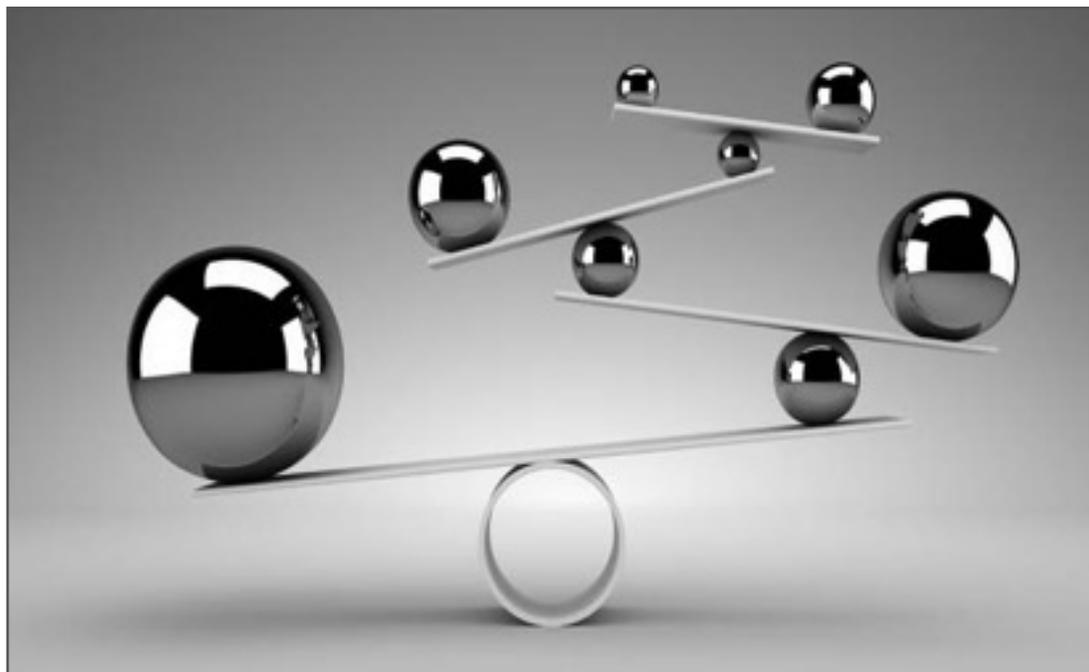


# GRACE NOTES

a weekly publication for the *Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra* of the Dawson Family of Faith



## Perfect Balance

Balance is such an interesting thing. Visualize a line resting on the point of a triangle. I mean consider that perfectly centered point allowing that line to lay perfectly flat and perfectly balanced. There is something so peaceful about balance. Though most of our lives seem to always be in search of balance, the Bible gives a great example to follow in Luke 2:52.

"Jesus grew *in wisdom* and *in stature* and *in favor* with God and all the people."

Jesus demonstrates a balance in life and ministry in this one verse for us. Notice his balance contains growth in mind, body, and spirit. First, Jesus grew in wisdom. Wisdom is the application of knowledge, so therefore there is a continued learning and application. We must not be content with what we learned yesterday but continue growing in knowledge and wisdom. Second, Jesus grew in stature. In order to do the work God had given him, he had to maintain his physical body well. Consider the miles he traveled in his ministry...lots! It's way too easy for us to sit and soak in our current places than to be obedient to stay active to share God's story. Third, Jesus grew in favor. Simply, Jesus loved his Father and loved his people. He lived that everyday and it was the center of his actions and words. We must all seek to grow in love of the Father and love of his people the way that Jesus demonstrated.

Perhaps this summer as we take time to retreat, ask God which area you may need to focus on more (mind, body or spirit). Make this summer a time to grow in balance to be more like Jesus than before.

From *Homewood Life Magazine*:

### BEST CHURCH CHOIR

**Dawson Family of Faith**  
More than 200 voices flood the Dawson sanctuary each Sunday morning.

*Finalists: Trinity United Methodist, Our Lady of Sorrows*

### TONIGHT SANCTUARY CHOIR

*Forevermore*  
*Ascription of Praise*  
*No Time*  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*  
*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*  
*How Marvelous! How Wonderful!*  
Congregational Music

### SUNDAY

#### Prelude

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Brent Reeves

#### Anthems

*Ascription of Praise*  
Sanctuary Choir

#### Offertory

*My Country 'Tis of Thee*

Lynda Little

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### Spotlight

#### **Welcome New Member Laine Stidham**

Laine joined the choir last week and is singing Soprano 2 in the 11:00 service. Welcome, Laine, it is good to have you with us.

#### **Double Duty This Sunday**

About 30 of our choir members will be in New York City to sing *Gospel Trinity* at the Lincoln Center. Others will be out since this is a holiday weekend. Plan on singing in both services Sunday if your schedule allows.

#### **Pray For and Live Stream Gospel Trinity**

Pray for the choir members and guests from Dawson and Sixth Avenue Baptist Church as they travel to New York City this weekend to share the Gospel during their performance at Lincoln Center. Pray for those who will hear the Gospel. Follow these directions to live stream the concert: go to [dciny.org](http://dciny.org) and join their facebook page. The DCINY people say it will come up about 5 minutes before the program which begins here at 6:00p.

#### **Cough Drops Supply**

Our supply is low. Please contribute cough drops, not money, when possible.

#### **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals Summer Schedule**

We will not be rehearsing on the following Wednesdays BUT we are singing on Sundays:

May 30 (Memorial Day) // June 6 (KidLife) // July 4 (Independence Day) //  
July 11 (Summer Break) // July 18 (Summer Break) // July 25 (Summer  
Break ) // August 1 (Summer Break )

#### **Learn and Share "The Story"**

Dawson will soon embark on a new, simple path toward sharing your faith. *The Story* will be a special, six-week class on Sunday nights from 6 to 7pm this Fall. Come and be a part of this exploration of Creation, Fall, Rescue, and Redemption. Calendar these dates:

August 19 // August 26 // September 16 // September 30 // October 14 //  
November 11

#### **UPCOMING INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN WORSHIP DATES**

May 16-August 1, 2018 ~ Summer Break  
August 8, 2018 ~ Orchestra Rehearsals Resume ~ Sanctuary ~ 6:00pm  
August 22, 2018 ~ Music & Cookies ~ Social Hall ~ 6:00pm

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

5/1 Chris Byrd // 5/4 Ellen Miller // 5/5 Minda Campbell, Madi Gaines // 5/8 Garry Rickard // 5/10 Nancy Hartin, Joe Jones // 5/11 Dodi Earnest, Joe Raines // 5/12 Karan Bush // 5/18 Jennifer Compere, Fran Duncan, Jerry O'Neal, Barbara Sanders // 5/21 Charlotte Pulfrey // 5/22 Daryl Ussery // 5/26 Jerome Isley, Denise Vasut, Robin Wilhelm // 5/27 Thomas Montgomery // 5/28 Jessica Lancaster // 5/29 David Crittenden

#### **PRAYER**

Brad O'Rear // Bill Carner // Emily, Joe, Taylor Brasher // Benjamin Nation // Bill & Karen Weaver