



**Lanny Allen**  
Music Minister

## Lines from Lanny



Please read Hebrews 12:1-2  
**OUR CLOUD OF WITNESSES**

A few of the Saints of FBC that have impacted my life and ministry that I will always be grateful for and never forget: (this list is by no means exhaustive – feel free to complete it by adding your own remembrances)

Walter Trotter, Otis Manley, Tom Caldwell, Shelley Hobson, Virginia Hicks, John Pitts, Timothy Jenkins, Randy Hagar, Dick Bynum, Mary Moyer, Gherald Horrell, Lois Hill, Irene Allen, Otha & Helen Barbee, J.D. Ballew, Naomi Bailey, Bob Callan, Lela Mae Price, Ruth Cook, Jack Delfs, Grace Dial, Herschel & Martha Fielder, Ed Fike, Mary Sizemore, Anson & Hazel Ewing, Nona Forister, Clydene Fouse, Kenneth Henderson, Houston & Evelyn Burk, Jewel Henson, Maurine Hopkins, C.J. Humphrey, E.C. Jackson, June Elms, Jim Jenkins, Elma Jenkins, Cindy Kennedy, Home Keomoungkhoun, Harold Marshall, Pat & Mabel Kilpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kunkel, Troy & Betty Mays, Doug Webb, Hazel Moseley, Maudie Pope, Mildred Primer, Cleo Brian, Thomasina Thomas, Edwin & Martha B. Stulce, Susie Ratcliffe, Ruby Ridenour, Catherine Rhoades, Sid Richard, Ira Livingston, Mike Roberts, Hazel Rodgers, V.A. Shelby, Charles Spear, Julia Stovall, Kim Burton, Ray Richards, Mary Emma Vance, Wilbur & Marjorie Wagner, Jack Walker, R.N. Whitley, Bob Stroble, Ila Wilson, Hazel Kelley Wilson, Max Fansler, J. B. Lowe, Bess Williams, Opal Haley, Bill Ferguson, Frank Acker, Lee Hill, Evelyn Carpenter, Wisti McKee, June Patterson, Ron Merrill, Gordon Gifford, John Snelleman, Betty Capwell, Alma Jackson, Nita Gummelt, Don Holtzclaw, Joseph Horsley, Sid Jasper, Hubert & Jo Knight, James & Dorothy Knight, C.M. Lance, Morris Cobb, Barbara Miller, Bob Saunders, Wanda Sheriff, A.W. Stowe, Mary Sturkie, C.O. & Frances Sutton.

I thank my God for you who remain as you continue to lead and serve in Jesus' name. I thank my God for every remembrance of your faithfulness to our music ministry and the love and friendship in Christ that we shall continue to have. WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT – WE ARE ONE IN THE LORD – AND TOGETHER WE'LL SPREAD THE NEWS THAT GOD IS IN OUR LAND. And the world will know (and they will see) that we are Christians by our love.

Lanny Allen 

Finding Dan Baker has been a real blessing, but the reality of Lanny's retirement as our Minister of Music opens our eyes to all the hours he has devoted to First Baptist, all the memories, all the laughter, and hard work. Be sure and take the time to tell Lanny and Linda how much you love them!




### THESE LOVING WORDS INSPIRED BY A MESSAGE BY DR. MOORE ON JANUARY 27, 1980

*I have never seen a burning bush,  
Nor touched the nail-scarred hand.  
I have never called down fire from heaven,  
Or healed a sightless man.*

*But God reached down and touched my life.  
He gave His love to me by giving up His only Son  
Through death on Calvary.*

*Now Moses had his burning bush.  
Elijah, his heavenly fire.  
Blind Bartemeus received his sight,  
And I have the Spirit's power.*

*Because God reached down and touched my life.  
He gave His love to me by giving up His only Son  
Through death on Calvary.*

by Linda Allen 



## *Mike Wright*

*President 2007-2008*

Greetings all,

For those who made it to our last Wednesday rehearsal, we had a very impressive 125 folks there!

Thank you all for your faithfulness and your willingness to show support to Dan Baker, our new Minister of Music. While it is sometimes difficult to say goodbye to those we love, it is important to keep in mind that we sometimes need to pass the standard on so that we may uphold the wonderful tradition that goes along with the Sanctuary Choir.

Lanny, you will be missed by all and by myself more than many. You are one of the reasons that I joined the choir to begin with and your leadership has shown us all that while you care for our needs, you also care about the music. Even more importantly, you care about the message and have always strived to make sure that it is expressed in a pure and beautiful manner. With your ability to compose music and your knowledge of our strengths and weaknesses, you have brought fruition to our choir in a most memorable way. I will always keep you and Linda in my prayers and I hope you will enjoy your retirement. I will also look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evenings for rehearsal, just in a different role.

