

Miraculous Messages + Music = Maranatha 50th

by Darryl Wheeler,
Second Tenor



On the weekend of September 20-21, 2019, Christian Edition had the privilege to minister in music for Maranatha Volunteers International's 50th Anniversary Celebration in Sacramento, California. What a joy it was to see God's global workings over the past 50 years through the Maranatha missionaries.

At the beginning of the weekend I was inspired by the words of Dan Klein when he said "We may be unqualified, but if willing God can work with us." Sixteen-year-old, Shanti Slater, also reminded me that all we need to do is "Give God the



smallest chance and He will take that chance on me and you." Through the song, "There Is a Way," CE had the chance to remind us all that Jesus is that Way, not just for us, but for millions of people all over the world.

As the weekend progressed, it was amazing to hear how God has been making miracles happen for 50 years through this volunteer ministry. More than 11,000 structures have been built including schools, homes, and churches. In addition, more than 1,000 water wells have been drilled bringing

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by Calvin Knipschild

Director's Message

*Reflections on Matthew 24:14
and 2020*



Matthew says, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." When Christian Edition sang for the first time as the Eagle Rock Men's Chorus, I never thought we would still be singing 39 years later, and I could not even begin to fathom how God would use us to reach others with His message.

Here is some amazing information about Christian Edition's witness around the world since Christian Edition began publishing on YouTube:

- Christian Edition has been viewed more than 1,015,000 times with a total viewing time of 47,700 hours. As impressive as this is, let's put it in an even different context. 47,700 hours is 5.44 years. That means that people have collectively spent a total of 5.44 years at 24 hours per day, watching Christian Edition videos. Looking at it another way, if Christian Edition gave a two-hour concert

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the water of life to the most remote locations.

Now, at first, you might think as I did: that's nice for 50 years, right? Check my math, but when you realize 50 years is 18,250 days and in those 18,250 days one building or well was completed every day-and-a-half, it is not just nice, it is absolutely miraculous! Our God is truly amazing!



The men of Christian Edition provide a free afternoon concert for the Calimesa SDA Church Campmeeting following their morning participation in the worship service.

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EVERY DAY, it would take 65.3 years to equal 47,700 hours of concert time.

- "Ancient Words" is by far the most popular video with 248,800 views; this is followed by "No More Night" at 110,100 views, "Midnight Cry" at 109,200 views, "Bow the Knee" at 104,700 views, and "Soon and Very Soon" at 99,100 views.
- 60% of our viewers are men and 40% are women. 47.9% of viewers are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- Christian Edition videos have been viewed in almost every country and territory around the globe. 38.5% of our viewers are from the United States, followed by the Philippines at 8.4%, Canada at 2.6%, the United Kingdom at 1.9%, and all other countries and territories at 0.7% or less.
- The Christian Edition YouTube channel has more than 2,500 subscribers.

As we begin the year 2020 let's make sure our eyesight is 2020 on Jesus Christ our Savior and God our Father. Please remember Christian Edition in your prayers and in your giving. When you support Christian Edition, you are helping spread the gospel message around the world.

Have a blessed 2020!



First Tenors Rob Peterson and Paul Wilcox share "Daystar" during worship service at the Orangevale SDA Church.



Children at the San Bernardino Community SDA Church join the men of Christian Edition in a children's medley of songs.

Something Special in San Bernardino

by Keith Smith, MD,
Baritone



Ministry is truly at the heart of Christian Edition, and telling others about the wonderful love of God in any way we can is what we do! It was with great delight and amazement when CE sang at the San Bernardino Community SDA Church on November 16, 2019, and participated in a wonderful and unique ministry of the church.

This ministry is called the San Bernardino Church Streets and Parks Shower Ministry. Once a month, the church opens its showers at 7:00 A.M. in the church gymnasium and outreach center to those who do not have the usual availability to this basic need. Not only is shower access made available, but a barber also provides free haircuts. The church provides a change of clothing, if needed, as well as a nutritious breakfast.



Of course, fellowship and meeting the individual spiritual needs are part of the ministry as well. My wife, Amithy, and I have volunteered for this ministry on many occasions, and she noticed that one of the volunteers always played CE music in the background. So, it seemed natural to ask if Christian Edition would come in person and sing for the ministry. After singing two songs, CE received an enthusiastic ovation and a request to sing more, and of course, we were happy to oblige. After participating by singing for the ministry, we shared a wonderful breakfast and fellowship with many who were there before singing for the 11:00 A.M. church service.

