



## NGHBC Newsletter



### Just a Note: Upcoming Events-

- > Spring Concert-April 25, 2015 7:00pm-9:00pm Location: Jasper UMC
- > Homeschool Day at the Capitol-Feb. 18
- > Bandtastic & Singsation-March 7

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The tuba is made of around 16 feet of tubing and commonly has three or four valves.

### **What instrument do we need? Why a Tuba?**

#### **Why the Tuba?**

It is the foundation of the band because it is the lowest sounding instrument. Just like your stereo needs bass to sound good. Tuba is our bass. You can't rent Tubas in a cost effective way.

#### **How much \$ do we need?**

About \$1200.

#### **How are we raising the money?**

We are holding monthly food fundraisers where families can buy a lunch on the 1st Friday and the proceeds will go towards the Tuba fund. We are also asking for donations.

#### **Are we buying used or new? Why?**

Probably new. They make some now that are new which are not much more than the used ones. We are buying a 3/4 tuba which is a bit smaller since we will probably have younger players on it.

#### **What is your goal for when you hope to purchase one?**

February

#### **How can I make a donation?**

You can send money to:

**NGHBC**  
**P.O. Box 271**  
**Waleska, GA 30183**

### **New Stomping Ground!!!**



**We are thankful to Jasper United Methodist Church for allowing us to hold classes in their beautiful facility!**

### **Painless, Fast... Money?**

North Georgia Homeschool Band and Choir has been approved by **Kroger** to participate in their rewards program! When you shop using your Kroger Plus card, NGHBC will receive a percentage of your purchase total. Participation in

this program does not diminish your fuel points or other rewards associated with your card. Please sign up and encourage your friends and family in the area to do so as well. **We collected \$63.41 last year, plus \$54.38 last quarter!**

Money for our program is just a quick click away! For detailed instructions you can access <http://www.nghbc.org/support/> or ask a customer service representative at the store. **Thank you for supporting our program!**

The first words of some songs repeat their titles. Such is the case with "In Christ Alone." It was written by Keith Getty in 2000, and since then, many artists have sung the song. But not all impressions are favorable. Some people dispute the lyrics as the song says "*and on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied*", saying that it should be changed to "*the love of God was magnified*." The lyrics were not officially changed, and for that reason it is not found in some hymnals. From both perspectives, it has a point. God

loves us, yes, but when we sinned we earned His wrath. So when God sent Jesus to us, to die, our sin was paid. That single action showed what God had to do, and also how much He loves us. But even with debates, this song has gained popularity. Its message rings clear today. It speaks first of the dependence on Jesus, our hope and solid ground. Then it tells about the love of God and how He sent his Son as a baby, who was at once fully God and fully human. As the song continues, we are told how Jesus was

scorned and died. But it doesn't stop there, since "*bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave he rose again!*" And the melody rises to sing about the victory over death, and of us being God's forever. "*No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; till he returns or calls me home, here in the love of Christ I'll stand.*" And that is a message no one can dispute, and that everyone can be happy about.

### NGHBC FALL CONCERT

by Hannah C. —2nd year Treble Choir and Beginning Band Member

**I never thought I would have the opportunity to be in a band...**

Hi, my name is Hannah Caudell. I recently had the privilege of performing in the NGHBC concert on November 14, 2014. The concert was held at Jasper UMC for the friends and family of NGHBC. My grandparents even came over from Cleveland, Georgia, to see my sister and me perform. I just turned 10 years old and this is my second year in the choir. It is my first year playing an instrument. I am learning to

play the Clarinet. For the band performance I played; "Rolling Along", "Hot Cross Buns", "Au Claire De La Lune", "London Bridge", "A Mozart Melody", "Jingle Bells", "Up on a Hometown", and "Jolly Old St. Nick". The songs I sang in the choir were: "The Star Spangled Banner", "Black Socks", "Fairest Lady", "Hine Ma Tov", "Christmas Canon" and "Night of Silence". We ended the night by having a Holiday Sing-a-long.

I would like to thank The Lord for allowing such special people to come together and create a homeschool band and choir. I am thankful for my teachers Mrs. Fenn and Mrs. Reams. They are so kind and helpful. Both Mrs. Fenn and Mrs. Reams have taught me so much. I never thought I would have the opportunity to be in a band since I am homeschooled. This is such a great experience for me.

