

TMC 101

Everything You Need to Know About Singing in the Tennessee Men's Chorale

I am so pleased that you are member of the Tennessee Men's Chorale. Tiffany Pyron and I have created this document as an easy go-to source for information related to TMC. We hope it is helpful for new members as well as seasoned veterans. Enjoy!

Membership Fees

- Annual Dues- \$40 (for all Full-Time Music Ministers); \$25 (for all Part-Time Music Ministers)
- New Members are exempt from dues the first year.
- Retired and not currently-serving-in-a-position ministers are exempt.
- Dues can be paid early at the annual retreat (August/September), at Summit (November), or by mail to the current TBCMC Treasurer.
- Checks payable to TBCMC (Tennessee Baptist Church Music Conference).

Required Attire

- All-Black TMC Attire: black long-sleeved, button-up dress shirts; black pants; black belt, black socks, black shoes (black undershirts, if one is worn). Concert Business Casual attire for the Men's Chorale is khaki pants, either a white or blue collared shirt, and a purchased Navy vest (purchased through Tiffany- \$30).

Rehearsals/Performances

(What to expect, what to bring, when to arrive)

- January Concert
- April/May Concert
- August/September Retreat
- November Pre-Summit (TN Baptist Convention) Concert
- November Summit
- Rehearsals, for the most part, are the day of the concert; thus, the purpose and importance of the annual retreat

Meals:

- Meals are included in your registration fees for most events and concerts.

Lodging

- Lodging is not provided, but lodging options at discounted rates are given per event.

Scheduling, Details, and Costs

- Scheduling, costs, and other details for TMC events will be communicated with as much notice as possible. (Normally, costs range from \$25 to \$50...usually closer to \$25.)

Music

- All music is made available to TMC members via internet downloads. Ideally, you will print all music and bring with you to rehearsals. This saves both time and expense. We will, however, have a limited quantity of anthem copies available at all TMC events.

Officers

- The TN Baptist Church Music Conference and its officers serve as the governing body for TMC.

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Conductor

- Scott Shepherd, Worship and Music Specialist, with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, has served as conductor of TMC since June, 2017.
- Tiffany Pyron serves as his ministry assistant.

TMC Details

- Prior to each TMC event, Tiffany and I will provide a document with details related to a particular event. The TMC Details documents typically include Location, Lodging Options, Schedule, Attire, Music (with PDF downloads), etc. (See sample below.)

Communication

- We communicate details regarding the Tennessee Men's Chorale in four primary ways.
 - TN Baptist Worship and Music Newsletter – e-mailed once each week.
 - TMC E-mail – for information regarding events specific to TMC we send direct e-mails.
 - Facebook – We have a closed group on Facebook called “TN Men's Chorale.”
 - Website – www.tnworshipandmusic.com is updated often with information pertinent to TMC and other state worship and music related news.

If we can assist you through our office, please do not hesitate to call, email or write. Tiffany Pyron is Ministry Assistant on our team and can assist you with music needs and information updates. If you have not done so, you are encouraged to check out our website at www.tnworshipandmusic.org. The website is a great place to keep up with conferences and other music events in Tennessee.

Again, welcome!

Sincerely,

Scott Shepherd
Worship and Music Specialist
Tennessee Baptist Mission Board



(Sample TMC Retreat Details Below)

**TMC RETREAT DETAILS
(SAMPLE FROM 2018)**

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LOCATION

Immanuel Baptist Church, Lebanon (Host: Mark Caruth)
214 Castle Heights Avenue
Lebanon, TN 37087
615.444.5563

SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 23

12:00 pm — TBCMC Officers Meeting & Lunch
1:00 pm – TMC Registration/Pay TBCMC Dues
2:00 pm — Rehearsal/Devotionals/Prayer
3:45 pm – Snack Break
4:15 pm – Rehearsal/Devotionals/Prayer
6:00 pm – Dinner (at Emmanuel)
7:30 pm – Evening Activity – Bowling at Pro Bowl West

Friday, August 24

9:00 am – Rehearsal/Devotionals/Prayer
10:15 am – Snack Break
10:45 am – Rehearsal/Devotionals/Prayer
12:00 pm – Lunch (at Emmanuel)
1:00 pm – Rehearsal/Devotionals/Prayer
1:30 pm – Depart for The Pavilion Senior Living Center
2:00 pm – Ministry Mini-Concert at The Pavilion
2:45 pm – TMC Dismissed

ATTIRE

(for Friday's mini-concert at The Pavilion Senior Living Center)

Khakis, White Long-Sleeved Dress Shirt, Blue TMC Vest

LODGING

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Cost: \$109 a night
(615) 994-3225
826 S Cumberland St.
Lebanon, TN 37087
Cut-off date: August 8
To secure rate, ask for TN Baptist Convention block

Hampton Inn & Suites

Cost: \$152 a night
(615) 444-3445
1065 Franklin Rd.
Lebanon, TN 37090

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Cut-off Date: August 4

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MUSIC/REPERTOIRE

(Click on title to download.)

TMC

"And Can It Be?" (Wesley/Dan Forrest)

"Because He Lives (Amen)" (Maher/Arr. Josh Stewart)

"Be Thou My Vision" (Byrne/Arr. Josh Stewart)

"The Creation" (Willie Richter)

"Hallelujah, By and By" (Various/Arr. Mary McDonald)

"Hallelujah! Thine the Glory" by Mary McDonald

"Let Everything That Hath Breath" (Arr. Josh Stewart, tr. Bridwell) **NEW!**

"The Lion and the Lamb" (Arr. Bradley Knight; tr. Shepherd) **NEW!!!**

"Midnight Cry" (Day/Arr. Tom Fettke)

"Our God Is God" (Joseph Martin) **NEW!!!**

"The Old Rugged Cross" (Bennard/Arr. Vicki Wright)

"Then Sings My Soul" (Hine/Mary McDonald)

"Til We Meet Again" (Kirk Franklin)

"Tune Our Hearts to Sing" (Robinson/Mary McDonald)

"Wonderful Grace of Jesus" (Lillenas/Arr. Larry Shackley)

TMC/TLC (SATB)

"I Just Can't Stop My Hallelujahs" **NEW!**

"I Will Make All Things New" (Mary McDonald) **NEW!**

"My Country 'Tis of Thee" (Mary McDonald) **NEW!** (for Summit Veteran's Day Focus)

"O Praise the Name (Anastasis)" (Arr. David T. Clydesdale)