

# *First Baptist Church*



## The Living Christmas Tree *silver anniversary*

**Thursday, December 17** ..... 7:30 p.m.  
**Friday, December 18**..... 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, December 19** ..... 4:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
**Sunday, December 20**..... \*3:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

*\*An abbreviated presentation for very young children (& their families)*

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## Welcome to The Living Christmas Tree!

2009 has been an anniversary year for First Baptist Church. We have enjoyed several noteworthy celebrations of our Bicentennial Year as a church, focusing upon the words from Hebrews 12: 1-2—“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

We are also celebrating the 25th year for our church to present The Living Christmas Tree. You will notice numerous ways in which we are observing this Silver Anniversary! Our focus, however, remains upon that same Jesus described above as both author and perfecter of our faith. The miracle of the Incarnation is expressed in the music, lighting and words of the LCT. We pray that the message of Christmas comes to life in YOU this season, maybe for the very first time.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus.....

**Merry Christmas!**

**Billy Orton**  
**Minister of Music and Worship**



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### SPECIAL FEATURE SOLOIST ~ JANE HOLLOWAY

Jane Holloway, now a resident of Orlando, Florida, sang on the first LCT in 1984, prepared the choir for the 1988 Tree and sang through 1989, while she and her husband John, who was Minister to Students, were members of FBC. She has returned as guest soloist on multiple occasions since then. She and John now serve the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater, FL; she as Children's Choir Coordinator and Music Associate and John as the Administrative and Missions Pastor. Jane's life-long call is to teach children to love music and to serve the Lord through the creative arts. In their thirty-five years of marriage partnership, the Holloways have ministered in multiple settings locally and abroad, teaching God's Word and strengthening young couples in marriage. Jane is the mother of Lauren and Bethany, the new grandmother of Caroline and the daughter of our FBC members Charles and Martha Rice.

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## The Living Christmas Tree Through the Years

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|---|--|
| 1984 ~ <i>The Joy of Christmas</i>        | 1997 ~ No LCT this year (due to renovations)       |
| 1985 ~ <i>Hallelujah</i>                  | 1998 ~ <i>How Great Our Joy!</i>                   |
| 1986 ~ <i>The Living Christmas Tree</i>   | 1999 ~ <i>The Hopes and Fears of All the Years</i> |
| 1987 ~ <i>Images of Christmas</i>         | 2000 ~ <i>My Peace I Give You</i>                  |
| 1988 ~ <i>The Living Christmas Tree</i>   | 2001 ~ <i>'Tis Love That's Born Tonight</i>        |
| 1989 ~ <i>The Carols of Christmas</i>     | 2002 ~ <i>A Festival of Light</i>                  |
| 1990 ~ <i>The Bells of Christmas</i>      | 2003 ~ <i>The Glory of Hope</i>                    |
| 1991 ~ <i>The Light in the Manger</i>     | 2004 ~ <i>20<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary</i>          |
| 1992 ~ <i>Keyboards and Carols</i>        | 2005 ~ <i>Love Came Down at Christmas</i>          |
| 1993 ~ <i>The Very Best Time of Year</i>  | 2006 ~ <i>What Shall We Bring?</i>                 |
| 1994 ~ <i>Christ is the World's Light</i> | 2007 ~ <i>A Storybook Christmas</i>                |
| 1995 ~ <i>The Holly and the Ivy</i>       | 2008 ~ <i>The Night of the Child</i>               |
| 1996 ~ <i>Reflections of Christmas</i>    | 2009 ~ <i>Silver Anniversary</i>                   |

# The Living Christmas Tree 2009

## Prelude Music

*The Carillon Ringing Carols and Noels of Christmas ~ Michael Moore and Darrell Eldridge*

