



Terry Taylor is Managing Editor of Growing in Grace Children's Music Curriculum, a comprehensive faith-based resource in use in over 1000 churches and schools in 40 states. From 1980-2012 Terry served as Minister of Music in churches in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and Oklahoma. The son of a pastor, Terry was born in Bowling Green, KY. He attended Belmont University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he received a Master's Degree in Church Music with a conducting major.

Terry is widely respected for his creativity, advocacy, and leadership in music ministry with children. His advocacy initiatives gained national exposure when the American Choral Directors Association Choral Journal documented his ENCORE program, which led to the hiring of music teachers in Dothan City Schools. In 2007, Terry was presented the

Friend of the Arts Award by the Dothan Cultural Arts Center. He has served as a adjunct professor at Samford University and as a board member of The Center for Christian Music Studies at Baylor University. His compositions are published by Choristers Guild and Growing in Grace. Terry is the founder and director of the Children's Freedom Choir, which reaches out to socially and economically challenged children in south Nashville.

Terry has two children, Carrie Beth and Jeremy, and three pretty-much-perfect grandchildren, Cayden, IsaBeall, and Hudson.

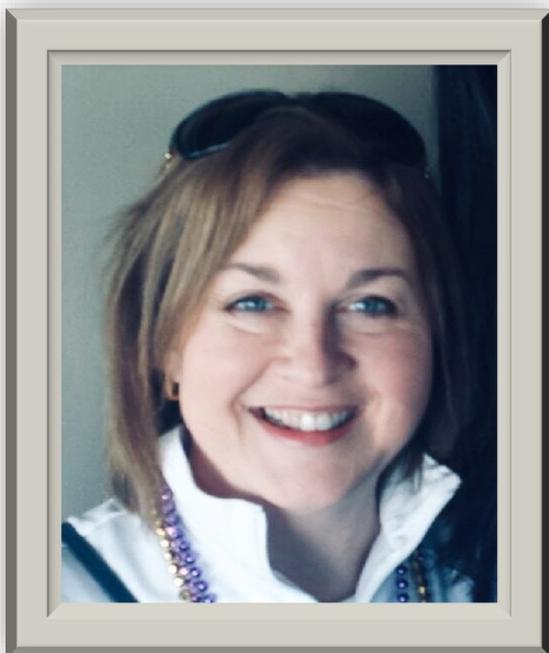
Susan Eernisse serves on the staff of First Baptist Church, Carrollton, GA as Director of Christian Education and Children's Music. Susan earned degrees from Anderson University (SC) — Associate of Fine Arts (Music) — and Berry College (Rome, GA) — Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Education. She completed Orff Level I at Shorter University and Levels II and III at the University of Kentucky. Susan has taught using the Orff process in classrooms, children's choirs, music camps, college classrooms, and workshops for children's music leadership for many years. She has had Orff lessons and arrangements published by LifeWay, Growing in Grace, Music K-8, and Choristers Guild. She regularly creates custom Orff lessons for her own students. She is a respected children's choir clinician and has served on the faculties of children's music camps and festivals for many years. Susan is married to Dr. Glenn Eernisee, Associate Pastor of Music and Worship at First Baptist Carrollton.



Keith Watson is the Associate Minister of Music at First Baptist Church of Columbia, South Carolina, where he works with music groups of all ages from preschool through senior adult. Keith has served as a writer and clinician for Growing in Grace and LifeWay, and as a choir consultant for the South Carolina Baptist Convention. Originally from Montgomery, Alabama, Keith holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Montevallo and a Masters of Music from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Leigh, have two sons, Will and Forbes.

Allison Blumenthal was thrilled to join the Growing in Grace team in July of 2019 as the Design Editor for Older Children. A native of Rochester, New York, Allison is an elementary general music educator, collaborative pianist, vocal coach, musical theater director, choir director, and now curriculum editor. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from the State Univ. of New York at Fredonia, and both a Master of Music in Collaborative Piano and K-12 Music Teaching Certification from Louisiana State University.

Prior to joining Growing in Grace, Allison taught public school elementary general music in Tennessee and Louisiana, served as a church music director in Georgia and as a church pianist in all three states. In addition to her work at GIG, she holds an adjunct accompanist position at Middle Tennessee State University playing for student recitals and choirs and is on the faculty at Murfreesboro Academy of Music teaching piano and elementary-age voice lessons.



Melanee Horton's calling to children's choir ministry began as a junior in high school when asked to help in Preschool choir at FBC, Baton Rouge, LA. After starting as a vocal performance major, she transferred to education and graduated with a BS degree in Early Childhood education from LSU. After teaching a couple of years in both the private and public sectors, she completed graduate work at the University of Tennessee with a MS degree in Child and Family Studies. All along the way, she continued as a choral musician by singing in church choirs and teaching in children's choirs. Melanee currently serves as children's choir coordinator at Forest Hills Baptist, Nashville TN where she has been for 20 years.

She lives in Franklin, TN with her husband, Bob. They have been blessed to have 2 children, Lauren and Logan; now young adults with