

Strikepoints

The Blessing of Giving

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Now that October is here, it IS time to start thinking about the Christmas season. As a musician, Christmas can be extremely busy time of the year, playing for this service and that service, hardly having any time to stop and think. But since it is still only October, my head hasn't started spinning yet and I have had time to think -- think about what the next few months will bring and think about what the Christmas season brings.

Christmas for me brings a couple of things -- (1) craziness from all the musical performances and get togethers and (2) the joy of giving.

One tradition that I cherish and look forward to every year is Operation Christmas Child. This past week, I received a brochure on Operation Christmas Child in the mail and I was so excited that it was that time again to start thinking about packing those special shoeboxes! I know many of you also participate in Operation Christmas Child, so you know the feeling you get when

you purchase the items and pack the shoebox knowing that it will be received by a child that may not otherwise receive a Christmas present.

You may ask -- what does this have to do with music? Well, when we play in church, we are giving of our time and talents to the church. We are giving the gift of music to those that listen -- possibly touching them deeper than we may ever know. We are giving.

So as we move into this upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas season, take this month's Bible verse to heart and remember how you will be more blessed by giving than receiving.

Sarah

***I will be posting the Operation Christmas Child 2003 Report on the Church Handbell Page under Links. The website is listed on the back page. This report is so inspirational!!*

BIBLE VERSE: Acts 20:35 (NLT)

³⁵ And I have been a constant example of how you can help the poor by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

Song of the Month— “Here I Am Lord”

Verse:

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
If you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse:

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Verse:

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus



October Birthdays

No Birthdays this month.





Web Site of the Month

Ring of Fire Handbell Choir
www.rof.org

Celebration Ringers / Chimes of Joy Rehearsal Schedule

October 3 Rehearsal at 5:15 PM
 October 10 Rehearsal at 5:15 PM
 October 17 Rehearsal at 5:15 PM
 October 24 Rehearsal at 5:15 PM
 October 31 Rehearsal at 5:15 PM

Echoes of Faith Rehearsal Schedule

October 3 NO REHEARSAL
 October 10 Rehearsal at 12:30 PM
 October 17 Rehearsal at 12:30 PM
 October 24 Rehearsal at 12:30 PM
 October 31 PLAY FOR CHURCH SERVICES
 October 31 NO REHEARSAL

Resound Rehearsal Schedule

October 3 Rehearsal at 4:00 PM
 October 10 NO REHEARSAL
 October 17 Rehearsal at 4:00 PM
 October 24 PLAY FOR CHURCH SERVICE
 October 24 NO REHEARSAL
 October 31 Rehearsal at 12:30 PM



October 2004						
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November 2004						
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Upcoming Events

RESOUND

Sunday, October 24, 2004
Prelude for Church Service

ECHOES OF FAITH

Sunday, October 31, 2004
Prelude for Church Service

ECHOES OF FAITH

Sunday, November 14, 2004
Combined Anthem in Church

CELEBRATION RINGERS

CHIMES OF JOY

Sunday, November 21, 2004
Prelude for Church Service

ALL GROUPS

Sunday, November 21, 2004
Handbell Dept. Concert 4:00 PM

ECHOES OF FAITH

Sunday, December 12, 2004
Combined Prelude for Church Service

RESOUND

Sunday, December 19, 2004
Prelude for Church Service

CELEBRATION RINGERS

CHIMES OF JOY

5:00 Christmas Eve Service

RESOUND

ECHOES OF FAITH

9:00 Christmas Eve Service

Recruiting Call

Echoes of Faith is looking for a "few good ringers." If you know of a Youth (grades 6-12) that would be interested in playing in the Echoes of Faith, or you need more information, please contact Sarah.