

Blue Valley Baptist Church  
Children's Choir Ministry  
*presents*



2009-2010 Parent Handbook

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Dear Choir Parent—

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to work with your child(ren) this year in preschool and children's choirs. We look forward to a fun year. This year's theme is **STRONG TOWER**. Music and activities will center on knowing God as our King, Strong Tower and Hiding Place. You can read more about that in this handbook.

As we kick-off this year, I invite you to make choirs a priority. Our teachers have worked hard over the last few weeks as we prepare for the coming year. We truly want to get to know your child and invest in the lives of the children in their classroom. In preparation for the coming year, I believe our priorities for children's and preschool choirs center on these three things:

### **Worship**

In children's and preschool choirs, we teach your child what it means to be a worshipper and to experience God's presence in their lives.

### **Education**

Children learn musical concepts on an age appropriate level.

### **Enjoyment**

Choir is a fun environment where children can learn to enjoy and appreciate music.

I and our staff look forward to meeting your children and getting to know them this year. You, too, will have opportunities to get involved. It may be as a parent volunteer in the classroom, being a part of our "Open House" nights (see calendar for dates), choir performances, and even through Hymn Treasures.

We are going to have a lot of fun,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janae Shepherd".

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## Sound the trumpets and alert the people— **STRONG TOWER** answers the question, what's in a name?

Children's Music Series brings another year's worth of musical goals, biblical truths, and Scriptures to life through kid-friendly music, colorful visual aids, movement, hands-on activities, and great song-teaching techniques—all designed to help children from age 4 through Grade 6 to become life-long worshippers of God.

When a child learns someone's name, a connection occurs; eventually, they learn that the same person may respond to several names that are indicative of a relationship or role. This broadens their understanding of this person's identity and deepens their own personal relationship with them.



Using the names and attributes of God, CMS 5.1's theme **Strong Tower: Knowing My King:**

- Uses Renaissance-inspired imagery—along with worshipful music, activities, and more.
- Helps children broaden their understanding of God's role in their lives and connect with Him on a deeper level.
- Encourages children to develop a more intimate connection with the one and only Risen Lord.

# ***BVBC Worship Ministries Preschool and Children's Choir Master Calendar 2009-10***

September 13, 2009	Choirs Begin	6:00 – 7:00 pm
October 18, 2009	OPEN HOUSE – Preschool Choir	
October 25, 2009	Music Makers sing in Morning Worship	
	Young Musicians sing in Morning Worship	
November 1, 2009	OPEN HOUSE - Young Musicians	
November 15, 2009	OPEN HOUSE – Music Makers	
November 22, 2009	No Choirs (T'giving Dinner)	
December 6, 2009	Combined Children Choirs sing with Adult Choir in Morning Worship	
December 6, 2009	Last Night of Choirs Christmas Parties	
January 10, 2010	Choirs Resume with New Schedule	5:45 – 7:15 pm
January 17, 2010	*Auditions (Solo & Speaking)	TBA
January 18, 2010	*Make-up Auditions	6:00- 8:00 pm
January 23, 2010	**Saturday Jam	9:00 am – Noon
February 7, 2010	No Choirs (SS Parties)	
March 14, 2010	No Choirs (Spring Break)	
March 21, 2010	Videotape in Preschool Choir	
March 28, 2010	Combined Children Choirs sing with Adult Choir in Morning Worship	
	Videotape in Preschool Choir	
March 28, 2010	Combined Children's Choirs sing one song in Evening Worship/QCC; <u>"Teaser" for Spring Musical</u>	
April 4 2010	No Choirs (Easter)	
April 18, 2010	Videotape in Preschool Choir	
April 24, 2010	*Extended Rehearsal	9:00 am- 3:00 pm
April 25, 2010	Last Night of Preschool Choir – PARTY	
April 28, 2010 to	Worship Center Reserved for Decorating	

May 2, 2010	Team	
May 1, 2010	*Dress Rehearsal	9:00am- 3:00 pm
May 2, 2010	*Last Night of Children's Choirs – Early Arrival – 3:30	
	*Children's Musical in EVENING Worship	
	Preschool Video in EVENING Worship	
	*CAST PARTY (Families Invited)	7:15 – 8:15 pm
May 9, 2010	Combined Children's Choirs Sing in ALL MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES	

\*Relates to Spring Musical 2010.

