

The  
**Living Christmas Tree**  
December 11 – 14, 2003



The  
**Glory**  
of  
**Hope**

*Where shepherds lately knelt, and kept the angel's word,  
I come in half belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;  
But there is room and welcome there for me...*

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**Welcome...**

We are delighted that you are present for this year's Living Christmas Tree! The Music Ministry of First Baptist Church extends to you the warmest of greetings in Christ's name. Our church offers this presentation as a gift to Huntsville and beyond. Our prayer is that the central message of Jesus Christ and the Hope found in Him be clearly communicated.

Already we are looking ahead to next year's LCT! The 2004 presentations will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FBC's Living Christmas Tree. You are invited not only to attend, but also help us shape next year's very special celebration. Share your LCT memories and ideas with us!

May your season be filled with meaningful worship and abiding Hope.

**Merry Christmas!**

Billy Orton

Minister of Music and Worship

## A NIGHT OF HOPE

*Carols of the Season* (INSTRUMENTALISTS IN GATHERING AREA)

*Troika* .....Prokofiev/Arr. Curnow  
ORCHESTRA

*Chorale Fantasy on IN DULCI JUBILO*.....Bach  
DAN LAWHON, ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF MUSIC/ORGANIST

*In the Bleak Mid-Winter*.....Holst/Arr. Smith  
ORCHESTRA

Words of Welcome – David Hull, Pastor

*Personent Hodie*..... Arr. Bass  
CHOIR FROM THE AISLES

Let youthful voices resound today,  
sweetly praising the most high God's gift,  
born to us of a virgin's womb.

Three wise men came seeking the young child,  
and went to Bethlehem, following the star.

They worshipped him, offering  
gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Let all clerks and boys sing like the angels  
that thou art come to earth,  
pouring forth praises to thee:  
therefore sing "Glory to God in the highest".

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

**O come, all ye faithful joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him,  
born the King of Angels!  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
born this happy morning  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!**

Prayer - Billy Orton

*A Christmas Festival* ..... Anderson

*Deck the Halls* ..... arr. Bass

## SCENE

*Gloria In Excelsis Deo* (FROM GLORIA) ..... Vivaldi

*A La Nanita Nana* (FROM CAROLS AND LULLABIES) ..... Arr. Susa

*Masters In This Hall* ..... Arr. Wilberg

## SCENE

*Ding, Dong! Merrily On High* ..... Arr. Willcocks

*En Belén Toca a Fuego* (FROM CAROLS AND LULLABIES) ..... Arr. Susa  
SOLOIST: KAREN ANDERSON/TOM GUFFIN

*Angels We Have Heard on High* ..... Congregational Carol # 100

**Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains:  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

## SCENE

*I Wonder as I Wander* ..... Arr. Hamilton

*Glory to God* (FROM MESSIAH) ..... Handel  
SOLOIST ON RECITATIVES: SUZANNE HEFNER/LEA HOPPE

*Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* ..... Arr. Rutter  
SOLOIST: JOE HOLLEY/DOUG BOOTH

*Where Shepherds Lately Knelt* ..... Courtney

## SCENE

*The First Nowell* ..... Arr. Wilberg

PASTOR'S MEDITATION - David Hull

*Away in a Manger/O Come to My Heart* ..... Arr. Sterling

*Hallelujah* (FROM MESSIAH) ..... Handel

Organ Postlude ..... Dupré

*Variations Sur un Noël*  
*X. Variation – Fugato/Presto*

## **THANK YOU, MR. PRYOR**

for the project and devoted without reservation his substantial talents as a careful and practical engineer. From the supervision of the design of a safe structure to fit the FBC choir loft, to electrical engineering, to systems engineering, to the many assemblies and disassemblies, to the placement of singers on the tree year after year, and to the design of traffic flow on and off the tree, the hand of Mr. Pryor was always evident. Each person who has sung on the tree has been measured by him and fitted to an individual platform that allowed that person to appear to be the same height as everyone else. Recognizing the Chief Engineer's meticulous attention to details, each person could mount the tree without concern for safety.

As the giant star at the top of the tree sheds its light all around, it models how Tom Pryor has cast his influence into every crevice of the LCT production. However, the most important contribution is likely his contagious spirit that has motivated the best from work crews as well as performers. Often in pain in these most recent years, he has continued to drive himself in what he saw as an opportunity to participate in an important ministry. He has shared time, talents and energy from a glad heart.

Every year since 1984 when the first notes sprang from the Living Christmas Tree in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, thousands of people have been blessed by its message. Appropriately, attention has been focused on the directors, the soloists and all the musicians. Yet, the team that produces the LCT is much larger. From the beginning, the focus among those unsung team members has been the Chief Engineer, Thomas S. Pryor, a quiet and unassuming man without whose extraordinary talents, dedication, patience and persistence the many productions could not have happened. A man who neither sings nor plays an instrument has earned the admiration of FBC musicians as Mr. Living Christmas Tree.

