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2017-2018 AGO Meetings & Programs

Date	Location	Program/Artist	Dinner, Reception, etc.
September 9-9-2017 (Saturday) 7 pm	Grace Episcopal Church 22 Brenau Ave NE Gainesville, GA 30501	Ken Cowan, organ	TBD
October 10-10-2017 (Tuesday) 7:30 pm	All Saints' Episcopal Church 634 West Peachtree St NW Atlanta, GA 30308 Hosts Ray & Beth Chenault, Michael Crowe, Pamela Ingram	Dexter Kennedy, organ	TBD
November 11-14-2017 (Tuesday) 7:30 pm	First United Methodist Church 360 Peachtree St NE Atlanta, GA 30308	Herb Buffington, organ	TBD
December	open		
January 1-9-2018 (Tuesday) 7:30 pm	Johns Creek United Methodist Church 11180 Medlock Bridge Rd Johns Creek, GA 30097	Samuel Metzger, organ	TBD
February 2-6-2018 (Tuesday) 7:30 pm	Trinity Presbyterian Church 3003 Howell Mill Rd Atlanta, GA 30327 Host Norman Mackenzie	Katelyn Emerson, organ Winner, National Young Artists Competition	TBD
March 3-3-2018 (Saturday) 10 am	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church 3180 Peachtree Rd, Atlanta Atlanta, GA 30305 Hosts Scott Atchison, Nicole Marane	Choral Reading Session	TBD
April 4-21-2018 (Saturday)	Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 731 Peachtree St NE Atlanta, GA 30308 Host Sarah Hawbecker	Taylor Organ Competition	
May 5-8-2018 (Tuesday) 7:30 pm	Cannon Chapel, Candler School of Theology, Emory University 515 South Kilgo Cir NE Atlanta, GA 30322	Guild Service	TBD

From the Dean

I was recently accused of being the most thoughtful person this individual knew. ☺ I was humbled by the compliment, and at the same time realized how often I “miss the mark” regarding thoughtfulness. I wish I had the capacity to always put others first and follow the example Jesus set (Philippians 2). Having the same mindset as Jesus is a pretty challenging proposition. I’m not an expert, but I think it starts with two simple words: “Thank you!”

It’s such a simple phrase, but it has such profound implications. Saying “thank you” is so easy, yet sometimes so easily forgotten. Sometimes folks are doing things “behind the scenes,” sometimes without any fanfare, or public recognition, and go completely “un-thanked!” I wish a blanket “thank you” would suffice, because I am the world’s worst at forgetting someone when I start thanking folks. Regardless, I’m compelled to give it a shot.

Sue Mitchell-Wallace, our immediate past dean, did a fantastic job heading up the nominations committee, including Keith Nash and Matt McMahan, and securing the nominees. Every detail of the election of the “Class of 2020” was handled flawlessly. I appreciate all she and the committee did for the chapter. Thanks are also in order for those who were willing to run for election to the board. Dr. Jens Korndoerfer (First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta), Dr. Joyce Johnson (Spelman College), Matt McMahan (Decatur Presbyterian Church), and Peter Waggoner (St. James Episcopal Church, Marietta) were all extremely well-qualified candidates, and are vital members of our chapter. I sincerely appreciate their willingness to serve our chapter. Congratulations to Drs. Korndoerfer and Johnson who will serve on the Executive Board as the “Class of 2020.”

Another “thank you” is in order for Ariel Merivil (Atlanta First UMC) who served on the Executive Board for the past three years and will be leaving the metro area to join the music team at First Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, with Tom Trenney. While it will be an amazing opportunity for Ariel, and he will thrive in this new ministry opportunity, he will be sorely missed here!

Don Land has served as Secretary of the Executive Board for the past several years and has done a great job. He is stepping down from this position with our sincere thanks for his faithful attendance and diligent service as our secretary. I’m grateful for his supportive, encouraging spirit, and the practical advice on which I can always depend.

Keith Williamson has graciously accepted the appointment to serve as Executive Board Secretary. Keith has been so active in a number of different areas. I sincerely appreciate all the ways he graciously serves our Chapter...there are too many things to list here. He has been instrumental in several initiatives from programs to punch bowls. I am grateful he will continue on the Board as Secretary.

