

Blue Valley Baptist Church
Children's Choir Ministry
presents



2008-2009 Parent Handbook

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Dear Choir Parent,

Welcome to another year of Preschool and Children's Choirs at Blue Valley Baptist Church. Our theme for the year is *Passport to Adventure*, a creative and fun-filled curriculum that will help us teach your child about God, about worship, about music and about missions. You can read more about our theme on the following pages of this book.

As we begin the year, let me encourage you to make choir a genuine priority for your child. Our directors and teachers want to know your child personally. Moreover, they truly desire to invest in the children's lives by teaching them throughout the coming year. Our philosophy of Preschool and Children's Choirs is simple. We focus on three things:

- **Worship**

We will lead your child to learn about God and to experience His presence in their lives.

- **Development**

We will teach your child in a way that guides him or her forward physically, mentally and spiritually. (For an interesting article on the benefits of music study, read *Music Lessons Enhance IQ* in this handbook.)

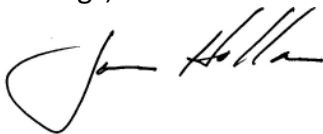
- **Fulfillment**

We will encourage your child to enjoy and appreciate the beauty of music.

Our leaders are committed to the welfare of your child. We will do everything within our ability to see that every child has a great time in choir. There will be opportunities for you to be involved as well, through "Open House" events, special programs and even through hymn memorization. See the calendar page in this booklet for specific dates and activities. (Additional dates may be added throughout the year.)

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to work with your children. We're looking forward to the best year ever!

Blessings,



John Hollan
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Meet the Characters—Hi! I'm Cooper, and this is my sister Gatlin. She has a pet monkey named Simon. Our Uncle Marcelo travels all over the world meeting people who need to know Jesus and missionaries who tell people about Jesus. Uncle Marcelo sends us photos, e-mails, text messages, and postcards about where he is and how we can pray for people there. We'll share his messages so you and your group can pray, too.

The Team—The International Mission Board and the CMS team, along with wonderful composers, writers, illustrators, and media specialists partnered to create this adventure.

Missionaries—You will help children understand what missionaries are and what they do. God may be calling someone in your choir to become a missionary. These materials will help kids know what it means to answer that call.

Prayer—You will find prayer requests shared in unique ways. A virtual prayerwalk allows your group to pray around the world, linking specific needs of people groups to faces from that group.



Storying—Two-thirds of the world communicates orally rather than by reading and writing. Missionaries share about God through Bible storying. Your choir will learn Bible stories to repeat to their families and friends. CMS products provide a great way to tell stories about God—through song.

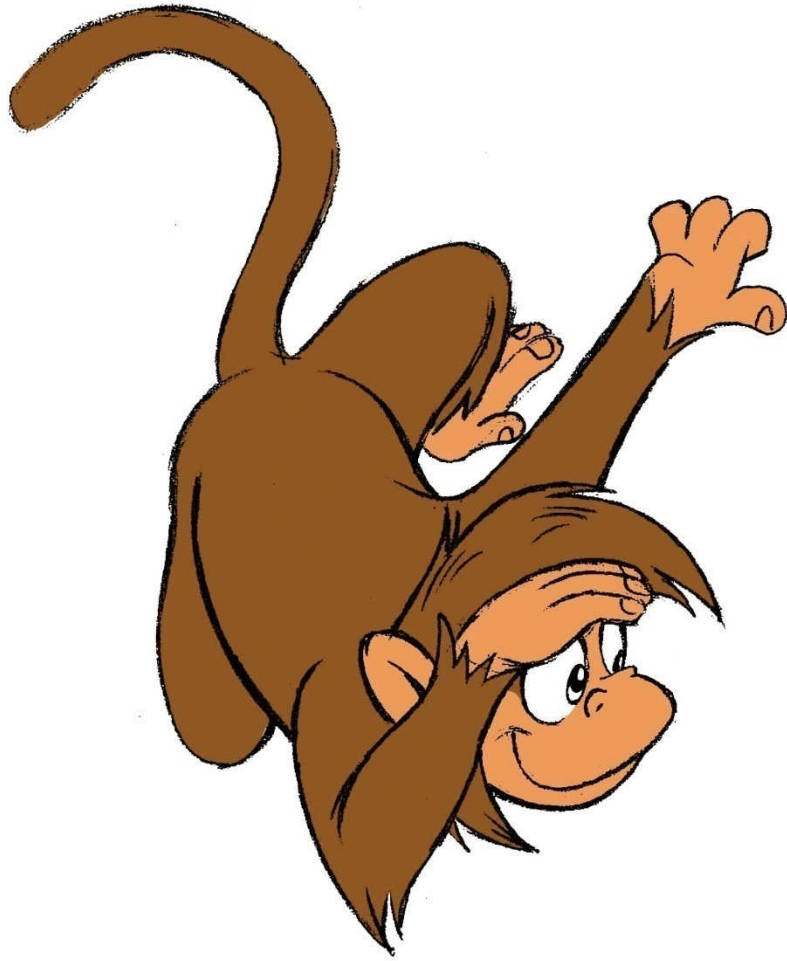
The Mission—Travel the world learning about God and missions through music. CMS 4.1/4.2 is your PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE! "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

