

## BALBOA BAPTIST CHURCH

### Music Staff and Ensembles:

**Jim Raney, Minister of Music** leads the church in excellent worship of the Lord Jesus Christ in all services. In addition to directing music, Pastor Jim visits the sick in the hospital, plans with the staff for services, helps administrate events, and visits newcomers to the church. He and wife Pam came to the church in 2006. He has led the church to restart and grow a regular participating instrumental ensemble as well as grow the choir in numbers, musicianship and understanding of music in the worship of our Lord.

He has his Master of Church Music Degree with a vocal major from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth. He has served churches in TX (2 yrs.), KY (3 yrs.), MO (20 yrs.), MS (3 yrs.), and Balboa (8 yrs.). The music department provides vocal and instrumental opportunities for musicians. If your desire is to serve the Lord and praise Him through these methods and desire to be faithful to rehearsal, you are very welcome to consider joining us. We will find a place for you.

Our **accompanists are Pam Raney, Pianist, and Cyndi Warden Organist.** Pam has been with the church since 2006 and Cyndi since 2013. They provide beautiful music for offertories, preludes, postludes, and do a wonderful job accompanying the Celebration Choir and “Light” Ensemble. They are so talented and such a blessing to the church in many various forms of service.

**Becky Harvey** directs our 11 person handbell choir, “**Celebration Bells**”. She directs and or plays in the **Village Carillons Bell Choir** as well. Though a volunteer, Becky has a vast amount of experience leading, studying, and playing in handbell choirs in TX, CO, and now here.

The **Celebration Choir** is currently supported by 75 active members. They bring worshipful and exciting music to the worship services each Sunday and for special events. They rehearse at **7:10 p.m. Wednesdays** and for seasonal music rehearse every other week at 4:45 pm to 6:00 on Sundays. They contribute talent and praise to lead congregational singing each Lord’s day. If you are interested in singing with us give Pastor Jim a call.

The “**Light**” Ensemble of Balboa is a dedicated group of 12 instrumental players that serve to bring worship music two times each month on average. The group has a great balance with flutes, trumpet, euphoniums, clarinets, percussion, alto sax, keyboard strings, and piano. We are always searching to find other players of level 3 abilities who have their instrument still. We especially need a guitarist and a drummer. You do not have to be a member of the church to play with this group but certainly need to maintain faithfulness to the weekly rehearsal schedule **and service on Sunday**. They usually play the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Sundays**. Sometimes they accompany the choir.

The “Celebration Bells” provide music for worship on a regular basis each month, usually the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays**. They rehearse at **3:45 p.m. on Tuesday** at the church bell room. This group requires music readers but also faithfulness. Many times they need substitutes, who have to read very well. If you have an interest and meet the criteria for rehearsal, you should contact Pastor Jim .