



# The Organizer

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of ORGANISTS  
**SUMMER 2010**

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## Mission Statement

*"The purpose of the American Guild of Organists is to promote the organ in its historical and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members."*

## 16TH ANNUAL SUMMER ORGAN FESTIVAL

**Three Wednesday Evenings  
at 7:30 pm  
followed by Dessert Receptions  
(Suggested donation: \$10)**

**June 30**

**Ned Tipton**

Cathedral of St. Philip

**July 7**

**Timothy Wissler**

*with voices and instruments*

Cathedral of Christ the King

**July 14**

**Gerre Hancock**

Peachtree Road

United Methodist

Coming Soon:  
**MEMBERSHIP  
 RENEWAL  
 DEADLINE**

July 15<sup>th</sup>  
 for the 2010-2011 Season  
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 Yearbook Advertisement  
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 must be received no later than  
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***A Tip on Wellness***

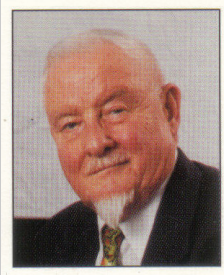
**HEALTHY EATING**

A high school friend of mine was one of the members from Christ Church Cathedral (Cincinnati) who made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in April. Everyone not only had a wonderful educational experience, but also enjoyed eating one of the most heart healthy diets. This Mediterranean diet is known to lower levels of bad cholesterol and triglycerides, which improves the health of blood vessels and reduces the risk from heart disease and cancer. They enjoyed meals rich in fruits and vegetables. Bread was served with almost every dinner, but little butter was used. Instead, spreads made with olive oil-based hummus and many types of vegetables were served. Two additional components of the Mediterranean diet include getting plenty of exercise and eating meals with friends and family. Jerusalem is located on very steep hills, so they walked plenty. And with each of the meals, they enjoyed meaningful conversation. Child obesity? Young children were seen snacking on small crunchy cucumbers. What a healthy lifestyle! For more on the Mediterranean diet, go to MayoClinic.com

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**In Memoriam**

**Dr. Robert Frederick Wolfersteig**  
 b. 31 March 1929  
 d. 7 June 2010



*The Episcopal Burial Office (Rite One)  
 and Celebration of his life  
 was held at 11 a.m. on June 14th at  
 St. Clare's Episcopal Church  
 Blairsville, Georgia  
 Interment was in the church Prayer Garden*

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***“Rest eternal grant him, O Lord,  
 and may perpetual light shine upon him.”***

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Greetings,

Hopefully this special edition of *The Organizer* finds you in the midst of a restful and rejuvenating summer!

I would like to begin my first column by thanking you for the honor of serving as your new dean. It's quite humbling to look at the list of past deans who have served the Atlanta Chapter. I've come to admire so many of these individuals over the years. If anything else, being elected dean of this chapter means that you have "big shoes to fill." Thankfully, I have been blessed with a superb team of officers, board members and committee members to work with. Please be sure to express your gratitude to James Mellichamp for the outstanding job that he has done leading us over the past two years.

One of my first official acts as dean will be to represent our chapter at the National Convention in Washington, D. C. I have been very pleased to learn that so many of my fellow Atlanta chapter members will also be attending the convention. Our colleagues up in the D. C. area have put together an amazing program. Even if you are unable to make it up to Washington, I hope that you will seek out some opportunity to "sharpen your skills" this summer. Why not learn that one piece of music that you've been putting off for years? The fall will be here before you know it!

Speaking of the fall, I hope that each of you will make plans to join us for our first meeting of the new season. On Tuesday evening, September 14, we will welcome Dr. Wilma Jensen back to Atlanta for a recital on the magnificent Aeolian-Skinner organ located in the splendid acoustics of the Cathedral of St. Philip in Buckhead. Dr. Jensen has done so much for our profession over the years - as a teacher, a church musician and an organ recitalist. Michael Barone has described her as "the embodiment of music." Invite a guest to join you as we begin our new season!