\*\* Children will be notified as to who is to attend this rehearsal.



# ***Preschool Choir (Age 4 by Sept. 1)***

## ***2009-10 Calendar***

September 13, 2009	Choirs Begin	6:00 – 7:00 pm
October 18, 2009	OPEN HOUSE – Preschool Choir	
November 22, 2009	No Choirs (T'giving Dinner)	
December 6, 2009	Last Night of Choirs Christmas Party	
January 10, 2010	Choirs Resume	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
February 7, 2010	No Choirs (SS Parties)	
March 14, 2010	No Choirs (Spring Break)	
March 21, 2010	Videotape in Preschool Choir	
March 28, 2010	Videotape in Preschool Choir	
April 4, 2010	No Choirs (Easter)	
April 18, 2010	Videotape in Preschool Choir	
April 25, 2010	Last Night of Preschool Choir – PARTY	
May 2, 2010	Preschool Choir Video in EVENING Worship	

## Music Makers (Grades 1-3) 2009-10 Calendar

September 13, 2009	Choirs Begin	6:00 – 7:00 pm
October 25, 2009	Music Makers sing in Morning Worship	
November 15, 2009	OPEN HOUSE – Music Makers	
November 22, 2009	No Choirs (T'giving Dinner)	
December 6, 2009	Combined Children Choirs sing with Adult Choir in Morning Worship	
December 6, 2009	Last Night of Choir Christmas Party	
January 10, 2010	Choirs Resume with New Schedule	5:45 – 7:15 pm
January 17, 2010	*Auditions - (Solo & Speaking)	TBA
January 23, 2010	**Saturday Jam	9:00 am – Noon
February 7, 2010	No Choirs (SS Parties)	
March 14, 2010	No Choirs (Spring Break)	
March 28, 2010	Combined Children Choirs sing with Adult Choir in Morning Worship	
March 28, 2010	Combined Children's Choirs sing one song in Evening Worship/QCC; <u>"Teaser" for Spring Musical</u>	
April 4, 2010	No Choirs (Easter)	
April 24, 2010	*Extended Rehearsal	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
April 28, 2010 to May 2, 2010	Worship Center Reserved for Decorating Team	
May 1, 2010	*Dress Rehearsal	9:00 am- 3:00 pm
May 2, 2010	*Last Night of Children's Choirs – Early Arrival – 3:30	
	*Children's Musical in EVENING Worship	
	*CAST PARTY (Families Invited)	7:15 – 8:15 pm
May 9, 2010	Combined Children's Choirs Sing in ALL MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES	

\*Relates to Spring Musical 2009

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## ***Young Musicians(Grades 4-6) 2008-09 Calendar***

September 13, 2009	Choirs Begin	6:00 – 7:00 pm
October 25, 2009	Young Musicians sing in Morning Worship	
November 1, 2009	OPEN HOUSE - Young Musicians	
November 22, 2009	No Choirs (T'giving Dinner)	
December 6, 2009	Combined Children Choirs sing with Adult Choir in Morning Worship	
December 6, 2009	Last Night of Choir Christmas Party	
January 10, 2010	Choirs Resume with New Schedule	5:45 – 7:15 pm
January 17, 2010	*Auditions - (Solo & Speaking)	TBA
January 23, 2010	**Saturday Jam	9:00 am – Noon
February 7, 2010	No Choirs (SS Parties)	
March 14, 2010	No Choirs (Spring Break)	
March 28, 2010	Combined Children Choirs sing with Adult Choir in Morning Worship	
March 28, 2010	Combined Children's Choirs sing one song in Evening Worship/QCC; <u>"Teaser" for Spring Musical</u>	
April 5, 2010	No Choirs (Easter)	
April 24, 2010	*Extended Rehearsal	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
April 28, 2010 to May 2, 2010	Worship Center Reserved for Decorating Team	
May 1, 2010	*Dress Rehearsal	9:00 am- 3:00 pm
May 2, 2010	*Last Night of Children's Choirs – Early Arrival – 3:30	
	*Children's Musical in EVENING Worship	
	*CAST PARTY (Families Invited)	7:15 – 8:15 pm
May 9, 2010	Combined Children's Choirs Sing in ALL MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES	