When the concept of LCT was first discussed in FBC in the early eighties, there was significant resistance and Thomas S. Pryor was among the reluctant. Yet, after he had seen a production in another city, he became an enthusiastic supporter and was instrumental in gaining approval for the concept in his church. He immediately became a prime mover

In recognition of his inspirational service through nearly 20 years of LCT performances, let this mission of Mr. Pryor, today and for as long into the future as this valuable ministry continues to thrill great audiences and point them to the meaning of the Christmas season, be proclaimed as an example of selfless service of the highest order. It is to Thomas S. Pryor, an uncommon man, that this year's Living Christmas Tree is dedicated in loving appreciation. What a legacy!

William R. Lucas  
Chairman of Deacons  
First Baptist Church

# THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE MUSICIANS

## CHORUS

### **Soprano I**

Karen Anderson  
Betty Barnett  
Beth Bice  
Bertie Bramm  
Dot Broad  
Jane Broome  
Nancy Campbell  
Janet Cashion  
Linda Causey  
Ann Clinton  
Rita Cobbs  
Janet Crawford  
Linda Davis  
Linda Durrett  
Tanya Dutton  
Rosalynn Fairless  
Kelley Gattis  
Suzanne Hefner  
Lea Hoppe  
Sheila Irby  
Maxine Johnson  
Frances Jones  
Kathy Lane  
Linda Lucas  
Ann Lee  
Teresa Martin  
Sue McElyea  
Betty Moore  
Mickey Murphy  
Alicia Pettis  
Paula Proctor  
Anne Stone

Donna Thornton  
Ann Vines  
Maxie Wells  
Marilyn West  
Janice Whipple  
Jennifer Woodrow  
Kennie Worlund

### **Soprano II**

Ellen Bailes  
Johnnie Barnes  
Susan Boothe  
Jacqualyn Burton  
Kimberly Collette  
Polly Crawford  
Charlotte Davis  
Mary Dohrman  
Elisa Fairless  
Betty Fine  
Jo Ann Hadaway  
Ann Jones  
Jennifer Jones  
Laura Jones  
Betty Patterson  
Dottie Richardson  
Lisa J. Wilson

### **Alto**

Elaine Alspach  
Patty Atherton  
Sylvia Bailey  
Carol Belk  
B. J. Boyanton  
Gloria Branch  
Carol Brigance  
Anita Burttram  
Rachel Cato  
Susan Cloud  
Janet Creech  
Sherron Culpepper  
Mary Jo Deaver  
Tara DuBose-Schmitt  
Bonnie Edmondson  
Kelli Ellison  
Colleen Falwell  
LeAnne Fowler  
Sarah Funke  
Beth Harris  
Joan Hazel  
Emily Hoppe  
Jennifer Matthews  
Megan McKenzie  
Clara Miles  
Joy Moore  
Nancy Morton  
Betty Myers  
Marti Norton  
Jane Orton  
Stephanie Payne  
Billie Perkins

Pat Perry  
Rebecca Pickle  
Mary Reeder  
Jennifer Rice  
Jewel Rushing  
Cindy Russell  
Angela Seanor  
Phyllis Stebbins  
Marian Talley  
Betty Thurstone  
Louise Walker  
Serena Walker  
Fran Wilson  
Karen Wojcik  
Joyce Zackie

Bill Stone  
Donnie Traynham  
Len Worlund

### **Bass**

George Barnes  
Randall Belk  
Britt Blankenship  
Glenn Brown  
David Buie  
Wilton Causey  
Gary Chambers  
Dean Estill  
Andrew Fairless  
Gaines Gravlee, Jr.  
Tom Guffin  
Bill Hadaway  
Rodger Keene  
Ron Martin  
Dave McKenzie  
Dru Murphree  
Darren Myers  
Gary Reas  
Bill Renfroe  
Lee Rhoads  
Bob Saint  
Jim Splawn  
Stephen Thornton  
Jeff Vaughn  
Barry Vines  
Joe Zimmerman

### **Tenor**

Roy Adams  
Earl Alspach  
Doug Booth  
Greg Ellison  
Joe Holley  
John Humphrey  
Mike Kirk  
Jim Love  
Bob Martin  
Wayne Owen  
Ed Perkins  
Jeremy Rice  
Gerald Roberts  
Warren Schmitt  
Leon Stallcup  
Frank Stebbins

## ORCHESTRA

### **Violin**

+ Leona Cotruvo  
+ Laura Elrod  
+ Joyce Green  
+ Christie McCleary  
+ Emanuel Nedelcu  
+ Robin Pettey  
+ Rachel Wakefield  
+ Mary Anne Zoeller

### **Viola**

+ Dolores Peck  
+ Rodena Tharpe

### **Cello**

+ Veneta Billmeyer  
+ Marilyn Rue

### **Bass**

John Gordon  
Don Aulds

### **Flute**

Jana Clark  
\*Leighanne Dauro  
Emily DePlachett  
Amy Helser  
Susan Hixson  
Nan Kirk

