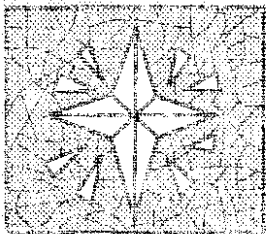


The Living Christmas Tree
1993
10th Anniversary
presents



the
Very Best
TIME OF YEAR

Thursday, December 9th • 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 10th • 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 11th • 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 12th • 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.



600 Governors Drive
Huntsville, Alabama

Greetings from the Pastor,

Welcome to the tenth annual presentation of the Living Christmas Tree by the members of First Baptist Church. This is a very special anniversary year, for the program this year features favorite selections from the previous performances.

This year's Living Christmas Tree, like each year before, is presented to you as a gift from this congregation in the spirit of the One who gave His Son to us all at Christmas. And because it was at Christmas God sent Jesus to reveal God's heart of redeeming love and point the way to eternal life, Christmas is The Very Best Time of Year.

Gloria in excelsis Deo,



Allen Walford

*We
are so
pleased
you are here
to join in this
very special Tenth
Anniversary presen-
tation of the Living
Christmas Tree, The Very
Best Time of Year. This year
some 13,000 people will experience
the beauty of the sites and sound of
Christmas as we celebrate the birth of
Jesus. Six programs will be presented from
the 39-foot tree by a chorus of 165 singers ac-
companied by members of the Huntsville Symphony
Orchestra. The fourteen-tier structure is comprised of
approximately 6,000 pounds of steel, wood and chicken
wire. It is decorated with over 7,500 pieces of greenery and
13,000 lights. The lights of the Tree are computer-programmed
and are choreographed to the music manually from a console located
in the balcony of the Sanctuary. We hope you enjoy this evening and the
Living Christmas Tree 1993. From our church family to yours, we wish you
all a very
joyous and
blessed
Christmas!*

Presented by
the
MUSIC MINISTRY
of
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Words of Welcome	Allen Walworth
<i>E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come</i>	Paul O. Manz
<i>A Thousand Candles</i>	arr. Joseph Linn
<i>A Christmas Festival</i>	Leroy Anderson
<i>And the Glory of the Lord from Messiah</i>	G. F. Handel
<i>Silent Night</i>	arr. John Rutter
<i>Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella</i>	arr. John Rutter
Debi Wooten, soloist	
<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i>	John Jacob Niles & Lewis Henry Morton
Jane Holloway, Soprano	
<i>Carol of the Bells</i>	arr. Peter J. Wilhousky
<i>Jingle Bells/Sleigh Ride</i>	arr. Ted Nichols
Vickie Dell & Darrell Eldridge, soloists	
<i>The Very Best Time of Year</i>	John Rutter
<i>Away In a Manger</i>	arr. Mack Wilberg
<i>Sweet Little Jesus Boy</i>	Robert MacGimsey
Gaines Gravlee, Jr. - Tom Guffin, Baritone	
<i>Candlelight Carol</i>	John Rutter
<i>Gesu Bambino</i>	Pietro A. Yon
Suzanne Hefner, Soprano	
<i>What Sweeter Music</i>	John Rutter
<i>O Holy Night</i>	arr. John Rutter
Debi Wooten, Soprano	
<i>That Night</i>	arr. Ron Huff
<i>Hallelujah from Messiah</i>	G. F. Handel

Preschool childcare is available for your child's enjoyment. Please bring your preschooler to the Childcare Registration Table before or during the performance, and caring preschool teachers will help you and your child enjoy this gift of worship from us to you.

Harry Wooten Jr., *director*, received his Master of Music degree in 1983 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. In 1978, he studied at the Vienna International Music Conservatory in Vienna, Austria. He was awarded his Bachelor of Science degree (major: Voice/Church Music) in 1980 from William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri. Mr. Wooten currently serves as Minister of Music for First Baptist Church in Huntsville, a position he has held since 1989. He also serves as a member of the Executive Council of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference and just completed a two year term as president of the Tennessee Valley Handbell Association. Harry is a frequent soloist and guest director for church and community events including preparations of the chorus for the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra's presentation of *MESSIAH* in 1991. He was director for the Friday evening session of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship meeting in May 1992.

Michael Dell, *accompanist*, received his Master's degree in Church Music at Southwestern Theological Seminary where he studied organ with Dr. Albert Travis. He did his undergraduate study with Paul Jenkins at Stetson University. Mr. Dell is Organist/Music Associate here at First Baptist Church and enjoys composing music for various occasions. An occasional writer of hymn texts, he is the author of a hymn included in the 1991 Baptist Hymnal. In the fall of 1991, Mr. Dell took a five-week study leave in New York City to study improvisation with the renowned organist, Dr. Gerre Hancock, of the St. Thomas Church.

Debi Wooten is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, with a degree in Music Education. Before coming to Huntsville, Debi was a preschool teacher at the Oak Hill School in Nashville, Tennessee, as well as a private voice instructor and studio singer. Currently she is the music teacher at the Academy of Science and Foreign Language, where she instructs the first through eighth grades in music education, choirs and interdisciplinary activities with the French, Russian and Japanese language classes.

Gaines Cravlee, Jr. is a project coordinator in digital communications with Avex Electronics. A native of Huntsville and graduate of Auburn University, Gaines literally grew up at First Baptist Church. He has been a featured soloist for numerous musical events at FBC and has served as interim Music Director. In addition to his extensive experience in sacred music, he is also the soloist with the Richard Cox Orchestra.

