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Dear Friends and Choristers,

On behalf of the 2026 BICS Board, welcome to the **64th** concert season! I am very excited to serve as your BICS President and look forward to performing great music with all of you. Weekly rehearsals will begin on Sunday, August 23, at Susan and Jimmy Simmons Music Building on the Lamar University campus in Beaumont, from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm. The concert performance will be on Sunday, November 15th at First United Methodist Church in downtown Beaumont. Further information is as follows:

Conductor	Wynnelle Guidry, Choir Director
Accompanist	Patty Williamson
Concert Works	<i>Witness</i> – Traditional/arr. Jack Holloran; <i>Here I am, Lord</i> – Daniel Schutte/arr. Ovid Young; <i>Come Away to the Skies: A High, Lonesome Mass</i> – Wes Ramsay & Tim Sharp; <i>I'll Fly Away</i> – Alfred Brumley/arr. Wynnelle Guidry
Pre-registration & Purchase Music	Saturday, July 25, 2026, 11 am - 12 noon First United Methodist Church, Beaumont
Online Pre-Registration	BICSchoir.org
Rehearsals Begin	Sunday, August 23, 2:30 pm, Lamar Music Building

Attire: Soprano and Alto women wear a solid black floor length dress with a modest neckline, sleeves that cover upper arm, and no glitter or sequins. Tenor and Bass men wear a black suit/tux, white tux shirt, black bowtie, and black shoes.

Payment of dues and music fees can be made at pre-registration, where scores will be available. If you are unable to attend on July 25, registration and payment can be made prior to the August 23 and August 30 rehearsals. New members or those needing payment arrangements should contact me before the first rehearsal (dadavis0714@gmail.com).

We are excited about the wonderful music planned for this season. Your presence and participation are most welcome in the BICS family. Feel free to bring a friend (especially a tenor or bass.) Our conductor, Ms. Guidry, is a renowned music educator, has conducted BICS before and is excited to be with us again. You won't want to miss out!

Sincerely,

Darlene A Davis

Darlene Davis, President
Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society



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BICS BOARD MEMBERS – ATTENTION

Our Executive Board meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on July 25, at FUMC, immediately preceding pre-registration. Make plans to attend or give your proxy (email) to another Board member.

Keep this page, please!
Rehearsal Schedule on reverse!

2026 SEASON INFORMATION

Conductor: Wynnelle Guidry, Choral Director

Accompanists: Patty Williamson

Music: *Witness* – Traditional/arr. Jack Holloran
Here I am, Lord – Daniel Schutte/arr. Ovid Young
Come Away to the Skies: A High, Lonesome Mass
– Wes Ramsay & Tim Sharp
I'll Fly Away – Alfred Brumley/arr. Wynnelle Guidry

Performance date: Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church, Beaumont

<i>Pre-registration/receive music:</i>	Saturday, July 25, 2026, 11:00 a.m. until Noon First United Methodist Church Beaumont
<i>Online Pre-registration:</i>	BICSchoir.org

Registration: Sunday, August 23, 2026, 1:45 p.m.
Sunday, August 30, 2026, 2:00 p.m.
(both precede our 2:30 p.m. rehearsals)

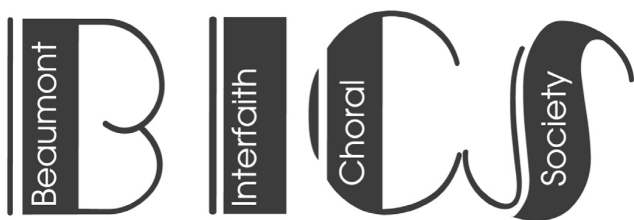
Annual Fellowship: Following rehearsal, Sunday, November 8, 2026, FUMC

Membership Fees, including music scores, individual: \$30.00
Membership Fees, married couple, 2 sets of music: \$55.00

*Weekly rehearsals will be at Rothwell Recital Hall in the
Susan and Jimmy Simmons Music Building
on the Lamar University campus.*

Rehearsals: Sunday afternoons, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Final Week Rehearsals:
Sunday, November 8, 2026, 2:30 p.m., FUMC
Monday, November 9, 2026, 7:00 p.m., FUMC
Friday, November 13, 2026, 7:00 p.m., FUMC
Saturday, November 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m., FUMC



