

The

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# WORSHIP

FaithWestwood  
Worship Team:

Creating elements  
together that are  
Deep, Daring and  
Daily worship  
experiences.

Connection



## DESTINATION: NATIONAL WORSHIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BY CAMIRYN BOWERS

Every road trip has a destination. Every destination has an impact, but what if that impact wasn't what you expected? What if the outcome was so shocking to you, so awe-inspiring that you had the immediate impulse to change everything?

The National Worship Leaders conference was that destination for me, and for so many other people. For two days hundreds of worship leaders gathered together in Kansas City, MO, to learn and to grow side by side in their faith, and their ability to lead others.

In my few years as a worship leader I have witnessed many spiritual instances, but none as worshipful as standing in a room full of other musicians and celebrating God's love and spreading it through the gift of song.

Being the age I am, holding onto my faith and being a beacon has been quite the struggle. A lot of stress is put on teenagers, to be stand up citizens, strong in their faith, get good grades, etc. But after months and months struggling, I was able to grasp a hold of something I had really been lacking. God's love and amazing power was so prominent around me that it was too much to handle almost.

It was almost as if a rush of adrenaline was inspiring me to make a difference, to write more music and to just flip the church inside out. There were so

many fresh ideas and innovative plans, all from one conference.

And I didn't do it alone. With a group of other worship leaders, we spent night after night tirelessly planning and brainstorming ways to reshape our church into something that will impact the lives of many.

This conference taught me a lot, and though I still have a lot of falling outs with my faith, like any other person, I can simply remind myself of the raw and pure power I witnessed. We all may have a lot going on in our lives, but at least at the end of the day we know God is there, holding our hands and guiding us on our way.



# CHOIR CORNER

## Children's Choirs

The **Little Angels choir** will be singing at the 9 a.m. church services on Nov. 9th, Dec. 7th and Jan. 11th. We will be joining the **Cherubs** choir on Dec. 17th to sing at a retirement home. I am excited about the song that we will be singing on Dec. 7th. It is called "Rock-A-Little Baby Bye". We have sung this song in the past. It was written by Dr. Don Marsh in 1987 for our Little Angels choir. He was our minister at the time and also a published songwriter. Sue Lutt, was the Little Angels choir director at that time. She asked him to write a song for them. And "Rock-A-Little Baby Bye" was born.



We are so excited that our children's choir are now leading worship in song at both the 9 and 1045 services at least once a quarter.

## ThreePoint Choir

The ThreePoint Choir will be singing at both services on Nov. 16th. We are very excited to be working on many songs including both hymns and worship songs. We can't wait to share the love of God with everyone during these services.

## FaithWestwood @ Stories CoffeeHouse

Join our FW worship leaders from both 9 and 1045 services for "worship in song" every 1st Tuesday of the month.

We see familiar faces, new faces and have a great time of fellowship. The time is 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bring a friend!

| DATES:   | LITTLE ANGELS   | CHERUBS  | BELL CHOIR   | THREEPOINT CHOIR  | CHANCEL CHOIR   |
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|  | <p><b>Next Rehearsal:</b><br/>Wednesday at 6:30p.m. -7:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sing in Worship:</b><br/>The second Sunday of every month during the school year at 9 a.m.. and 10:45 a.m. services.</p> | <p><b>Next Rehearsal:</b><br/>Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. -7:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sing in Worship</b><br/>The fourth Sunday of every month during the school year at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services.</p> | <p><b>Next Rehearsal:</b><br/>Monday at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Play in Worship:</b><br/>The third Sunday of the Month, at 9 a.m. service.</p> | <p><b>Next Rehearsal:</b><br/>Thursday Nov. 13th @ 7p.m. and Saturday Nov. 15th @ 10a.m.</p> <p><b>Sing in Worship:</b><br/>Sunday November 16th, at 9a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services.</p> | <p><b>Next Rehearsal:</b><br/>Wednesday 7:30p.m.-8:30p.m.</p> <p><b>Sing in Worship:</b><br/>The first, second, and fourth Sundays of the month, during the school year, at the 9 a.m. service.</p> |



## SPOT LIGHT ON:

### LARRY BERRYMAN

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to sit down with Larry Berryman and ask him a few questions. Here's a little about Larry!



