



# The TMC Update

A monthly e-newsletter for and about Texas Mass Choir

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## *The President Says...*

I continue to honor God for all of His wondrous blessings. We have noticed such a surge of new energy among our members that I wait in high anticipation for the March Session in Fort Worth to see everyone. We are asking that we enter in prayer even now for the continued blessings of God for our great organization, for the out pouring of His Holy Spirit into our sessions and our ministry to be made effective in our lives.

The National GMWA Board Meeting is here and our Chapter Representatives and the Assistants along with the Auxiliary heads are headed to Nevada for the informational business of our organization - pray for our journey. Then it will be time for Fort Worth (I keep talking about Fort Worth)!!!

Attorney Ron Magnus is still in search of help for "GMWA SERVES", a ministry part of our convention that helps serve the city where our convention is held by aiding the homeless and/or shut-in. Please let us know if you will arrive in Cincinnati early enough to serve.

A great big special thank you again to Mr. Lawrence Ingram and the Young Adult Division who have shown much enthusiasm for this next session of TMC, along with Ms. Sue Roseberry and her committee and Minister Ronald Materre for jumping in with new ideas. Thank you all for what you are doing.

We are looking for past, present and new members in Fort Worth (there I go again with Fort Worth). We'll also be expecting all of our Board of Directors to join us at 1:00 PM on Friday for our annual meeting and we will not have a meeting on Saturday morning. Remember to pre-register so Fort Worth can prepare for us.

Much Love & Respect,

*Kenneth "Bishop" Butler*

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## **SHO' WANNA SEE YOU**

*Translation - "WE SURE DO WANT TO SEE YOU"*

We hope that the whole Texas Mass Family will be in Fort Worth for the first session of 2010!! You can look forward to inspirational workshop classes presented for all divisions, a New Music Class (details for submission in this newsletter), and a spectacular new event for this session "A Midnight Musical" presented by the Youth/Young Adults.

Added to that is the opportunity to fellowship and enjoy the friends that we've made connection with through TMC. Pastor Betty Rogers is encouraging every Chapter to bring 5 children to represent and sing with the V.O.P. Choir.

Board members are asked to come early for our annual board meeting to take place on Friday, March 26th at 1:00 PM (*note the correction of the time from the previous issue*).

Don't forget...all TMC members young and old are encouraged to bring a guest to our next session. If everybody brings just one guest we double our numbers!!! Invite your friends and relatives in the DFW area to join you for the nightly concerts. Don't underestimate your power to influence someone else to participate in something that is **guaranteed to bless**.

Make those hotel reservations and get those registrations in early so the host chapter can make plans to accommodate us. Send your registration info to Fort Worth Chapter; GMWA, Inc. c/o Anna B. Smith at P. O. Box 15930; Fort Worth, TX 76119-0930.

### **CONFERENCE HOTEL**

Radisson Hotel Fort Worth South  
100 Alta Mesa East Blvd.  
Fort Worth, TX 76134  
817-293-3088  
Reservation Deadline: March 5<sup>th</sup>  
(Mention GMWA/Texas Mass Choir  
to get the special rate of \$85+tax p/n)

### **CONFERENCE VENUE**

Samaria Baptist Church  
4000 E. Berry Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76105  
Rev. William McKinley Jackson, Pastor

I blew it  
Didn't mean to do it  
It was an oversight on my part  
Charge it to my head and not my heart

**SORRY!**

In the last issue of the newsletter Eld. Cleo Smith from Texarkana, Texas was not mentioned as a song presenter for the November, 2009 Session of Texas Mass. We apologize to Eld. Smith.

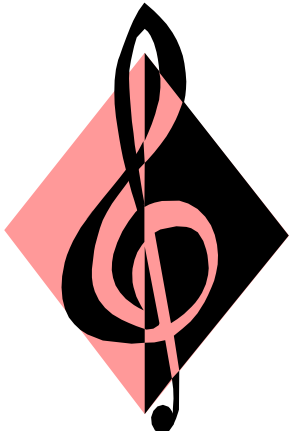
## TMC Cares

"By this shall all men know  
that you are my disciples..."

