

School of Christian Music

Bachelor of Arts Music

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The Purpose:

To provide training for people who serve churches in the area of Music Ministry, such as singers, choir members, music directors, song leaders, worship leaders, instrumentalists.

The curriculum is developed so that a person without musical training will be able to take his/her place comfortably assisting in the music ministry of the church and even directing a successful music ministry in a local church.

A student may come into any course without having any previous knowledge of the subject or having had any courses in the curriculum in succession. Classes will meet once each week for four weeks, before starting another course.

After successfully completing the six courses required for graduation, the Seminary will allow the candidate to participate in their regular graduation exercise in November. The students may walk with cap and gown and the Seminary President will present their diplomas.

Please give us a call about time dates and location of Classes! 601-737-4506

Course Descriptions

1. Class Voice

The student will learn the principles of good voice production and demonstrate those principles in his/her own voice. Class instruction in proper singing goals along with individual vocal assignments will be made by the instructor. Individual assignments will be made according to matching abilities of each voice.

By the end of the course the student will: increase his/her confidence by singing before the class and by seeing vocal problems (his and other's) discovered and treated by a friendly instructor. He will also be exposed to a wide range of vocal music and learn how to balance and blend his/her voice with another person.

Dates and time to be announced

Instructor: Buddy McElroy

2. **Reading Music: Rhythm made easy**

Most musicians agree that rhythm is the most important thing a music student should learn. Without being able to recognize the note value and count it correctly, the singer must learn a song by listening to the song over and over. At the end of this course, the student should feel more at home with the rhythm of a song and will consider it "easy."

Date and time to be announced

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3. **Reading Music: The Road Map of Musical Symbols**

This is a very important map that musicians use to get them from point A to point B on the musical page. Without knowing these symbols, it is very difficult for the singer to navigate a page of music. At the end of this course, the student should be able to successfully follow a page of music and not feel lost again in the middle of a song.

Date and time to be announced

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4. **Reading Music: Singing by Sight is Fun!**

Without the help of the piano, students will learn to sing musical notes as they appear on a sheet of music. Students also will train their eyes and voices to work together when singing. The solfege Method (Do, Re, Mi syllable) will be taught to aid in singing by sight.

At the end of this course, students can truly say, "Singing by Sight is Fun!"

Date and time to be announced.

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5. **Reading Music: Harmony**

The purpose of this course is to teach the principles of music by singing musical harmony and melody as it appears on the musical staff. A singer will learn the principle of harmonizing his voice with another singer, and also learn how musical harmony fits together to make the song.

At the end of this course, the student will be able to teach someone else how to sing a harmony part.

Date and time to be announced

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6. **Song Leading**

This course will teach the principles involved in successfully directing group singing. Conducting patterns with their hands will be taught, and the student will demonstrate these using the class as their singers. The student will also learn that the conducting patterns are for their own benefit in counting time to ensure the rhythm is correct. Which also means they can direct any song, whether it is familiar or not.

At the end of this course the student will feel confident in conducting the congregation or choir in worship.

Date and time to be announced

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