#### **How many years have you been a part of FaithWestwood?**

About 2 and a half years.

#### **What parts of worship do you participate in?**

I participate with the Ensemble for the 9 o'clock service, The Three Point Choir, I have started to read scripture, and I participate in the drama's and skits.

#### **Why do you participate in worship?**

I feel the aspects that I participate in are a part of my spiritual gifts and I want to share that with my church.

#### **Tell us a little about your faith journey?**

I grew up as a member of a Disciples Christian church. (Grade school through high school.) Then my parents joined a fundamentalist church due to a split within the other church. My mother got very sick with cancer. We reached out to this new church and they were supportive until my mother passed away. When my mother passed away, the minister told my dad and I that we didn't pray hard enough, and that is why my mother passed away.

Following that experience, I walked away from the church and God for about 20 years. That was until a wise friend, and pastor of a Baptist Church told me that I needed to get my kids (who at this time were very young) into church and that I needed to go with them. Begrudgingly I took my kids to church and went with them. This led me to joining the choir, and I ended up leading that choir. My family and I became very active in that church, but due to

some different views on things, we made the choice to switch churches. Within the new church, I led the contemporary service, and loved the music we were able to sing.

About three years ago, we were looking for a change and found FaithWestwood, where we quickly fell in love with the contemporary service and the people.

#### **What is your favorite parable?**

My favorite parable is the prodigal son, because God still welcomed me back with open arms even though I walked away from him for so long. He told me "We don't shoot our wounded."

#### **What piece of scripture speaks to you most and why?**

Luke 6:27-31 This scripture is one I try to live by everyday. It's very hard because this is not my general personality. It helps me to not become resentful, which is very hard for me, because I can build resentments, but if I can remember this, it helps me not to build those resentments.

#### **How did Costa Rica impact your life and the things you do in worship?**

I was not a "mission" person. I felt like we should be spending money taking care of things here in Omaha and the United States, and not sending it to other countries where it was being spent on administration costs instead of actually helping people. I have a lot of experience in building and, with the insistence of my wife Marilyn, I decided to go to Costa Rica. I was going to strictly work on the school, but what I actually experienced was much more than just building.

When I met the kids, and saw how hard the families were working to get those kids in school, to keep them clean, safe, fed, and how the families were trying to better themselves, it changed my perception. I was moving rocks, cleaning things, and they were so grateful for these little things. These were people who lived in homes with one light bulb, and shared a stove with their neighbors, but they were so grateful for what we were there doing.

The drug house was really tough for me. I so badly wanted to go over there and make them listen to reason. I think I was the one that celebrated the most when I found out that a fire had taken that house out. This helped me learn about patience. When we were dealing with the drug house, I learned that God does things on His time and that His timing is perfect. As much as I wanted to take action (and Brian would not let me), because of God's perfect timing another person was saved and the house was taken care of.

This mission trip really changed my perception of what missions are really like. I found that you can do something on a one-on-one level. Watching little kids sing praises to God was something I will never forget. Watching Pastor Steve individually bless children, and mothers with tear filled eyes is something that will stay with me forever. They may not have understood the words he was speaking but they knew the power of God in that moment.

#### **How has this impacted you in worship?**

I'm more emotional. When kids sing, and people do solos, it's more profound. Things are just a more profound experience now.



**Worship Devotion:  
By Edna Fleming**

Have you ever heard this song?

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger a travel'n through this world of woe  
But there's no sickness, no toil nor danger in that bright world to which I go  
I'm goin' there to see my father; I'm goin' there no more to roam  
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan; I'm just a-goin' over home

I know dark clouds will gather 'round me I know my way is rough and steep  
But golden fields lay just before me where God's redeemed no more shall weep  
I'm goin' there to see my mother; I'm goin' there no more to roam  
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan; I'm just a-goin' over home

I want to sing salvation's story in concert with the blood-washed band  
I want to wear a crown of glory when I get home to that good land  
I'm goin' home to see my Savior; Who shed for me His precious blood  
I'm just a-goin' o'er Jordan; I'm just a-goin' o'er home  
I'm just a-goin' o'er home; I'm goin' home

Don't the words "going home" bring to your mind some nostalgic memory? Maybe a time when you were very young sitting beside an adult you loved; someone who offered you security and safety?