*Christmas Mini-Concerts (15 minutes prior to presentation)*

*Thursday Evening ~ Brass Band of Huntsville*

*Friday Evening ~ HCC Chamber Chorale*

*Saturday Afternoon ~ The FBC Big Band*

*Saturday Evening ~ Soloist*

*Sunday Afternoon ~ HC3jr*

*Sunday Evening ~ The Brotherhood (Men's Chorus from First Missionary Baptist, Blue Spring)*

*Christmas Selections chosen from:*

*Once in Royal David's City ..... Goeller*

*A Christmas Festival.....Anderson*

*Orchestra*

*Sing We Now of Christmas ..... arr. Page*

*Joy to the World ..... arr. Cherwien*

*Elizabeth Hostetter, Organ*

**Welcome and Prayer** ~ David Hull, Pastor

**Processional** ~

**Festival Fanfare for Christmas** ..... Wasson

*Orchestra*

**Congregational Singing**.....**O Come, All Ye Faithful**.....Carol 89

**Calm, On the Listening Ear of Night**..... Clausen

*Choir from front, with violin and harp*

*Calm, on the listening ear of night come heav'n's melodious strains,*

*Where wild Judea stretches far her silver mantled plains.*

*Celestial choirs from courts above shed sacred glories there,*

*And angels, with their sparkling lyres, make music on the air.*

*The answ'ring hills of Palestine send back their glad reply;*

*And greet, from all their holy heights, the Dayspring from on high*

*"Glory to God!", the sounding skies, loud with anthems ring,*

*"Peace to the earth, to all good will," from heav'n's eternal King!*

*Light on thy hills, Jerusalem! The Prince of Peace is born!*

*And bright on Bethle'em's joyous plains breaks the first Christmas morn.*

*~ Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876)*

**Congregational Singing**.....**Silent Night, Holy Night**.....Carol 91

**Words of Introduction** ~ Billy Orton, Minister of Music & Worship

**Special Musical Feature**.....Special Guests/Soloist

**Instrumental Interlude** (as choir loads the Tree)

**And the Glory of the Lord** (from *Messiah*) .....Handel

**O Green and Shimmering Tree** .....arr. Wilberg

**Gloria** (Movement 1) ..... Rutter

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae  
voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus  
te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.*

*Glory to God in the highest. And on  
earth, peace to men of good will. We  
praise You. We bless You. We worship  
You. We glorify You. We give You  
thanks for Your great glory.*

**Scripture Reading ~ Luke 2**

**There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth** (from Christus) ..... Mendelssohn

**Worship In Song** ~ Jane Holloway

**Birthday Carol** ..... Willcocks

**Carol of the Bells** .....arr. Bradford

**Congregational Singing** ..... **The First Nowell** ..... Carol 85

**Betelehemu** ..... arr. Crutchfield

*Translation of the Yoruba (West African dialect) folk text:*

*We are glad that we have a Father to trust. We are glad that we have a Father to rely upon.  
Where was Jesus born? In Bethlehem, the city of wonder. That is where the Father was born  
for sure. Praise be to Him. We thank You for this day, gracious Father. Praise be to You,  
merciful Father.*

**Big Band Carol Medley** ..... arr. Hayes

**Pilgrims' Hymn** ..... Paulus

*Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,  
When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer;  
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.  
Glory to the Father, And to the Son, And to the Holy Spirit.  
Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,  
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You;  
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.  
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.*

~ Michael Dennis Browne

**Meditation** ~ Billy Orton

**Come and Worship the Newborn King** ..... arr. Kirkland

*Commissioned Music ~ Funds provided through an anonymous gift to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LCT*

**Hallelujah** (from Messiah) .....Handel

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!  
The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ  
And He shall reign forever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!*