I think you will be quite pleased with what newly elected Sub-Dean Tim Young and I have put together for 2010-2011. I wish I could share with you all of our plans but, as of this writing, a couple of the programs are in the final stages of being confirmed. I guess you will just have to remain in suspense until the September *Organizer* arrives! I will tell you this: there will be something for just about everyone - workshops, a Student Recital, a Guild Service led by another of our outstanding local church choirs, even a Christmas Party! There might even be a surprise or two in the mix. And thanks to the generosity of several of our local churches and individuals, we hope to present *three* world class organists in recital, including some of the artists most requested by you over the past couple of years. Stay tuned!

One last thing - in case you haven't heard, our chapter finished last season with 369 members, making us the third largest of 348 chapters in the Guild. That number represents an increase of 8.2% from the previous year. But there's always room for one more! Summer is the perfect time for new members to join the AGO. I'm sure that every person who will read this column knows of at least one individual who should be a part of our organization. Make that one of your summer goals - recruit one new member for the AGO!

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Jeff Harbin

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## TAYLOR ORGAN COMPETITION

The Atlanta Chapter, AGO announces the establishment of the Taylor Scholarship Organ Competition, the first competition to be held Saturday, April 21, 2012 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Elizabeth Abbott Taylor, long-time member of the Atlanta Chapter, AGO, died in 2005 at the age of 101. She bequeathed a considerable sum of money to both the Atlanta Music Club and the Atlanta Chapter, AGO to be used for scholarships.

The Executive Board appointed a committee consisting of Sarah Hawbecker, Tim Wissler, Arlan Sunnarborg, Bobby Mays and Sarah Martin to determine the best use of this money. After many meetings over a period of two years the Taylor Scholarship Committee proposed to the Executive Board that a National Organ Competition be established, the first competition to be held on April 21, 2012, and then every three years thereafter. The proposal was accepted and the same committee was asked to draw up the rules for the competition. These rules and other information can be found at the Taylor Competition website: [www.taylororgancompetiton.com](http://www.taylororgancompetiton.com).

It is the belief of the Taylor Scholarship Committee that by opening the competition to students throughout the United States this will become a national and a lasting legacy to Elizabeth Abbott Taylor.

Sarah Martin, Chair  
Taylor Scholarship Committee

## CONGRATULATIONS

### *AGO Atlanta Scholarship Auditioners*

Gay Lynn Ferre	David Brinson
Justin Maxey	Vicki Ward Frey
Nikolai Peek	Heekyung Lee
Thomas Williford	Bryan Anderson
Timothy Jones	Benji Stegner

Auditions were coordinated by Keith Nash.

Held on Friday, April 30, 2010 at

Holy Trinity Parish — Decatur

Judges were: Trey Clegg and John Richardson

Many, many thanks!

AGO Atlanta 2010  
Guild Service  
held at  
Decatur Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Evening - May 16th  
Dr. John Beyers, Preacher  
Matthew McMahon, Organist  
Decatur Presbyterian Choir  
Hosts: Matt McMahan & Tom Wigley



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and  
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Will YOU be in the 2010-2011 Yearbook?

Renewal Deadline: 7/15/10

## You've seen programs played by couples How about twins?

First Christian Church of Atlanta presents a program of Organ/Piano duets performed by Dr. Robert Thompson and his twin brother, Bill,

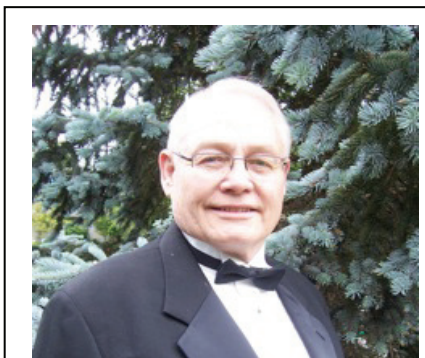
**Sunday afternoon, August 29 at 3:00 pm.**

4532 LaVista Road - Tucker, GA

*½ mile outside the perimeter.*

This WILL sell out. Call 770-939-4358 for reservations.

