

September 2024

From the Dean

Greetings Augusta AGO chapter! I hope that you have had a refreshing summer and are ready to dive into another season of music-making. One highlight of my summer was traveling with my son across the United States to visit over a dozen national parks before he headed off to college. The beautiful places that we observed throughout our travels were astounding and inspiring.

Many thanks to our event planning team (Mark Dickens, Christopher Leysath, Aaron Dixon, and Don Dupee) who met this summer to plan out the 2024-2025 season. We have a variety of performances and educational programs planned that you won't want to miss! Please be sure to put the upcoming events on your calendar.

Our September meeting will feature a recital by Joseph Causby, Music Director and Organist of Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The recital will be held at St. Thaddeus in Aiken on Monday the 16th. Dinner is at 6:00 in the parish hall and the recital begins at 7:00. Also in September, our very own Sub-Dean, Christopher Leysath will give a recital at St. John United Methodist Church in Augusta on Sunday, September 29th at 4pm.

Please spread the word about these upcoming events. We would love to see the Augusta AGO chapter grow in numbers and in visibility. You play an incredibly important role in that endeavor and any help you can offer is greatly appreciated!

I hope to see you at our September meeting and hear about your summer!

Sincerely, W. Leigh Fleury, DMA - Dean



2024-2025 AGO Meeting Schedule

September 16th - 7pm - Dr. Joseph Causby Recital at St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church. 6pm Meal provided by St. Thaddeus' Soup Kitchen. \$15 per person. RSVP to Don Dupee - donsc220@aol.com - 803-645-6013 by Friday the 13th

October 28th - 7pm - Dr. Bradley Welch workshop at St. John United Methodist Church. "The Organist as Choral Collaborator". 6pm Meal

November 18th - 7pm - Encores: Favorite Preludes and Postludes at First Baptist Church, Augusta. 6pm Meal

January 6th - 6:30pm - Epiphany Party at home of Don Dupee

February 9th - Hymn Festival at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church.

March TBA - Workshop with Dr. Alicia Walker

May 12th - Guild Service

September Meeting:

Dr. Joseph Causby in Recital
St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church
Host: Don Dupee

Monday, September 16th
6pm Meal & 7pm Recital



Joseph Causby is the Director of Music and Organist of the Chapel of the Cross, and the immediate Past President of the Royal School of Church Music in America. Prior to his appointment in Chapel Hill, Joseph served Episcopal parishes in Texas, building active intergenerational programs which encouraged musical excellence and spiritual depth. Under his leadership, his choirs took part in three international English Cathedral residencies; performed major works with orchestra; and recorded and broadcasted LIVE on NPR and PBS.

As a passionate collaborator, Joseph has formed relationships with universities and international organizations including Snape Maltings Friday Afternoons project, the Royal Academy of Music, Cambridge University, Duke University, the University of North Carolina, and the Ackland Museum. As a frequent guest artist at Duke University Chapel (home of RSCM America), Joseph plays the organ for special services, guest conducts the Duke Evensong Singers, and teaches the chapel's organ scholars.

In the summer of 2024, the Choir of the Chapel of the Cross will serve as 'choir-in-residence' at Ely Cathedral (Cambridgeshire) and the Temple Church, London. The Chapel of the Cross's music program has enjoyed steady growth over recent years and welcomes children, youth, college students, and adults of all ages.

As an organ recitalist, Joseph has given concerts in the United States, Canada, England, and France. In 2019, he was a featured speaker for the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Choir School of St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, New York City. His dissertation, *Who dares stand idle? Thomas Tertius Noble, a life in church music, 1867-1953* was completed in 2015.

A native of Morganton, North Carolina, Joseph holds a BMus from Appalachian State University, an MMus from Rice University, and a PhD from the University of Durham (UK), where he also served as the first American organ scholar of Durham Cathedral.

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Dessert, and Beverages.

\$15 per person

Proceeds benefit St. Thaddeus' Soup Kitchen



Tuesday's Music Live

Duo Beaux Arts

September 24th, 12pm
St. Paul Episcopal Church
Augusta, GA
Free Admission



Chris Leysath in Recital

"Miniature Miracles", pieces under 6 minutes
in length. Music by JS Bach, Samuel
Coleridge-Taylor, John Ireland, Florence Price,
Fela Sowande, and more.

Sunday, September 29th, 4pm
St. John United Methodist Church
Augusta, GA
Free Admission



St. Paul's Commissions New Music from Michael Burkhardt



To commemorate the 275th anniversary of the founding of Saint Paul's Church, Augusta the parish has commissioned Michael Burkhardt to compose five hymn preludes on the tunes "Omni Die," "Dunedin," "Llangloffan," "Vineyard Haven," and "Morning Star". These tunes lack much published repertoire and the Burkhardt compositions will be premiered at the March 30th Annual Rose Sunday Concert performed by Keith Shafer.

Thank You



Abigail Crafton, winner of the Quimby AGO young organist competition at the Southeast Regional Convention performed in the Rising Star Concert this summer at the AGO National Convention in San Francisco. [Click Here to see a clip of her performance on Facebook.](#) Our chapter sent Abigail a gift to help defray travel expenses. Her thank you note is below.