### SHORTER UNIVERSITY / BAND DAY

By Oliver S.—5th year Advanced Band & Treble Choir

Shorter Band Day was a big one! I have never been to Shorter University and found it quite interesting. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, North Georgia Homeschool Band played with the Shorter Band for the football game against West Georgia. It was amazing how much work went into directing the band. The band director had to constantly check the game to know which song we should play. The songs varied from short chantey tunes when the team made a good play, to long lively tunes for a touch-down. I tried to play almost all of the

music that the Shorter Band played, but I was standing on the bleachers next to someone who had very difficult music. We worked with the cheerleaders and sang and chanted whatever was on the sign that they held up. The music included "Shake a Tail Feather," "Iron Man," and many others. After 5 years in band, this was the first time I experienced the feeling of playing in the stands or playing with another band so talented. I learned that the music we played was the same music played for televised football games. One of

my highlights and favorite parts of the event was Dr. Graham Jones speaking to us during the game. Dr. Graham Jones directed the Royal Band for the Queen of England for several years and has now retired from that position. Shorter not only welcomed us to this completely free event, but gave us shirts, pizza, and soda too! I would like to thank the Shorter Band, Dr. Graham Jones, the Shorter Band Director, and Ms. Reams, for allowing me to have this amazing opportunity!

## NGHBC Performance at the Festival of Trees

By Renee B. —6th year *Concert Choir and Advanced Band Member*

On Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> the band and choir performed at the Festival of Trees in the Jasper Public Library. We played and sang for the community.

Our first performance was the combined band including beginning, intermediate, and advanced band members. We played "Jingle Bells", "Up On A Housetop", and "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas."

The Treble and Concert Choirs performed after the band. They sang "Sing Dem Hern," a German Christian song, and "Somewhere

in My Memory"- that's my favorite song to sing. We sang "Night of Silence," which is a mixed piece with Silent Night included. The Treble Choir performed "Sing A Little Song of Christmas" and then we finished our performance with a "Holiday Sing-a-Long." The audience seemed to enjoy singing with us. That was my favorite part of the performance.

I've been in choir and band for almost six years. I started with Oboe in beginning band and

am now in advanced band. I love learning new instruments, so this year I've started learning alto saxophone too.

I'd like to thank Ms. Reams and Ms. Fenn for giving us the opportunity to have all these fun experiences performing for our community. Thank you Ms. Reams for making this the best year in band so far! Thank you Ms. Fenn for your support and encouragement to help us do better.

## A "Capitol" Performance by Danielle Mullan —1st year *Concert Choir Member*

I'm Danielle Mullan and this was my first year at North Georgia Homeschool Choir and it is so fun! Our trip to the Georgia State Capitol was amazing. I loved walking through all of those beautiful halls.

Then, singing for people who served our country and the Governor's wife, who was so nice, was such an honor. This amazing event was all for the great, heartwarming cause of Toys for

Tots helping kids everywhere. My favorite part was hearing the echo of our choir singing in that beautiful building plus being on TV was pretty cool. It was a great experience.

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## Special Thanks!

NGHCB wants to send out a special THANK YOU to Susan May! She served as the Substitute Choir Teacher while Mrs. Fenn was out for maternity leave. We were very thankful to have such a qualified teacher! Ms. May graduated from Georgetown College, the University of Louisville, and Samford University. Her degree is a Bachelor and Master of Music Education and she holds Levels 1, 2 & 3 Orff Certification. She is President of the Atlanta chapter of American Orff-Schulwerk Association and has been a member of many community and church choirs. We thank her for the seamless transition she provided the choir students!

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*Thank you for your  
 prayers and support!*

**Our Mission:**

Working together to provide a quality, well-rounded music education to homeschooled students and their families in our community.

**Our Vision:**

Creating a Community of Musicians that spans generations.

**Our Values:**

We are a Christian organization that operates under Biblical principles and adheres to the golden rule.

*"Do to others as you would have them do to you." Luke 6:31*

We are committed to working cooperatively with parents to create the best possible music education experience for homeschooling families.

Introducing...The Teaching Team...

**McKenzi Fenn**

Director of our Preparatory Program and Treble and Concert Choirs:

Graduated: Anderson University in Anderson, IN,  
Degree: Bachelor's Degree in P-12 Music Education with an emphasis in elementary and choral teaching.

Her choirs consistently received Superior and Excellent ratings in both ensemble & sight reading assessments at LGPE.

**Jackie Gray**

Recorder Instructor & Co-Teacher for

Preparatory Program:

Graduated:

West Georgia College

Degree:

Piano Performance/  
 Pedagogy.

She has been involved in church music since high school, and she has been the pianist and praise team leader in two churches.



**Lisa Reams**

Director of Band

Graduated: Florida State University  
 Degree: Bachelor of Music in Education, Master of Music from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

She has taught high school symphonic and concert bands, middle school bands, and general music. She has performed in multiple orchestras.

**We are excited to WELCOME her to the NGHBC team!**