The program will consist of light classics including P.D.Q. Bach's *Toot Suite*, A real hoot!



Dr. Robert Thompson, DMA  
Former College Organist and  
Professor of Music  
St. Olaf College



Mr. Bill Thompson  
Organist, First Christian Church of  
Atlanta

### THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR MUSICIANS

Here are the 2010-2011 dates for LPM. All dates are Saturday. Please contact John Marsh for more information at 713-206-8896, or [marek2go@gmail.com](mailto:marek2go@gmail.com).

- Session 1    September 25, 2010
- Session 2    October 16, 2010
- Session 3    November 6, 2010
- Session 4    November 20, 2010
- Session 5    January 8, 2011

*Further dates in 2011 will be posted  
in a future issue of The Organizer.*

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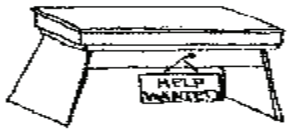
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Chapter Listserve AGOAtlanta-L@listserve.uga.edu

*Executive Board Meeting ~ tba*

## Positions Available



*Complete details on these and other positions may be found at the Chapter's web-site: [www.agoatlanta.org](http://www.agoatlanta.org) then click on "employment."*

**BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 760 Hurt Rd. Smyrna, GA 30082 needs a Part-Time Organist. Qualifications: a strong Christian faith; a Bachelor of Music or Organ Performance Degree, or other relevant experience and skills; a minimum two years experience in a church-related setting; attested music skills and competence. Send resume to Patti Harris, Director of Music Ministries, at the address above or call 770-436-2675.

**CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**, 14 Maple St., Carrollton, GA 30117. (770) 832-6131. Seeks qualified Organist. Responsibilities include one weekly worship service in the Reformed tradition, Wednesday evening choir rehearsal, and special services (average of 11 hours per week). The successful applicant will possess excellent organ playing skills and serve as a vital member of the worship team while reporting directly to the Director of Music. The organ is a three-manual, 21 rank Reuter in a historic sanctuary. Music is traditional with an eclectic mixture of repertoire. Salary range \$9,500-11,060 commensurate with education, skills, and experience. Send resume to church (address above) to the attention of the Rev. Jan Tolbert. [cpc\\_office13@hotmail.com](mailto:cpc_office13@hotmail.com) Dawn Harmon McCord, DMA University of West Georgia Assoc. Prof. of Music Education and Organ Studies 1601 Maple St. Carrollton, GA 30118 ofc: 678-839-6266; fax: 678-839-6259 -or- [dmccord@westga.edu](mailto:dmccord@westga.edu)

**EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH**, 800 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Opelika, AL 36801. 334-745-2054. Organist for 50-member congregation along I-85 corridor in East Alabama. Responsibilities include playing for one Sunday service, special Holy Week services, and practice with choir director and small parish choir for one hour on Sunday mornings. Two manual Rodgers organ with new speakers and fund for new organ. Salary commensurate with education, skills, and experience recently increased to \$8,000 plus mileage if organist is traveling beyond Lee County, AL. To apply, send resume and cover letter to the Rev. Matthew T. Grunfeld, rector, at [rectoreec@bellsouth.net](mailto:rectoreec@bellsouth.net).

**EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 2375 Highway 20 SE, Conyers, GA 30013. (770) 483-6222. Part-time organist for two Sunday morning services, one Wednesday evening choir rehearsal, and special services; part-time is defined as 10 hours/week which includes practice/prep time. Two manual A. E. Schlueter and refurbished Knabe grand piano. The successful candidate will have experience and demonstrated ability in playing services and accompanying choirs and soloists, a thorough knowledge of Lutheran liturgies and traditions, and an agreeable personality to facilitate planning worship with the Director of Music and the Pastors. A Bachelor's degree in organ performance is expected, Master's or equivalent experience preferred. Salary range is commensurate with experience, between \$11,000 and \$15,000 per year. To be considered for the position, please send a cover letter, resume, and contact information to the search committee at [search@conyerselc.org](mailto:search@conyerselc.org)

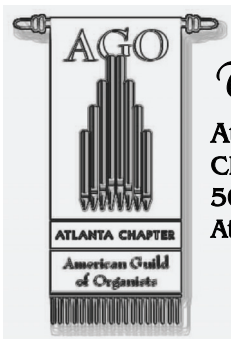
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)** 206 Willow Bend Rd., Peachtree City, GA 30269. (770) 487-7757. Organist for 700 member suburban church. Send resume or contact Dr. John Odom at the above address or email [johnodom100@comcast.net](mailto:johnodom100@comcast.net)

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCUSA)**, 800 S. Enota Drive, Gainesville GA 30501; Organist for 1000 member congregation; one traditional, liturgical Sunday service at 9:45 am; organist not responsible for second, contemporary service; new III/40 Parkey organ; church has long tradition in excellent choral and instrumental music, including concerts of major sacred choral works; organist approximately 10-12 hours weekly, including planning and practice time; one adult choir rehearsal Wednesdays at 7:00 pm; occasional ensemble rehearsals also on Sunday morning; 6-8 week summer break with no choral rehearsal; candidate should have excellent piano and organ accompanying skills, creative improvisation ability for hymns and service music; interest in expansive organ solo repertoire; continuo skills expected; minimum Bachelor of Music or Organ Performance with demonstrated professional experience; other music staff includes full time Director of Music, part-time children's choir director, part-time handbell director; part-time accompanist; position available immediately or by August; compensation will meet guidelines of Presbyterian Association of Musicians; send resume to [organist@fpcga.org](mailto:organist@fpcga.org)

**GLENN MEMORIAL UMC** has a director position available for their Covenant Choir (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades). The choir rehearses Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30, mid August through early May, participates in musical programs and sings for worship. With a tradition of character in music literature and performance for worship, Glenn is strongly committed to music for children. Glenn is located on the Emory University campus. For position details, please contact Steven Darsey, Director of Music - [stevend@glennumc.org](mailto:stevend@glennumc.org) -or- 404 525 4722

**MCDONOUGH FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**; 151 Macon Street, McDonough, GA 30253; 770-957-4150 [www.mcdfirst.org](http://www.mcdfirst.org). Principal Musician (organist, accompanist); Responsibilities include planning and preparation of appropriate organ service music for two Sunday morning services. Responsibilities also include Wednesday evening choir rehearsals (7-9pm). The music ministry has a two manual, Rogers digital/pipe hybrid organ; 2.4 ranks. Music ministry also uses two black baby grand pianos. The Principal musician is under the advisement of the Minister of Music and Senior Pastor. Salary and benefits commensurate with education, skills, and experience between 8 and \$13k/yr. Applicants should contact Scott Keesey, Director of Music at [scott.keesey@henry.k12.ga.us](mailto:scott.keesey@henry.k12.ga.us), or the Senior Pastor, Dana Everhart at [dana.everhart@mcdfirst.org](mailto:dana.everhart@mcdfirst.org).

**MCKENDREE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** in Lawrenceville, GA is seeking a part-time Assistant Director of Music. Minimum requirements are: the candidate have a strong commitment to Jesus Christ, have musical training/education, as well as have conducting experience. Candidate should be familiar with music curriculum/songs/musicals for children or youth. Kodaly and/or Orff experience is preferred but not required. Piano or organ proficiency is beneficial. Salary is \$12,000. Interested candidates submit your resume to the attention of Mr. Tom Balog, Business Administrator. Email: [tbalog@mckendreeumc.org](mailto:tbalog@mckendreeumc.org). Telephone number: 770-339-9801.



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