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Dear Friend:

The Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society is preparing for its 64th season. Concerts throughout the years would not have been possible without the generous contributions of loyal friends upon whose support we heavily depend. We are proud to announce the 2026 concert under the direction of Wynnelle Guidry. Her selections are:

Witness – Traditional/arr. Jack Holloran
Here I am, Lord – Daniel Schutte/arr. Ovid Young
Come Away to the Skies: A High, Lonesome Mass
– Wes Ramsay & Tim Sharp
I'll Fly Away – Alfred Brumley/arr. Wynnelle Guidry

Our concert will be presented at First United Methodist Church in downtown Beaumont on Sunday, November 15, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. We invite you to become a Contributor, Sponsor or Benefactor. Such a gift would enable us to make this, our 75th presentation of great works of the masters, a reality. Donations are tax deductible. (Our tax number is 74-1928292.) *Donations may also be made online at our website.*

The Society is deeply grateful to those who choose to become a vital part in supporting and encouraging the presentation of fine sacred choral music.

Gratefully,

Darlene Davis
President

Wynnelle Guidry
Sponsorship Chairman

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Please make check payable to *Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society* or simply *BICS*

___ Contributor (\$10) ___ Sponsor (\$25) ___ Benefactor (over \$25)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

___ Memorial ___ Honor ___ Anonymous

Name of Contributor/Sponsor/Benefactor to be printed in program: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

If Memorial or Honor, for whom? _____

Name/Address to be notified: _____

*If you are unable to attend the concert and would like a program, please indicate: _____

BICS OFFICERS 2026

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Wynnelle Guidry's career as a vocal performer and music educator spans more than 60 years. As a Choral Music Teacher/Instructor she served public school children at all levels, grades one through twelve, as well as adults at the university level. She has also served two local churches in part time positions; St. Mark's United Methodist in Port Arthur and 20 years at the First United Methodist Nederland as Director of Music. When not conducting, she serves as section leader for the Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society and the Southeast Texas Symphony Chorus.

Ms. Guidry has performed as a guest soloist for many major choral works. Her experiences in vocal performance included principal and support roles with various performing arts groups and organizations including the Beaumont Civic Opera. She also performed at various events in France, Germany, Belgium and Israel. Though retired, she continues to serve as choral clinician and adjudicator for the TMEA and UIL music competitions held in Region X and Houston area.

Ms. Guidry is a native of Beaumont where she graduated from South Park High School. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Lamar State College of Technology with certifications in Performance and Music Education. While at Lamar she was appointed assistant conductor of the Concert Choir for 2 years under the tutelage of Dr. Ray Moore. She pursued post-graduate studies in music at Texas A&I University while her husband was assigned to the Naval Air Training Command at Kingsville. While at Texas A&I she taught full time as a graduate assistant in the Department of Music. Ms. Guidry holds a Master of Education degree from Lamar University.

Ms. Guidry is a member of TCDA, ACDA, KMEA, and NAFME. She also is the grandmother of seven lovely grandchildren ages 13 to 23 years of age. This is Ms. Guidry's fourth time to conduct the Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society.

BEAUMONT INTERFAITH CHORAL SOCIETY

FALL 2026 SEASON

Sunday, August 23, 2026	1:45 p.m. Registration	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, August 23, 2026	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, August 30, 2026	2:00 p.m. Registration	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, August 30, 2026	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, September 6, 2026	No Rehearsal Labor Day Weekend	
Sunday, September 13, 2026	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, September 20, 2026	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, September 27, 2026	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, October 4, 2026	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, October 11, 2026	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, October 18, 2026	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, October 25, 2026	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, November 1, 2026	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	Rothwell Recital Hall
Sunday, November 8, 2026	2:30 p.m. Rehearsal	First United Methodist
Sunday, November 8, 2026	Annual Fellowship following rehearsal at FUMC	
Monday, November 9, 2026	7:00 p.m. Rehearsal	First United Methodist
Friday, November 13, 2026	7:00 p.m. Rehearsal w/orchestra	First United Methodist
Saturday, November 14, 2026	10:00 a.m. Rehearsal w/orchestra	First United Methodist
Sunday, November 15, 2026	2:00 p.m. Call time at Rothwell Hall	First United Methodist
Sunday, November 15, 2026	3:00 p.m. PERFORMANCE	