

THE BAY COUNTY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CHOIR

From Panama City, Florida



The Bay County Christian Youth Choir, Inc., a 501c3 tax exempt entity and an independent interdenominational youth choir, is established under the conviction that the future of congregational participation in the music of the church lies in the training and nurturing of its youth and children. The choir has the goals of teaching choir members (i) to speak and sing in public, (ii) the experience of performing locally and on choir tours, (iii) how to work together to achieve goals that can only be achieved collectively, (iv) the discipline of making a long-term commitment and the rewards of hard work, (v) how to "get along" with fellow choir members and (vi) skills that enable the choir members to be what God has called us all to be: worshipers of Him. For more information about the Bay County Christian Youth Choir, see www.baycountychristianyouthchoir.com and there are video clips (and choir tour pictures) on its Facebook page. You can contact Nevin Zimmerman, Chairman, at nevin@nevinzimmerman.com.

THE BAY COUNTY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CHOIR PRESENTS "THE STORY"

The Heavens Are Telling (from "The Creation), words and music by Franz Joseph Haydn, adapted by Hal H. Hopson, published by Alfred Publishing Co. (adapted from Psalm 19:1-4)

The Heavens are telling the glory of God.
The wonder of God's work displays the firmament.

In all the land resounds the word.
Words are never spoken, yet ever understood.

The day that is coming flows from today.
The night that is gone is followed by tonight.

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**Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*, words by John Goss and music by Henry F. Lyte, arranged by Carolyn Jennings, published by Augsburg Fortress (Paraphrase of Psalm 103)

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
Joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But as mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the great Eternal One!

God be praised for grace and favor
To our forebears in distress.
God be praised, the same forever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!

*Angels sing in adoration,
In God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation
Join the song in time and space. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace. Amen.

Ancient Words with "How Firm a Foundation", words and music by Lynn DeShazo, arranged by Mark Hayes, published by Alfred Publishing Co. (2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16)

Holy words, long preserved
For our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart.
O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope,
Give us strength, help us cope.
In this world, where'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

Holy words of our faith,
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice.
O heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words, long preserved
For our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart.
O let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me changing you.
We have come with open hearts.
O let the ancient words impart.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Moses and Daniel (Go Down, Moses/Didn't Lord Deliver Daniel?), Traditional Spirituals arranged by Sally K. Albrecht, published by Alfred Music Publishing Co.

Moses and Daniel. / Let my people go!
Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, / Then why not every man?

The wind blows east,
And the wind blows west.
It blows like judgment day.
And ev'ry poor soul that never did pray,
Will be glad to pray that day!

When Israel was in Egypt's land,
Let my people go!

Oppressed so hard they could not stand,
Let my people go!

Go down, Moses,
Way down in Egypt's land.
Tell old Pharaoh, let my people go!

Walk By Faith! words by Paul Williams and music by Joel Raney, published by Hope Publishing Co.

Walk, walk by faith!
O walk, walk by faith!

By faith, Noah built an ark
In the midst of doubt and fear.
By faith, he waited patiently
Till the plan of God was clear.
By faith, David slew Goliath
with a mighty blow.
By faith, Moses spoke for God,
Saying "Let my people go!"
He walked by faith, walk by faith!

By faith, Esther told the king
Haman was an evil man.
By faith, the Israelites were saved,

According to God's plan.
By faith, Deb'rah told Barak
That people would be restored.
By faith, Hannah prayed to God
And a son was her reward!
She walked by faith, walk by faith!

By faith, Jesus came to earth,
In lowly human frame.
By faith, He obeyed the plan
that God in heaven made.
By faith, we will walk each day,
His Spirit by our side;
By faith, we will find our way,
By faith and not by sight!
We'll walk by faith, walk by faith!

How Great Our Joy! words and music by Craig Courtney, based on Traditional German Carol,
published by Beckenhorst Press, Inc. (Luke 2:8-11)

While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.
How great our joy, how great our joy.

There shall be born, so did he say,
In Bethlehem a Child today.
How great our joy, how great our joy.

There shall a Child lie in a stall,
This Child who shall redeem us all.
This gift of God we'll cherish well,
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.
Praise we the Lord, in heav'n on high!

Upon This Rock, words and music by Pepper Choplin, published by Lorenz Corporation (Matthew
7:24-29; 16:13-20; Ephesians 2:19-22)

You are the Son,
The Son of the living God.