BVBC Worship Ministries Preschool and Children's Choir Master Calendar 2008-09

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October 26, 2008	Music Makers sing in Morning Worship	
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December 7, 2008	Last Night of Choirs Christmas Parties	
January 11, 2009	Choirs Resume with New Schedule	5:45 – 7:15 pm
January 18, 2009	*Auditions (Solo & Speaking)	TBA
January 24, 2009	*Saturday Jam	9:00 am – Noon
February 1, 2009	No Choirs (SS Parties)	
February 21, 2009	*Extended Rehearsal	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
March 15, 2009	No Choirs (Spring Break)	
March 22, 2009	Videotape in Preschool Choir	
March 28, 2009	*Morning Rehearsal	9:00 am – Noon
March 29, 2009	Combined Childrens Choirs sing one song in Evening Worship/QCC; <i>“Teaser” for Spring Musical</i>	
	Videotape in Preschool Choir	
April 4, 2009	*Morning Rehearsal	9:00 am – Noon
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April 26, 2009	Last Night of Preschool Choir – PARTY	
April 29, 2009 to May 4, 2009	Worship Center Reserved for Decorating Team	
May 3, 2009	*Last Night of Childrens Choirs – Early Arrival – 3:30	
	*Children’s Musical in EVENING Worship	
	Preschool Video in EVENING Worship	
	*CAST PARTY (Families Invited)	7:15 – 8:15 pm
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Preschool Choir (Age 4 by Sept. 1)

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Music Makers (Grades 1-3) 2008-09 Calendar

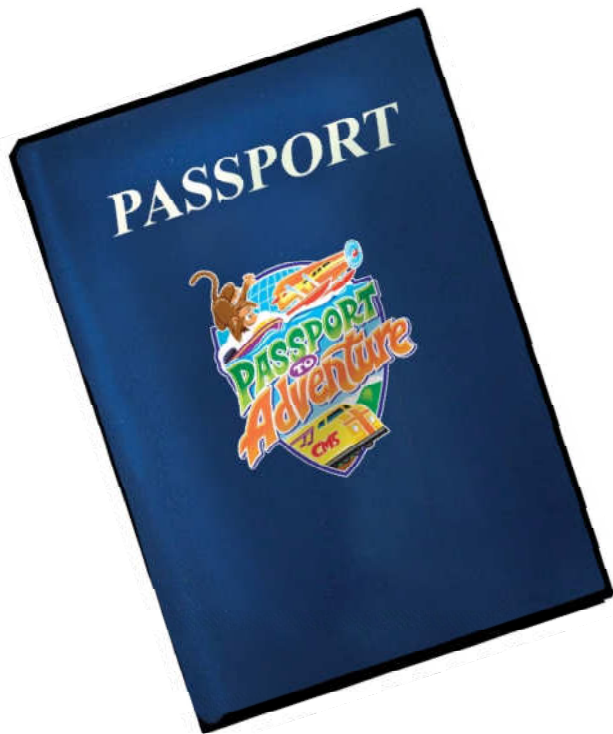
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Young Musicians(Grades 4-6) 2008-09 Calendar

