

Paul Saik, Director of Music Ministries



A native of Jackson, Mississippi, Paul began playing piano at age 3 and spent much of his time performing in church. His first church position came at the young age of 13 as the church pianist at First Baptist Church in Pearl, Mississippi. He quickly developed a love for church music and started playing the organ at age 16.

While studying piano and organ at Mississippi College, where he received a Bachelor of Music degree in piano, Paul won several awards and competitions and studied abroad at the University of London. A Pressar Scholar, Paul furthered his education at Baylor University, where he received a Masters of Music degree in church music and organ.

A versatile singer, he has performed with opera companies throughout the United States and around the world. He has appeared with various symphonies and has worked with the likes of Baz Luhrmann (“Moulin Rouge”) in the New York Broadway scene. But after many years of performing on some of the biggest stages in the world, Paul realized that the successes of his career could not outweigh the stresses and challenges that he faced every day.

In the summer of 2003, Paul retreated to Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. It was at Lake Junaluska that Paul felt God’s call back to his first love...sacred music.

His passion is leading people in worship, and his music has touched many people as he has performed in numerous churches throughout the country. But everything leads to his desire to bring comfort, guidance and the presence of God to each listener, so that they may know that God truly loves them. “I don’t know why God has blessed me with the talents He has, just as He blesses every person with their own...but I want to use them to honor Him, to thank Him, to lead others in worshipping Him. My prayer is that all who see how I live my life, find Him in me.”

Paul is Director of Music Ministries at Centenary United Methodist Church in New Bern, NC where he resides with his wife, Katie. He continues to maintain his touring throughout the United States, but also enjoys leading worship at annual conferences, revivals and other special events.

More information is available at his website, paulsaik.com.