

# A CHOIR MAKEOVER: TOOLS FOR REVIVING YOUR MUSIC MINISTRY

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### This Is The Day - Hymn by Les Garrett

This is the day, This the Day
That the Lord Has Made, That the Lord Has Made
I will rejoice, I will rejoice
And be glad in it, And be glad in it
This is the day that the Lord has Made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord Has Made

I will enter his gates with Thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter his courts with praise,
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made
I will rejoice for he has made me glad

He has made me glad, he has made me glad
I will rejoice for he has made me glad
He has made me glad, he has made me glad
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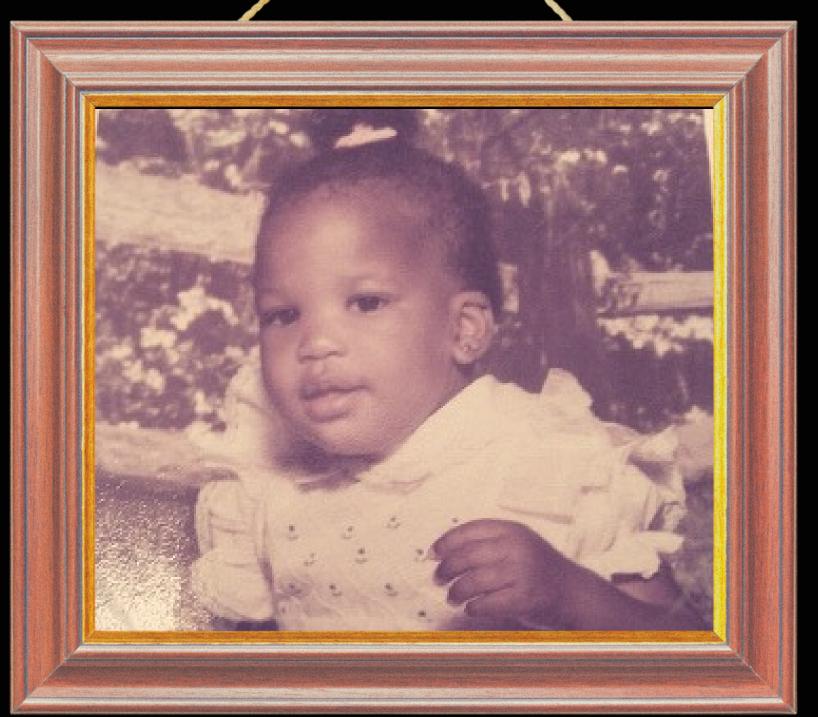


### TODAY'S PRESENTATION

Love for the Choir Bring it Back- But Different Drama and Healing Who Are Your People? Rehearsal Preparation Talk to Your Pastor Church Calendar Make it Easy on Yourself Love & Laugh Questions