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September 21, 2008	No Choirs (Church Anniversary)	
October 26, 2008	Young Musicians sing in Morning Worship	
November 2, 2008	OPEN HOUSE - Young Musicians	
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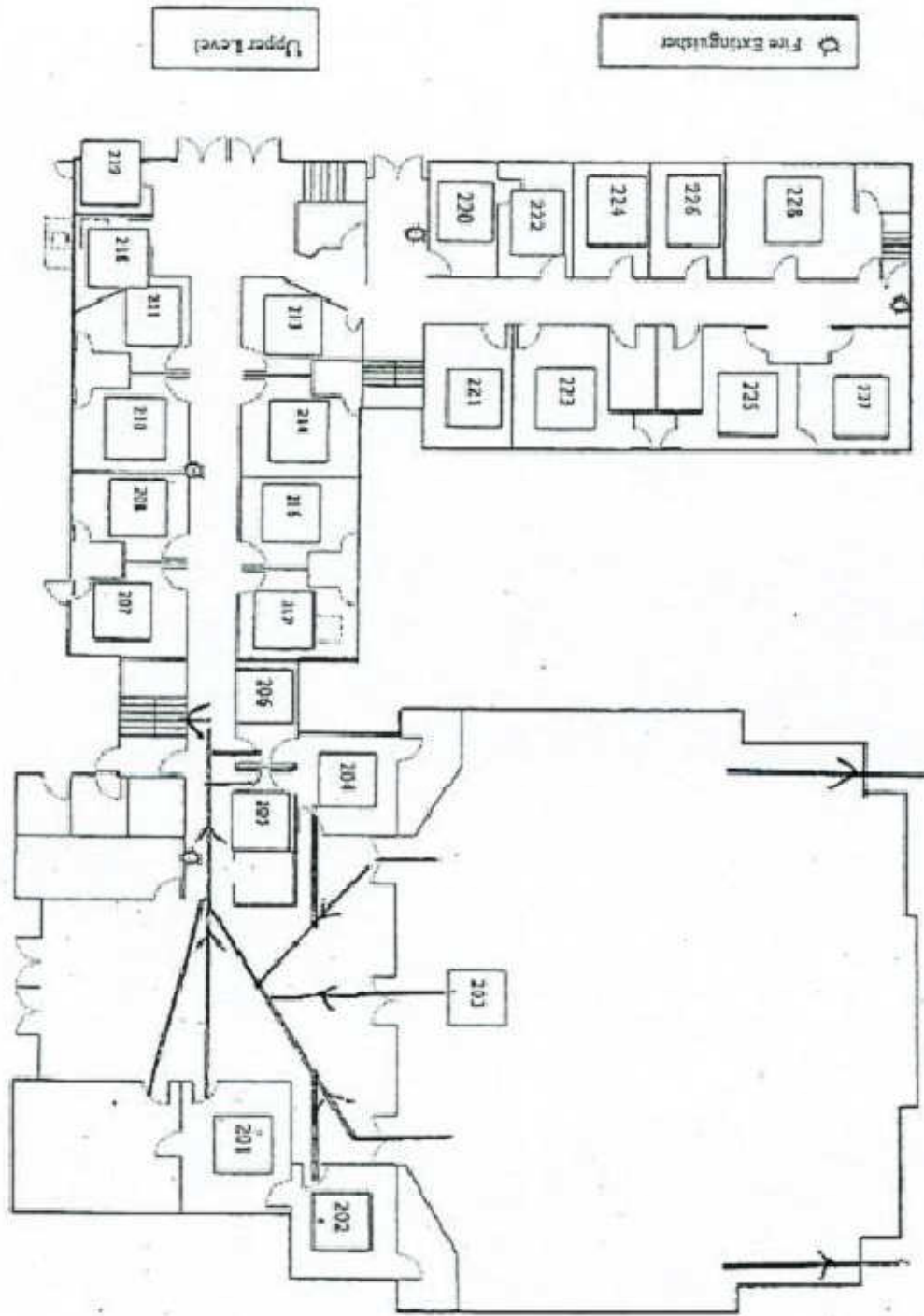
Children's Choir Leaders and Room Assignments

PRESCHOOL CHOIR	
Director	Angie Glenn
Teachers	Jill Bluel, Angie Peterson
Primary Room Assignment	B101
Small Group Rooms	B100, B102, B104

