



*20th Anniversary*

*First Baptist Church  
Huntsville, Alabama*

December 16 – 19, 2004

First Baptist Church  
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**Welcome...**

We are delighted that you are present for this year's Living Christmas Tree! The Music Ministry and entire congregation of First Baptist Church extend to you the warmest of greetings in Christ's name. Our church offers this presentation as a gift to Huntsville and beyond.

This year's presentation marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FBC's Living Christmas Tree. Included in the repertoire to be performed are the "top ten" favorites from the past nineteen years, as selected by last year's choir & orchestra. We are also adding some new selections for the first time this year!

These are days of war and strife in many places around our world. The message of Christmas – indeed, the message of the Living Christmas Tree – is that the Prince of Peace has come in the person of Jesus. May the music and the lights bring comfort to you and yours as Christ's presence fills our lives.

**Merry Christmas!**  
Billy Orton  
Minister of Music and Worship

**THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE 2004**

Thursday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 18 at 4:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 19 at \*3:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

\*indicates an abbreviated Tree presentation for young children (and their families)

**Carols of the Season** (Instrumentalists in gathering area)

**Words of Welcome - David Hull, Pastor**

**God So Loved the World**.....Stainer/arr. Harlan

(2001)  
Choir from the aisles

**Joy to the World** .....Congregational Carol 87

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.*

**Christians, Be Joyful** (from *Christmas Oratorio*) ..... Bach

*Christians, be joyful, and praise your salvation,  
Sing for today your Redeemer is born;  
Cease to be fearful, forget lamentation,  
Haste with thanksgiving to greet this glad morn!*

**What Sweeter Music** ..... Rutter  
(1992, 1993, 1996)

*What sweeter music can we bring  
Than a carol, for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King*

**That Night** ..... Arr. Huff  
(1985, 1987, 1993, 1996)

**Scripture reading**

**There Shall A Star from Jacob** ..... Mendelssohn  
(1991, 1998, 1999)

**This Christmastide** ..... Fraser  
(1995, 1997, 2000)

**Scripture reading**

**God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen** ..... Arr. Marsh

**Silent Night, Holy Night** ..... Arr. Marsh

**The First Nowell** ..... Arr. Wilberg  
(2003)

**O Little Town of Bethlehem** ..... Congregational Carol 86

*O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dream-less sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light:  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.*

**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!*

*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!*

**Away in a Manger/Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne**.....Arr. Sterling  
(1997, 2003)

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**.....Arr. Wilberg

**Candlelight Carol**..... Rutter  
(1987, 1988, 1993, 1996, 2002)

*Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger:  
Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay.  
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation:  
A child with his mother that first Christmas Day.  
Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star glow  
Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.*

**Scripture reading**

**A Thousand Candles**.....Arr. Linn  
(1984, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1991, 1993, 1996, 2002)

**I Have Seen the Light**.....Arr. Sterling  
(1994, 2002)

*Tenor Soloists: Earl Alspach, Darrell Eldridge, Greg Ellison, James Kendrick, Jeremy Rice, Matthew Russell, Jeffrey Sheehy  
(Soloists will alternate in various combinations)*

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

*Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord,  
and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.  
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!*

**Organ Postlude**..... Widor  
Toccata from Symphony No. 5

# **LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE MUSICIANS**

## **CHORUS**

<b>Soprano I</b> Karen Anderson Betty Barnett Beth Bice Bertie Bramm Jane Broome Nancy Campbell Becky Caneer Janet Cashion Linda Causey Ann Clinton Rita Cobbs Janet Crawford Linda Davis Mary Louise Donahoo Linda Durrett Christy Eldridge Kelley Gattis Solveig Harren Suzanne Hefner Margaret Hendrick Lea Hoppe Frances Jones Kathy Lane Ann Lee Carolyn Loshuertos Linda Lucas Teresa Martin Sue McElyea Mickey Murphy Alicia Pettis Paula Proctor John Mark Russell	Barbara Sizemore Anne Stone Donna Thornton Alice Tranter Ann Vines Rachel Wakefield Marilyn Wells Maxie Wells Janice Whipple Jennifer Woodrow Betsy Woods Kennie Worlund  <b>Soprano II</b> Cindy Aulds Ellen Bailes Johnnie Barnes Susan Boothe Dot Broad Jacquelyn Burton Robyn Carrasquillo Kimberly Collette Lisa Church Polly Crawford Charlotte Davis Mary Dohrman Elisa Fairless Betty Fine Becky Foshee Ann Jones Jennifer Jones Laura Jones Laura Kendrick	Mary Ann Moon Betty Patterson Dottie Richardson Clara Seals Becky Tillery  <b>Alto</b> Elaine Alspach Missy Aulds Carol Belk B. J. Boyanton Gloria Branch Carol Brigance Anita Burttram Rachel Cato Susan Cloud Janet Creech Patricia Culpepper Sherron Culpepper Faye Davis Tara DuBose-Schmitt Beverly Easlic Martha Edfeldt Bonnie Edmondson Kelli Ellison LeAnne Fowler Julie Franklin Sarah Funke Beth Harris Barby Holman Nan Kirk Jennifer Matthews Megan McKenzie	Clara Miles Joy Moore Nancy Morton Betty Myers Nanette O'Dell Jane Orton Stephanie Payne Billie Perkins Pat Perry Rebecca Pickle Mary Reeder Jennifer Rice Jewel Rushing Beth Russell Cindy Russell Angela Seanor Ann Smith Jane Smith Phyllis Stebbins Marian Talley Betty Thurstone Louise Walker Serena Walker Heather Williams Fran Wilson Lisa Wilson Karen Wojcik Joyce Zackie  <b>Tenor</b> David Allen Earl Alspach Wiley Davis	Darrell Eldridge Greg Ellison Joe Holley John Humphrey James Kendrick Mike Kirk Pat Lewallen Jim Love Bob Martin Rickie Moon David Morgan Wayne Owen Ed Perkins Jeremy Rice Gerald Roberts Matthew Russell Warren Schmitt Jeffrey Sheehy David Sizemore Leon Stallcup Frank Stebbins Bill Stone Randy Taylor Les Tillery Donnie Traynham Len Worlund  <b>Bass</b> George Barnes Glenn Brown David Buie Wilton Causey Gary Chambers	David Cook Tom Cunningham Ben Darby Jerry Davis Ralph Edfeldt Dean Estill Andrew Fairless Gaines Gravlee, Jr. Tom Guffin Bill Hadaway Bill Haley Roy Henderson David Hull Rodger Keene Ron Martin Dave McKenzie Dru Murphree Darren Myers Patrick Newman Dennis O'Dell Gary Reas Bill Renfroe Lee Rhoads Mark Russell Bob Saint Bob Smith Jim Splawn Borton Tranter Jeff Vaughn Barry Vines Joe Zimmerman
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## **ORCHESTRA**