Dear Mr. Hubert van Tuyl,
Thank you so much for the very generous travel support!
It is so great to have this support, we are truly thankful!
It's such a blessing to perform in San Francisco. Thank you again for the help and I hope to be back in Augusta soon!! -Abigail Crafton

September Birthdays



21st - Brad Cunningham

Durufle Réquiem

Sunday, October 27th - 3pm
St. John United Methodist Church

Concert organist **Bradley Welch** will return to accompany the St. John choir under the direction of Jamie Garvey in the virtuosic requiem of the great French organist Maurice Durufle. The program will also feature several solo organ pieces to show off St. John's **Dobson Opus 78**. Save the date for what is sure to be a high point of the 2024-2025 music season.



October 28th AGO Meeting with Bradley Welch

The Organist as a Choral Collaborator

Monday, October 28th - 6pm Meal, 7pm Meeting
St. John United Methodist Church

Kirken O' The Tartans

Sunday, October 27th
Covenant Presbyterian
3131 Walton Way, Augusta.

Aiken Sheriff's Pipes & Drums,
Tartan Processional,
Celtic Instrumental Ensemble

Pre-service music at 9:45am, Worship Service at 10am
Lyn Patterson, Music Director & Organist

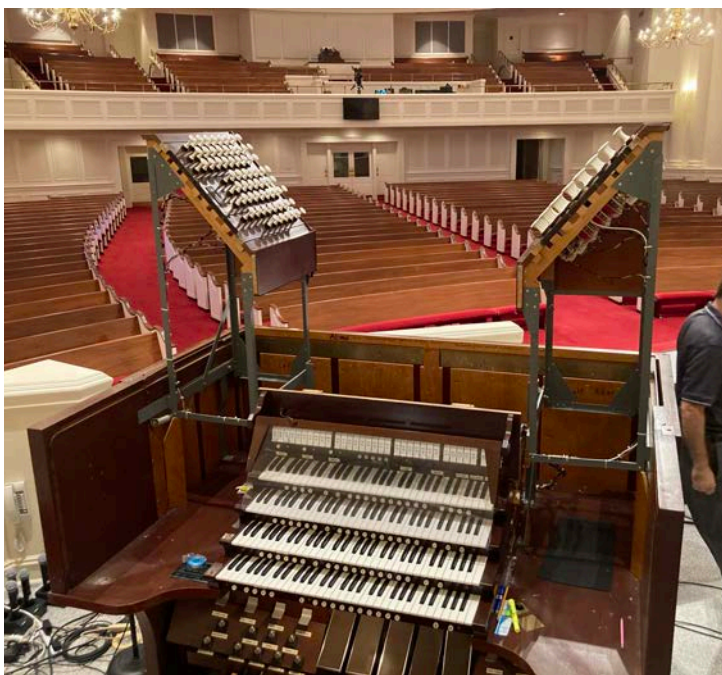


All Saints' EVENSONG

Sunday, 3 November 2024 at 5:30 pm

Music of Richard Shephard, John Rutter, and Henry Ley
Reception Following in the River Room
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 605 Reynolds Street

Organ Upgrade Finished at First Baptist Augusta



Lincoln Organs has just finished a multi-year organ upgrade at First Baptist on Schantz's 88 rank Opus 1978 originally installed in 1990. Donald Chance converted it to Peterson in the early 2000's, and the console computer could no longer be updated to the latest software. After consultation with Schantz, the church contracted Lincoln Organs to begin work that included a new Peterson console computer, repair of damaged pipes, adding a dedicated piston sequencer, and converting the "on" coupling to "to" coupling from the fanfare division. Through these repairs some parts of the organ which haven't functioned in almost 20 years are now working as originally designed by Schantz.

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GRACE UMC'S *Gracenotes* FALL 2024 CONCERT SERIES



Carolina Jazz Xperience (CJX) in Concert Sunday, Sept. 15 @ 4PM Grace UMC's Wesley Center

CJX brings the biggest and most beloved jazz standards, big band favorites, and funk hits to life. CJX performs free of charge, but will accept donations to support the USC "Mighty Sound of the Southeast" marching band. The Carolina Band will travel to New York to march in this year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Donations are also accepted to maintain CJX's operating budget.

Christopher Leysath in Recital Sunday, Sept. 29 @ 4PM St. John UMC, Augusta

Our director of Sanctuary Music, Christopher Leysath will perform an organ recital at St. John's UMC of Augusta on their 2003 Dobson organ. The program will include works by J.S. Bach, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, John Ireland, Florence Price, and Fela Sowande.



Sing We Now of Christmas Sunday, Dec. 6 @ 7PM Grace UMC's Sanctuary

Sanctuary Music at Grace again partners with the North Augusta High School performing arts to present Sing We Now of Christmas. This collaborative concert has become a beloved hallmark of our community's Christmas offerings and will feature the Grace Chancel Choir, and the North Augusta High School Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble. Your favorite carols, hymns, and other Christmas staples will be presented in grand fashion by this diverse array of performers.

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AUGUST 20, 2024
6:30 PM

Organ Scholar Alumni Recital

Three alumni of FPC's Organ Scholars
program play a joint recital:

Ezra Blackwell, senior at Hillsdale
College

Ryan Greene, recent graduate of the
Eastman School of Music

Latimer Rogland, sophomore at the
University of Michigan

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024
12:30 PM

September First Friday Organ Concert

11:45pm lunch in Jackson Hall,
12:30pm concert in the Sanctuary

Thomas Russell plays works of Bach,
Bates, Handel, and Mendelssohn

OCTOBER 4, 2024
12:30 PM

October First Friday Organ Concert

11:45pm lunch in Jackson Hall,
12:30pm concert in the Sanctuary

Samuel Metzger, organist of
Covenant Presbyterian Church,
Nashville, TN

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