BAY COUNTY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CHOIR BY FAITH HEBREWS 11 PANAMA CITY, FL

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." Hebrews 11:1,6

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The Bay County Christian Youth Choir is a non-denominational independent youth choir, and its singers come from over 25 different churches in the Panama City area in Bay County, Florida, representing many different denominations. The choir is made up of students 8th through 12th grade with a few alumni college interns serving as singers and chaperones. The choir practices every Monday night, and after practice the choir has a meal and Bible study. The choir performs in local churches and other places in the community.

For its "By Faith" program, the choir will be focusing on biblical teachings of the importance of faith in our Christian lives. The Bible studies each Monday night focused on different heroes of the faith from Hebrews and how the people of God so believed and treasured future promises that they lived their lives as if those future promises were present realities. The Tour theme will be amplified through narratives and Bible verses that tie the songs together celebrating the faith that God gives to us. The choir will explore this theme further on tour with teaching DVDs on the bus and evening Bible studies when the choir is not performing. To learn more about the choir and this ministry, you can visit the choir's web site at www.baycountychristianyouthchoir.com, and you can follow the choir during its 2014 tour on its website blog and on Facebook.

THE BAY COUNTY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CHOIR PRESENTS "BY FAITH"

"O God Our Help" words Isaac Watts; music public domain; arr./chorus Tommy Walker (Psalm 90)

1. O God, our Help in ages past, Our Hope for years to come, Our Shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home!

2. Under the shadow of Thy throne Still may we dwell secure; Sufficient is thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Chorus
O God You are, You are our help,
You are our helper
To all generations You will be,

Forever and ever
Our shield and our eternal hope oh Lord
You are the Ancient of Days and
Worthy of our praise

3. Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

O God our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home.

A Celebration of Faith

"Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)" words/music Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash & Scott Cash; arr. Harold Ross (2 Kings 6:15-18)

1. You hear me when I call
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night
It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear

Chorus: I know Who goes before me I know Who stands behind The God of angel armies is always by my side The One who reigns forever He is a friend of mine The God of angel armies is always by my side

2. My strength is in Your name
For You alone can save
You will deliver me
Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear / Whom shall I fear

(Bridge)
Nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful, You are faithful

A Call to Congregational Singing

"Faith of Our Fathers" words Frederick Faber; music Henri Hemy (Jude 3)

Faith of our fathers! Living in still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword: O how our hearts beat high with joy when e'er we hear that glorious word! Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers! We will strive
To win all nations unto thee,
And through the truth that comes from God
We all shall then be truly free
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" words Thomas Chisholm; music William Runyan (Lamentations 3:22,23)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father There is no shadow of turning with thee; Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not As thou hast been thou forever wilt be

Great is thy faithfulness
Great is thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

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Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Faith- Acting as if Future Promises are a Present Reality

"Wade In The Water" Traditional Spiritual arranged by Mark Hayes (Exodus 14)

Wade in the water, children, Wade in the water God's a-going to trouble the water

Down in the valley, down on my knees Askin' my Lord to save me please.

Up on the moutntain, Jehovah, he spoke Out of his mouth came fire and smoke

I heard a rumblin' up in the sky Must-a been Jesus pass-in' by

Faith Requires Action-We offer our Music, Time, Lives and Obedience to God's Word

"Speak O Lord" words/music Keith Getty & Stuart Townend; arr. John Ferguson (1 Corinthians 2:9-10)

- 1. Speak O Lord as we come to You
 To receive the food of Your holy word
 Take Your truth plant it deep in us
 Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
 That the light of Christ might be seen today
 In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
 Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
 All Your purposes for Your glory
- 2. Teach us Lord full obedience Holy reverence true humility Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity

Cause our faith to rise/Cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority Words of power that can never fail Let their truth prevail over unbelief

3. Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for
us/ Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

God's Faithfulness in the Difficult Times of Life

"Secure" words Susan Bentall Boersma; music Craig Courtney (Mark 4:35-41; Psalm 46:1-2; Isaiah 43:2; Joshua 1:9)

A storm is raging Lord, The boat I sail is small and, oh, so frail. The wind is blowing, Lord. I cannot hold the course against the gale.

The lightning strikes on every side, nowhere to run, nowhere to hide. Your hand alone can hold the tide, Lord, rescue me.

I am sinking, Lord.
The boat is taking water, going down.
Part the waters, Lord.
I long to plant my feet on solid ground.

Oh Lord of earth and sky and sea, Your hand is reaching out to me, I know that You have heard my plea, My hope is sure. I am secure. I am secure.

