearsal, please refrain from socializing with other moms. This is very distracting to the students. In addition, if you have younger children with you and they become a disturbance, please take them outside.

DIRECTOR: Karen Moore is a former school teacher with a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Liberty University.

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Feel free to contact the director via e-mail or phone with any questions or concerns. Parents, please make sure you read all handouts and check your e-mail frequently. Messages and schedule changes will be sent via e-mail. Please make sure you include your e-mail address on your introductory form.

FEES:

Early Registration Fee - \$10.00 per student (\$30.00 max/family)

Late Registration Fee - \$15.00 per student AFTER JULY 16!

Registration fees are non-refundable. Registration fees cover initial order of music and supplies for each student. An accurate count of students via registration assures that we do not order excess materials.

Please make checks payable to Joyful Praise Choir and mail to the following address:

**Joyful Praise Choir
379 Jim Starr Rd.
Newnan, GA 30263**

Monthly Dues

\$30.00 per month per student

\$25.00 per month (Second child in same family)

\$20.00 per month (Third child in same family)

\$15.00 per month (Any additional siblings)

Monthly dues are payable at the first meeting each month and will cover music, books, performance tracks, supplies, printing, props, costumes, publicity and production expenses. Monthly dues will be tithed to our host church. They have asked for no contribution from us, but God will bless us for showing our appreciation in this way. We spend many hours in the buildings during the school year. Our offerings help to cover any use of utilities and general maintenance of the building.

Your first monthly dues should be paid at the first rehearsal on August 31 - this will cover the month of September. Your promptness in payment of fees will be appreciated, as supplies must be ordered in advance of classes. There will be a \$5.00 late fee for any dues paid later than the first rehearsal each month - **NO EXCEPTIONS!** If dues remain unpaid by the last rehearsal of any given month, students will not be admitted to the first rehearsal of the following month until dues are current. Dues should be handed to the choir secretary at the sign-in table; she will keep a record of payments. If you are paying by check, please make the check out to Joyful Praise Choir.

CHOIR MEMBERS

A member of the Joyful Praise Choir must be a **COMMITTED** student who loves to sing and praise God through music. It is very important that students are present and prompt at all practices, as well as performances. The choir practices as a group, and when just one member is absent or late it affects the whole group. If you must miss a practice or performance due to illness or family situations, please give the director a call **PRIOR** to your absence!

Students will be chosen on a volunteer basis for drama parts, dance groups, and solos in our performances. If you are interested, please indicate on your registration form. Greater responsibility in this area will be given to 7th-12th grade students. Individual parts will require extra rehearsals. There will be no auditions. Our choir consists of many talented students. Parts will not be awarded for talent only, but to those students exhibiting good participation, behavior, and attitude, as well as promptness and faithfulness to practices. Failure to meet that responsibility will result in your part being reassigned.

Your commitment to the Joyful Praise Choir is to attend all rehearsals and performances for the entire school year. Although new choir members are welcomed in January, it is not recommended to join the choir for half year. If you discontinue your membership after the Christmas production, you leave an empty space in our group. If you join in January, you are not as prepared for spring as the other students. This is especially important for 7th - 12th grade students as they will begin preparing for spring choral festivals in the fall. It would be difficult for a student who joins in January to be prepared for these events. Those students may be asked not to participate in choral festival.

CHOIR UNIFORMS

If you are a returning choir member, please check your uniform to make sure all pieces still fit. Girls, please check the length of your skirts. Boys, check your red ties to make sure they are still long enough. If you have outgrown any piece of your outfit, you may offer them for sale during the first choir rehearsal. Please bring any choir clothes you wish to sell to the first rehearsal. Write your name and the price of the garment on an envelope. Attach the envelope to the garment. The money will be returned to you if the garment is sold. Otherwise you may pick up your uniform after rehearsal. Please do not leave unsold items on that day.

New choir members will be given information on where to purchase choir uniforms. Please check the used choir uniform sale the first day of rehearsal.. If you wish to purchase a used uniform, please place money in the provided envelope and put the envelope in the payment box. This money will be given to the seller.

DRESS GUIDELINES

Choir uniforms or costumes are worn for all performances. The choir also has dress guidelines for rehearsals and all other choir functions. Casual dress is appropriate for rehearsals; however, dress should be neat and modest. Ensemble members working with props should bring clothing appropriate for painting.

As a ministry in our community, we must be careful and above reproach in our appearance at all times. The ensemble has opportunity to travel to other places and minister through music. We would not want to "let our good be evil spoken of" or cause a brother to stumble. Therefore, we have set some guidelines for dress at all choir functions - NO short skirts, shorts, spaghetti straps, strapless attire, low cut shirts, short (mid-drift) tops, tight clothing, T-shirts with inappropriate slogans, Goth or Emo associated clothing/accessories, or heavy make-up. Make-up for ensemble girls should be natural and tasteful. The only time girls may be asked to wear a heavier make-up is for stage purposes. Each family has different preferences and standards of dress; however, when at a choir function choir members will be asked to adhere to these standards and guidelines. A student will not be allowed to participate if they choose to wear clothing that violates our standards.

MUSICAL OBJECTIVES

The students will learn musical skills by experiencing different rhythms and melodic passages. They will learn to read music as they are taught to recognize musical symbols, notes, and dynamic markings. Students will be challenged to interpret the music as we sing together in praise to God. The students will learn proper vocal and breathing techniques. God has given us the ability to praise Him in song with our voices. The music we use will be that which glorifies our Lord. Students will be taught to sing in harmony with each other, as well as perform individually.

Performing will give students the opportunity to exercise those skills learned. Your commitment as a choir member requires that you be at all performances. We will be performing two musical productions - Christmas and a patriotic musical in the spring. Additional performances throughout the year will be scheduled as we are given opportunity. The entire choir will participate in the Newnan Christmas Parade. The 7th - 12th grade choir will be participating in REEL FEST - a statewide choral festival in January and Son Power Music Camp in June. Students will be given ample opportunity to raise funds for these events.

VOCAL EVALUATIONS - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

If you are unable to make this date, arrangements should be made for a vocal evaluation the first day of rehearsal. This is not an audition, simply an evaluation. Students will enter in groups of three. Siblings should enter together. Choose a song, and come prepared to sing individually for the director. You may bring an accompaniment CD if you wish. Because of time constraints, the director may ask you to sing only a portion of your selection. Please adhere to the following schedule according to your last name. When you have completed your evaluation you may leave. Evaluations should take no longer than ten minutes.

1:00-1:30 A-G
1:30-2:00 H-M

2:00-2:30 N-S
2:30-3:00 T-Z

FIRST REHEARSAL - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31!

Please bring any items for used uniform sale prior to parent meeting.

Schedule

K-6th Choir 1:00-2:00
Parent Meeting 2:00-2:30
Ensemble (7th-12th) 2:30-3:30

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

K-6th Choir 1:00-2:00
Ensemble 2:15-3:15
***Prospective Son Power Campers & Parents 3:15-3:45