Suzanne Hefner is a graduate of the University of Alabama with a degree in public relations and a minor in music. Suzanne has been the "angel" at the top of the Living Christmas Tree for the last seven years. She has worked in management in the marketing department at the Space and Rocket Center and also in public relations at the former Humana Hospital. Suzanne is in constant demand as a soloist at community and church events and serves as the Children's Choirs Coordinator and music teacher for the Weekday Early Education program at FBC.

Tom Guffin is employed by NASA as a Mission Analysis Engineer. Tom has been a long time member of the Huntsville Community Chorus where he is a frequent soloist. He has appeared with the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra and on the Alterezza and Gazebo Concert series, and at area churches and FBC for major works. One of his favorite hobbies is studying languages, and he speaks parts of about twelve. In these presentations, however, he sings to us in our native tongue.

Jane Holloway, guest soloist, is a native of Huntsville and a former Miss Alabama. Mrs. Holloway is a graduate of Jacksonville State University, and holds a Masters of Music degree from the University of Louisville. Jane is a Metropolitan Opera Vocal Competition winner. She is currently associate professor of music at Jacksonville State University and director of the Show Choir.

LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE CHOIR

SOPRANO

Karen Anderson
Carol Bagwell
Ellen Bailes
Johnnie Barnes
Lisa Belk
Martha Boothe
B. J. Boyanton
Nancy Campbell
Janet Cashion
Linda Causey
Kathy Christy
Kimberly Collette
Janet Crawford
Polly Crawford
Mary Dohrman
Mary Louise Donahoo
Christy Eldridge
Elisa Fairless
Betty Fine
Becky Foshee
Lisa Godwin
Barbara Grass
Marilyn Guffin
JoAnn Hadaway
Karen Hancock
Suzanne Hefner
Cathy Hightower
Nai Holland
Lea Hoppe
Linda Horn
Rhonda Ivey
Ann Jones
Frances Jones
Martha Jones
Cale-Deane Labram
Libby Laitinen
Elaine Leffel
Sue Mahmoud
Diona Marcus
Teresa Martin
Susan McClung
Sara McDaris
Sue McElyea
Teresa Moncrief
Jennifer Morton
Nancy Morton
Mickey Murphy
Betty Patterson
Lennie Pelton
Cathy Reas
Charlotte Rhoads
Dottie Richardson
Teresa Sanders
Trisha Sheffield
Laura Shelton
Deborah Smith
Gwen Smock

Anne Stone

Melanie Stone
Donna Thornton
Ann Vines
Jean Walker
Kathy Walworth
Joan Warren
Lisa J. Wilson
Debi Wooten

ALTO
Sylvia Bailey
Terri Brown
Harriet Coelho
Doris Cox
Faye Davis
Rebecca Dean
Vickie Dell
Lisa Dove
Kelli Ellison
LeAnne Fowler
Tracy Geurkink
LuAnne Handy
Karen Hangartner
Beth Harris
Lettie Harrison
Terri Hollis
Libby Kemp
Beath Kytile
Carolyn Loshuertos
Katherine Manush
Sally Martin
Mary McCool
Amy McKenzie
Julie Merchant
Clara Miles
Linda Mills
Joy Moore
Nancy Moore
Dana Mucci
Billie Perkins
Becky Pickle
Bonnie Pimm
Julie Preston
Linda Quinn
Jan Ray
Mary Reeder
Juanita Roberts
Edith Schmitt
Theresa Scholz
Angela Seanor
Ann Smith
Betty Thurstone
Fran Wilson
Lisa Wilson
Karen Wojcik
Prissy Yell
Joyce Zackie

TENOR

Timothy Baker
Rob Blevins
Wiley Davis
Daniel Dean
Sonny Dixon
Darrell Eldridge
Greg Ellison
Steve Foshee
Joey Jesup
Jim Love
Bob Martin
Rick Melton
Scott Mills
Rickie Moon
David Morgan
Ed Perkins
Gerald Roberts
Jim Sanders
Warren Schmitt
Leon Stallcup
Bill Stone
Len Worlund

BASS

Tim Anderson
George Barnes
Randall Belk
Clay Branum
Glenn Brown
David Buie
Wilton Causey
Delbert Cox
Roger Gratwick
Gaines Gravlee Jr.
Tom Guffin
Bill Hadaway
Roy Henderson
Frank Hilleke
Brian Leffel
Stan Manush
John Martin
Ron McClung
Dave McKenzie
Michael Moore
Mark Mucci
Dru Murphree
John Noblin
Russell Pimm
Bill Renfroe
Lee Rhoads
Bob Smith
Kenneth Smith
Jim Splawn
Joe Zimmerman

ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN

Jeff Dortch
Dylan Black
Marilyn Verdier
Joyce Green
Gretchen Perry
Laura Elrod
Pat Cassity

VIOLA

Rono Prince

CELLO

Susan Goldmann
Desiree Juricic

BASS

Tom Gale
Brent Hightower

FLUTE

Bob Gifford
Marlene Brown

OBOE

Lisa Schneider

CLARINET

Newell Hutchinson
Bianca Cox

BASSOON

Susan Keene

TRUMPET

Werner Smock
Tony Goodlow

TROMBONE

Dan Hutson
Alan Jones

HORN

Susan Stewart
Dorrie Nutt

TUBA

Ben Darby

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Terry Cornett
Joe Cochran



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