"Never Once" words/music Jason Ingram, Matt Redman & Tim Wanstall; Arr. Phillip Keveren (Psalm 23:4; Jeremiah 29:11-14)

- 1. Standing on this mountaintop Looking just how far we've come Knowing that for every step You were with us
- 2. Kneeling on this battleground Seeing just how much You've done Knowing every victory was Your power in us

Scars and struggles on the way But with joy our hearts can say Yes our hearts can say

Chorus: Never once did we ever walk alone Never once did You leave us on our own You are faithful God You are faithful

Scars and struggles on the way But with joy our hearts can say

Never once did we ever walk alone Carried by Your constant grace Held within Your perfect peace Never once no we never walk alone

Chorus. Never once did we ever walk alone Never once did You leave us on our own You are faithful God You are faithful Every step we are breathing in Your grace Evermore we'll be breathing out Your praise You are faithful God You are faithful You are faithful God You are faithful.

"Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer" music Keith Getty; lyrics Margaret Becker (Psalm 23)

1. Jesus draw me ever nearer
As I labour through the storm
You have called me to this passage
And I'll follow though I'm worn

Chorus: May this journey bring a blessing May I rise on wings of faith And at the end of my heart's testing With Your likeness let me wake

- 2. Jesus guide me through the tempest Keep my spirit staid and sure When the midnight meets the morning Let me love You even more
- 3. Let the treasures of the trial Form within me as I go And at the end of this long passage Let me leave them at Your throne

A Prayer That We Will Show Christ in Our Lives

"Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord" From "Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn (Psalm 55:22; 16:8)

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, And He shall sustain thee. He never will suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right hand.

Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heavens; let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee.

Faith is the Assurance of Things Hoped For

"My Jesus I Love Thee" words William Featherston; music Adoniram J. Gordon; arr. Dan Forrest (1 John 4:19)

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; For Thee all the follies of sin I resign; My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because
Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing
the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life,
I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as
Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death dew
lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

"Wonderful Cross" words Isaac Watts; music Lowell Mason; chorus Chris Tomlin (Galations 6:14)

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus:O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross

Bids me come and die
And find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here
By grace draw near
And bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine That were an offering far too small Love so amazing so divine Demands my soul, my life, my all

"In Christ Alone" words/ music Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; (Philippians 3:7-11)

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of peace

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the depth of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Chrsit

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

By Faith We Walk and Run the Race of Life

"By Faith" music/words Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend; arr. Michael Lawrence (Hebrews 11)

- 1. By faith we see the hand of God In the light of creation's grand design In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness Who walk by faith and not by sight
- By faith our fathers roamed the earth With the power of His promise in their hearts
 Of a holy city built by God's own hand A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus:

We will stand as children of the promise We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward Till the race is finished and the work is done We'll walk by faith and not by sight

- 3. By faith the prophets saw a day
 When the longed-for Messiah would appear
 With the power to break the chains
 of sin and death
 And rise triumphant from the grave
- 4. By faith the church was called to go
 In the power of the Spirit to the lost
 To deliver captives and to preach good news
 In every corner of the earth
- 5. By faith the mountain shall be moved And the power of the gospel shall prevail For we know in Christ all things are possible For all who call upon His name

Closing Comments

"The Reason We Sing" words/music by Dick and Melodie Tunney (Ephesians 5:19)

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.

Chorus: The reason we sing the reason we lift our voice is more than just making harmony. The reason we sing 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.

2014 Bay County Christian Youth Choir

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*college interns

Every year the Youth Choir goes on tour, and this year the tour includes concerts in Tallahassee, Macon, Chattanooga, Dalton, Ridge Haven, Charlotte, Greenville, St. Marys and Panama City.

Jody Schnell is the Director for the choir, and she has a performance degree in voice from the University of Oklahoma. 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 Schrotenboer 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 takes multiple trips to Israel each year 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.ericschrotenboer.com.

Ashley Taws comes from the musical "Rader Family" and grew up performing in the "Ocean Opry," a country music theater, at Panama City Beach. Ashley studied music in Panama City and Boston, and she presently has a musical studio where she teaches voice, piano and guitar. She is married to Heath Taws, a veteran of numerous choir tours.

Nevin & Gigi Zimmerman have been involved in directing and planning for traveling Christian youth choirs for twenty-two 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 2014 Chaperones: Heath & Ashley Taws, Eric & Meredith Schrotenboer, Nevin & Gigi Zimmerman and Jody Schnell.

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The Bay County Christian Youth Choir, Inc., 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 longterm 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. The BCCYC is operated by the Bay County Christian Youth Choir, Inc., a 501c3 not-for-profit corporation.