

Men of Distinction / Warblers Club Gospel Concert



Evelyn S. Hardy Men of Distinction

Bringing children to Christ through Gospel music.



Warblers Club



Trussville First Baptist Church
1128 North Chalkville Road
Trussville, Alabama



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Sponsored by:



*“Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him
with joyful songs.” Psalms 100:2*

Warblers

Rise Up O Men of God
Amazing Grace
Soonah Will Be Done
Down In the Valley
Proud To Be Called American

Men of Distinction

Lord Let Me Be Your Instrument
He Reigns Forever
God is Great
Done Made My Vow
Magnify the Lord

Combined Male Choruses

We're the Men
In This Very Room
Praise 150
Undivided
(Soloists: Bob Parker, Vedric Shelby and Frank W. Smith)

Evelyn S. Hardy Men of Distinction

*Director: Vedric Shelby / Organist: David Talley, IV
Accompanist: Kelvin Parker / Bass: Leroy Allen
Percussionists: Dave Crenshaw / Cedric Waters*



First Tenor

Ransom Davis, Sr.
Adolph “Don” Gaylor
Marvin Neal
Carson Pendleton
Waylon Pickens

Charles Raine
Cameron White

Second Tenor
Cecil Copeland, III
Robert Crenshaw
Brandon Gray

Warblers

Director: Bob Parker / Accompanist: Margaret Parker

First Tenor

Charlie Allison
John Cook
Earl Goodwin,
Louie McKnight
Randy Morrison
Seth Parker
Mike Payne
Randell Thrasher

Second Tenor

Bobby Austin
Wally Carlisle
Mike Evans
Gil Franks
Mark Jackson
Sonny James
Steve Loggins

Stephen Self
Phillip Walker
Rex Weaver
Jim Whitlock

Baritone

Wayne Atkinson
Bill Bradley
Terry Collier
Tommy Fuller
Hoke Graham
Donovan Harris

Johnny Riley
Mark Smith
Randee Vance
Tom Walker

Bass

Roy Attison
Charlie Boone
Ken Cranford
Bill Dean
Bill Dimon
Jack Fincher
Byron Hill
Larry Hudson
Kenneth Moore
Alex Oberneder
Eddie Roberson
Jim Roberson
Robert Vann



Alfonza Holt, Jr.
Alphra Johnson
Sidney R. Lankford, Jr.
Joseph McDaniel
Michael Parks
Isaac Smith, Jr.
Bruce Williams

Baritone

Jerrell Barbee
Henry Brown
Robert Chapman

Jerome Crawford
Ransom Davis, Jr.
Jessie Dunning
Darnell Gardner
Edgar H. Harper
Claude Hooks
Horace Huntley
Henry Jones
Dwight Russell
Frank W. Smith
Homer Wiley

Bass

Jerry Cunningham
David Donnell
James Drake
George Franklin
Barry Lollar
Willie James Maye
Michael Poe, Sr.
Ira Sims
Sims Smith
Seabe Staton, Jr.
Iva B. Williams, III

About the Warblers:

The Warblers Club is a men's choral group that has its roots in the original Warblers Club of Woodlawn High School in Birmingham, Alabama, which existed from 1929 until 1977. Many of the current, active performers were members of the Woodlawn High Warblers during their high school days.

The current, active performing group numbers approximately forty-five men, of all age groups, who regularly perform for numerous civic, religious, charitable and commercial functions.

Music performed by the Warblers includes a large repertoire of traditional, spiritual, religious, patriotic and popular Broadway choral numbers, and is usually held in a large venue in the Birmingham area. These major shows typically draw audiences ranging to thousands of people. Most of the musical numbers performed by the Warblers were written and/or arranged by Warblers.

About The Evelyn S. Hardy Men of Distinction Male Chorus of Sixth Avenue Baptist Church:

Mrs. Evelyn S. Hardy organized The Sixth Avenue Baptist Church male chorus in 1978 for the church's first observance of brotherhood Sunday at the request of Dr. John Thomas Porter. In 1995, Mrs. Hardy made a suggestion to have a chorus concert and also began a series of concerts that warmed the hearts of the congregation, community and many other music lovers in the Birmingham area.

The male chorus has rendered praise in Texas, North Carolina, Georgia and many appearances in the city of Birmingham and state of Alabama. For many years, William "Bill" Harris directed the chorus and served until God called him home. After 35 years Mrs. Hardy retired. To honor her, in December of 2013, the male chorus was officially renamed the *Evelyn S. Hardy Men of Distinction Male Chorus of Sixth Avenue Baptist Church*. March 2014, marked a new beginning as the direction and leadership was bestowed upon the dynamic and energetic Mr. Vedric E. Shelby also known as the "*Maestro*". Mr. David Talley IV is the official accompanist. The Men of Distinction has rendered praise during the National Baptist Convention, Alabama State Baptist Convention, the National Gospel Music Workshop of America Conference and many other events that have social, spiritual and political significance.

It is the mission of the Evelyn S Hardy Men of Distinction Male Chorus to exalt the human spirit through Biblically based, innovative and engaging music as we equip and empower the Saints to do the work of ministry for the strengthening of the church.