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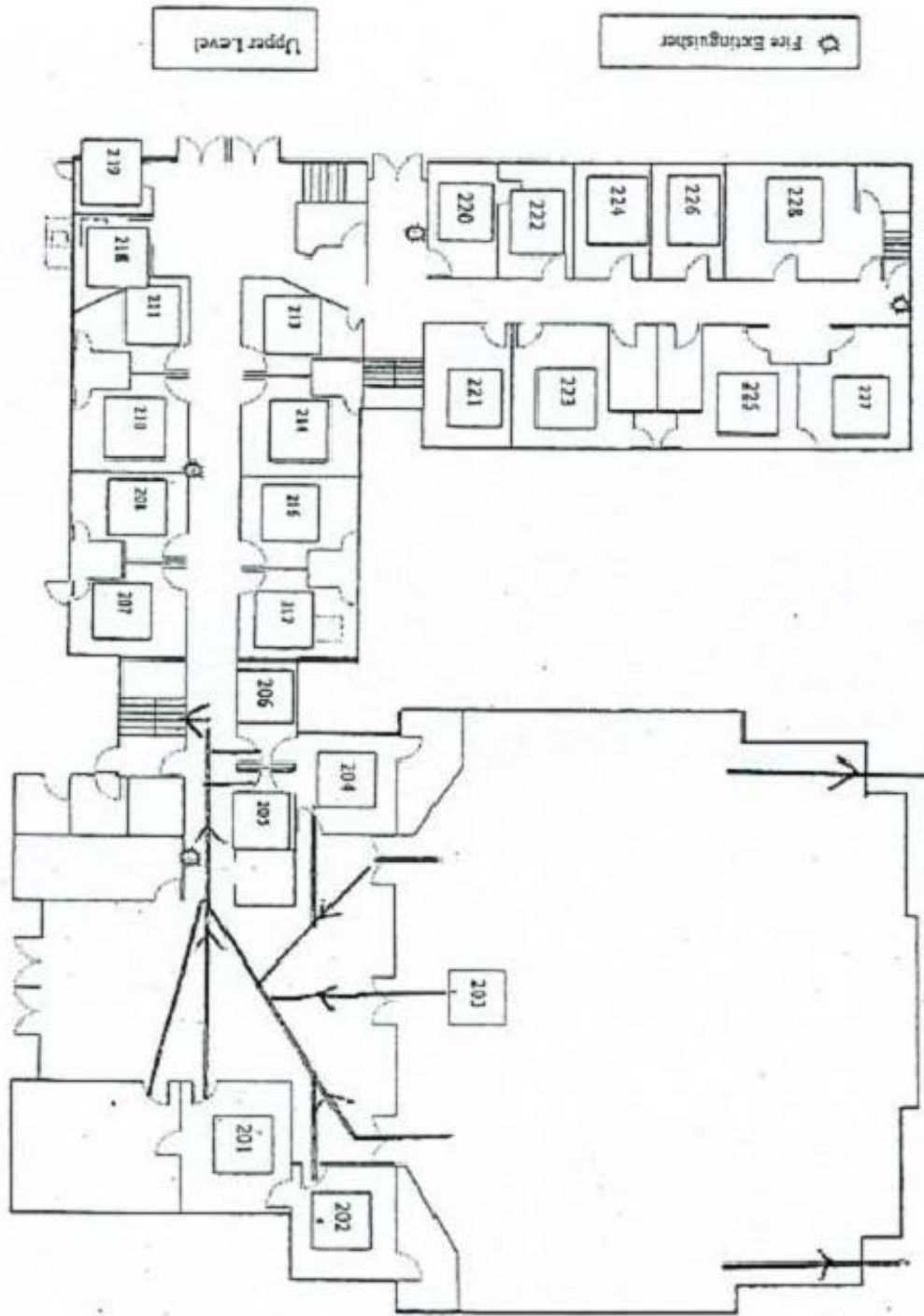
# *Children's Choir Leaders and Room Assignments*

