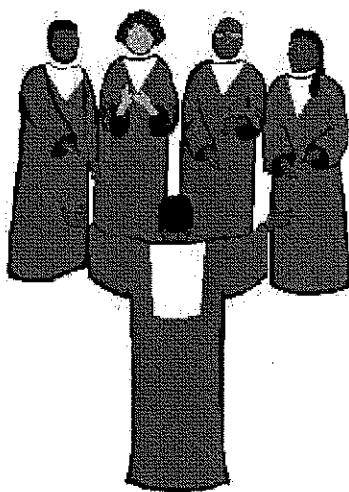


THE MILLENNIUM CHOIR CONFERENCE



Theme: Help Catch The Vision

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.— John 4: 23-24

Saturday, September 20, 2014 *** 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Millennium Baptist Church
1630 North 52nd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19139

Rev. Clarence J. Washington, Pastor

Featuring Guest Facilitator: Elder Daren K. Miller,

The Millennium Choir Project

Letter from our Pastor, Clarence J. Washington, M.Div.



Greetings in the name of our Lord & Savior, Music ministry!

I want to thank you for your commitment and diligence in ushering in the presence of The Lord each Sunday and other special occasions. YOU ARE an important part of our worship service. Four hundred years ago, when our ancestors were kept from learning to read or write, didn't have the sophisticated instruments that we have, couldn't sit in a choir loft, wear a designer robe, or use a hymnal, we can say that we have come a mighty long way. They didn't have those things but in order to survive bondage and enslavement, it IS apparent that they DID have the HOLY spirit.

It was the music that drew me into the service first even before I heard the preached word. Gospel & inspirational music helps the soul to get in touch with the spirit and prepares our hearts for the preached word. I've not met Pastor Miller but he is certainly on point with the goals of the conference.

This is an exciting time for the music ministry of our church and we will all benefit from your musical literacy. The Bible says, wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all your getting, get understanding.

Glean all you can and remember, so whatever you eat or drink, whatever you do, do it to the glory of God!

Praise God for you!

Pastor C.J. Washington

Millennium Baptist Church's Mission and Vision Statement of Faith

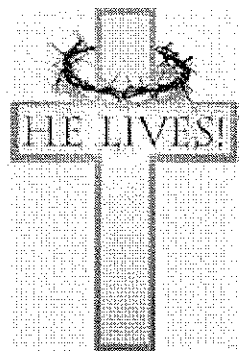
Mission

The Mission of Millennium Baptist Church is to: Learn and teach God's word, live the life we learn about within the Church and outside the Church, draw people to Christ by ministering to their needs, and sustain Godly fellowships and Spiritual worship.

Vision

To develop the present and future members of Millennium Baptist Church by use of Biblical instruction and standards reclaiming the family and structurally re-building the community around 52nd and Columbia Avenue.

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Profile of Elder Daren K. Miller

Elder Daren K. Miller began his musical journey at the age of 3, studying classical piano. He is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Temple University's Esther Boyer College of Music, where he earned a dual Bachelor of Arts Degree in Piano Performance and Music Education.

Elder Miller has been the featured and guest artist at countless concerts and musical events throughout the United States, as well as overseas in England and France. For a number of years he performed for the Philadelphia Music Teachers Association's Annual Classical Concert Recitals, and has auditioned with the world famous Philadelphia and Pottstown Symphony Orchestras. He has also performed on the concert stage of the Wilmington Piano Company sponsored by WFLN Radio.

In 1996, Elder Miller was recognized as one of the Most Outstanding Young Men of America, and was commemorated in their National Encyclopedia. In the 1990s, Elder Miller served as a Semi-finalist and Finalist judge for the McDonald's Corporation National Gospel Choir Competition, promoting youth advancement, community awareness, and multi-cultural togetherness.

The Lord has allowed Elder Miller to serve as Minister of Music, musician, choir director/trainer, producer, songwriter/arranger, and Minister of the gospel for many churches of various denominations in the Philadelphia and Tri-State areas; and has blessed him to have ministered and recorded with many renowned Gospel artists, songwriters, singers, musicians, pastors and evangelists.

In January 2014, the Lord saw fit to entrust Elder Miller to serve God's people as the Pastor of his home church, the Memorial Church of God in Christ, Haverford, PA, where he was born and raised. He also serves as the Jurisdictional Minister of Music of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ. In addition, he is the founder of the Sweet Fellowship Inspirational Choir of Philadelphia and DMAestro's Productions Music Company, LLC, an independent gospel music production company. To God be the glory!

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Mission of the Conference

The primary objective The Millennium Choir Project Conference is to explore and convey a Biblical understanding of music ministry principles, the purpose for worship, and excellence in God's kingdom building process. We believe that it is extremely important for all song leaders, choir members, and musicians to understand their individual roles and collective responsibilities as worship leaders. This workshop is dedicated to have a focus of reflection, application, and direction regarding God's will and purpose for His music ministry. In this workshop with will sing to teach, teach to reach and read to keep the body of Christ within and outside of our church.