It truly was a rewarding and blessed day at the San Bernardino Community SDA Church. Seeing and being part of such a wonderful ministry as the shower ministry left all of us truly believing we were part of something special!

Christian Edition shares a few songs during the morning Shower Ministry service while free haircuts are going on to the right of the group.

David Mitchell: New Member Profile

The journey that brought me to Christian Edition began with musical roots in my birthplace, Rochester, NY, and the corporate home of Eastman Kodak where my Dad worked for 25 years. I was privileged to have a piano teacher who was a doctoral composition major, and a high school choral director who was a masters vocal major--both from the Eastman School of Music. Cultural enrichment was a blessing I've been grateful for my entire life.

The fall of 1980 brought me to Pasadena CA, where I met my then wife-to-be, who lived about an hour away in lovely Camarillo, CA, where we still reside after 36 years of marriage. Despite having been raised where there is rich Seventh-day Adventist history, I didn't even know what an Adventist was until I met Tami and her family. In fact, the first SDA minister that I had the opportunity to hear preach was Morris Venden. Four months later, and with the Lord's leading, I joined the church by Profession of Faith.

Our family's love for singing has flourished over the years starting with an SATB arrangement sung by Tami, her Mom and Dad and me during our wedding and singing with our Camarillo church choir and male chorus alongside of Wayne Hooper. I've also enjoyed singing in a TTBB quartet with my 1st tenor father-in-law, Eldon, along with former CE bass Clarence Brummett and in family trios with Tami, Dad and me...both of which availed us of the blessing of worshipping in song at the 1985 and 1990 General Conference sessions in New Orleans and Indianapolis. A noteworthy musical highlight for Tami and me was performing original songs composed by Hugh



Martin (accompanist to Judy Garland, songwriter of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas") at the home of Mickey Rooney in 1992, where Broadway musical comedy producers had been invited to hear them presented. Our fondest musical memory that we'll take to heaven is singing TTBB "Swing Down Sweet Chariot," with our boys, Cory (30, married to Brittany, who just had our first grandson, Clayton, up in Walla Walla on 9/28/2019) and Cameron (25, engaged to Katie-nuptials planned for 4/5/2020).

I am employed with the County of Ventura for the Public Health agency's fiscal department and Tami is an Occupational Therapist at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard, CA. My "other life" avocation is as a certified high school basketball referee, where I'm in my 25th season giving back to the sport that has afforded me so much opportunity.

Finally, it has been a supreme exercise in faith and patience building that has brought me to Christian Edition. I fondly recall singing alongside them during the Men's Chorus Festival in Loma Linda back in the early 1990s and thinking what a gifted group...wouldn't it be amazing to sing with them someday? When CE came to Camarillo for a January 2019 program, I was reintroduced to Calvin, and with his kind invitation I made the decision to start attending rehearsals. It has been a blessing to enjoy the musical excellence they continue to pursue, but even more so to experience the spiritual, prayer-focused camaraderie with my brothers in song. Along with the arrival of little Clayton, my grandson, joining CE has made 2019 a year of joy and gratefulness our family will never forget!



Bay Area Men's Chorus, Carmichael Men's Chorus, Christian Edition Men's Chorus and Modesto Praise Men's Chorus join forces in a festival of praise music.

Men's Chorus Festival: A Blessing in So Many Ways

by Gayle Craig,
CE NewsNotes Editor



The first weekend in November 2019 found Christian Edition on the road to Northern California for the Men's Chorus Festival at the Carmichael SDA Church near Sacramento. This trip would be a bit farther than the prior festival weekend in Loma Linda the year before, but my six-hour trip with first tenors Rob Peterson, Paul Wilcox, and CD sales coordinator, Malisa Smith, was just the first of the many blessings of the festival weekend, as we truly enjoyed our time together catching up with each other!

Arriving at the church we were blessed to be greeted by the gracious hosts of the Carmichael Church who had prepared a variety of soups and a bountiful tostada/haystack meal for the four men's choruses gathering to rehearse that evening. But the biggest blessing for me was the dessert: warm apple cobbler! We also had apples and pears fresh from the famed Apple Hill in Camino.

