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A Benefit Concert for the Candlelighters

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WELCOME

Season's Greetings to everyone! We are so grateful that you have chosen to spend a small part of your holidays with us today. This annual tradition is always a highlight of the year for the Chorus and this year is no exception. The songs and format are familiar, Secular favorites and Sacred hymns, but that's a good thing for us and, we trust, for you as well. Christmas is many things to many people, but for almost all of us it is a time for family, friends, and sharing. The chance to see familiar faces we may only encounter once a year is an opportunity we should never take for granted. Also, the fact that most of the world does at least slow down and acknowledge that Christ came into the world is a great thing. And, of course, for all the children it's a time to receive toys and goodies that they've asked Santa Claus to bring them.

We are once again proud to be donating all net proceeds from this Show to the Candlelighters organization which operates here in Chattanooga. They are a dedicated group of volunteers who strive to assist families who have children suffering from a cancer diagnosis. You can read about them elsewhere in this program. Your continued support of this show makes it possible for us to help them out.

Again, thanks so much for being here this afternoon. It is always our hope that you will be pleased by the sounds we create, reminded of the joys associated with the Season, and inspired by the promised arrival of the one they called Jesus. We hope to have an Annual Show in 2025 and then be back here again in December to do this all over again! Until the next time we see you, Keep the Whole World Singing!

Steve Grubb, President

THE CHOO CHOO CHORUS

The Chattanooga Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, known as the Choo Choo Chorus, was officially organized in 1962, and today we celebrate 61 years of singing traditions in Chattanooga. These traditions are Harmony, Service, Fellowship, and Fun, and our special venues include Scout Flag Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Special Olympics, Naturalization Ceremonies for new citizens, nursing and retirements centers, and more. Our Director is Jimmy Tompkins

You can find us at choochoochorus.org or [facebook.com/choochoochorus](https://www.facebook.com/choochoochorus) and let us know how to get in touch with you. If the “interweb” gives you a fit, feel free to call us at (423) 265-SING (7464) and leave us a message - we’ll get back to you.

SHOW COMMITTEE

Tickets and Ads	Steve Grubb
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Musical Director	Jimmy Tompkins
Door	Choo Choo Belles
Emcee	Steve Grubb

CHOO CHOO CHORUS MEMBERS

TENORS

Drew Adams
Dan Bullock
Wally Edmondson
Fred Jesse
Wendell Whitmire

BARITONES

Bob Hill
Johnny Jackson
Judd Jadoobirsingh
Benny Malone
Chuck Wilson

BASSES

Paul Blazek
Henry Crutcher
Pete Jones
Mark McKeel
John Moselage
Dan Peterson
Daniel Randolph
Bob Robbins
Marcellus Scott
Wilbur Strickland

LEADS

Dan Bruns
Jim Chappell
Paul Colman
Emmanuel Costellow
Chris Eley
Jim Frank
Steve Grubb
Charlie Holder
JJ McShane
Maury Morris
David Murphree
Bernard Peek
Bill Slack
Hobby Thomas
Ron Weaver
Rich Wilson
Steve Wixson
Jerry Wright

Our sincere thanks to the men listed here who gave of their time for this concert and other performances during the Christmas season. That is their gift to the Chattanooga community.

THE CHOO CHOO CHORUS



JIMMY TOMPKINS, MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Jimmy Tompkins became the director of the Choo Choo Chorus in April 2020, just as the pandemic started!

He began singing barbershop in high school in the late 1970s. After graduating from high school in 1981 he continued to sing with a barbershop quartet in college. He participated in a production of “The Music Man” at Jacksonville State University in the early 1980s.



He moved to Niceville, Florida in 1990 and realized he was close to a barbershop chapter in Ft. Walton Beach. He began visiting them in 1991 and soon after he joined their director retired and became their director. The chorus showed consistent improvement over the next three years.

He sang with the Big Chicken chorus after moving to north Georgia in the mid-90s. He sang in several quartets and district events and shows with them over the next two years. He was also able to sing on the international stage with them in Miami in 1995.

After serving several churches he moved to Clanton, Alabama in 2007. He was then able to participate again in the Birmingham chorus. After singing with them for a while their director left and he became their director and directed them until his family moved to Chattanooga in 2012, where he has since served Morris Hill Baptist Church as Worship Pastor.