In the book, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen Covey, one habit is "begin with the end in mind."

Imagine yourself driving to the funeral of a loved one. As you get out of the car and enter the church, there are flowers, friends and relatives. Gentle music plays in the background and a sense of sorrow and grief permeates the air; there are many tears.

As you walk down the aisle to look into the casket, you gasp with surprise. When you look into the casket, you see yourself. All these people are here to honor you! This is your funeral, three years from today. Still stunned, you take your seat and glance at the program. Four speakers are mentioned; one from your family, another is your best friend, yet another is from your work place, and the last is an elder from your church.

Think about that scene. What would you like these speakers to say about you and your life? What kind of spouse, parent, employee, friend would you like their words to reflect? What contributions and achievements would you like these people to remember? Look carefully at the people around you. What difference does it make to them that you lived or died? What impact have you had in their lives? To "begin with the end in mind" is to begin today with the image of the end of your life as the criteria by which everything else in your life is examined. By keeping the end in mind, you can clearly evaluate whether or not on any given day you have violated your fundamental values.

People often get caught up in attaining success at the expense of things which really matter. People struggle daily to achieve higher income, higher position, higher honor - only to find that achievement of those goals, while not wrong in themselves, blinded them to the things which were actually more important. This is not our home.

So, thinking back to the song, have you ever thought about what you'll feel when you step from this world into the next? One day, at the judgment seat of Christ, we all hope to hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." That won't happen by accident; it will only happen with a mindful, daily devotion to following Christ's footsteps - home.

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**SAVE THE DATES:**

**Tuesday November 4th and December 2nd**  
FW Worship at Stories Coffee House 180th and Pacific 6p.m.-8p.m.

**November 11th**  
Michael Gungor concert  
The Waiting Room 6212 Maple St Omaha

**November 18th**  
Third Day concert 7p.m.  
Bethany Lutheran 4200 N. 204th St. Elkhorn, NE  
Information: [402 289-4440](tel:4022894440)

**November 21st**  
Matt Maher Worship, Stories and Songs with TobyMac Lincoln Berean church 6400 S. 70th St Lincoln, NE

**December 14th:**  
The Christmas County Spelling Bee Pageant in the Worship Center at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

**December 17th:**  
Little Angles and Cherubs singing at the retirement home

**December 24th: Christmas Eve Services**  
3p.m. Children's service  
5p.m. Family service  
8p.m. Contemporary

**FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO BE  
ON THE LOOK OUT FOR NEXT YEAR:**

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### ***Greetings from Village Pointe!***

We're busy making plans at Village Pointe for the holiday season and hope your group will want to be a part of our seasonal celebration!

We'd like to invite you to help us create the magic this holiday...please consider showcasing your musical talent for our Village Pointe guests throughout the holidays between November 29<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Enclosed is a form that outlines the information needed to schedule performances. If you would like to participate, please complete the form, retain a copy for your files and return the original no later than **November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

Please note that all performances include the great outdoors! We have no indoor venues available and while we do have an amphitheatre stage where larger groups prefer to perform, most groups enjoy strolling and caroling along our "Main Street" with many Village Pointe merchants welcoming carolers inside their store. As our thanks, we provide a voucher for cookies for your group from Paradise Bakery and Café to enjoy after caroling.

If your group is interested, please send your information in the way most convenient for you...

- Fax it: 402.614.1565
- Mail it: Village Pointe, 17305 Davenport St., Suite 203, Omaha, NE 68118
- E-mail it: [kjones@villagepointeshopping.com](mailto:kjones@villagepointeshopping.com)

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us at 402.505.9773 or e-mail the address above. We hope your group will be able to join us in creating holiday magic by sharing your talent!

We look forward to hearing from you very soon...

Sincerely,

*Kim Jones*

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