<b>PRESCHOOL CHOIR</b>	
Director	Angie Glenn
Teachers	Jamie Howell
Primary Room Assignment	B121/125 (Formerly the Connection Café)
Small Group Rooms	B100, B102, B104

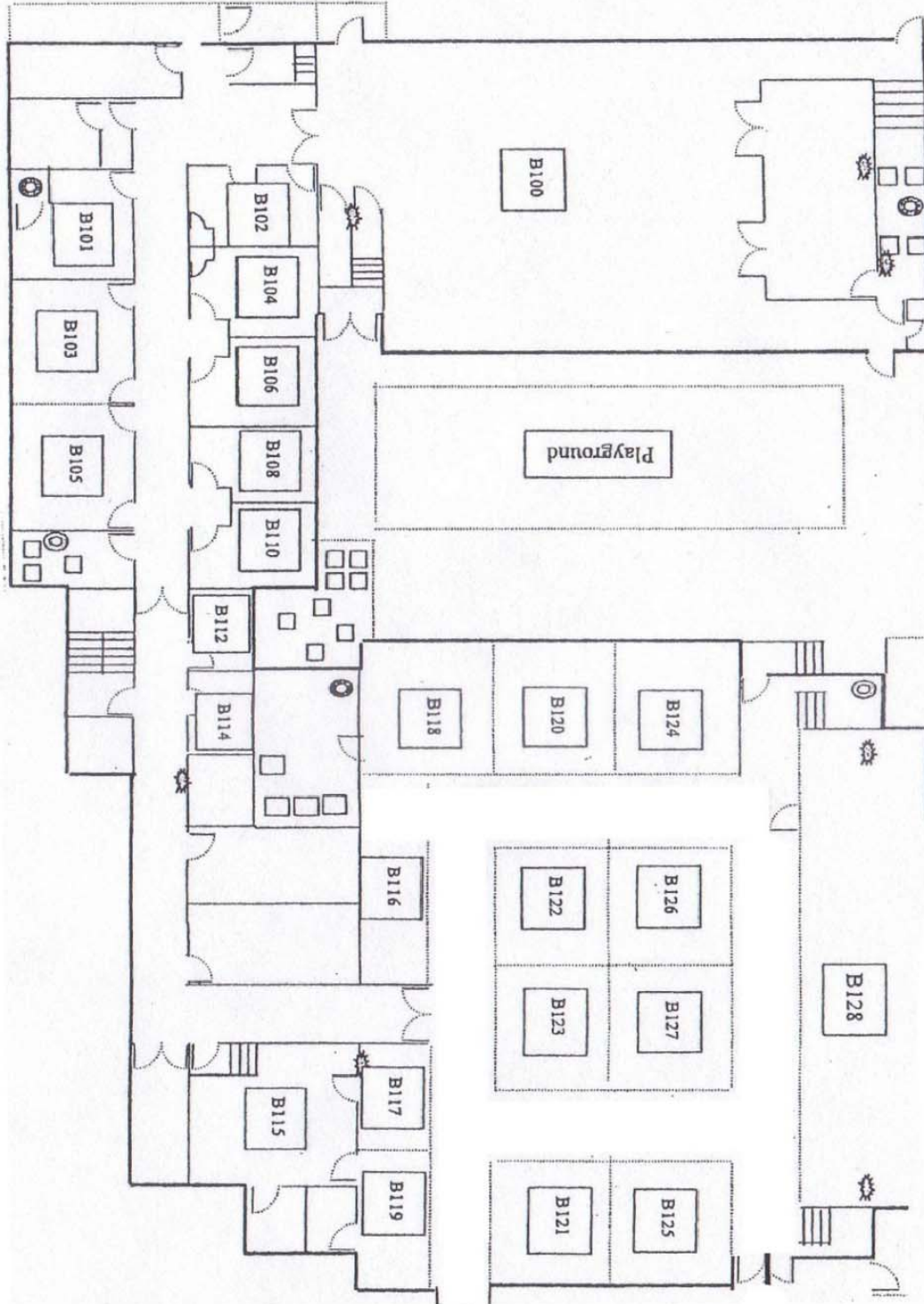
<b>MUSIC MAKERS (GRADES 1 – 3)</b>	
Director	Jana Mashburn
Teachers	Cheryl Todd, Natalie Warner
Primary Room Assignment	B103/B105
Small Group Rooms	B108, B110

