



# 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  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad

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!



1 YEAR OLD MARIA

- Started Singing younger than age 5
- Learned very early I could hear voice parts
- LOVED the Choir



Hezekiah Walker and the Love  
Fellowship Crusade Choir

O'Landa  
Draper and  
the Associates

Thomas Whitfield and the  
Whitfield Company

Ricky Dillard and New G

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

Georgia Mass Choir

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Mississippi Mass Choir

Dallas Fort  
Worth Mass  
Choir

Dr. Charles Hayes and the  
Cosmopolitan Church Choir

Bobby Jones and the  
Nashville Super Choir

Girl  
conductor

# WHO'S SINGING?



CHOIR



PRAISE TEAM

## THE CHOIR OR THE PRAISE TEAM?

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





# 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





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A Choir  
Rehearsal with  
no plan or  
agenda is a  
waste of your  
choir members  
time!



A woman with dark, curly hair is shown from the chest up, covering her mouth with her hands. She has a surprised or secretive expression. The background is a solid teal color. Two white speech bubbles are overlaid on the image. The left bubble contains the text 'PART TRACKS' and 'I THOUGHT THE PART WENT LIKE THIS'. The right bubble contains the text 'WORDS' and 'CAN YOU GIVE US THE WORDS?'.

# PART TRACKS

"I THOUGHT THE PART WENT  
LIKE THIS

# WORDS

CAN YOU GIVE US THE WORDS?



# 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

YOU CAN DO THIS!



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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!



DONT BE SHY!



QUESTIONS





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THANK YOU!

I AM HERE FOR YOU

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