

Shreve Celebrates 10 Years As Minister of Music at Manly

David Shreve will celebrate 10 years of service as the Minister of Music at Manly Memorial Baptist Church on March 1 of this year.

He directs the Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Men's Chorus and Meador-Steele Handbell Choir at Manly. He also gives musical guidance for Vacation Bible School each summer, ministers to the children attending Noah's Ark pre-school at Manly, provides activities such as cook-outs at his home for the children of the church as well as visiting the elderly and sick members of Manly.

Shreve was born in Falls Church, Virginia, and first visited Natural Bridge at the age of 14 when he came with a group of adult choir members to attend a Baptist Music Conference. Since then, he has graduated from Carson-Newman College with a BA degree and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with BCM and MCM degrees. He served in churches as Associate Pastor with music responsibilities as well as a Pastor at churches in Virginia before coming to Manly.

Shreve plays several musical instruments including the piano, guitar and trombone and frequently plays or sings solos during the morning worship services. He has played trombone in the Rockbridge Area Symphony Orchestra and the Blue Ridge Brass. He sings with the Virginia Baptist Male Chorale, a group composed of Ministers of Music who serve in full-time positions at Baptist churches throughout the state. Shreve has been a member of the Virginia group for many years and sang with the Kentucky group for seven years prior to coming to Virginia. Several years ago, Shreve and his wife, Phyllis, traveled to Italy with the group where they were invited to be the conference choir of the bi-annual Italian Baptist Association in Assisi. The group represented their respective churches, Virginia Baptists and Baptists of America where they participated in the conference as well as performing in many churches and even on some street corners. Shreve was part of the Virginia Brass, a quartet of trumpet and trombone players made up of men from the Chorale.

Aside from his music talents, Shreve has also published a book of devotions for senior adults based on old hymns and gospel songs. His Enduring Press has published seven of his books of trivia and reminiscence for senior adults as well. He and Phyllis reside in Lexington.