

First Baptist Church of Savannah Adult Choir Information

Membership: The choir is open to anyone high school age and up who feels called to serve the Lord through music. All that is required is a desire to praise God and commitment of your time. There is no audition for this ensemble and choir members are not required to be members of FBC. New choir members are asked to fill out the electronic Information Form and to have an introductory meeting with the director.

Number System: Each choir member is given a number upon joining the choir. Members are also given a corresponding robe, folder, and music slot. All of your music should be marked with your name so that you will receive the same copy each time we sing an anthem. Do not leave unnecessary or valuable items in your music slot or folder.

Rehearsals: Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room during the school year and last until 8:30 pm. Please be on time and stay for the entire rehearsal. If you arrive late, please enter discreetly. Rehearsals may be extended and/or added from time to time in order to prepare for special programs. Sunday morning rehearsals begin at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Mid-week rehearsals are offered via livestream on Facebook for those who can not attend in person. Free parking is available on Wednesdays and Sundays in the church lot off Hull Street.

Attendance: Members are encouraged to make this ministry a priority in their lives. Choir members who are not able to be in worship on a given Sunday should still attend choir rehearsal the previous Wednesday evening. We rehearse music several weeks in advance. However, if you have not attended rehearsals in a while, you are asked to prayerfully consider if you are prepared to sing on a Sunday.

Sign Out: Performance dates and rehearsals are announced months in advance and choir members are encouraged to plan their absences around them. Please inform the director via email of any major conflicts that you may have with the choir schedule. This will help us to adjust our music accordingly. You may also sign out on the calendar in the Choir Room.

Music: Sheet music for each week will be placed in your music slot prior to rehearsal. Please arrive at rehearsal in enough time to make sure that you have all of the music to be rehearsed and that it is in the order listed on the whiteboard. When you return to the choir room after the Sunday service, please turn in that morning's music to the appropriate pile in the Choir Room unless told otherwise.

Loft Behavior: In order to maintain a worshipful atmosphere, please remember to be as discreet as possible once you enter the loft. Do not move or leave unless it is absolutely necessary. Please smile and look pleasant. Remember that our worship services are live streamed! Please remember to hold all of your music in your black binder for uniformity. No food or drink in the loft, and no strong perfumes or colognes.

Robes/Apparel: Choir members are responsible for the cleaning of their own robes. The robes may be taken home and washed, but the cassocks and cottas must be washed separately! Please refrain from putting pins and/or other accessories on the outside of your robe. Report any problems to the director. At special times throughout the year the choir may be asked to wear other apparel. This may include, but is not limited to, formal (tuxedo and black dress) for Christmas and all black for Good Friday.

Communication: Please check your music slot for things the director might leave for you. The director also corresponds with the choir via email. Members are encouraged to check their email for important information about the choir. Please keep the church and the Music Ministry informed of any changes in addresses and/or contact information. The choir also has a private Facebook group.