(just one) canned food item. If you can't bring it with you, there will be lots of places you can pick up an item to donate while you're in Fort Worth. Admission to our nightly concerts is free, but as we publicize we'll be asking those planning to attend to join us in making a single item donation.

Then, the Ft. Worth Chapter will make sure that all the items that we donate get to the **Bread Basket Ministries** as a donation from you - **TEXAS MASS CHOIR!** There are so many hurting people. Let's do our part to make a difference for somebody and show the love of Christ that we sing about.

### SONG SUBMISSION INFO

National (Submission Deadline – March 15, 2010)	TMC New Music Class
<p>The preferred format for song submissions is electronic, using MP3 or WAV format. Songwriters wishing to have up to three (3) songs reviewed for inclusion in the Performance Division (Mass, Men's, Women's, Youth/Young Adult or Children's Choir and/or new Music) should submit their song(s) in MP3 or WAV format to:</p> <p>Min. of Music, Dr. Rodena Preston Williams via email at <a href="mailto:gmwamusicsubmission@yahoo.com">gmwamusicsubmission@yahoo.com</a>.</p> <p>In the body of the email include Songwriter's name, U.S. Mail Address, email address, phone number and chapter affiliation, the name of the song(s) presented. You must also include your chapter rep's name, U.S. Mail Address mail, email address and their phone number.</p> <p>Attach MPC or WAV files to the email as well as a separate lyric sheet (for each song submitted) in MS Word or PDF format. If the song has been scored you may submit a PDF of the score in place of the lyric sheet.</p> <p>Be sure all attachments are virus-scanned before submission. Any submission containing viruses will be rejected outright.</p> <p>If you're unable to submit electronically, you may still send up to 3 songs on a CD or cassette along with your lyric sheet or score to: GMWA Performance Division; 6709 LaTijera Blvd; Box 305; Los Angeles, CA 90045.</p> <p>Questions or concerns can be addressed to: Dr. Preston at 323-933-4230 <a href="mailto:Rodena88@earthlink.net">Rodena88@earthlink.net</a> (don't send your submission to this address); or Rev. Rodney Teal at 571-215-6039 <a href="mailto:aceusca@yahoo.com">aceusca@yahoo.com</a> (don't send your submission to this address)</p>	<p>Contact Kaye Bates to advise her you'll be presenting at <a href="mailto:kayebates88@gmail.com">kayebates88@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p>If you have full sheet music available you will need to have 30-50 copies (no less than 30). Copies will be sold at \$1.00 per unit. Someone will be in place to handle the sale of your sheet music and money for the writer.</p> <p>You will have a limited time to present your song; the time will be based on the number of writers presenting music.</p> <p>There will be a sign-in sheet for the writers and you will be called to present in the order which you sign-in.</p> <p>If you have questions contact Kaye via email as shown above.</p> 

## Chapter Chatter

**LONGVIEW CHAPTER** will have their annual Red & White Musical on Saturday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM. The musical will be held at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church; 918 M. L. King Blvd.; Longview, TX 75602. For more info call 903-738-8204 or 903-660-0211.

**HOUSTON CHAPTER** Women's Conference will be held @ Greater St, Matthew Baptist Church (7701 Jutland) beginning Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Dr. Theola Booker is director of the chapter's Women's Division and can be contacted for additional info at 713-562-1553. The chapter will also have their 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Musical March 6<sup>th</sup> (details shown below).

**FORT WORTH CHAPTER** will have their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pre-Prayer Breakfast Musical on Friday, February 19 at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. This will be followed by their Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

**WEST TEXAS CHAPTER** had an illuminating presentation in their February Session by Pastor William Palmer, Spiritual Advisor for the chapter. Pastor Palmer told the group to "Prepare To Win". Rev. Palmer is the Pastor of the Mt. Rose FGBC.

**AUSTIN CHAPTER** just concluded a very exciting and successful workshop the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of this month. The clinician was TMC's Adult Music Director, Minister Ronald Materre.

