

FAB CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Important Information for Parents

Welcome to the **Fifth Avenue Baptist Church Children's Chorus!**

Our goal is to provide children with a joyful and welcoming environment where they can learn music, develop healthy singing skills, begin reading and understanding music, and enjoy making music together with friends.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Who: Children in Kindergarten through Grade 5

When: Mondays, 5:00–5:45 PM

Where: Fifth Avenue Baptist Church Chapel

Entrance: Please use the **Lower 12th Street door**.

Door Hours: 4:50–5:10 PM

Please arrive on time so that rehearsal can begin promptly at 5:00 PM.

PARENT / GUARDIAN WAITING

Because rehearsal is only 45 minutes, we ask parents and guardians to **remain on church property during rehearsal** rather than leaving and returning later.

Parents are welcome to wait and visit with one another in the church **Parlor** during rehearsal. Please remain available so that we can reach you quickly if your child needs assistance or an early pickup.

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE

Younger children may need additional support as they become accustomed to a structured choral rehearsal.

Parents or guardians of **Kindergarten and 1st Grade singers** are asked to remain in the Chapel or immediately nearby and available during rehearsal.

If a younger child becomes tired, overwhelmed, or has difficulty participating for the full 45 minutes, the Director may recommend an **early release after approximately 30 minutes**.

Early release is **not a punishment** and does not mean that the child is being dismissed from the program. Our goal is to help each child gradually build confidence, attention, and rehearsal stamina in a positive musical environment.

ATTENDANCE & COMMUNICATION

Regular attendance is important because each rehearsal builds upon what the children learned the previous week.

If your child will be absent, please notify Dr. Alexander Lee at leeal@marshall.edu at least **24 hours in advance whenever possible**.

An absence will generally be considered **excused** when a parent or guardian communicates the absence in advance. In the case of illness, emergency, or another unexpected circumstance, please communicate with Dr. Lee as soon as reasonably possible.

An absence without communication from a parent or guardian will generally be considered **unexcused**.

\$50 REFUNDABLE PARTICIPATION DEPOSIT

A **\$50 refundable participation deposit** is required for each singer to encourage regular attendance, communication, and commitment throughout the semester.

Deposit period: August 16 through December 20, 2026

**Please make checks payable to:
Fifth Avenue Baptist Church**

The participation deposit will be processed by Fifth Avenue Baptist Church. At the conclusion of the deposit period, the appropriate refundable balance will be returned based on the attendance policy below.

- **Excused absences do not affect the deposit.**
- The **first unexcused absence** results in no deduction.
- Beginning with the **second unexcused absence**, \$10 will be deducted from the refundable amount for each additional unexcused absence.
- Families will never be charged more than the original \$50 deposit.
- The remaining balance will be refunded after **December 20, 2026**.
- Any amount not refunded will remain with Fifth Avenue Baptist Church and will be used to support Children's Chorus needs, including music, binders, and other educational materials.

PICKUP

Rehearsal ends promptly at **5:45 PM**. Please be ready to receive your child at that time.

Thank you for helping us create a safe, joyful, supportive, and consistent musical learning environment for every child.