



Old Faithful

This Week

Anthem:

Lord's Prayer (Get Music at Rehearsal)

Devotions:

**September 16, Jim Stull
September 23, Harriet Clark**

Other:

**Please see attachment:
Pinnacle Chancel Choir
2009 - 2010 Season Dates**



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Come! Join! Sing!

**Rehearsals: Wednesday Evenings,
7:20 PM in the Sanctuary.**

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From the Music Stand...

This past summer I had lunch with one of the members of the Chancel Choir. During the course of our conversation, he asked a question I hear so rarely it caught me off guard.

He said, "I love being in the Choir, and I want to be the best Choir Member I can be. What can I do to be better?" He had picked up a few hints through my weekly comments that let him know we held a fairly significant standard and expected a strong commitment to the Chancel Choir. It was his quest to find out how that was more specifically defined.

It was difficult to answer on the "spur of the moment" but I tried my best. When I got home I decided I should probably jot some notes and use it in one of the Choir newsletters.

So here's Brent's Top Ten Characteristics of a Great Choir Member. Not all of us "bat a thousand" on every point, but nonetheless these characteristics should become goals for each Choir Member.

1. **A Great Choir Member loves the Lord and loves to sing.** These are the two basic requirements to sing in our Choir. There is simply a joy about the Choir Member who possesses these two passions. They have fallen in love with the One Who has placed the song in their heart.
2. **A Great Choir Member is faithful.** It's no secret: we can't build a music ministry on people who aren't there! Many people with the best of intentions just can't make it to Choir Rehearsal, but I remind them that "people vote with their feet." You make it clear where your commitment is by where your feet take you – Choir Rehearsal!
3. **A Great Choir Member is prompt.** Ouch! The old adage rings true: "Early is on time; on time is late"!
4. **A Great Choir Member gets along well with others.** You may not like the personality of the one sitting next to you, but you can find a way to graciously accept those who you believe are challenging as chances are they may well think the same of you! The Great Choir Member knows how to get beyond themselves and reach out to others.
5. **A Great Choir Member cooperates well with group efforts.** Not everyone understands all the necessary dynamics of being part of a group. It therefore becomes the responsibility of the Leader to explain. Being part of a group often requires laying down individual ideas and agendas...for the sake of the group at large. Some people can do this

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easily, others can't. But Great Choir Members recognize the importance of cooperating with group efforts, whether it's fund-raisers or special events, with minimal-to-nil mumbling!

6. A Great Choir Member is committed to learning the music. Excellence is valued. Great Choir Members want to get it right; they want the musical presentation to be the best it can possibly be; they go the extra mile.

7. A Great Choir Member is committed to prayer. Devotional living should be a personal priority and evidenced by the fruit in their lives.

8. A Great Choir Member is expressive and effective in communicating. No longer is it good enough to just stand and sing. This is the day of powerful communication! For the audience to fully grasp the impact of your presentation, you need Great Choir Members who will pour their heart into effectively communicating lyrics with sincerity. Just think about the lyric and sing like you mean it because...you do!

9. A Great Choir Member is diligent in the rehearsal process. They are teachable and can focus. The hardest part of any Director's job is not teaching or conducting the music; it's getting and maintaining the attention and focus of the Choir Members! And sometimes that is easier than at others! When it's explained how certain actions can totally break the focus of rehearsal, Choir Members can develop a greater sensitivity as to when that behavior is acceptable and when it's not. Occasionally we all need a break in the atmosphere, but when it's time to 'knuckle down' and get the job done, you need Choir Members who are ready to focus with the Director, your fellow Choir Members, and get down to work!

10. A Great Choir Member is accountable. I know of no organization of quality that does not demand an appropriate measure of accountability. In this day of voice mail and e-mail, it's easy to let leadership know if you will be absent from a Rehearsal or Service. The ultimate point is: Never leave leadership questioning your level of commitment. To me, that is the full responsibility of the Choir Member. We all have situations and circumstances that take us away from time to time, but there's no excuse for not letting leadership know why you are not at your "post of duty". The Leader is counting on you – as are your fellow Choir Members!