### SHE LOVES TO SING!



Started Singing younger than age 5

 Learned very early I could hear voice parts

LOVED the Choir

1 YEAR OLD MARIA



Hezekiah Walker and the Love Fellowship Crusade Choir

Mississippi Mass Choir

O'Landa
Draper and
The Associates

Dallas Fort Worth Mass Choir

Dr. Charles Hayes and the Cosmopolitan Church Choir

Thomas Whitfield and the Whitfield Company

Bobby Tones and the Nashville Super Choir

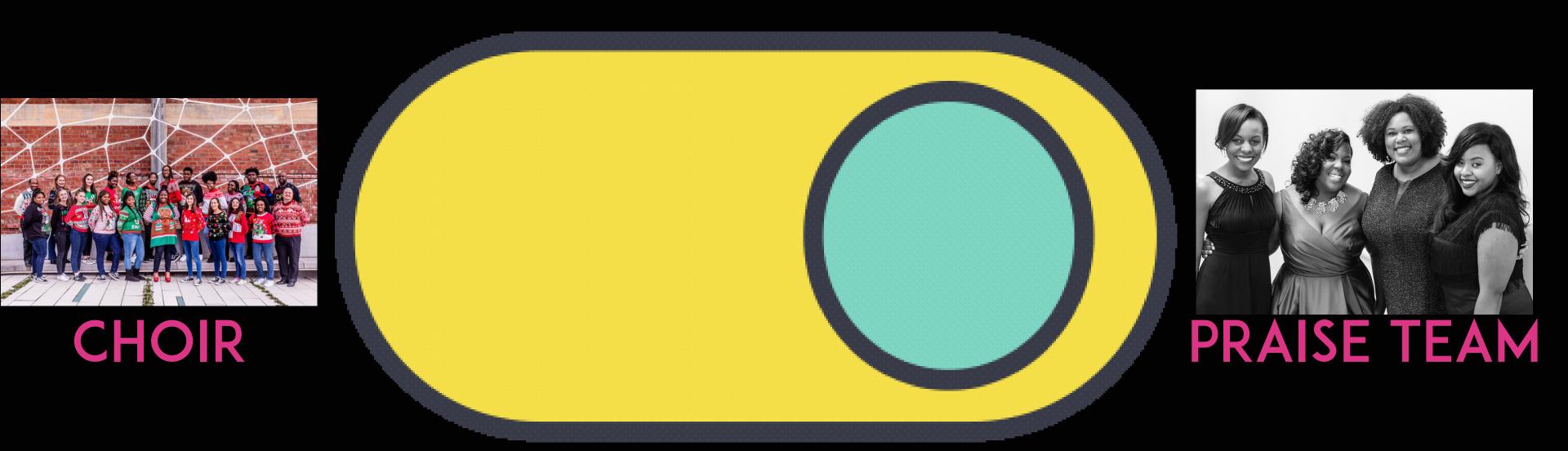
Ricky Dillard and New G

Rey. John P. Kee and the New Life Community Choir

Georgia Mass Choir

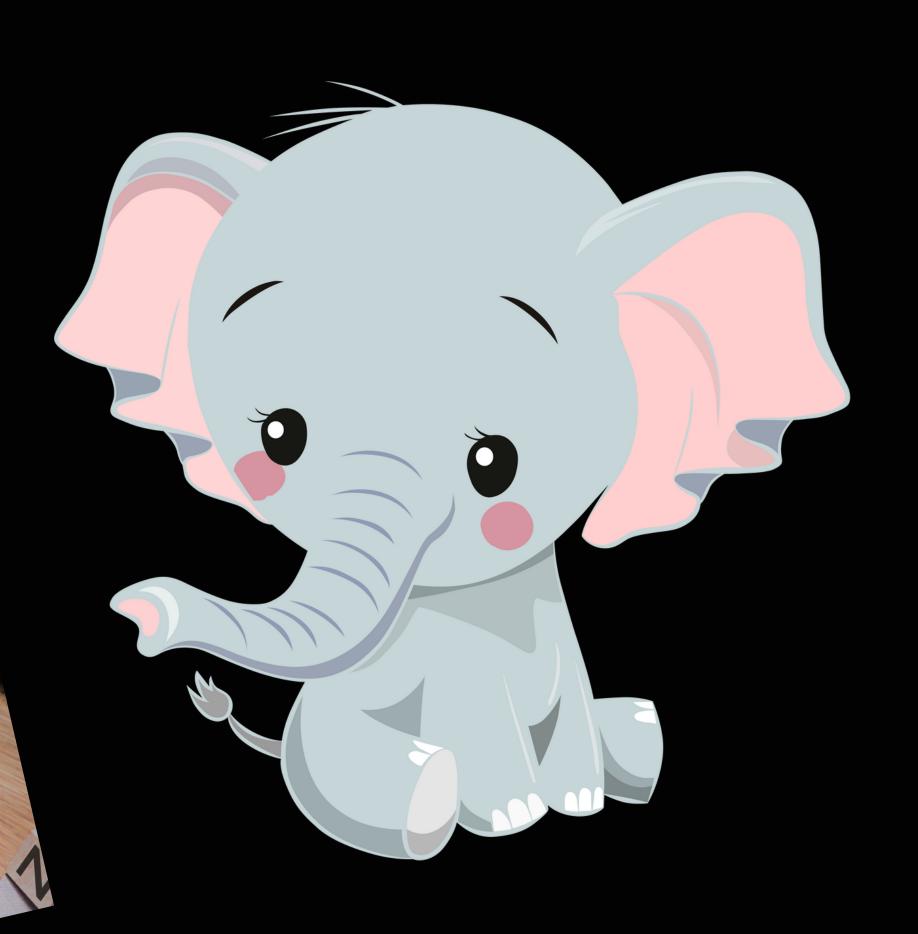


### WHO'S SINGING?



THE CHOIR OR THE PRAISE TEAM?

### Bring the Choir Back...But Let's Be Better this Time



DRAMA





### CHURCH HURT/DRAMA - DEAL WITH IT

### LOVE:

1 PETER 4:8 AND ABOVE ALL THINGS HAVE FERVENT LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER, FOR "LOVE WILL COVER A MULTITUDE OF SINS." NEW KINGS JAMES VERSION

### FORGIVE:

MATTHEW 18:21-22. THEN PETER CAME UP AND SAID TO HIM, "LORD, HOW OFTEN SHALL MY BROTHER SIN AGAINST ME, AND I FORGIVE HIM? AS MANY AS SEVEN TIMES?" JESUS SAID TO HIM, "I DO NOT SAY TO YOU SEVEN TIMES, BUT SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN."

### **ENCOURAGE:**

MOST PEOPLE ARE REALLY TRYING THEIR VERY BEST TO DO A GOOD JOB IN THE CHOIR

## KNOW YOUR PEOPLE AND YOUR HOUSE!



### WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR CHOIR?

- LEARN THEIR NAMES, LIKES, & SKILLS THAT THEY BRING TO THE TABLE.
- PEOPLE WANT TO FEEL AS THOUGH THEY HAVE A PART IN THE MINISTRY FIND THEIR SKILLS AND INCORPORATE THEIR SKILLS IN THE MINISTRY
- CELEBRATE SPECIAL EVENTS/SHOW EMPATHY TO LIFE EVENTS
- ADD ICE BREAKERS/GAMES/ACTIVITIES SO YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO BOND OVER LIFE OUTSIDE OF MINISTRY

### LEARN YOUR HOUSE

WHAT SONGS DOES YOUR CONGREGATION LIKE/DISLIKE?