To accomplish this mission, we will conduct lectures and open discussions for the participants regarding choir business, leadership, reinvigorating choir worship and praise, and responsibility from a Biblical perspective during each workshop. Depending on particular ministry needs and desires, we have included activities to inspire and encourage greater personal commitment to God's kingdom building process. Taking your praise and worship to the next level is important to growth of your ministry. We should be thinking about the following areas:

- The Absolute Need For The Anointing
- The Real Purpose of Worship
- Misplaced Priorities
- Choir Decorum - What God Expects
- Discipline Means One Hundred Percent
- Discussion on Sacred Music and Hymns in the Church

Further, as time permits, vocal technique and training will be discussed as songs are presented during the longer workshop sessions. During the longer sessions, songs are selected that will prayerfully be encouraging as well as meaningful to the participants and the listeners.

Why We Praise And Worship God

"Hezekiah the king and the princes, commanded the Levites to sing praises to God with Psalms of David and of Asaph. Levites sang praises with gladness and bowed their heads and worshipped" (2 Chronicles 29:30).

To worship God effectively in song, we need to prepare our hearts and our minds so we can forget about ourselves and worship the Lord. There are various kinds of praise and worship and praise is different to worship. Praising the Lord is akin to thanking Him but worship is a right attitude. When Leah gave birth to her son Judah, she said, "Now I will praise the Lord!" The name Judah means 'Praise' in ancient Hebrew so Leah praised and thanked the Lord by naming her son 'Praise' (Genesis 29:35). During Levite praise and worship, the glory of the Lord, or the presence of the Lord in the form of a supernatural cloud (Shekinah) was so powerful, priests could not stand up to minister to the people (1 Kings 8:10 & 11; 2 Chronicles 5:13 & 14).

Before we start to praise and worship God, we need to have a correct attitude of praise, thankfulness, gratitude and humility. It helps to pray before going off to church to 'free' our minds of life's pressures before we enter into worship. Once we are right with the Lord, it is then up to the worship leader to lead us into the Lord's presence. A good worship leader will allow the Holy Spirit to lead the worship, while he/she does nothing more than lead the music and singing. The worship leader should only be the servant through whom the congregation is led into the presence of God and into worship. This is a great opportunity for you and God.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. – Psalm 150:6

8:45 -9:10 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9: 15 a.m. Greeting, Prayer and Introduction of Conference Facilitator

9:20 a.m. Elder Daren K. Miller, Facilitator

- Brief history of Gospel Music and Sacred Hymns.
- Time of preparation, reflection, and consecration.
(prayer, worship/praise songs)
- Defining "Worship and Praise " and the purpose of both.
- What worship is, what it's not and the goal of worship.
- Vocal Techniques: Instructions in tonality, breathing range and selection of basic techniques.
- **DRAMA:** You will learn the proper use of the body language, vocal intensity, self-awareness, vocal projection, awareness of environment and facial expression.

10:30 a.m. Brother Norman Knox, Minister of Music, M.B.C.

10:45 a.m. Deacon Maurice Blockson, Sr. Minister of Music, M.B.C.

11:00 a.m. Elder Daren K. Miller, Facilitator

- How are we see worship and God's music make a difference
- Hindrances to "true worship"
- Prayer, Worship, and Praise: How are similar/difference? Why we need all three?
- The "church service," how to enter into God's presence
- Taking praise and worship to the next level

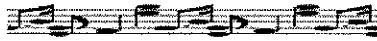
12:50 a.m. Remarks and Benediction

1:05 p.m. Bag Lunch to go

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Choir



Millennium Baptist Church's Music Ministry

Music Ministry

"...O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation..." Psalms 95: 1

Vision – To be examples of His teachings by uplifting, enlightening and opening hearts through music.

Mission – To select songs with the aid of the Holy Spirit that support the message of the day and strive to use the power of music to enhance the congregation's spiritual experience.

Purpose – *To win souls for Jesus Christ and trumpet God's message to all through music.*

Praise Team Ministry

"...O sing unto the Lord a new song ; sing unto the Lord, all the earth..." Psalms 96: 1

Vision – To minister first to the Lord; lead others into the presence of God, lift heavy burdens, refresh people, bring healing. Bring glory to God by ascending into His presence in the time provided.

Mission – To lead, guide, demonstrate and live what true worship is all about and to work as a team with the pastor, deacons, minister of music and church to provide an ongoing spirit-filled worship experience that brings glory to God.

Purpose – To glorify God through Evangelism and Emancipation by demonstrating ways of worship; inviting total congregational participation; thusly "freeing people" to worship God in spirit and truth.

Sanctuary Choir

"...I will sing of mercy and justice; to You, O Lord, will I sing..." Psalms 101: 1

Vision – To touch and change lives through songs.