There are many Chapter members working in vital areas right now: CAGO exams, AAGO exams, scholarship competition, POE-Tech, the 2020 National Convention, and more. There is also a need for folks to step up to fill several important vacancies, including Chapter Librarian and Used Music Sales. If you would like to be part of the progress and development of a more vital, active Chapter, please let one of us on the Executive Board know. We need you!

Blessings!

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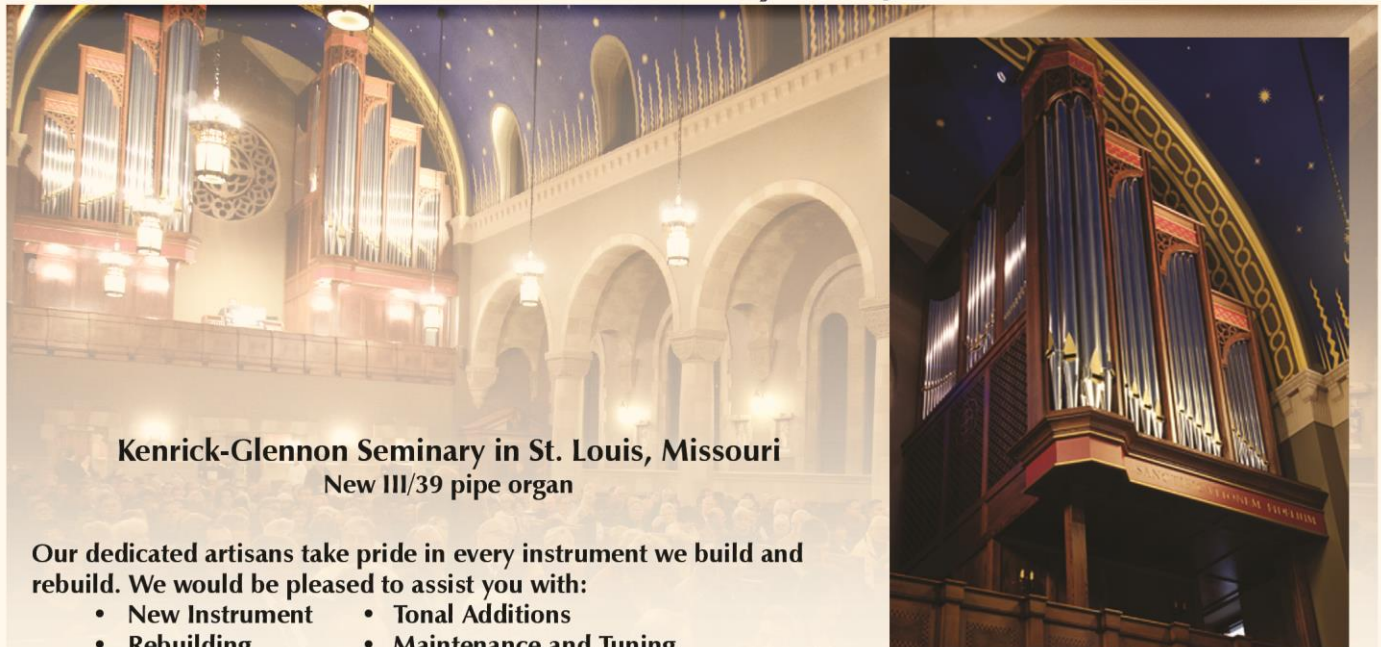
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Summer 2017 Calendar of Events

