

HYMN MEMORIZATION PROGRAM

We believe that as our children learn to sing the great hymns that reflect our heritage as Christians, they learn words and melodies of faith, hope, and salvation that will remain with them for a lifetime. They gain not only a greater understanding of the Christian faith, but they gain a greater ability to be an active participant in worship. Through the offering of incentives and awards for learning hymns, the children's choir hymn memory program seeks to help your child develop an early and lasting love for the music of the church.

Each choir has a list of four hymns that they will study throughout the year. As your child learns each hymn, he will have the opportunity to sing it from memory for his choir director. Children who memorize all their hymns for the year will be presented with an award. In order to receive the Hymn Award this year, a child must sing all of his or her hymns, by memory, for a children's choir leader no later than **Wednesday, May 11, 2016**.

The hymns learned at each elementary choir level are listed below.

FIRST & SECOND GRADE

(1st stanzas only)

- Hymn 587 / Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound
- Hymn 143 / Go, Tell It on the Mountain
- Hymn 597 / He Keeps Me Singing
- Hymn 17 / This Is My Father's World

THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES

(1st stanzas only)

- Hymn 372 / Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
- Hymn 103 / O Come, All Ye Faithful
- Hymn 581 / I Love to Tell the Story
- Hymn 52 / O Worship the King

CHILDREN'S MUSIC - MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the children's choir ministry at First Baptist Church is to honor and worship God by instilling in the hearts and minds of children a lifelong desire to praise God through music. Because we believe that music is a gift from God, the ministry will additionally seek to equip children with the ability and desire to recognize and strive for excellence in all musical experiences. This goal will be achieved by providing every child an understanding of the fundamentals of music and quality vocal production, and through giving them opportunities to share music as an offering of worship to God.

CHILDREN'S MISSIONS - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The goal of our Girls in Action (GAs) and Royal Ambassador (RAs) organizations is to provide age appropriate opportunities for children to learn: what missions are, what the Bible says about missions, how others are doing missions, and how they can be involved in missions.

Children will be encouraged to develop Bible skills to use on a daily basis. Reading, learning and applying God's Word to every day life situations will strengthen the foundation of faith we desire for the children of First Baptist Church.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TALLAHASSEE



MUSIC & MISSIONS

ELEMENTARY (GRADES 1-5)



2015-2016

LIVE

LEARN

LAUNCH

LOVE TALLAHASSEE

WEDNESDAYS @ FBCTLH 6:00-7:30PM Duval 2nd Floor

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MUSIC LEADERS

Elementary Children’s Choir Coordinator - Terrah Mello

FIRST & SECOND GRADES
CLASSROOM 1

Director - Flor Hernandez
Assistants - Frankie Hernandez, Joann Pullen, Dawn Pufahl

THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES
CLASSROOM 5 / D300

Director - Terrah Mello
Assistant - Michelle Bailey

Floater - LeAnn Sbordone

MISSION LEADERS

GAS
Director - Cindy Fernald
Leaders
Danielle Kirkland
Jenny Wilhelm
Nicole Wilson
Sandra Hoover
Catherine McGrath
Substitute & Special Events
Paula Silcox
Laurie Dodson
Jean Swafford
Tina Davis
Terri Walters

RAs
Director - Brett Kirkland
Al Eppinger
Huey Hauck
Eric Hoover
Justin Langston
Stefan Bourgoin

Our objective is to provide elementary age children with a comprehensive, creative, and cooperative program that will train them in Bible skills, Music, and Missions and encourage them to form lifelong commitments to these disciplines. Leadership is based on a team approach where cooperative planning and goal setting takes place between Music and Missions. From time to time, the Music and Missions teams will meet jointly. Both Music and Missions areas will emphasize the study of scripture with special emphasis given to Bible usage skills and scripture memorization during the Missions segment.

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Saturday, November 7
- Sunday, November 22
- Sunday, November 29
- Wednesday, May 11
- First Love
- Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection
- Hanging of the Green service, 6:00PM (rehearsal TBA)
- Hymn Memorization deadline

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES CALENDAR
2015-2016

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26	Regular Music & Missions activities begin/ Music Kick off
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7	First Love
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18	Hanging of the Green service preparation (no Missions activities)
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22	Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25	Thanksgiving holidays (no FBCTLH evening activities)
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29	Hanging of the Green service, 6:00PM - elementary choirs participate (rehearsal time TBA)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2	International Missions Study (no music)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9	Christmas caroling
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16	Christmas Celebration (Music & Missions combined)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23	Christmas holidays (no FBCTLH evening activities)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24	Christmas Eve - family service, 4:00PM; candlelight service, 6:00PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30	Christmas holidays (no FBCTLH evening activities)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6	regular Music & Missions activities resume
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10	auditions for dramatic roles for Children’s Musical
FEBRUARY 5-6	Connections Weekend 2015 / Children’s Musical Rehearsals
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2	Children’s Musical rehearsal (combined choirs; no Missions activity)
SATURDAY, MARCH 5	Children’s Musical dress rehearsal, 10:00AM-2:00PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 6	Children’s Musical, 6:00PM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9	North American Mission Study (no Music Activities)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16	Spring Break (no evening activities)
SUNDAY, MARCH 20	Palm Sunday - elementary choirs sing in worship services
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11	Hymn Memorization deadline
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25	End-of-the-year party
SUNDAY, JUNE 5	Hymnal Presentation to 5 th graders
JUNE 13-17	Vacation Bible School