**Postlude Music** ..... **Go, Tell it on the Mountain** .....arr. Lowe

## THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE MUSICIANS

### SINGERS

**SOPRANO**  
 Amanda Allen  
 Cindy Aulds  
 Ellen Bailes ★  
 Johnnie Barnes  
 Betty Barnett  
 Liz Bass  
 Beth Bice  
 Bertie Bramm  
 Kwai-Weng Brethen  
 Dot Broad  
 Victoria Bruce  
 Cecilia Bryant  
 Jacquelyn Burton ♪  
 Nancy Campbell  
 Becky Caneer  
 Janet Cashion  
 Linda Causey  
 Rita Cobbs  
 Kimberly Collette  
 Debbie Coulter  
 Janet Crawford ★  
 Polly Crawford ★  
 Charlotte Davis ★  
 Mary Jo Deaver  
 Mary Dohrman  
 Elisa Fairless  
 Becky Foshee  
 Kelley Gattis  
 Kathy Hatley  
 Suzanne Hefner  
 Lea Hoppe  
 Alison Hoskins  
 Alesia Hosley  
 Nancy Huffaker  
 Frances Jones  
 Jennifer Jones  
 Laura Kendrick

Patricia Kennedy  
 Amy Kibbey  
 Clara Kindred  
 Amelia Lane  
 Kathy Lane  
 Traci Lang  
 Patti Lindow  
 Sue McElyea  
 Betty Moore  
 Alicia Pettis  
 Linda Powers  
 Dottie Richardson  
 Barbara Sizemore  
 Becky Soutullo  
 Anne Stone ★  
 Sandra Taylor  
 Donna Thornton  
 Alice Tranter  
 Mekyoung VanBuren  
 Renita Walton  
 Kathryn Witherow  
 Jennifer Woodrow  
 Betsy Woods  
 Kennie Worlund

**ALTO**  
 Elaine Alspach  
 Lindsey Bayer  
 B. J. Boyanton ♪  
 Mary Brown  
 Myra Browning  
 Traci Calhoun  
 Karen Campbell  
 Susan Cloud ♪  
 Gail Cooper  
 Janet Creech  
 Faye Davis ★  
 Linda Davis  
 Tara DuBose-Schmitt  
 Bonnie Edmondson

Kelli Ellison  
 Colleen Falwell  
 Jennifer Fowler  
 LeAnne Fowler  
 Gayle Franklin  
 Sarah Funke  
 Missy Grayson  
 Alicia Grice  
 Ranae Hicks  
 Ann Jones ★  
 Martha Krewson  
 Catherine Ladd  
 Melissa Lewallen ♪  
 Jennifer Matthews  
 Amy McKenzie  
 Joy Moore ♪  
 Nancy Morton  
 Betty Myers  
 Marcia Newman  
 Marti Norton  
 Nannette O'Dell  
 Jane Orton  
 Janice Owen  
 Patti Palmer  
 Billie Perkins  
 Pat Perry  
 Rebecca Pickle ♪  
 Jamie Richardson  
 Cindy Russell ♪  
 Melissa Scharber  
 Angela Seanor  
 Ann Smith  
 Cathy Smith  
 Lynda Staggs ♪  
 Suzie Stallings  
 Marian Talley  
 Kay Taylor  
 Betty Thurstone ♪  
 Louise Walker  
 Nancy Ward  
 Ruthie Williamson

Karen Wojcik  
 Rosemary Wolfe  
 Joyce Zackie ♪

**TENOR**  
 Roy Adams  
 Earl Alspach  
 Ethan Cobbs  
 Joel Cobbs  
 Wiley Davis ★  
 Greg Ellison  
 Allen Godwin  
 Joe Holley  
 Terry Jarnagin  
 Mike Kirk  
 Lawton Kitchin  
 Pat Lewallen ♪  
 Jim Love  
 Russell Neely  
 Wayne Owen  
 Ed Perkins  
 James Potts  
 Randall Rierson  
 Gerald Roberts ★  
 Warren Schmitt  
 Leon Stallcup ★  
 Bill Stone ★  
 Randy Taylor  
 Les Tillery  
 Laura Walke  
 Len Worlund