Upon this rock
I'll build my church.
Upon this rock
I'll build my kingdom on this earth.
I'll build my church

Upon this rock, this solid rock.

And we say,
"You are the Christ,
You are the Son of the Living God.
You are the Christ,
You are the first begotten Son,
Born from the love, the love of heaven.

And we are the church,
And we will serve and glorify.
We are the church to be a living sacrifice,
Offered to You through all we are."

And so our love, our love for Christ
Will be the cause, the reason why,
It's why we live our days, to walk in faith,
Faith in the rock, the solid rock.

Great Day, He's Arisen! words and music by Keith Christopher, published by Alfred Music Publishing Co. (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:1-12)

Great day, He's arisen up from the dead.
Great day, He's arisen just as He said.
Jesus is risen. Let us sing it again!

Early that morning after the sunrise,
Three women came to the tomb.
Thinking that Jesus was gone forever,
Their hearts were filled with gloom.
When they discovered the stone rolled away,
Their sadness quickly turned into fear.
Then an angel said unto them:
"Go and tell the world He's not here!"

Jesus' disciples were mourning
The loss of their Lord;
But when the grave was empty,
They all remembered His words.
Death will not conquer,
The grave will not hold me.
Everything I tell you is true.
They were amazed and said one to another,
"We must tell the world the news:
He's alive, alive!"

Set Your Mind On Things Above, words and music by Jill Zimmerman McFadden (Colossians 3)

Set your mind on things above
Not on the on the earth;
For you died and your life
Is hidden with Christ and God.
And when Christ who is our life appears,
You'll appear with Him in glory,
So set your mind on things above
Let go of this world.

Put to death your earthly nature
The old desires of your heart.
Rid yourself of all your anger
And filthy language from your lips.
Cast off the old and be renewed
In the image of your maker.
Put to death your earthly nature
Strive to be more like Him.

If you then were raised with Christ,
You have a new life in Him.
So seek the things which are above,
For that is where Christ is

You used to walk in these ways
In the life that once you lived,
But now you are a new creation
In Christ the all in all.

Nearer, My God, to Thee (In Your Presence), words by Sarah F. Adams, music by Lowell Mason, additional words and music and arranged by Heather Sorenson, published by Hal Leonard Corporation (Ephesians 2:13,18)

Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to Thee!
Even though it be a cross
That raises me.

Still all my song shall be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,

Nearer to Thee!

When the daylight show your hand
Lighting treach'rous way,
Navigate my feeble steps,
Hold me lest I stray.

And when the nighttime hides Your face,

Dark is all I see.
Then urgently my heart cries out,
Nearer, Lord, to Thee!

In Your presence I am sheltered,
In Your presence I am strong.
There is healing for the hurting,

**Greater (recorded by Mercy Me), words and music by Barry Gaul et. al., (Romans 11:36-12:2; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 John 4:4)*

Bring your tired and bring your shame,
Bring your guilt and bring your pain.
Don't you know that's not your name,
You will always be much more to me.

Every day I wrestle with the voices
that keep telling me I'm not right,
but that's alright

Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed,
when others say I'll never be enough.

**Build Your Kingdom Here (recorded by Rend Collective), words and music by Collective Experiment (Colossians :14-16; Matthew 6:33-34; Matthew 10:7)*

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize

To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church

There's forgiveness for the wrong.

You are hope for ev'ry heartache,
You are help for ev'ry need.
Your abundant grace has offered
The promise to be free.

And greater is the One living inside of me,
than He who is living in the world.

Bring your doubts and bring your fears,
bring your hurt and bring your tears
There'll be no condemnation here,
You are holy, righteous and redeemed.

And every time I fall
there'll be those who will call me a mistake,
well that's okay!

We pray revive this earth

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

**Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) (recorded by Hillsong UNITED), words and music by Joel Houston, Matt Crocker and Salomon Ligtheim (Matthew 14:22-36; 2 Corinthians 9:7-10)*

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me

I'm Bound for the Promised Land, words and music by Lynn Shaw Bailey and Chris Wommack,
based on text by Samuel Stennett, published by Hal Leonard Corporation

Who will take a stand and go with me?
I'm bound for the promised land.
Who will take my hand and be set free?
O Lord, I'm bound for the promised land.

I'm bound for the promised land.
Oh, who will come and go with me?
I'm bound for the promised land!

