

The TMC UPDATE

The monthly E-Newsletter for and about Texas Mass Choir
June, 2012



The President Says...

Greetings everyone. We're just a short time away from being together in the music capitol of the world...Nashville, TN for our National GMWA Convention. I am excitedly looking forward to seeing everyone from the Texas Mass Family and combining to be a part of the opening of the convention on the evening of July 8th just as we have been since the tradition was started by the late Rev. James Cleveland.

Following the annual national convention things will really shift into high gear as we prepare for our Youth/Young Adult Anniversary in Beaumont, Texas August 10-11, 2012. I appreciate the efforts of our TMC Board of Directors and every member in making the adjustment to your calendars for this year. Although it will be a different time, we anticipate the same level of praise and excellence that has been a part of our gatherings and celebrations.

Join me in praying for the success of our endeavors, God's anointing as we sing and his traveling mercies as we go to and from the conventions. I believe it is going to be great because you're involved.

Sincerely,

Kenneth "Bishop" Butler



The Worship is **swiftly approaching!** The GMWA National Convention will be held on July 7-13 in Nashville, TN. The Texas Mass Adult Choir and the Youth/Young Adult Choir will combine forces and sing on Sunday, July 8th for the nightly musical. The songs we will sing are as follows:

"Great Things"
(Directed by Rayshod Caldwell)

"I'm Prepared To Praise Him All By Myself"
(Eld. Cleo Smith)

Attire: Ladies - **Solid white tops** (please make sure your tops have sleeves) and **Black Skirts** (remember we are on stage, so make sure they are long enough). Men - **Solid white shirts** (please make sure your shirt is dressy, short or long sleeves) and **Black Pants**. Everyone can add a **touch of red** (that means not more red than white); **Black Shoes**.

On-site rehearsal will be on Saturday evening ~5:30 PM in the room that James Cleveland Chorus uses for rehearsal. Please contact Joann Templeton, Sue Roseberry and/or Patrick Bradley when you arrive for information.

NEED A RIDE?? The Houston Chapter – GMWA is chartering a bus to the GMWA National Convention in Nashville. They have secured 25 persons, but they need 45 – so there is room for 20 more people. Seats are available for only \$200.00 roundtrip. Contact Keith Morrison for more info at portal108471@aol.com or houstonmass@yahoo.com. Phone contact can be made at 713-530-9149.

TMC SUMMER SESSION

The next session of the Texas Mass Choir will be held August 10-11, 2012 in Beaumont, TX. Our host is the Golden Triangle Chapter – GMWA. Make plans now to attend.

HOTEL: Fairfield Inn & Suites
2265 IH10 South
Beaumont, TX 77705
409-840-5751

**Mention Texas Mass Choir when making your reservation to get the special rate of \$75 p/n + taxes. Free continental breakfast included.*

VENUE: Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church
2755 F...

Congratulations!

Joy In Praise Music & Arts Seminar, Inc. honored our very own Bro. Lawrence Ingram, who is the founder of the organization, for his 20th Anniversary with them. In addition, Bro. Ingram received well deserved honor for 30 Years as an educator and 40 years of service in gospel music. Bro. Ingram was also honored on June 3rd for his service at Clifton J. Ozen Magnet High School. TMC adds our congratulations to Bro. Lawrence for his outstanding service and commitment.

Dr. Patrick Bradley graduated with honors from Dallas Baptist University with a Master's Degree in Worship Leadership! Congratulations!

Texas Shows Up BIG!!

Texas will be well represented at this year's National GMWA Convention. The following persons have been selected to present music during the GMWA National Convention in Nashville, TN:

New Music Seminar:

Dr. Theola Booker
Dr. William Barks-Dale
Richard Chance
Jay DeVaughn
Keith Eason
Michael Green
Bruce Linscomb
Chris Murray
Eld. Cleo Smith

Mass Choir:

Brian Dunlap
Ronald J. Materre

Men of Promise:

Damian Price

Eld. Cleo Smith will be presenting his song, "I'm Prepared To Praise Him All By Myself" in New Music on Thursday, July 12th. All Texas Mass Members together with Texarkana Chapter are asked to show up and help with presentation of his song.

If you have information that needs to be included in the TMC Newsletter, please forward it to Frederick Webb at fwebb8604@hotmail.com.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

While you're budgeting for your trip to Nashville keep the following info in mind:

GMWA MUSIC PACKETS 2012

Mass Choir \$45

New Music \$55

Men and Women \$30

**Youth and Young Adults
\$25**

HOUSTON CHAPTER has released their live recording and many of our TMC members are featured as vocalists, writers and musicians on the recording. Show your support by going to Houston's website at www.houstongmwa.com and ordering your copy today!! You'll be glad you did.

Chapter Chatter

TYLER AREA CHAPTER held their Musicians Appreciation on Friday, June 15th at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church on McMurray Street. Their Musicians and directors are Gary Blevins, Min. Saul Gates and Min. Steven Warren, Jr.

TEXARKANA CHAPTER hosted their Annual Songwriter's Workshop on June 14-16 at the House of Refuge Church. Rehearsals were held nightly and the concert was absolutely amazing. Guest songwriters included Damian Price of the Houston Chapter and recording artist Gerald Thompson.

Happy Birthday

Gloria Davis - 6/1

Patrick Bradley - 6/9

Deidra Rogers - 6/16

Kenneth Butler - 6/19

Marilyn Guillory - 6/22

LaQuita Thomas - 6/23

Reginald Long - 6/30