Wilton Causey ♪  
 Jerry Cobbs  
 Tom Cunningham  
 Ben Darby  
 Jerry Davis  
 Dean Estill  
 John Geiger  
 Shawn George  
 Gaines Gravlee ♪  
 Tom Guffin ♪  
 Bill Hadaway ♪  
 Fredrick Huffaker ♪  
 David Hull  
 Rodger Keene ♪  
 Tim Kibbey  
 Ron McClung ♪  
 Dave McKenzie  
 Darren Myers  
 Patrick Newman  
 Dennis O'Dell  
 Bill Renfro  
 Lee Rhoads ♪  
 John Mark Russell  
 Bob Searcy  
 Bob Smith  
 Jim Splawn ★  
 James Taylor  
 Tim Vander Veer  
 Jeff Vaughn  
 Joe Zimmerman ★

♪ SANG ON 1<sup>ST</sup> TREE, 1984  
 ★ 25 YEAR TREE SINGER

**BASS**  
 Brett Ables  
 Mike Anders  
 George Barnes  
 Britt Blankenship  
 Greg Branham  
 Arthur Brown  
 Glenn Brown

### INSTRUMENTALISTS

**VIOLIN**  
 Jeff Dortch+  
 Laura Elrod+  
 Emily Hoppe  
 Veronika Johnson+  
 Noriko Mitchell+  
 Gretchen Perry+  
 Emily VanBuren  
 Caroline Wang  
 Viljar Weimann+

**VIOLA**  
 Charles Hogue+  
 Chris Lanier+

**CELLO**  
 Kristen Bethlenfalvay  
 Veneta Billmayer+  
 Gonca Huff+

**BASS**  
 Don Aulds  
 John Gordon  
 Steven Lewallen

**FLUTE**  
 Jana Clark  
 Leighanne Dauro  
 Amy Helser  
 Midori Inoue

**OBOE**  
 Eric Clark

**CLARINET**  
 Jim Bradas  
 Bianca Cox  
 David Hoppe  
 Nancy Hosenthien  
 Robert Williams

**BASS CLARINET**  
 Amy Brown  
 Richard Cox

**BASSOON**  
 Noah Hoppe-McQueen  
 Susan Keene

**SAXOPHONE**  
 Tom Bahder  
 Barbara Burhans  
 Chris Gattis  
 Dale Hutchens  
 Jim Rogers

**FRENCH HORN**  
 Alisa Dauro  
 Anne Reasons  
 Susan Williams  
 Suzy Young

**TRUMPET**  
 Joyce Ellett  
 Danny Hallman  
 Kevin Insley  
 Dale Proctor  
 E.C. Richardson  
 Werner Smock ★  
 Bruce Zeiger

**TROMBONE**  
 Ben Bragg  
 Ben Carrasquillo  
 Alan Jones  
 Johnny Kirk  
 Katherine Martin

**EUPHONIUM**  
 Susan Field  
 Emily Parker

**TUBA**  
 Ben Darby  
 Vince Dauro

**PERCUSSION**  
 Nan Kirk  
 Thomas Lewallen  
 Ken Smith  
 Richard Toomey

**HARP**  
 Kathryn Hoppe-McQueen

**PIANO/ORGAN**  
 Elizabeth Hostetter

**HANDBELLS**  
 Janet Creech  
 LeAnne Fowler  
 Jane Orton  
 Emily Parker  
 Laura Roberts  
 Jim Rogers  
 Angela Seanor

★ 25 YEAR PERFORMER  
 + GUEST INSTRUMENTALISTS

## **CELEBRATING WITH US.....**

*In recognition of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Living Christmas Tree, a number of special guests from performing arts organizations in our city are joining us in featured capacities. We are honored by their presence, inspired by their performances, and delighted to share their names and points of contact below:*

### **The Huntsville Brass Band**

*Thursday pre-Tree mini-concert and selected players assisting with the processional music*

