

I would like to take this opportunity, as choir director and song leader at the 9:00 AM service, to tell you a little bit about myself. Most of my life I was a part of music programs in Baptist churches. I was choir director at my former church in Tennessee. When my wife and I decided to move here, naturally, we searched for a church to connect with. After several visits we joined VRFUMC. It was like the Holy Spirit was drawing us in. I liked the friendliness of the people and every thing about the worship service. Of course I joined the choir, and I was completely content just to sing in the choir. Then, in June of this year an opportunity arose, and after much prayer, I decided to take the lead position. Pastor Erik, the choir, and the congregation have been very supportive of me, and I certainly do appreciate it. Without it, no music program would be successful.

My music background starts when I was eight years old when my Mother asked if I wanted to take piano lessons. I didn't know much about it, but I said yes, and I took private lessons for 10 years even though sometimes I would have enjoyed playing ball more. My piano teacher was wonderful. You may have heard of Joe E. Parks and perhaps his son Marty Parks. Mr. Parks was also the choir director for the church I attended during those years, and I began singing in the adult choir as a young teenager.

Church choirs have been around a long time. It's the "tradition". Even though the popularity, generally speaking, for church choirs may be fading, it's my goal to keep it going and to make it stronger at VRFUMC. So if you love to sing, love the Lord, and want to raise your voice for the Glory of God, let me invite you to come join us in the choir. We are a fun-loving group, and we have one of the best pianists I have been associated with. We rehearse Thursday evenings, and there are attendees available to watch the children. Look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,
George T. Eidson
Choir Director, VRFUMC