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location	Admission
Wednesday	5/31	7:30 PM	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival: Su-Ryeon Ji	Cathedral of Christ the King	\$
Thursday	6/1	8:00 PM	ASO/Robinson/Forbis/Sumegi/Spano: Buller/Britten/Wagner	Symphony Hall	\$
Saturday	6/3	4:00 PM	Nathan Jones, <i>organ</i>	Northside Drive Baptist Church	
	6/3	8:00 PM	ASO/Robinson/Forbis/Sumegi/Spano: Buller/Britten/Wagner	Symphony Hall	\$
Sunday	6/4	3:00 PM	Bill Callaway, <i>organ</i>	First United Methodist Church, Chamblee	
Wednesday	6/7	7:30 PM	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival: Alcee Chris III	All Saints' Episcopal Church	\$
Sunday	6/11	3:00 PM	Randy Elkins, <i>organ</i>	Johns Creek United Methodist Church	
Wednesday	6/14	7:30 PM	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival: David Hurd	Cathedral of St. Philip	\$
Saturday	6/24	7:30 PM	Festival Singers of Atlanta	St. Mark United Methodist Church	\$
Tuesday	7/11	7:00 PM	Mark Paoe, <i>organ</i>	Grace Episcopal Church, Gainesville	
Wednesday	7/12	7:30 PM	Atlanta Summer Organ Festival: Thomas Trotter	Peachtree Road United Methodist Church	\$
Sunday	7/30	5:00 PM	The Choral Pickup Concert, Jerry McCoy, <i>conductor</i>	Johns Creek United Methodist Church	

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Karen Bunn
Rachael Ficklin
Vangie Hammer
Philip Newton, Jr.

John Palmer
Charlene Ponder
Thomas Wigley

The 2017 POE Tech Committee also thanks APOBA and AIO for the scholarships they have provided.

Around the Chapter

Nathan Jones Organ Recital

The Music Ministry of Northside Drive Baptist Church is pleased to present Nathan Jones in recital on Saturday, June 4 at 4 p.m. Jones is the Assistant Director of Music for Winder United Methodist Church. He has planned an eclectic program titled "From Bach to Brubeck." The concert is open to the public. For more information contact Dr. Keith H. Walker, Director of Music Ministries at keith@northsidedrive.org.

Festival Singers of Atlanta Concert

The Festival Singers of Atlanta, an *a cappella* chamber choir, will present a summer concert entitled "Ease on Down the Yellow Brick Road" on Saturday, June 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Wade Hall at St. Mark United Methodist Church, 781 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30308. The program features music from *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Wiz*, and *Wicked*. Desserts and soft drinks will be served. Tickets are \$20 per person and available through our website and at the door. Proceeds will help fund future concerts and commissions of new choral works. For more information, visit our website at www.festivalsingersofatlanta.org.

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Su-Ryeon Ji

(Cathedral of Christ the King, Atlanta)

works by Bach, Franck, Rimsky-Korsakov, & Duruflé

Wednesday, May 31

The Cathedral of Christ the King

2699 Peachtree Road NE

Alcee Chriss III

(McGill University, Montreal, Canada)

works by Bach, Tournemire, Rachmaninov, Elgar,
Rachel Laurin, Demessieux, & Reger

Wednesday, June 7

All Saints' Episcopal Church

634 West Peachtree Street NW



David Hurd

(Church of St. Mary the Virgin, New York, NY)

works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Hurd, Pamela Decker

Wednesday, June 14

The Cathedral of St. Philip

2744 Peachtree Road NW

Thomas Trotter

(Birmingham City Organist, Birmingham, England)

works by Bach, Mozart, Leroy Anderson,
Reger, Wammes, & Mendelssohn

Wednesday, July 12

Peachtree Road United Methodist Church

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Sunday Afternoon Recitalists for 2017-2018

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Patrick A. Scott, *organ*; Mike Myers, *trumpet* (Atlanta)
- 17 Sarah Hawbecker, *organ* (Atlanta)
- 24 Ralph Lyda, *organ* (Atlanta)

OCTOBER

- 1 Damin Spritzer, *organ* (Dallas, TX)
- 8 Lynn Worcester, *piano* (Rome, GA)
- 15 Woodrow W. Talley, *organ* (Sandy Springs, GA)
- 22 Atlanta Camerata
- 29 Spivey Hall Children's Choir (Morrow, GA)

NOVEMBER

- 12 David Lamb, *organ* (Columbus, IN)
- 19 Brian Parks, *organ* (Marietta, GA)
- 26 Clara Gerdes, *organ* (Philadelphia, PA)

JANUARY

- 7 Chase Loomer, *organ* (Rochester, NY)
- 14 Alvin Blount, *organ* (Marietta, GA)
- 21 Gail Archer, *organ* (New York, NY)
- 28 Karen Black, *organ* (Waverly, IA)