*"The Only Traditional British-Style Brass Band in Alabama!"*

*Please visit [www.BrassBandofHuntsville.org](http://www.BrassBandofHuntsville.org)*

*You are invited to our Christmas Concert next Tuesday, Dec. 22, 7:30 pm at Huntsville High School*

### **Alabama Youth Ballet**

*Thursday and Saturday LCT performances will feature members of the AYBT senior company*

*Home to Alabama Youth Ballet Theatre and Alabama Youth Ballet School*

*Under the artistic direction of Keren Gibb Hilliard and David Herriott*

*Please visit [www.alabamayouthballet.org](http://www.alabamayouthballet.org)*

### **The Huntsville Community Chorus Chamber Chorale**

*Friday mini-concert as prelude to LCT and feature selection during presentation*

*HCCA's elite performing ensemble is drawn from members of the 175-voice Symphonic Chorus*

*Under the artistic direction of Billy Orton, with accompanists Julian Bryson and Mary Ann Bishop*

*Please visit [www.TheChorus.org](http://www.TheChorus.org)*

### **Jill's Studio of Dance**

*Friday and Sunday LCT performances will feature company and solo dancers*

*Giving students the best in dance education through our teaching, training, and love of the art*

*Jill Hasty McNew, owner and director*

*Please visit [www.jills.com](http://www.jills.com)*

### **HC3jr**

*Sunday afternoon performance ("A Tree for the Children," abbreviated for young children)*

*Huntsville Community Children's Chorus, Junior*

*Singers primarily in grades 3 through 5; no auditions; all children invited to participate*

*Please contact the director, Lea Hoppe, at [lhoppe@randolphschool.net](mailto:lhoppe@randolphschool.net)*

### **The Brotherhood Chorus from First Missionary Baptist Church, Blue Spring**

*Sunday evening mini-concert prior to final performance*

*This fine men's chorus is from our sister church on Blue Spring Road*

*Carlton Rice, Brotherhood director, and Rev. Janette Kotey, Minister of Music*

*Please contact First Missionary Baptist at [www.fmbc.org](http://www.fmbc.org)*

**Christmas Day**  
**The FBC Television Ministry**  
**will present videotaped portions of**  
**The Living Christmas Tree 2009**

**December 25, 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. on [WHNT-HD 19-2](http://WHNT-HD-19-2)**

**AND**

**December 25, 12 noon - 12:30 p.m on [WHNT 19](http://WHNT-19)**

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*Our gratitude is deep for the many persons who have given of themselves in time, talent, and energy. The LCT has been a church-wide project! The Ministry Team members listed below served as chairs of their sub-committees and represent just a portion of the many who have served so willingly in preparation for this presentation. Our prayer is that the message of Jesus Christ and His love be communicated in all aspects of the Living Christmas Tree 2009.*

### LCT MINISTRY TEAM

**Team  
Liaison/Coordinator**  
Dottie Richardson  
Kelley Gattis

**Construction**  
Paul Glover  
Gordon Perry

**Tickets**  
Ann Estill

**Decoration**  
Johnnie Barnes  
Holly Canup  
Lucy Glover  
Kristen Jobs

**Sanctuary Aesthetics**  
Glenn Brown

**Parking**  
Hunter Hoskins

**Publicity**  
Kelley Gattis

**Logistics**  
Kimberly Collette

**Ushers**  
Paul Glover  
Cliff Sisco

**Video**  
Lee Sims

**Audio**  
Jack Lucas  
★ 25 Years with LCT

**Lighting**  
Dru Murphree  
Steve Jones

### **THE MUSIC MINISTRY EXPRESSES SPECIAL GRATITUDE TO THE FOLLOWING:**

*Scott Goosby and the Custodial Staff...Syble Noblin and the Kitchen Staff...Angela Seanor and the Childcare Staff  
Nancy Morton, Janet Creech, Leighanne & Vince Dauro, Emily Parker and the team of Choir and  
Orchestra Librarians, Randall Belk, Dan Smythe - LCT Website Committee...  
Barbara Sizemore for anniversary ornament coordination...Susan McClung for food and T-shirt coordination...  
Colonial Graphics Group-Printing...Saint Photography...and HEMSI for providing emergency medical service*