Dan, we look forward to opening the next chapter within our choir with you at the helm. Your voice is a true blessing and I will enjoy listening to the songs of your heart while we work together. You have already shown that you can put up with some of our more interesting characters, so I can only sit back and watch as you undertake this latest challenge in your life. Your interest in our youth will take you far in maintaining a strong musical agenda within our church while making certain that the message of Jesus' love is not forgotten. There is so much talent there and your love for this is becoming a rare thing. I have no doubts about your ability to handle the new tasks being set before you and I look forward to being an active part of it. I will pray for you, Jodi and the kids as you get things situated for a move across the state.

To all members, thanks again for your support of our future. Make sure to pray for Dan and Lanny and embrace our choir as it takes its next step into the future.

In Christ,

*Mike*

Dear Choir,

By now many of you have already met Dan Baker and had the opportunity to discover both his giftedness and his warm spirit. Indeed, we are very fortunate that God has led us to someone who has both a minister's heart and musical talent that is a rare find. During these days of transition, I ask our choir to remain faithful in leading our church family in worship. It is my prayer that in the months and years ahead God will continue to add more new faces and voices to our already outstanding choir. Lanny is handing Dan a great tradition, and I know that it is Dan's dream to faithfully move forward with you, leading this church in beautiful worship. Thank you for the great spirit with which you have befriended Dan Baker and his family. See you Sunday.

In Christ,

*Howie*



*Never underestimate the power of the song  
Happy Birthday!*



*Discussion with the choir  
about the committee's nominee*



*Dan Baker directs the choir*



*Dan will give  
the tie off his  
neck for others!*



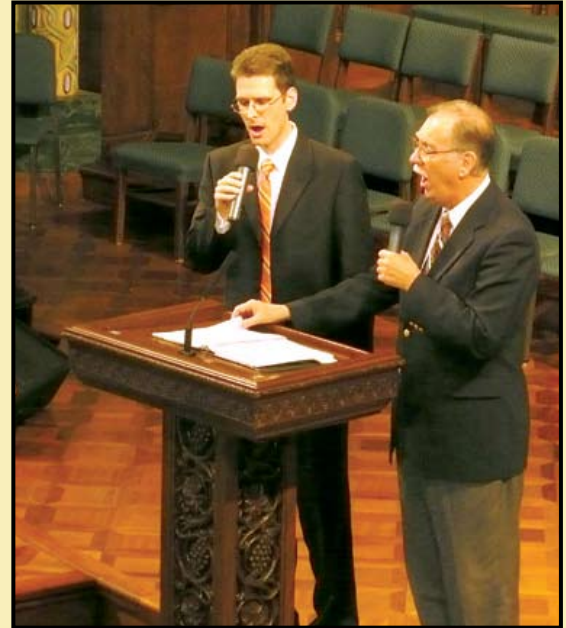
I know we just met,  
but my husband needs  
a red tie, may I borrow  
yours?



*WE WELCOME DAN BAKER AS OUR NEW MUSIC MINISTER*



Welcome to the Family, Dan and Jodi!





APRIL

14 Joyce Young  
18 Vicki Bailey  
27 Phyl Remy

5-Janie Wiseman, Olin Isham  
11-Darryl Trotter

MAY

12-Nancy Needham, Bennie Edwards  
17-Mike Lee  
21-Berna Ruth Ellis, Janice Sluder  
24-Gwen Seales, Jeff Frazer  
25-Dona Farris  
30-Doug Walker, Paul Elms

## WELCOME

Please welcome to the Sanctuary Choir these fine folks:  
**Charlie Cox** (Alpha Tenor), **Ernie Boyd** (Alpha Tenor),  
**Steve Bowen** (Omega Tenor), **Mark Newton** (Omega  
Bass), **Brooke Furrh** (Alpha Bass), **Michael Hall**  
(Omega Tenor), **Keith Villyard** (Alpha Bass).

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## CALENDAR

april 2008

**23 - IN HIS OWN WORDS**  
REHEARSAL 7:00pm

**30 - IN HIS OWN WORDS**  
REHEARSAL 7:00pm

may 2008

**3 - IN HIS OWN WORDS**  
Sat. morning rehearsal  
with the orchestra 9:00-11:30 am

**4 - IN HIS OWN WORDS**  
Presentation at both morning services.  
We will wear robes.

**7 - Party for Lanny & Linda**  
*with the Sanctuary Choir*

**19 - Dan Baker's First day on the job**

Welcome Back!



Sandra Galan White ©

After a long break, I am back in the Sanctuary Choir. I have been truly blessed by First Baptist Church. Growing up, my family attended the Latin American Mission, which was sponsored by First Baptist Church. My father was a deacon in that church who encouraged me to become involved in the youth activities at First Baptist Church. In high school I had the opportunity of being in the Chapel Choir. There I met many of my life long friends, and one particular friend who later became my husband, John. I have wanted to return back to the choir for several years, and finally, with the prodding of my younger son, Ben, took the plunge and joined without my husband. I missed the choir and decided to return back to my roots. I feel back at home in the choir. Lanny is the best! He and Linda have been a blessing to the church.