So there you have it...Brent's Top Ten List of Characteristics that define a Great Choir Member!

Brent

'CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS'...

IT'S THE BEGINNING OF CHOIR SEASON...

TIME YOUR CHOIR ROBE WAS LAUNDERED!

ADD A COUPLE SAFETY PINS TO SEAMS
TO END STATIC CLING...

IF NEEDED, SCHEDULE A 'REPAIR' SESSION
WITH PAULA THOMS, PPC ROBE ENGINEER.

Prayers Concerns...

Prayer Concerns need to be submitted to be listed.

Dear Lord, we ask you hold these Chancel Choir Friends in your loving arms:

For all who need our prayers yet keep these concerns private.

Prayers of concern and support for those who are suffering with employment and added financial burden's in today's weakened economy.

Prayers of support and determination as the PPC Chancel Choir returns to its 2009-2010 Choral Season and we all try to be '*Great Choir Members*'



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NEW FACES IN THE LOFT...

Please welcome Sean and Mary Hale!

Sean is the PPC Chancel Choir Baritone Section Lead. His wife Mary will also join us in singing praises!



***...ALSO WELCOME VIRGINIA BELT...
AND PPC'S NEW SENIOR PASTOR...
WES AVRAM! COME ON BACK NOW!***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

KEN BROUSSEAU	9-04
JUDY DUROCHER	9-06
SUE LARSON	9-12
BRUCE PORTER	9-17
MARLENE CRANE	9-21
CARROL SYVEDEEN	9-23
MARILYN SORENSON	9-24
LINDA VAUGHAN	
9-26	



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...

TANYA AND JOHN ROSENFELD	9-03
DIANE AND ALAN OESTE	9-19
DAWN AND GEORGE SHEAFFER	9-19



Devotions Designee on Deck

Wednesday, September 16	Jim Stull
Wednesday, September 23	Harriet Clark
Wednesday, September 30	Brandon Willett
Wednesday, October 7	Lynda Elliott
Wednesday, October 14	John Rosenfeld
Wednesday, October 21	Merrill Turley
Wednesday, October 28	Ned Miner
Wednesday, November 4	Peggy Purkey
Wednesday, November 11	Mary LaValley
Wednesday, November 18	Jeff Hayes
Wednesday, December 2	Ken Brousseau
Wednesday, December 9	Jenafer Forrest
Wednesday, December 16	Allen Fowlis
Wednesday, December 23	Sue Larson

Soprano Harriet Clark is supplying us with where-to-buy Costume information for the upcoming Phantom Opera Showdown between Organ and Section Soloists on Friday, October 30 in the hallowed PPC Sanctuary.



Chancel Choir members are asked to appear in costume and help trick and treat the concert-goers in ghoulish fashion.

Now be forewarned - Harriet has staked claim on being her version of 'The Cat Woman"; you'll have to wait and see if she comes as a Black Cat and dares you to cross her path!!!

For now, here are two web sites with Phoenix Metro store information. I believe Harriet was specifically telling us about a Costume Store in the 7th Ave and Bell Rd. district, near Super Target. There also still may be a Party City in the shopping center unless it has closed.

<http://www.have-fun-in-the-southwest.com/Arizona-Costume-Stores.html>

Also, for those of you who are arts & crafty handy, or have those personal contacts, this website will get creative juices flowing with some cerebral ticklers: <http://www coolest-homemade-costumes.com/unusual-halloween-costumes.html>. Who will come as Swine Flew (Flu)? I'm thinking as coming as Mad Cow (Disease)...mooooooo...

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*If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!
If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it.
If you're spiritually curious, there is hope!*

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.'

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this...

They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!'

When you are DOWN to nothing God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!