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Birmingham Chapter of
The American Guild of Organists
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Jamie McLemore, Dean

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The busiest week of the church calendar is now here! Many of us are in preparations for services each day plus Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil services! It can be quite daunting, but with smiles on our faces, in tune organs, and choir members knowing all the words and notes we will all arrive at a grande finale. I'm sure the majority of us will collapse Easter Sunday afternoon and Monday.

Many thanks to Melanie Couch and All Saints for hosting and Charles Kennedy contacting Tzaiki's for the delicious meal last month. While our attendance was smaller than average, we enjoyed hearing new music from members Mary Ann Croft, Martha Willetts, and Charles. Many thanks for sharing these gems with us.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 16 at First United Methodist Church. We will follow our usual schedule of dinner at 6:00

followed by the business meeting at 6:30. The annual student recital will follow in the sanctuary at 7:00. Reservations for dinner are due to me by Thursday, April 12th. Please contact me at jamiemcl@centurytel.net jmclemor@samford.edu or by phone: 706-0536 cell or office 726-2440. Please read Charles' article about the student recital and practice time.

The following lists of officers have been presented for nomination and we will vote on these at our meeting this month and will be installed at our final meeting in May. They are as follows:

Charles Kennedy, Dean
Dan Lawhon, Sub-Dean
Sherelyn Breland, Secretary
Greg Roberson, Treasurer

Executive Board members serving a three year term are:
Jim Cook, Jamie McLemore, and Stephen Schaeffer

Many of our members have made plans to attend the National Convention in Nashville July 1-6. If you are going, please let me know your arrival day. I would like to take a picture for our yearbook and we need everyone present if at all possible. This is going to be a stellar convention and I look forward

to seeing many people who we come in contact with every 2 years.

I hope everyone survives this week and all join in singing “hallelujah” when it’s over!

All best,
Jamie



Charles Kennedy, Sub Dean

Dear Members,

Our Chapter meeting this month will be held on Monday, April 16, at First United Methodist Church, with the chapter dinner at 6:00, the business meeting at 6:30, and the program at 7:00. The program will be our annual student recital. Any student who would like to perform should please contact me at kennedy@cathedraladvent.com by no later than Thursday, April 12 (the sooner the better). All practice arrangements should be made with Mark Hayes, who can be reached at mwhayes@charter.net, or 205-527-7797. Practice times during the day on weekdays are fairly open, unless there is a funeral.

Please send Jamie your reservations for dinner by 12 noon on Thursday, April 12, and please note that, as with last month, this is one day earlier than the usual deadline (as requested by the caterer). The cost of the dinner will be \$10.

I draw your attention to some upcoming music events here in Birmingham. At the

Cathedral Church of the Advent, the annual Broadway Cabaret program will take place on Friday, April 27 at 12:30 p.m., starring James Green and Company in the “Dream Out Loud” Showcase. A boxed lunch will be available at 12 noon (at a cost of \$7) for those who wish to make reservations by calling the Music Office at 443-8553, by no later than Wednesday, April 25. The show, which is free, begins at 12:30 p.m. Also taking place at the Cathedral Church of the Advent is a concert by the Cathedral Choir and Orchestra – *A Trio of Te Deums* (music by Charpentier, Haydn and Dvorak) – with guest soloists Christina Villaverde and Won Cho, on Sunday, May 6 at 4:00 p.m. The month of May also brings the organ dedication events at Independent Presbyterian for the new Joseph Schreiber Memorial Organ (Dobson Organ Company, Opus 90, prominently featured in the March 2012 issue of *The American Organist*), including the following: festival dedication service on Sunday, May 6 at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.; a concert for organ and brass (Jeff McLelland and the Ambassador Brass Quintet) on Sunday, May 13 at 4:00 p.m.; and the inaugural recital by Ken Cowan on Sunday, May 20 at 4:00 p.m. More information on these events can be found at <http://www.ipc-usa.org/concertschedule>.

We received the following from Timothy Olsen of the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem:

I would like to announce UNC-School of the Arts' Summer Organ Week for High School Organists from June 24-29, 2012 (these dates do **not** conflict with our region's POE). The course is open to all high school organists and advanced pianists interested in the organ. The week will be based on the campuses of UNC-SA (C.B. Fisk, Op. 75 organ - http://www.cbfisk.com/instrumentFiles/75/075_Stoplist.pdf) and Salem College (1965

Flentrop organ -
http://www.flentrop.nl/orgelbouw/winsto_nor t_coll.htm), and will utilize the wealth of wonderful instruments present in Winston-Salem, NC, including the famous 1800 Tannenberg organ (www.davidtannenberg.com/Tannenberg_1_800_Old_Salem.htm). Included each day will be individual lessons and practice time, master classes on technique, repertoire, service playing skills, improvisation, etc. Students will be housed on the campus of UNCSCA. For more detailed information about applying, please visit www.uncsa.edu/summersession/music.htm.

For further information regarding scholarships and the events of the week, please contact UNCSCA & Salem College organ professor, Dr. Timothy Olsen at olsent@uncsa.edu or timothy.jon.olsen@gmail.com.

I hope to see you at our April chapter meeting and at many of these other upcoming music events!

Charles M. Kennedy,
Sub Dean

Programs and Events 2011-2012

Monday, April 16, 2012

First United Methodist Church
6:00 Dinner
6:30 Business Meeting
7:00 Program Student Recital

Monday, May 14, 2012

Independent Presbyterian Church
6:00 Dinner
6:30 Business Meeting
7:00 Program Hymn Festival and
Installation of Officers

From the Online Calendar - April Events from members

- **April 27, 2012: 12:30 PM**
 - Mid-Day Musical Menu: A Broadway Cabaret in Clingman Commons
 - James Green and company
 - The show at 12:30 p.m. is free. Boxed lunches with table reservations are available at noon. Call 443-8553 for reservations.
 - Cathedral Church of the Advent, 2017 Sixth Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203
 - For further information: <http://www.adventbirmingham.org/kennedy@cathedraladvent.com>