### ***Congratulations on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Living Christmas Tree at First Baptist Church!***

As mayor, and on behalf of the citizens of Huntsville, I would like to congratulate First Baptist Church on your Silver Anniversary of The Living Christmas Tree. I am excited that Huntsville is home to this annual event. I know The Living Christmas Tree will be a joyous event filled with wonderful fellowship, beautiful music and inspire strengthened motivation and dedication to your vital roles in your families, congregations and communities.

I applaud Billy Orton, as well as the hundreds of performers for their efforts, and the hosts of persons who serve on the construction and decoration teams. A special thank you to Mr. Thomas Pryor who will always be remembered for making the most important contribution of his contagious spirit which has motivated the best work from crews, performers and all others who were involved in bringing The Living Christmas Tree to our community.

I also extend my appreciation to the Huntsville Brass Band, Huntsville Community Chorus Chamber Chorale, Alabama Youth Ballet, HC3jr, Jill's Studio of Dance and The Brotherhood Choir from First Missionary Baptist, Blue Spring for their involvement as well.

I wish each of you a meaningful and spiritual experience. I hope you take home many wonderful memories from this special occasion.

Again, thank you for all of your continuing efforts in such a worthwhile event that reflects our community spirit.

Sincerely,

Tommy Battle  
Mayor

The Star of Alabama

## Music Ministries to Note in 2010

Please let us know if you would like to receive email notification of these and other special FBC Music Ministry presentations.  
Contact us at [musicministries@fchsv.org](mailto:musicministries@fchsv.org)

### Sanctuary Choir Mid-Winter Retreat—

January 29-30 on-site at FBC

Preparation of Spring and Easter Repertoire, including some Bluegrass music

Come and sing with us!

### FBC Orchestra Concert—

Sunday afternoon, February 28 at 5:00 PM

Joined by the orchestra from Dawson Memorial Baptist Church of Birmingham

### Huntsville Chamber Music Guild & Greater Huntsville AGO Organ Competition—

March 13, noon

Followed by a masterclass with Paul Jacobs

### Music for Holy Week—

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Good Friday, April 2

Easter Sunday, April 4

### Alvy Powell, Bass—

Premiere soloist from the United States Army Chorus

Singing in 10:30 AM Worship at FBC on April 18

### Bluegrass and Stained Glass—

May 16 at 5:00 PM

Featuring Sanctuary Choir and Bluegrass Band

### Music for Children and Youth Choirs—

Young Musicians trip to Atlanta in February

Youth Choir ministry presentations Spring and Summer

Music and Missions Recognition Service on May 2

Summer Music Camp July 12-16

### FBC Hymn Festival

Sunday evening Fall 2010 (Sept. or Oct.)

Led by Al Travis (Organist, Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, TX)

### The 2010 Living Christmas Tree

Kickoff on the Wednesday after Labor Day

Presentations on December 16-19

### In Loving Memory of

**Borton Tranter**

November 11, 1932 ~ December 9, 2008

**Barry Vines**

February 21, 1940 ~ December 31, 2008

**Sheila Smock**

December 28, 1957 ~ August 16, 2009

#### MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF

**Billy Orton**, Minister of Music & Worship; **Elizabeth Hostetter**, Associate Minister of Music/Organist

**Amanda Allen**, Children's Music & Missions Minister; **Julie Litz**, Music Ministry Assistant

**Laura Roberts**, Music Ministry Assistant; **Lee Deutschendorf**, Ministry Intern

**Dottie Richardson**, LCT Assistant; **Kelley Gattis**, LCT Assistant