*\*This is all that we knew about at press time. We've only just begun, so if you have something going on in your chapter, please let us know about it and we'll make mention of it in the newsletter. Of course, more detailed information will be available on the TMC website.*

*If you have info for inclusion in the TMC Newsletter, please forward it to [msrosebe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msrosebe@sbcglobal.net). To subscribe or unsubscribe to the newsletter, email us at [rodnevh2@aol.com](mailto:rodnevh2@aol.com). Let us know your birthdays...we'll be including celebration notes in upcoming issues and other special events. We want this to be a tool for communication so we can stay connected and informed and we need you to help us make it happen.*

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# A T T I R E

## Pack It...Bring It...We'll Wear It...

The uniform attire for the March Session on Saturday night will be as follows:

Adults – We'll be wearing robes without overlays.

Youth/Young Adults – Ladies...white ruffled shirts/denim skirts (below the knee/no exception) and any color blazer; Gentlemen...white shirts/denim jeans and any color blazer. If you do not have denim you may substitute black.

Voices of Praise – Jade green T-Shirts and black bottoms (skirts for the girls and black slacks or black jeans for the boys).

If you don't have it – **DON'T STAY AT HOME!!** Come on and praise God in whatever you have.

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# TMC IS a WINNER!!

Texas Mass Choir was the recipient of the 2010 Texas Excellence Award for the Choir of the Year. The conference was held in Houston, Texas. Congratulations also go to Ryan Materre who was named as the percussionist of the year. Our own Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Austin serve on the board for the awards. TMC is comprised of winners through and through, so is it any wonder?? **PROUD TO BE TMC!**

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**WHEN YOU PRAY**  
*Please remember...*

The Family of Kenneth Brown  
TMC and its Affiliate Chapters  
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## January

We missed it, but you're still wished it...  
Happy Belated Birthday to everybody  
who had birthdays in January!!!

## February

Esther Moore – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Eleanor Murray & Rayshod Caldwell – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Theola Booker – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Taylor Roseberry – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Linda Mitchell – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Sue Roseberry – 28<sup>th</sup>

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Be a frequent visitor of the TMC Website

at [www.texasmasschoir.org](http://www.texasmasschoir.org)

New features are forthcoming including a BLOG, TMC member highlights and other exciting and interesting things.

Just makes you ...

**PROUD TO BE TMC!**

*We're on Face Book as  
"Texas-Mass Choir"*

and

*We're on Twitter as  
"TexasMassChoir"*

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*Stop by the Publicity Table when you come to the session in March and see what's buzzin' about TMC.*

*Bring your invited guests by and enter their name in a nightly drawing to win a DVD of the nightly performance courtesy of the Publicity Dept.*

*We're checking you out...we see that lots of you have tagged us on FB and confirmed that you'll be in attendance in Fort Worth...WE DEFINITELY LIKE THAT!*



# FORT WORTH CHAPTER GOSPEL MUSIC WORKSHOP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

Hosts

## The Texas Mass Choir

SPRING WORKSHOP  
MARCH 26-27, 2010



at  
**SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH**

4000 E. BERRY STREET

FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76105

REV. WILLIAM MCKINLEY JACKSON, PASTOR



### Friday Night Musical

March 26 at 7:00PM

Featuring

Gospel Music Workshop of America

Chapter Choirs from across

the State of Texas

Friday 12:00 Midnight  
Youth & Young Adults Midnight Musical

### Saturday Night Musical

March 27 at 6:00 PM

Featuring

The Texas Mass Choir

The Texas Mass Youth & Young

Adult Choir

&

The Voices of Praise

Workshop begins at 9:00 AM Saturday Morning

Registration for Workshop participation - \$10 Adults, \$5 Children

Free Admission for all Musicals

For more information call 817-253-2652

Please bring 1 canned  
food item for donation to  
Bread Basket Ministries

# HOUSTON MASS CHOIR FIRST QUARTER MUSICAL

MARCH 06 2010

7:00 PM

NORTHSIDE ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

1814 CARR

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77026

### FEATURING SPECIAL GUESTS

Patrick Williams and Unity of Praise • Damian Price-N-Praise  
Wilma Bivens • Brian Dunlap and Total Praise • Darlene Bonner  
Created for Purpose • and others

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