<b>YOUNG MUSICIANS (GRADES 4 – 6)</b>	
Director	Kathy Thomasson
Teachers	Sharon Go, Delores Hanneman
Primary Room Assignment	B128
Small Group Rooms	B120, B124

# Campus Map – Main Level



# Campus Map – Lower Level





## *Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures*

Children may arrive as much as 15 minutes before the start of choir. Coming any earlier than 15 minutes prior to start makes it difficult for the leaders to prepare for the class. Please pick up your children promptly.

Preschoolers and children in Grades 1 through 3 will need to be checked in at their main choir room by a parent or adult guardian. The parent or guardian dropping off the child will receive an orange security card with the child's name on it.

An adult will need to return to the choir room at the appropriate ending time (7:00 PM for Fall Semester and 7:15 PM for Spring Semester) to retrieve their child(ren). The orange security card must be returned in order for the child to be released.

Older children, those in Grades 4 through 6 may bring themselves to choir and will be dismissed to find their parents upon the end of the class session.

# *Hymn Treasures*

**Hymn Treasures** is nine volume on-going resource which encourages our children to memorize a specific number of age-appropriate hymns and sing them for a teacher in their choirs. The children's **Treasure Pack** (book and CD) contains 10 hymns in easy piano format and a background story for each hymn. The children are encouraged to memorize their "hymn of the month" to earn an end-of-the year award. The secret to success of the program is to make sure every child has their own **Treasure Pack**. (\$4.95 for book and CD.)

Preschool Choir - These children need to learn 3 songs of the director's choice.

Music Makers – The children need to learn 9 of the ten prescribed songs.

Young Musicians – These children need to learn all 10 songs.

Your child's teacher will maintain a progress chart, outlining each time a child completes a hymn. All hymns should be memorized and sung for a teacher no later than April 18, 2010. Every child who sings their prescribed number of hymns will be awarded a trophy at our Music Celebration on May 2, 2010.

Children who receive a trophy in all grades from 1 to 6 will also receive a personalized hardback volume of the 2008 Baptist Hymnal as a gift from the bvbcWORSHIP Ministry.

**Treasure Pack** (book and CD) is available at the kick-off, first night of choir or by contacting Janae Shepherd in the Worship Ministry Office (913-897-9669).

*Hymns for 2009-10*  
*Include:*

**Preschool (Red)**

Jesus Loves Me  
I Have Decided  
For the Beauty of the Earth  
Away in a Manger  
A Shelter in the Time of Storm  
I Love Thee  
Trust and Obey  
All Things Bright and Beautiful  
Tell Me the Story of Jesus  
There is a Name I Love to Hear

**Music Makers (Blue)**

Nothing But the Blood  
To God Be the Glory  
Holy Bible, Book Divine  
Joy to the World  
How Firm a Foundation  
O Worship the King  
Blessed Be the Name  
Fairest Lord Jesus  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
I Surrender All

## Young Musicians (Purple)

Blessed Assurance

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Like a River Glorious

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Jesus Paid It All

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Onward Christian Soldiers

Children of the Heavenly Father

My Savior's Love