IS YOUR CHURCH TRADITIONAL OR NON-TRADITIONAL?

CAN NON-CHOIR MEMBERS SUGGEST SONGS?



### THE PLAN BEFORE THE REHEARSAL

- Have you talked with the Pastor? Is there a certain song he/she wants to hear? What is the message about? Are there songs that correspond with the message?
- Have a plan know what we are rehearsing know the Key, the Words, the Parts, who's leading and who's directing
- Have you worked with the lead singers, choir directors, section leaders individually before the rehearsal to make sure they are comfortable with the songs?
- Have a structure/schedule for rehearsal
- Do we begin with scripture? Is there prayer? Can someone leave a testimony? Is the choir going to get a break? Do we break off into sectionals if so are the various break off places labeled? Do we get out at a certain time or whenever?
  - Lead with Love- drench your correction notes/parts in love





### Choir Calendar:

• Plan in advance for upcoming events – Christmas, Mother's Day, Easter, Pastor's Anniversary etc

• Is the majority of the choir on vacation during the summer months? Plan for it



### Free Planner Download

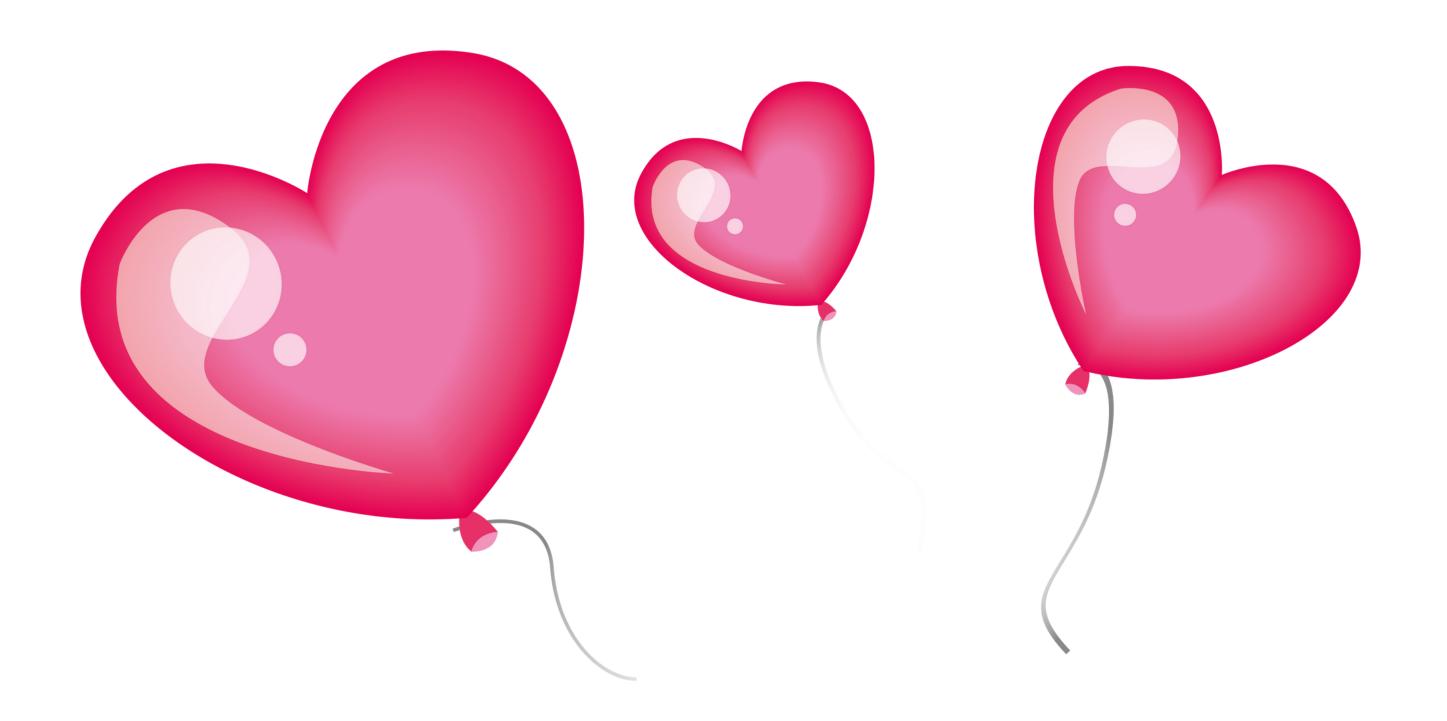
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### GET A TEAM:

- SECTION LEADERS FOR CHOIR AND BAND
- UNIFORM COMMITTEE
- BIRTHDAY/HOSPITAL/FUNERAL COMMITTEE



Love, Laugh, Make it Fun! People will always remember how you made them feel!

### QUESTIONS



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