

Christ Covenant Church Children's Choirs 2010-2011



Quick Takes

- **Choirs meet during Sunday evening worship services**
- **Choirs offered: K-1grades/ 2nd-5th grades/ Training choir**
- **Commitment required: regular attendance, occasional parental help in choir**
- **Come to Parent's Meeting on Sunday, September 12 from 9 to 9:30 in sanctuary (Alternative: Sunday September 12 from 5:30 to 6:00 in the Choir Room)**
- **Voice checks on Sunday, September 12 during evening service (Alternative: Wednesday September 15 between 6 and 9pm in Worship Center Room 211)**
- **Musical in May!**
- **Teaching in all choirs will include**
 - **Musical catechism and hymns as well as other excellent music**
 - **Singing skills**
 - **Learning to read music**
 - **Growing in Biblical understanding of singing and worship**
 - **Having an attitude of cooperation and attending to the task at hand**
- **Please don't miss the detailed information on the other side of this sheet**
- **Register your child for choir from the Children's Choir page at www.christcovenant.org**
- **Contact Barbara VanPatter at barbaravp@earthlink.net if you have questions**

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Dear Christ Covenant Parents,

We are looking forward this year to building on the foundation established for our Children's Choir program. Children's Choirs will continue to meet during the Sunday evening services, with a few changes in the structure of the program. These changes will help achieve our goals of producing skilled and theologically informed singers who love to sing, to worship God through music, and to lead God's people in His worship to His glory.

The main change will be the establishment of a group of committed and musically capable singers who already know how to match pitches and are committed to attending rehearsals. They will be divided into 2 choirs: K-1st grades and 2nd-5th grades. This core group will be established through voice checks with the directors.

A training choir will be offered for those who will commit to weekly rehearsals but need to work toward pitch-matching. Like other skills, the ability to match pitches varies with each child. Some seem to be born with it and others must work hard to attain the skill. The directors of the choirs are committed to teaching all children who wish to learn this important skill. This choir will include small group and one-on-one sessions for skill building and parents will be asked to help their children during the week to increase the success of the instruction. Children working through the pitch-matching sessions will move into the core choir as soon as they are able.

All singers will participate regularly in worship services and other special musical events, and will learn the same hymns and musical catechism.

We plan for the choirs to put on a musical in the spring, probably in May. Only singers who have attended choir in the fall will be able to participate in the musical.

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Please come to a Parents Meeting on Sunday, September 12 from 9 – 9:30am in the sanctuary to hear about our plans for the year and get answers to questions you might have. Voice checks for interested singers will be held during Sunday evening choir time on September 12. This is a very low key, non-threatening, quick evaluation that doesn't require any special preparation on your child's part. See alternative meeting and voice check times in Quick Takes information above. Contact Barbara VanPatter at barbaravp@earthlink.net if you have questions.

We hope to see your children in choir – and look forward to a fruitful year learning to worship our God in skillful song.

For His glory,

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