



TMC 101

*Everything You Need to Know About Singing
in the Tennessee Men's Chorale*

Heather Beard and I have created this document as an easy go-to source for information related to singing in the TN Men's Chorale. We hope it is helpful for new members as well as seasoned veterans. Enjoy!

Membership Fees

- Annual Dues- \$40 (for all full-time worship musicians); \$25 (for all bi-vocational, retired and volunteer worship musician musicians)
- Dues can be paid via www.tbcmc.org/dues, at the annual retreat (August/September), at Summit (November), or by mail to the current TBCMC Treasurer.
- Checks payable to TBCMC (Tennessee Baptist Church Music Conference).

Required Attire

- Formal: All-Black TMC Attire: black long-sleeved, button-up dress shirts; black pants; black belt, black socks, black shoes (black undershirts, if one is worn).
- Business Casual: Concert Business Casual attire for the Men's Chorale is khaki pants and a long-sleeved TMC blue shirt, which can be purchased for \$35 from Heather at a concert or online at www.tbcmc.org. If you purchase via the website, a shirt will be mailed to you or delivered to you at a concert.

Rehearsals/Performances

(What to expect, what to bring, when to arrive)

- January Concert
- April/May Concert
- August/September Retreat
- November Pre-Summit (TN Baptist Convention) Concert/Worship Leadership
- November Summit
- Rehearsals, for the most part, are the day of the concert; thus, the purpose and importance of the annual retreat

Meals:

- Meals are included in your registration fees for most events and concerts.

Lodging:

- Lodging is not provided but lodging options at discounted rates are provided for each event, when available.

Scheduling, Details, and Costs

- Scheduling, costs, and other details for TMC events will be communicated with as much notice as possible. (Normally, costs range from \$25 to \$50...usually closer to \$25.)

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Music

- All music is made available to TMC members via internet downloads. Music is also printed and provided at each TMC concert or event.

Officers

- The TN Baptist Church Music Conference and its officers serve as the governing body for TMC.

Conductor

- Scott Shepherd, Worship and Music Specialist, with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, has served as conductor of TMC since June, 2017.
- Heather Beard serves as his ministry assistant.

TMC Details

- Prior to each TMC event, Heather and I will provide a document with details related a particular event. The TMC Details documents typically include Location, Lodging Options, Schedule, Attire, Music (with PDF downloads), etc. (See sample below.)

Communication

- We communicate details regarding the Tennessee Men's Chorale in four primary ways.
 - Website – www.tbcmc.org is updated often with information pertinent to TMC and other TN Baptist Church Music Conference related news.
 - TN Baptist Worship and Music Newsletter – e-mailed monthly.
 - TMC E-mail – for information regarding events specific to TMC we send direct e-mails.
 - Facebook – We have a closed group on Facebook called "TN Men's Chorale."

If we can assist you through our office, please do not hesitate to call, email or write. Heather Beard is the Ministry Assistant on our team and can assist you with music needs and information updates. Her number is 615.371.2061 or hbeard@tnbaptist.org. If you have not done so, you are encouraged to check out our website www.tbcmc.org. The website is a great place to keep up with conferences and other music events in Tennessee.

Again, welcome!

Sincerely,

Scott Shepherd
Worship and Music Specialist
Tennessee Baptist Mission Board