The four groups participating in the festival were the Bay Area Men's Chorus under the direction of Milton Wheeler and accompanied by Gaylord Garcia; the Carmichael Men's Chorus directed by Art Garbutt and accompanied by Linda Waldorf; the Modesto Praise Men's Chorus directed by Rod Kerbs and accompanied by Marilyn Beeler; and Christian Edition directed by Calvin Knipschild and accompanied by Michael Spencer. I have always been blessed when listening to CE sing, but it was a quadruple blessing to listen to 80 voices blending together in praise to our Lord and Savior.

Saturday morning our group provided the worship service at the Orangevale SDA Church. The other men's chorus groups were also sharing their music ministry in local churches. We were on such a tight schedule to be back at the Carmichael Church for rehearsal that there wasn't time to enjoy a potluck fellowship with the Orangevale members as we usually do, but they sent us on our way with their blessing and a plentiful sack lunch!

Finally, at 5:00 P.M., we were able to enjoy the culmination of the festival weekend experience. The church was filled to capacity as it always is for a chorus festival. Friends and family came from near and far to delight in the joy of fellowship and the blessing of the worship experience. The mass choir sang four songs to begin the festival, each one directed and accompanied by a different pair of musical leadership who shared their insights and interpretations of that song.

The mass numbers were followed by each of the four groups sharing three or four songs with the appreciative audience. A special mid-program session included congregational singing accompanied by a brass sextet. Very powerful! The festival ended with another four numbers by the full men's chorus, and when the last note was sung and the last amen was said, we knew that we had been blessed in so many ways! And my blessing didn't end there. I was able to leave that evening and go spend time with my son Matthew and his family in Angwin. It doesn't get much better!

Calendar

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MARCH 2020

7 Saturday 2:30 P.M. Worship
Go Maranatha! - Maranatha Volunteers Int'l Celebration Event & Conference Center

6425 Lee Highway
Chattanooga, TN 37421
(423) 296-8215

20 Friday 7:30 P.M. Rehearsal

21 Saturday 5:00 P.M. Worship
Azure Hills SDA Church

22633 Barton Road
Grand Terrace CA 92313
(909) 825-8611

22 Sunday 1:00 P.M. Worship
Hillside Community Fellowship

25000 Glen Ivy Road
Corona, CA 92883

22 Sunday 3:30 P.M. Worship
Wilshire Avenue Community Church

212 E. Wilshire Avenue
Fullerton, CA 92832
(714) 526-2265

APRIL 2020

3 Friday 7:00 P.M. Rehearsal

4 Saturday 3:00 P.M. Rehearsal

18 Saturday 10:50 A.M. Worship
Redding SDA Church

2828 Eureka Way
Redding, CA 96001
(530) 243-1461

18 Saturday 4:00 P.M. Worship
Mount Shasta SDA Church

12 CA-89
Mt. Shasta, CA 96067
(530) 926-2803

MAY 2020

1 Friday 7:00 P.M. Rehearsal

2 Saturday 3:00 P.M. Rehearsal

15 Friday 7:00 P.M. Rehearsal

16 Saturday 10:45 A.M. Worship
Pasadena SDA Church

1280 E. Washington Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91104
(626) 798-0544

16 Saturday 7:00 P.M. Worship
St. Anthony's Catholic Church

2110 N. San Antonio Avenue
Upland, CA 91784
(909) 982-2803



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13 Saturday 4:00 P.M. Worship
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

259 E. Onondaga Street
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 422-4177

14 Sunday 4:00 P.M. Worship
Holy Family Church

127 Chapel Drive
Syracuse, NY 13219
(315) 488-3139

15 Syracuse NY Area SDA Church (TBD)

16 Rochester NY Area SDA Church (TBD)

18 Thursday 3:00 P.M. Campmeeting
Union Springs Academy

40 Spring Street Road
Union Springs, NY 13160
(315) 469-6921 (NY Conf. of SDA)

19 Friday 3:00 P.M. Campmeeting

20 Saturday 10:00 A.M. Campmeeting

***Thank you
for worshipping with us!***

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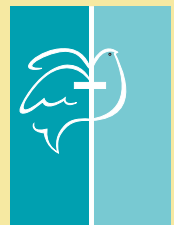
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