<b>Violin</b> +Lee Cotruvo +Jeff Dortch +Laura Elrod +Joyce Green Emily Hoppe +Christie McCleary +Emanuel Nedelcu +Gretchen Perry +Robin Pettey +Viljar Weimann	<b>Bass</b> Don Aulds John Gordon  <b>Flute</b> Jana Clark *Leighanne Dauro Emily DePlachett Amy Helser  <b>Oboe</b> +Gary Parks	<b>Bass Clarinet</b> Rusty Clark  <b>Bassoon</b> Susan Keene Noah McQueen  <b>Alto Saxophone</b> Briana Carrasquillo Dale Hutchens Mike Kirk  <b>Tenor Saxophone</b> Alan Millington  <b>French Horn</b> Alisa Dauro Robert Jones Susan Williams *Suzy Young	<b>Trumpet</b> Adam Dauro Shawn George Holly Kennedy Dale Proctor E. C. Richardson +Carolyn Sanders *Werner Smock  <b>Trombone</b> Ben Bragg *Alan Jones Johnny Kirk Matthew Parker Paul Zubrod  <b>Euphonium</b> Emily Parker	<b>Tuba</b> Vince Dauro  <b>Percussion</b> Dana Lewis Zack Melton *Ken Smith James Smock Tim Thomas  <b>Harp</b> Kathryn Hoppe  <b>Piano</b> Lisa Belk  <b>Piano/Organ</b> Dan Lawhon  +Guest Musician *Section Leader
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## **GUEST ARTIST**

We joyfully welcome Shannon Marie Smith to this year's LCT presentations! Shannon is providing interpretive movement for selected musical portions of the Tree. A native of Huntsville & a member of First Baptist, Shannon holds a BA in dance from Belhaven College in Jackson, MS. She currently lives in New York City where she has been involved with Project Dance, New York for 2 years, & where she debuted professionally this past fall in the musical "Job & the Snake." Future plans include participation in a dance ministry in Sydney, Australia in January. Welcome Home Shannon!

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Our gratitude is deep for the many persons who have given of themselves in time, talent, and energy. The LCT has been a churchwide 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 peace be communicated in all aspects of the Living Christmas Tree 2004.

### LCT Ministry Team 2004

**Team Liaison/Coordinator**

Dottie Richardson

**Construction**

Gordon Perry

**Decoration**

Johnnie Barnes  
Holly Canup  
Ann Ruble

**Sanctuary Aesthetics**

Glenn Brown

**Tickets**

Ann Estill

**Audio**

Jack Lucas

**Lighting**

Steve Jones

**Video**

Lee Sims

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Lee Sims

**Parking**

Barry Vines

**Publicity**

Kelley Gattis  
Bob Saint

**Logistics**

Kimberly Collette

**Ushers**

Rick Hempstead  
David Hinkle  
Bob Warren

**Orchestra**

Leighanne Dauro,  
Liaison

**Choir**

Pat Lewallen, Liaison

### 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  
Mark Braun  
Bob Quick  
Mark Rogers  
Richard White

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

Debbie Bell and the Custodial Staff  
Syble Noblin and the Kitchen Staff  
Angela Seanor and the Childcare Staff  
Nancy Morton, Janet Creech, Leighanne Dauro &  
the team of Choir and Orchestra Librarians  
Randall Belk - LCT Website Coordinator  
American Speedy Printing (Jeff Powell, President)  
HEMSI for providing emergency medical service for each performance

## IN MEMORIAM



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Thomas Sanford Pryor**

SEPTEMBER 27, 1914 – AUGUST 11, 2004

**Mr. Pryor was the Chief Design Engineer for the Living Christmas Tree & served the LCT Ministry for over nineteen years. We miss him & thank God for his vision, expertise & hard work.**

## CHRISTMAS EVE

**December 24, 2004**

**5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.**

Candlelight Worship Services

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



## CHRISTMAS DAY

**The First Baptist Church Television Ministry will present videotaped portions of The Living Christmas Tree 2004 December 25, at 8:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. on WHNT TV-19.**

### MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF

Billy Orton, *Minister of Music & Worship*  
Dan Lawhon, *Associate Minister of Music/Organist*  
Jane Hull, *Children's Music & Missions Minister*  
Mona Isom, *Music Ministry Assistant*  
Bonnie Hardison, *Music Ministry Assistant*  
Dottie Richardson, *LCT Assistant*