

# Music Leadership Training School Open For Enrollment

October begins the **second** of eight courses offered at **seven** locations in Mississippi sponsored by the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in cooperation with the Providence Learning Center of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The eight courses are: (1) Song Leading; (2) Worship Planning; (3) Reading Music: Rhythm/Pitch; (4) Reading Music: Harmony/Melody; (5) Hymnology; (6) Music Administration/Staff Relations; (7) Survey of Church Music Resources; (8) Class Voice. These courses are designed to provide basic training for bivocational music directors and other music leaders in churches.

The course "**Worship Planning**" will meet once a week for two hours for eight consecutive weeks (with the exception of FBC Starkville which meets on Saturday) at the following locations and times:

- First Baptist Church, Lyman – beginning October 18 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
- Northcrest Baptist Church, Meridian – beginning October 10 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
- First Baptist Church, Cleveland – beginning October 11 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
- Easthaven Baptist Church, Brookhaven – beginning October 24 (7:00-9:00 p.m.)
- First Baptist Church, Starkville – beginning November 5 (9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. with lunch break)
- First Baptist Church, Booneville – beginning October 11 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
- Broadmoor Baptist Church, Madison – beginning October 17 (6:00-8:00 p.m.)


## SIX STUDENTS MUST BE ENROLLED FOR EACH CLASS TO START.

For more information contact Jimmy McCaleb  
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## KEY CHANGES FALL 2011

Jason Carson ..... FBC, Eupora  
 Tony Massey ..... Steele BC, Forest  
 Mark Mathis ..... FBC, New Albany  
 Andy Hammond .. Hernando BC, Hernando  
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### A Hard Reboot

"Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart." (New Baptist Hymnal, #440)

Most definitely I am not a computer guru, nor have a persistent urge to check e-mail every five minutes. Usually when the office computer malfunctions, I opt for the quick fix: I call a ministry assistant for help! I stare over their shoulder with absolute amazement as lightning-quick key strokes are followed by rapid screen changes. In the event my computer completely freezes and locks up, the only solution may be a hard reboot: shutting down the system and then restarting. After 37 years of being involved one way or another in local church ministry,

I am going through a personal and spiritual hard reboot. My wife Marsha and I have been amazed by God's great adventure of ministry, which often has seemed like a roller coaster ride; often thrilling, sometimes chilling, never boring, intense, always demanding total concentration because you don't want to miss anything.

I have been privileged to serve one of the great congregations of Southern Baptists for 26 years. We came to Fairview as a very young couple, no children, married for only six years. Now our children are grown and gone, and one is married. In addition, we have had the joy of hosting a number of foreign exchange students, a ministry God has used to open incredible doors of ministry overseas. My core callings have been to pastor, to evangelize, to teach, to equip, and to lead in worship of our risen Savior. As the new director of the CMD, I am well aware of the refocusing I will need to do to effectively serve in this position. Yet I do believe that my primary local church orientation will serve to enhance the possibility of assisting you in your music ministries.

At Fairview I was able to build on a great foundation already in place. In fact, Fairview's 1st music minister was Jimmy McCaleb, who served there voluntarily while stationed at Columbus Air Force Base from 1959-1962. Soon following Bro. Jimmy was Buddy Earwood, who served Fairview twice, the first time before going to New Orleans Seminary and then again after graduation. I met Bro. Buddy in 1984 when he was hospitalized. His parents happened to be members of the church I was serving in Memphis, and had asked me to visit him. Buddy, his wife Lila and I became good friends and prayer partners. Little did I know that I would soon be following him at Fairview.

Now I am following another great man of God, Graham Smith. Most of you know that Graham is one of my key ministry mentors, a man I highly respect and continue to look to for counsel. Serving as organist under his leadership at Temple, Hattiesburg, proved to be an extremely formative time for my ministry development. Marsha and I met and married at Temple, with Graham's wife Alice providing most of our premarital counseling!

Back in April when Dr. Stone first contacted me about the director's position, I asked him to remind me of the steps one should take if they sense the sudden onset of a heart attack! He laughed loudly as I tried to pull myself back together. What I felt was similar to the sensation of your entire life flashing before your eyes, like a near-death experience. In fact, it was exactly that ... another call to die to self, to follow God, no matter the cost, all personal concerns microscopically reduced in view of the radiance of the glory of Christ Jesus.

With the Lord's help, together we will build on Graham's legacy of service in worship leadership and development. I welcome your ideas and creative input. I believe these are exciting and opportunity filled days for "offering the sacrifice of praise, the fruit of lips which confess His name."

By the way, I love roller coasters, don't particularly like computers (I will answer your e-mails), and love the church and God's servants! I am looking forward to serving alongside you!

Love in Christ,

*Slater Murphy*  
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# Church Music Department 2012

## January

- 13-14 Mississippi Baptist Symphony Orchestra Retreat**  
Madison Central High School  
6:30 p.m. (13th) – noon (14th)
- 26 Area Keyboard Festivals** – 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
FBC, Tupelo; FBC, Amory; FBC, Jackson; Poplar Springs Drive BC, Meridian; Carterville BC, Petal; FBC, McComb; FBC, Pascagoula; Highland BC, Laurel
- 27 Area Keyboard Festivals** – 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Longview Heights BC, Olive Branch
- 28 Area Keyboard Festivals** – 9:30 a.m.-noon  
Emmanuel BC, Grenada; North Greenwood BC, Greenwood

## February

- 2-3 Mississippi Baptist Church Music Conference**  
FBC, Gulfport  
Noon (2nd) – 9:00 p.m. (3rd)
- 25 Young Ringers Festival**  
Garaywa Camp & Conference Center, Clinton  
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- 25 State Keyboard Festival**  
Woodland Hills BC, Jackson  
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## March

- 24 Young Musicians Festival**  
Morrison Heights BC, Clinton  
8:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

## April

- 20-21 State Handbell Festival**  
North Greenwood BC, Greenwood  
6:00 p.m. (20th) – 1:30 p.m. (21st)
- 27-28 State Handbell Festival**  
FBC, Natchez  
6:00 p.m. (27th) – 1:30 p.m. (28th)



## May

- 8 Senior Adult Choir Festival**  
FBC, Florence  
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## June

- 11-18 All-State Youth Choir & Orchestra Camp & Tour**  
William Carey University – Mississippi Churches  
9:00 a.m. (11th) – 9:00 p.m. (18th)
- 26-30 HeartSong Youth Music & Worship Arts Camp**  
William Carey University, Hattiesburg  
1:00 p.m. (26th) – 8:00 a.m. (30th)

## July

- 13-14 Music Mississippi (Music Leadership Conference)**  
Brandon Baptist Church  
12:30 p.m. (13th) – 1:00 p.m. (14th)
- 16-20 LifeWay Worship Leadership**  
Ridgecrest, North Carolina  
3:00 p.m. (16th) – 10:00 a.m. (20th)
- 16-20 Young Musicians Camp I**  
Blue Mountain College  
2:00 p.m. (16th) – 8:00 a.m. (20th)
- 23-27 Young Musicians Camp II**  
Blue Mountain College  
2:00 p.m. (23rd) – 8:00 a.m. (27th)

## August

- 4 Area Preschool/Childrens Choir Leadership Training**  
Longview Point BC, Hernando; Petal-Harvey BC, Petal  
8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

## September

- 21-22 State Handbell Leadership Seminar**  
FBC, Brandon  
6:30 p.m. (21st) – noon (22nd)

## September–October

- TBA Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir & Orchestra Auditions**