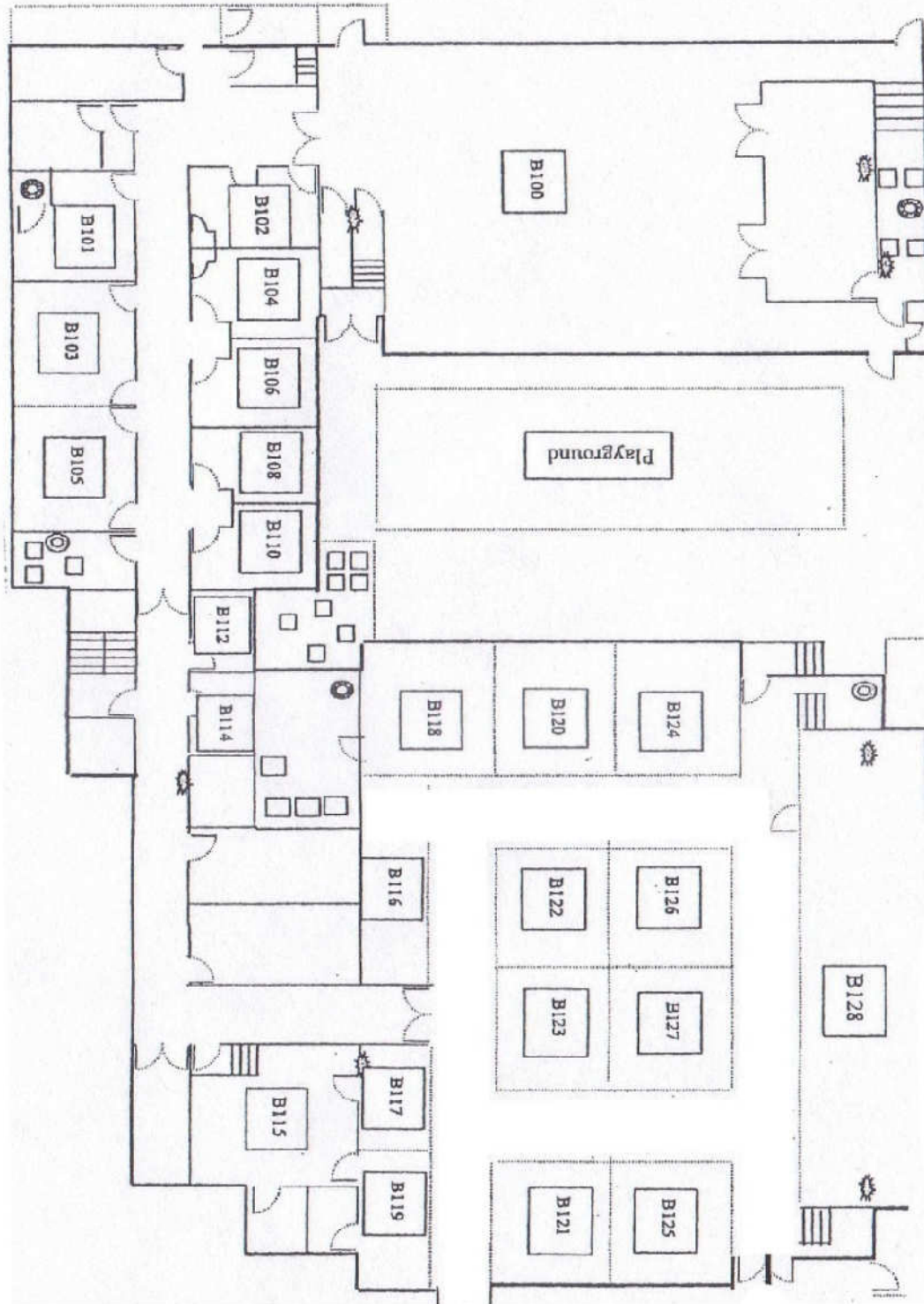
MUSIC MAKERS (GRADES 1 – 3)	
Director	Jana Mashburn
Teachers	Cheryl Todd, Natalie Warner
Primary Room Assignment	B103/B105
Small Group Rooms	B108, B110

YOUNG MUSICIANS (GRADES 4 – 6)	
Director	Kathy Thomasson
Teachers	Cindy Dickens, Sharon Go, Mikayla Dryer
Primary Room Assignment	B128
Small Group Rooms	B120, B124

Campus Map – Main Level



Campus Map – Lower Level





Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Children may arrive as much as 15 minutes before the start of choir. Coming any earlier than that makes it difficult for the leaders to prepare for the class.

Children in Grades 1 through 3 will need to be checked in at their main choir room by a parent or adult guardian. Each child will be “tagged” with a sticker and their adult will receive a corresponding sticker.

An adult will need to return to the choir room at the appropriate ending time (7:00 PM for Fall Semester and 7:15 PM for Spring Semester) to retrieve their child(ren). Choir workers will confirm children to adults using the tags/stickers provided at drop-off.

Older children, those in Grades 4 through 6 may bring themselves to choir and will be dismissed to find their parents upon the end of the class session.

Hymn of the Month

Hymn of the Month is an incentive program which encourages our children to memorize a specific number of age-appropriate hymns and sing them for a teacher in their choirs. All hymn selections are extracted from the LifeWay Children's Music Series and are available in the Baptist Hymnal or as pdf files from the bvbcWORSHIP office upon request. As the hymns are selected in conjunction with the annual curriculum theme, there will be a different set of songs each year.

Preschool Choir - These children need to learn 3 songs of the director's choice.

Music Makers – The children need to learn 9 of the ten prescribed songs.

Young Musicians – These children need to learn all 10 songs.

Your child's teacher will maintain a progress chart, outlining each time a child completes a hymn. All hymns should be memorized and sung for a teacher no later than April 19, 2009. Every child who sings their prescribed number of hymns will be awarded a trophy at our Music Celebration on May 3, 2009.

Children who receive a trophy in all grades from 1 to 6 will also receive a personalized hardback volume of the 2008 Baptist Hymnal as a gift from the bvbcWORSHIP Ministry.

We hope to make available a CD of all hymns for a nominal charge, but cannot guarantee that at the time of this writing.

Hymns for 2008-09
Include:

If Only You Will Let God Guide You

We've a Story to Tell

Praise and Thanksgiving

Go, Tell It On The Mountain

Emmanuel

He's Got the Whole World In His Hands

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Alleluia! Give Thanks

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Tell Me the Story of Jesus





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