PROGRAM

CHOO CHOO CHRISTMAS CHORUS

Remembering, December 7, 1941

The National Anthem

Jingle Bells

Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree

Diddly Squat - Rock City 4

It's Beginning to look a Lot Like Christmas - Rock City 4

Happy Holidays - It's The Holiday Season"

Winter Wonderland - 3 Guys with a Hobby

Little Saint Nick

Merry Christmas Darling - Deep Water

Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town

Christmas Waltz - Silver Ring

We Need a Little Christmas

INTERMISSION

Joy To The World

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O Holy Night - Silver Ring

Angels We Have Heard on High

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen - Deep Water

Mary Had A Baby

Audience sing-along (words on Pages 9 and 10)

O Come All Ye Faithful

Silent Night

Finale - *Christmas Tag*

QUARTETS (Tenor, Lead, Baritone, Bass)

Deep Water - Dan Bullock, Jim Frank, Chuck Wilson, and Paul Blazek

Rock City 4 - Fred Jesse, Bill Slack, Benny Malone, and Wilbur Strickland

3 Guys With a Hobby - Dan Bruns, Hobby Thomas, Johnny Jackson, and Wilbur Strickland

SING ALONG SONGS
O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him

Born the King of Angels:

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!

Glory to God, glory in the highest:

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

Christ the Lord.

Silent Night

Verse 1

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Verse 2

Sung by the Choo Choo Christmas Chorus

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Candlelighters™

Family Support Group

A portion of the proceeds from today's show will be given to The Candlelighters Family Support Group. This organization is dedicated to helping families with a child stricken with cancer by paying house payments or rent, utility bills, buying food or helping with transportation needs since, oftentimes, one or both parents have to be away from their work to care of the child.

Candlelighters has been active since 1988 and provides help behind the scenes, maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of the families that the organization assists. Any contributions can be sent to Candlelighters Family Support Group, 1305 Darlene Circle, Chattanooga, TN 37412 (phone 423-827-0800)

A Candlelighters Story

We don't know what we would have done without the help of the Candlelighters when our daughter was diagnosed with cancer. While we needed to be with our daughter, we could not work full time, and we were getting behind on our mortgage. We were advised by someone in the Clinic that there was an organization that could help us with this. We contacted the Candlelighters, and they paid several of our house payments while our daughter was so critically ill. Also, when having to drive back and forth for treatment, they helped with gas and other travel expenses. This reduced the stress we were under during this time. We will forever be grateful for the Candlelighters!

Come Sing With Us - The Choo Choo Chorus

Harmony

We are male voices (Lead, Tenor, Bass and Baritone) singing 4-part unaccompanied music. When done correctly, the voices blend in harmony to produce audible, beautiful overtones not being sung by anyone. This is a grand experience and makes our style of music unique. Reading music is not a requirement but buying a good ear does help.

We seek a Balance of Harmony, Fun, Fellowship, and Service



Fun and Fellowship

Each week we enjoy seeing friends, their working together to improve our singing of songs old and new. We share friendships and get together for meals and activities throughout the year. Traditionally, we put on an Annual Show, a Christmas Show and Singing Valentines. Performing and entertaining audiences always leaves a smile on our faces.



Service

We perform at nursing homes and assisted living and retirement centers which is an important part of our community. We honor our military by performing at Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies usually at the National Cemetery. We have sung at Nationalize! Ceremonies for new citizens and sing "The National Anthem" at sporting events including Special Olympics. Christmas Show proceeds are donated to a local charity.



The Choo Choo Chorus

We have been around since 1962 performing throughout the Chattanooga area. Our Director, Jimmy Tompkins, does a great job teaching and motivating us and is always entertaining during rehearsals. We compete twice a year at conventions sponsored by the Dixie District of the Barbershop Harmony Society. We recently achieved our highest score ever and placed second in the 2022 Spring Competition!



Meet Our Director

Jimmy's first barbershop singing was in high school where he came to love this style of singing. He has sung with many choruses and quartets over the years. He was Director of two choruses before becoming Director of The Choo Choo Chorus in 2020. He is Worship Pastor at Morris Hill Baptist Church. In 2019, Jimmy organized and led a Senior Chorus to win a Gold Pin at Midwinter in Nashville!

Come Sing With Us

Guys, if you like to sing, you may LOVE singing with The Choo Choo Chorus!

- We meet Thursdays at 7 pm, Ponders, 4203 Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, TN.
- If you want to come sing, please contact us first and plan to arrive by 6:45. Drive around back and look for the Barbershop Pole!
- If you want to sing just for our Christmas Season, rehearsals begin the first Thursday in October. We have audio learning tracks for everyone.

Call 423-265-SING (7464), Website is choochoochorus.org





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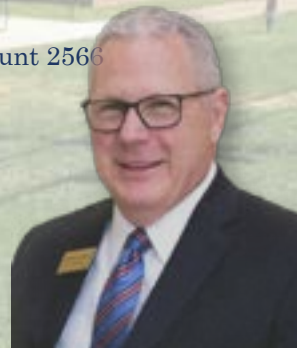
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