FEBRUARY

- 4 Alan Lewis, *organ* (Pittsburgh, PA)
- 11 Robert Poovey, *organ* (Rochester, NY)
- 18 Clayton State Chorale (Morrow, GA)
- 25 Christopher Lynch, *organ* (Portland, OR)

MARCH

- 4 Mark Pacoe, *organ* (New York, NY)

APRIL

- 8 Bryan Dunnewald, *organ* (Philadelphia, PA)
- 15 Jason Roberts, *organ*
- 22 Stefan Kagl, *organ* (Germany)
- 29 David Henning, *organ* (Houston, TX)

MAY

- 6 Georgia Boy Choir
- 13 Caroline Robinson, *organ* (Rochester, NY)

Positions Available

Complete details on these and other positions may be found at the chapter's website: www.agoatlanta.org then click on "employment."

Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church, Clarkesville, seeks a part-time organist. Send resumes to gcalvary@windstream.net.

Grace Presbyterian Church, Dawsonville, seeks a part-time pianist. Contact Jeanne Luke at JLukeMasterTeacher@gmail.com for more information.

Vineville United Methodist Church, Macon, seeks a full-time Organist/Choirmaster. Send resumes to Dr. Jimmy R. Asbell, Jr., at jasbell@vinevillemethodist.org or mail to 2045 Vineville Ave. Macon, GA 31204.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Snellville, seeks staff singers. For information, contact Dan Mitchell at rdanmitchell@gmail.com.

First Christian Church, Winder, seeks a tenor staff singer. Contact Candy Stoffel at candy8249@windstream.net to request an audition.

Central Baptist Church, Newnan, seeks a part-time organist/music associate. Send resumes to Anne Cronic at acronic@numail.org.

Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church seeks a part-time pianist/organist. Send resume to P.O. Box 333, Rabun Gap, Ga. 30568.

St. James United Methodist Church seeks a Director of Music Ministry and an Associate Director of Music Ministry. Send resumes to stjamesatjobs@gmail.com with "Director of Music Ministry" or "Associate Director of Music Ministry" in the subject line.

First Presbyterian Church, Rome, seeks a part-time organist. Send resumes to Dr. Aaron Rice at aaronr@fpcrome.org.

St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Decatur, seeks soprano, tenor, and bass staff singers. To schedule an audition, contact Rhett Barnwell: seraphmus@gmail.com or 404-414-4791.

Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church seeks a tenor staff singer. To schedule an audition, contact Steven Darsey at 404-634-3936 or stevend@glennumc.org.

Mulberry Street United Methodist Church, Macon, seeks a part-time Interim Director of Music and, eventually, a full-time Organist & Director of Music Ministries. Contact Search Committee Chair Lisa Shepard at l.elliott@cox.net for information.

New South Festival Singers (formerly Lynn Swanson Festival Singers) seeks a Music Director & Conductor. Send applications to William Baker Choral Foundation, 5450 Buena Vista Street, Suite 100, Roeland Park, KS 66205.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, seeks an Organ Scholar. For information, contact Shannon Gallier at shannon@stbartsatlanta.org or 404-634-3336, ext. 228.

Wesley United Methodist Church, Frederica, St. Simons Island, seeks a part-time Organist/Music Associate. For more information, contact Christopher Goodson, Director of Music and Worship, at chris@wesleyssi.org.

First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, seeks a part-time organist. For more information, contact Sam Marley at smarley@fpcga.org.

First United Methodist Church, Marietta, seeks a full-time Director of Music. Send resumes to resumes@mariettafumc.org.

First United Methodist Church, College Park, seeks an alto staff singer. For further information email smbnotes@aol.com.

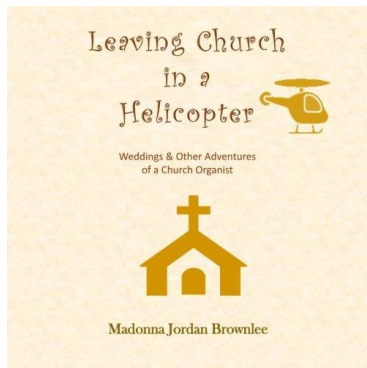
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Leaving Church in a Helicopter



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