The Reason We Sing, words and music by Dick and Melodie Tunney

He has brought us together
Each of us a different gift to bring
We'll serve Him forever
Even if the cost is everything
He has called us to be faithful
So with one heart we give this offering.

The reason we sing
The reason we lift our voice
Is more than just making harmony.
The reason we sing

*Congregation sings

You've never failed and You won't start now

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

Freedom train's a-comin' to carry me home.
Lord, I'm bound for the promised land.
Hear them wheels a-hummin' strong.
I'm bound for the promised land.

I'm a sinner, a servant, a scoundrel, a slave,
But I'm still that child who the Lord forgave.
Well, I got me a ticket for the gospel train,
So I'm ready when He calls my name.

Is to praise the one who gave His Son to be
The reason we sing.

More than just an emotion,
His spirit gives us joy that we can't hide.
We will not be silent
We've got to let the world
Hear what's inside.
And as we praise Him with our music.
Jesus is the one we glorify.

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Sopranos

Adams, Crystal [c]
Barkuloo, Kristen [c]
Bingham, Annie
Blankenship, Janna [c]
Busick, Sarah
Hutchison, Elena
Morrow, Hailey
Nielsen, Yelena
Skerratt, Peggy
Warren, Kayla
Zimmerman, Jenna [c][b]

Altos

Allen, Shannon [c]
Cassaday, Britten
Fuller, Natalie
Grant, Jennifer

Harris, Megan
Hoey, Erica
Houston, Taylor
Magee, Grace
McLaughlin, Miraya [b]
Millsap, Kaitlyn
Red, Rosie [b]
Riley, Allie
Starke, Rebecca
Rittman, Autumn
Rodriguez, Elsie
Walsingham, Abigail

Tenors

Bingham, Ian
Durham, Christopher
Henneberg, Harrison [c]
Henneberg, Hayden

Krisko, Gavin
McLaughlin, Levi [b]
Millsap, Harold
Morgan, Sayer
Parauka, Jacob
Woodrum, Connor

Basses

Christodoulou, Alex
Creel, Zack
Grant, Justin
Hall, Jacob
Holmes, David [b]
Lowery, Jack
Patterson, Evan
Taylor, Nathan [c]

[c] –intern; [b] – band member

Every Monday night during the school year the 8th-12th grade choir rehearses, eats and studies the Bible together. Every year the Youth Choir goes on a Spring tour, and this year the tour includes concerts in Boston, MA; Cromwell, CT; New York City, NY; North Haledon, NJ; Colts Neck, NJ; Annapolis, MD; Midlothian, VA; Raleigh, NC.

Jody Schnell is the Director for the choir, and she has a performance degree in voice from the University of Oklahoma and an M.A. in Music and Worship Leadership from The Baptist College of Florida. Jody has many years of experience directing choirs in the community. She has directed the Pro Arte Chorale of Northwest Florida and presently serves as the choral director at Mosley High School and at First Presbyterian Church in Panama City.

Eric Schrottenboer is also director and accompanist, and he is a composer and classically trained pianist (Hope College). Eric writes and records scores for movies and documentaries, and he works part-time for the Christian Associates, a church planting mission work (www.christianassociates.org) and attends Denver Seminary (concentration in Messianic Judaism). His music has been featured in more than 40 films and commercials, including Focus on the Family's "That the World May Know", a teaching series shot on location throughout the middle east comprising over 30 half hour episodes. Eric has taken many trips to Israel as a

videographer, facilitator and/or teacher. You can read more about Eric (and listen to the audio clips from his six solo piano CDs) at www.ericsschrottenboer.com.

Nevin & Gigi Zimmerman have been involved in directing and planning for traveling Christian youth choirs for twenty-three years, and they consider it a privilege to serve as the Chairman of the Board for the Bay County Christian Youth Choir, Inc. and as the Tour Planner and hostess for the choir. Nevin is an attorney that has a passion to teach young people about the worship of God, and Gigi is the master organizer of the house (and the choir!) who has had the privilege of raising their four daughters, all of which went through the youth choir experience with their parents.

BCCYC would like to thank Heritage Bible Church in Panama City for being its host Church and also a "thank you" to our 2015 Chaperones: Shannon and Gabe Allen, Eric Schrottenboer, Nevin & Gigi Zimmerman and Jody Schnell.

The Bay County Christian Youth Choir's 45 singers come from (i) all 5 area high schools and many homes schools and (ii) more than 25 different churches in Bay County representing many different denominations.