Special Thanks

Chris Crain – *Executive Director – BMBA*

Vedric Shelby and Bob Parker – *Choral Directors*

SVB Vocal Band – *Pre-Concert Music*

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Alabama Baptist – *Concert Advertising*

Bob Smith – *First Baptist Church Trussville, Concert Coordinator*

Concert Producers – *David Donnell, Mike Evans, Bill Dean*

Thank You From Discovery Clubs

All involved in Discovery Clubs want to thank everyone for attending this gospel concert at First Baptist Church in Trussville, Alabama. We urge you to give to Discovery Clubs and consider volunteering to be a mentor to these children in the 1st through 5th Grades.

We have 24 schools, 60 Clubs, and 263 mentors in the Birmingham Metro Area now. These mentors bring the Bible and the Word of God to over 1000 children. Discovery Clubs is a FOUNDATIONAL MINISTRY and it can only thrive with your GIVING and coming to VOLUNTEER to teach.

Mike Evans - Chairman - *Discovery Clubs Board of Trustees*





A message from Dr. Chris Crain
Executive Director
Birmingham Metro Baptist Association



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Birmingham Metro Baptist Association and Discovery Clubs, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Warblers Club and the Evelyn S. Hardy Men of Distinction of Sixth Avenue Baptist Church for your faithful support and dedication to this cause. Your time, talent, and effort in participating in the Benefit Concert hosted by First Baptist Church Trussville to raise funds for Discovery Clubs are deeply appreciated.

For the past twenty years, Discovery Clubs, now a ministry of the Birmingham Metro Baptist Association, has been making a profound impact on the lives of hundreds of children in Metro Birmingham public schools. Through the dedication of volunteers from local churches, these children are receiving the life-changing message of Jesus Christ, shaping them for eternity.

We are particularly grateful to Pastor Buddy Champion of First Baptist Church Trussville, along with his staff and members, for generously providing their beautiful facility for this performance. Their support has been invaluable in making this event possible.

Tonight, every dollar raised will directly contribute to the vital mission of Discovery Clubs. Whether it's \$10 to provide a Bible, \$100 to sponsor a child, \$2500 to fund a club within a school, or \$7500 to fund an entire school for a year, each contribution matters immensely in helping us continue our work.

We encourage each attendee to give generously and support Discovery Clubs in any way they can. You may find more information and give online at www.discoveryclubs.org. Together, we can ensure that this ministry remains resourced to touch the lives of even more children in our communities.

Thank you once again for your generosity, compassion, and commitment to making a difference in the lives of children through Discovery Clubs.

With sincere gratitude,

Dr. Chris Crain
Executive Director
Birmingham Metro Baptist Association



DISCOVERY CLUBS

The History of DISCOVERY CLUBS

King Solomon stated that God “has set eternity in the hearts of men.” If you ask one of our Discovery Clubs volunteers, they may tell you that they see eternity in the eyes of the hundreds of boys and girls in Birmingham. Week after week, well-trained volunteers wear their yellow vests and teach Jesus in public schools across the Birmingham Metro area. Discovery Clubs is the most direct form of evangelism and discipleship, making a Kingdom impact on unchurched children in Birmingham.

How did Discovery Clubs begin? In 1994, Mr. John Glasser founded Better Basics, an in-school literacy tutoring program available in 20 Alabama counties. As the reading program expanded to more public school children, Mr. Glasser realized that most of these children had never been in a church nor heard the Gospel. As a result, Mr. Glasser’s burden for these children began to grow.

A U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 2001 allowed public school principals to invite organizations into their school building before and after regular school hours. The ruling enabled Mr. Glasser to start Discovery Clubs, whose first club met at Gate City Elementary in 2003 with 40 children and 14 volunteers from Mr. Glasser’s church.

Today, Discovery Clubs has grown to 25 schools with 60 clubs in those schools. We have 1,200 students enrolled so far. Discovery Clubs is a Birmingham Metro Baptist Association ministry with supporters from many biblically-faithful churches throughout the city of Birmingham and the surrounding counties. Would you join us in taking Jesus to the next generation? Children in our public schools need you now more than ever!

Discovery Clubs Current School Locations

- Adamsville Elementary School
- Barrett Elementary School
- Bryant Park Elementary School
- Central Park Elementary School
- Chalkville Elementary School
- Clay Elementary School
- Gardendale Elementary School
- Hayden Elementary School
- Hayden Primary School
- Heritage Christian Academy
- Inglenook Elementary School
- Johnson Elementary School
- Leeds Elementary School
- McCalla Elementary School
- Minor Community School
- Mt. Laurel Elementary School
- Oliver Elementary School
- Pleasant Grove Elementary School
- Robinson Elementary School
- Snow Rogers Elementary School
- Southeastern School
- Sun Valley Elementary School
- Tuggle Elementary School
- Washington Elementary School
- West End Academy

DISCOVERY CLUBS

More than lessons. Life.

Kids love their Discovery Clubs at Chalkville Elementary School. Please join us! Sign-up to become a mentor!



Train up a child.

Be a Discovery Club supporter and help children learn God's sustaining Word. One hour a week, after school. Lessons that last forever.



DISCOVERY CLUBS
More than lessons. Life.



To donate online, scan the QR Code, or visit discoveryclubs.org.

To give by check, mail the check to ATTN: Discovery Clubs, 1449 Medical Park Drive, Birmingham, AL 35213.