### **Oboe**

Emily Hoppe  
+ Gary Parks

### **Clarinet**

Bianca Cox  
Ellen Field  
\*David Hoppe  
Kristen Hubbard  
Amelia Lane  
Amanda Loy  
Robert Williams

### **Bassoon**

Susan Keene

### **Bass Clarinet**

Rusty Clark  
Richard Cox

### **Saxophone**

Chris Bales  
David Field  
Dale Hutchens

### **French Horn**

Alisa Dauro  
Robert Jones  
Susan Williams  
\*Suzy Young

### **Trumpet**

Joyce Ellett  
Adam Dauro  
Danny Hallman

### **Holly Kennedy**

Karen Kirk  
Dale Proctor  
E. C. Richardson  
\*Werner Smock  
+ David Spencer

### **Trombone**

Ben Bragg  
+ Danny Hutson  
\*Alan Jones  
Matthew Parker  
Bob Reas  
Paul Zubrod

### **Euphonium**

Susan Field  
Emily Parker

### **Tuba**

Ben Darby  
Vince Dauro

### **Percussion**

Dana Lewis  
\*Ken Smith  
James Smock  
+ Debbie Hutson

### **Harp**

Kathryn Hoppe

### **Guitar**

Bob Youmans

### **Piano**

Lisa Felder

### **Piano/Organ**

Dan Lawhon

+ Guest Musician

\*Section Leader

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Our gratitude is deep for the many persons who have given of themselves in time, talent, and energy. 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 hope be communicated in all aspects of the Living Christmas Tree 2003.

### **LCT Ministry Team 2003**

**Team Liaison/  
Coordinator**  
Dottie Richardson

**Design/Engineering**  
Tom Pryor

**Construction**  
Gordon Perry

**Decoration**  
Johnnie Barnes  
Elaine Leffel

**Sanctuary Aesthetics**  
Glenn Brown

**Tickets**  
Ann Estill

**Audio**  
Jack Lucas

**Lighting**  
Steve Jones

**Video**  
Lee Sims

**Banners**  
Brenda Bounds  
Kay Bugg  
Susan Keene  
Janis Warman

**Parking**  
Barry Vines

**Hospitality**  
Syble Noblin

**Ushers**  
Rick Hempstead  
David Hinkle  
Bob Warren

**Orchestra**  
Leighanne Dauro

**Choir**  
Kennie Worlund

### **DRAMA**

Tonight's dramatic vignettes, "Night of Hope", were written and directed by **Harold Stephens**. Drama participants include David Hull, Andrew Hull, Bill Hinson, Joseph W. Hicks, Jerry Miller, Jack Miller, Mike Pearce, Harold Stephens, Joseph P. Hicks, Jane Smith, Jeff Smith, Andrew Bailey and Matthew Russell.

### **TECHNICAL CREW**

**Lighting**  
Steve Jones, Director  
Dan Belk  
Bryce Brubaker  
Jimmy Lott  
Mike Mann

**Audio**  
Jack Lucas, Director  
Brian Godsy  
Shelia Smock

**Video**  
Lee Sims, Director  
Deborah Cox  
Logan Cox  
Bob Quick  
Richard White

### **FBC MINISTERIAL STAFF**

**Ed Culpepper**  
Administrative Pastor for Faith  
Development

**David Hull**  
Pastor

**Ralph Langley**  
Pastor Emeritus

**Dan Lawhon**  
Associate Music/Organist

**Pam McDaniel**  
Young & Median Adults

**Joy Moore**  
Preschool

**Billy Orton**  
Music & Worship

**Mike Pearce**  
Missions & Outreach

**Cindy Russell**  
Children

**Mark Seanor**  
Senior Adults

**Mike Taylor**  
Students

Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2003  
5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Candlelight Worship Services  
The Lord's Supper will be served at 11:00 p.m.

***FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EXPRESSES SPECIAL GRATITUDE TO THE FOLLOWING:***

Debbie Bell and the Custodial Staff of FBC  
Angela Seanor and the Childcare Staff  
Nancy Morton, Janet Creech, Leighanne Dauro and the team of Choir and Orchestra Librarians  
American Speedy Printing (Jeff Powell, President)  
HEMSI for providing emergency medical service for each performance

***THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TELEVISION MINISTRY  
WILL PRESENT VIDEOTAPED PORTIONS OF  
THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE 2003  
ON DECEMBER 25, AT 6:30 P.M.  
ON WHNT TV-19.***

***MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF***

Billy Orton, *Minister of Music and Worship*  
Dan Lawhon, *Associate Minister of Music/Organist*  
Susan Keene, *Interim Music and Missions Coordinator*  
Mona Isom, *Music Ministry Assistant*  
Bonnie Hardison, *Music Ministry Assistant*  
Dottie Richardson, *LCT Assistant*

***IN MEMORIUM***

***THE CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA  
PRESENT THE  
2003  
LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
SUE MAHMOUD***