

REVISION: Alabama Symphony Orchestra Is On the Road at Faith Chapel Christian Center December 13th

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Dec. 9, 2009 - [PRLog](#) -- BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA – After the much acclaimed “Gospel Goes Classical Concert” featuring the GGC Symphony Orchestra earlier this year, Faith Chapel Christian Center’s Fine Arts Ministry is teaming up with the Alabama Symphony Orchestra to present “A Gospel Christmas”, featuring the church’s Executive Director of Fine Arts, Dr. Henry Panion III, as conductor. American Idol Winner Ruben Studdard will make a special guest appearance. This free concert is open to the public and will be held on Sunday, December 13 at 5:00PM in the church’s main sanctuary, The Word Dome at 100 Lexington Street in Birmingham, Alabama. No tickets required.

For more than 70 years, the Alabama Symphony Orchestra (ASO) has served Alabama, providing quality performances of varying styles of music and presenting some of the finest guest performers of the day. The outstanding musicians of the ASO have brought to life some of the world’s most treasured musical masterpieces as well as introduced listeners to exciting new works and composers.

“A Gospel Christmas” is anticipated to be a high energy, festive, family-oriented concert that is sure to stir up the Christmas spirit for the young and old alike. Along with the ASO, the evening will feature ensembles from the FCCC Fine Arts Ministry which will include Chenaniah (Sanctuary Choir), the Children’s Choir, Teen Choir, the Jubilees (Senior Adult Choir), and Wings of Grace (Dance Ministry). Childcare will not be provided.

This special event is a part of Faith Chapel Christian Center’s upcoming events for the Christmas season. For more details, contact the church at (205) 785-9673, www.faithchapel.net or call the Alabama Symphony Orchestra at (205) 251-7727.

About Alabama Symphony Orchestra (www.alabamasymphony.org)

The purpose of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra is simple – the ASO changes lives through music. The ASO produces symphonic music of the highest quality and provides outstanding outreach and education programs while maintaining its fiscal strength. The heart of this mission is service, and the strength of the mission lies in the ASO’s ability to take an interactive approach to community life and work through its finest art.

The ASO has an endowment of approximately \$14 million and an annual operating budget of \$6.5 million. Each season, the orchestra depends on gifts to support 60% of its operating budget. Other revenues are obtained through ticket sales and fee concerts.

About Ruben Studdard (www.rubenstuddard.com)

In May 2003, Ruben Studdard’s life changed in an instant when he won the title of “American Idol.” His first album, “Soulful,” had advance orders of over a million copies, automatically qualifying for platinum certification. The record entered The Billboard 200 at No. 1. A follow-up single, “Sorry 2004,” reached No. 9 on the Hot 100 and No. 2 on the R&B chart. Ruben’s next album was “I Need An Angel,” released in November 2004. The sophomore set topped Billboard’s gospel chart and was the magazine’s No. 1 gospel album of the year. He just released his fourth album, “Love IS” earlier this year.

About Faith Chapel Christian Center (www.faithchapel.net) (

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faith_Chapel_Christian_Center)

Faith Chapel started in April, 1981 in Dr. Michael D. Moore's home in the Wylam community of

Birmingham, Alabama. The church began with four people: Dr. Moore, his wife Kennetha, his mother, and a friend. In six months, the church grew then moved in June, 1981 to Stallworth Funeral Home. Within a year, the church re-located to the YWCA in downtown Birmingham. Today the congregation has reached over 7,000 members and is housed in the world's largest monolithic dome. The Word Dome is located at 100 Lexington St, just blocks from the original church.

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Faith Chapel Christian Center, a nondenominational megachurch in Birmingham, Alabama, is the home of The Word Dome-the largest monolithic dome in the world. Pastor Michael D. Moore's weekly television broadcast, airs internationally on the Word Network.

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