Mission – To provide services to the church and community in an effect to bring the unsaved into the arms of safety that is Christ Jesus and to glorify God through music.

Purpose – *To exalt and magnify Christ through worship, to encourage believers and to share the gospel in our church and community in song.*

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Franklin Memorial Choir

"...Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praise to our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful ..." Psalms 147: 1

Vision – It is our hope to instill to everyone that hears God's word through song, develop a feeling of personal fulfillment and renewed spirit.

Mission – "Serving God through Song" is the mission of the Franklin Memorial Choir. We invite the congregation to join in and sing during the service and be a part of the spiritual experience, divine love and rejoicing unto the Lord.

Purpose – To help bring a sense of celebration to the worship of our God, to prompt the congregation in singing praise to God, and to support those in their efforts to become creative worshipers, true worshipers who worship God in spirit and in truth.

One Voice

"...Remember your Creator in the days of thy youth..."
Ecclesiastes 12: 1

Vision – To regularly participate in worship as the foundation of our Christian lives.

Mission - Be active in at least one or two ministries in the church. Use our time and talents in dynamic Christian service. Commit to tithing and encourage His discipline and other youths.

Purpose - To seek opportunities to witness our faith in Christ. Grow as Christians through Sunday School, Bible Study, prayer and devotion. Join in common mission with other Christians

Male Chorus

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133:1

Vision – To set the atmosphere for praise and worship and to usher in the presence of the Holy Spirit. To minister not only to the congregation, but outside the walls of the church.

Mission - to enrich the worship experience with praise and devotion

Purpose – To use music to inspire other men to meet Christ, support the ministry of the church and enhance the worship services.

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Choir



Sunbeam Choir

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Psalm 100:1

Vision - To give each child the opportunity to learn, share and enjoy the love to God through song.
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Mission - To serve God and through their music, inspire others by showing their love and concern for one another

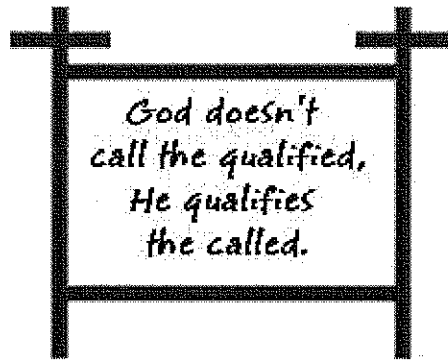
Purpose – To know God, to love God and to serve God

Letter from our Choir Director – Linda Timmons



To Be Added

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Some good things fall apart so that better things can come together!

The context of each word will help the reader understand their role in music ministry.

Gather

Gift

Give

Gladness

Godliness

Glorify

Glorious

Goodness

Gospel

Grow

Guide

Songs and Hymns examples used today

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

HOMEWORK – NO TEST WILL BE GIVEN

Finish these sentences.

What a wonderful _____

I didn't know _____

I sing because _____

I thank God for _____

I feel blessed because _____

Evaluation of Conference and Facilitator

(PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER)

How would you rate the conference overall? Poor Good Excellent

How would you rate the facilitator (his presentation and information) Elder Daren J. Miller?

Poor Good Excellent

Was the information delivered in a way which was easily understood? NO YES

How would you rate Bro. Knox's presentation? Poor Good Excellent

Was Brother Knox's information helpful? NO YES

How would you rate Deacon Blockson's presentation? Poor Good Excellent

Was Deacon Blockson's information helpful? NO YES

Was the information delivered useful to you as a choir member? NO YES

Did you learn something about yourself and your choir ministry? NO YES

If yes, what did you learn? _____

Please return before you leave today! – Thank you

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Self examination questions.

Important questions to ask yourself at the beginning of class?

Why did you join the choir?

Is God pleased with the level of participation you give in your choir ministry?

Are you pleased with the choir ministry you belong to; it's purpose and outreach?

Have you fully immersed and applied yourself to the choir ministry you're involved in?

When you attended church this summer, did you give the same level of participation and praise to the choir as the fall and spring? Or did your participation and praise go on vacation?

Important questions to answer at the end of the conference.

Based on what 've learned today, what did you take away from the conference to advance your music ministry?

Will your level of praise and participation stay the same through the year or increase?

Will you be coming to sing because it's your Sunday, or will you be coming to sing because God deserves your praise?

Thank You

Pastor, Clarence J. Washington, the Official Church Board of our church and I would like to thank each of you for your time and participation in this Conference "The Millennium Choir Project." We hope that in some way you were blessed by the information you received from Elder Daren K. Miller and contributing presenters. Tomorrow is another day, onward extoling the goodness of God praising him for all he has done in our lives. May God bless you richly, as you raise your level of praise.

Serving The Lord With Gladness,

Sis. Winnie Smart-Mapp

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