

REFLECTIONS...

Dear friends,

My prayer for every audience member before we began this event was that all other voices become silent when the music starts, and God's voice is heard thru it all. Take a look at the comments below and praise God as you read.

Michael Adler

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...Most of all, I loved that through it all there was a sense of worship. At the beginning of the first performance I was singing. Somewhere during that performance it turned into an act of worship. The entire second performance was like that. By the end I was completely exhausted. My voice was shot. I was physically tired. I was emotionally drained. But, there was a sense of contentment. I know that today I spent time in the presence of God offering my praises. It was a very good day. -a choir member

I was really WOWED by the DICTION from the choir! It was AMAZING!! (THANK YOU ROB SEARCY!!!! WE ARE BLESSED BY YOUR GIFTS!)

That Karen Robbins is a LIFESAVER!!! SHE DESERVES A RAISE! Hmmm...who wrote this one?

"I got my tail kicked during Hot Chocolate last night!" Steve Dunn – commenting on literally getting kicked in the rear by one of the girl swing dancers while conducting.

WOW!!! Last night at church was AWESOME!!!! Thank you for all the hard work and practice you must have put in. I was totally blown away. We had the wonderful opportunity to be a part of several large churches in the Atlanta area, but I have never seen anything as dramatic as last night!! I loved ending with "Holy Ground"...what a great reminder about the true meaning of the season. I could go on and on....just know I loved the evening and have felt the mood it created even today. I called my parents and told them they have to mark their calendars for next year.

The show yesterday was magnificent. I don't believe your choir has ever sounded better. I understood every word you sang and that's a first! I had chills, cried, laughed and loved the whole event. Thank you for leaving the flyer on my desk (Nancy Patterson!) because I otherwise would not have known! Doug loved it too. I can't even come up with a favorite because it was all so wonderful. Loved the drum line, the Pie Jesu duet, the gospel quintet. The children were just amazing...

Thank you so much for choosing Rob as "the man" for the job. I learned so much from him over the last week and was very impressed by his knowledge of the system and mix techniques. ...you realize how awesome FOH (Front of House speakers that point toward the audience) sounded! My mom and our guests last night were very WOWed by everything -- and the sound was crystal clear!

! I think overall it was the most beautiful music we've ever done!!! the "late fireflies" give us something to laugh about. Some of my family that come every year said last night they didn't see how it could get any better but it always does and they LOVED the drum corp

Beautiful Strings!

I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed Christmas by Candlelight last night. It was a great ending to my first day as a member of Shades! Thank you so much for all you do with the beautiful music that we hear every Sunday at church...it's a blessing.

Also, I know that you didn't do all of this alone...so please let your choir and musicians know that they are appreciated as well!

Probably one of the most moving Christmas performances I have seen during our 4 years at Shades!!!!

Thought it couldn't get better, but every time you raise the bar it puts you just a little closer to heaven.

Magnificent! Thanks for the hard work to tell our Savior's story.

This was SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN better than I could have ever imagined. All of the Christmas by Candlelight "hype" I received from friends before I came was FAR less than what I've just experienced. UNBELIEVABLE.

Excellent! What an incredible evening! This church is blessed with INCREDIBLE musicians!

Please do more children's programs with sixth graders. (from a kid)

I'm one of those who wish we could take this show on the road and do it 20 more times!!! What an incredible blessing!!! Drummer Boy - - did you see the momma on the fourth row that came to see her son - her face was beaming - - how great to include the drum line - love that Ed! – awesome! Night of Allelujiahs (how DO you spell that?) - I was overcome with such emotion during the first show - -"God of ages past...2000 years have not lessened your glory...our hope and prayer is that YOU"LL FIND US THERE!!!"

Praise God as you have led us into His presence. WHAT a WORSHIP experience!

Tonight I want to be a child of God. (4th grade son of a family I called and invited to come on Saturday night)

I feel that it's time to change my life.

my favorite thing about CBC is the time in between shows where the choir just comes together and shares.....what a group!

Pray for my recovery in my drug problem and for wisdom for the Salvation Army captains.

We have such a great thing going at Shades Mtn. and God is working in incredible ways. It is almost overwhelming how much He has blessed us and also overwhelming what a great worship atmosphere my kids have to grow up in.....

Excellent Program! Very inspiring – renews hope for the world.

It touched this weary soul with the precious gift of Christmas.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time here. I haven't been to church in ten years.

It was a blessing to be able to worship with you. SO many gifts being used for God.

I love this church! (from a nine year old boy who prayed to receive Christ)

Thank you SOOOO much. (prayed to recommit their life to Christ)

Soooo beautiful. Glory to God!!

Wonderful time of celebration in music and message. Thank You!!

We are speechless. WOW! What a blessing to start our holy season. Thank you!

SPECTACULAR! We will make this an annual event! FANTASTIC!

What a JOYOUS way to celebrate His birth! Thank you for a wonderful afternoon of worship!

It was a blessing. I thank God I lived to see it. All praise and honor and glory belongs to HIM!

What a marvelous effort! I felt like I was in heaven!

Please extend our heartfelt appreciation to all that transported our men to your Christmas Show. Truly it was amazing! Everyone sitting around us was so welcoming! The men can't stop talking about the entire experience!!! We glanced around after each program and wrote down the Altar Call responses. Just from our guys there were 11 First Time Decision and 14 Re-dedications. Thank you again for being so eager to support our men. –Salvation Army Captain Nickell