

THE ACADEMY OF ARTS

SUMMER DRAMA
TEAM 2011
INFORMATION



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EASTERN TEAM

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Dear Pastor:

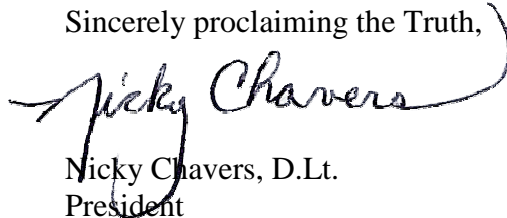
Thank you for scheduling a meeting with one of the summer Drama Mission Teams. Your date is *reserved* for our **"Faith of our Fathers"** team to be with you.

The team plans to arrive at least two hours before the production. They will need at least an hour to set up and it would be helpful if the church electrician or maintenance man could be present to help locate items that they may need. We would also ask that the following things be done in preparation for our presentation.

1. Remove all pulpit furniture (choir chairs, etc.) so that the stage is completely clear.
2. Provide a 10' step ladder to aid in setting lights.
3. Cover auditorium windows with black plastic, if possible, to help darken the room.
4. Two rooms need to be designated as DRESSING ROOMS for the team.
5. One room is needed as LUGGAGE room – please make sure that it can be locked.
6. Please provide a 6 foot table for promotional materials.
7. An **evening meal** before the service – allow enough time for the team to change into costumes and have a 15-minute prayer time. 40 minutes ahead of the service should be fine. If your **service** is on **Sunday evening**, it would be better for the meal to be **after the program**.
8. Please have the accommodation sheets completely filled out in duplicate and give a copy to the Team Leader and keep a copy for the church.
9. **Because of rising fuel prices (prices have gone up \$1.50+ per gallon since last summer), we are asking you to please consider filling up the van with fuel before the team's departure or giving the Team Leader an additional \$100.00 for their travel needs.**

Thank you again, Pastor, for allowing us the privilege to minister in your church. We look forward to a wonderful evening together. May God bless you as you prepare for and promote this special event.

Sincerely proclaiming the Truth,



Nicky Chavers, D.Lt.
President

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SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL, LODGING & MEALS ARRANGEMENT

1. **Lodging and meals for the team the day of the meeting.** The evening meal on the week night of the meeting should be before the performance and preferably at the church. Sunday morning meetings should have their main meal on Saturday evening -- a quick meal should be planned for their departure on Sunday. Sunday evening meetings should plan to have their meal after the performance unless the meeting is around 7:00 or 7:30 pm.
2. **Please plan to house approximately 7 young ladies and 7 young men. The actual list of names will be sent via email or fax after the teams are finalized. Please take a moment now and send a short email to information@theAcademyofArts.org to make sure that we have your correct email address. Put the name of your church, city, and state in the subject line.**
3. **Team arrives between 3-5 pm the day of the meeting**, unless otherwise arranged by team leader and pastor.
4. **Breakfast in the homes** of host and hostess.
5. **Sack lunches packed** by host and hostess or money given to cover lunch for the next day (\$3.50 - \$4.00 per person). Please give money for lunches to team leaders.
6. **The \$250.00 Travel/Reservation fee** should be sent *immediately* to the office if it has not been already sent. It has been our experience that smaller churches plan in advance to take up special offerings prior to our arrival to sponsor the travel expense so it won't be taken from the church's budget or the team's love offering.
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8. **The love offering check should** be made to THE ACADEMY OF ARTS and given to the Team Leader *after* the performance.
9. **Thank you for your kind hospitality** and help with these details. Email us at information@theacademyofarts.org or call 864.268.9342 if you have additional questions or needs.

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INTRODUCTION OF DRAMA TEAM & ORDER OF SERVICE

Introduction of Drama Team

We are pleased to have with us this evening **THE ACADEMY OF ARTS** Summer Drama Team. This is the 40th year of ministry for this organization which is based in Taylors, South Carolina. The founder and president of **THE ACADEMY OF ARTS** Ministries is Dr. Nicky Chavers, who has become well-known throughout the United States for his sound biblical and professional sacred dramas

Dr. Chavers and his family have written and produced over 30 plays and productions. Each year through their Drama Word Seminars in Christian high schools and Homeschool Drama Camps, they directly involve over 3500 young people throughout the Eastern and Mid-western United States. This past school year, the seminar teams conducted about 35 week-long seminars and drama camps. The spiritual impact of the sacred drama and dramatic instruction has been used by God to transform the lives of thousands of teens over the past 40 years.

The team with us tonight is made up of Christian young people who were handpicked from the students involved in the drama seminar and camps which **THE ACADEMY OF ARTS** directed this past year. Team members are not chosen on the basis of acting or musical ability alone. They are chosen on the basis of character, conviction, and spiritual maturity. This summer, there are about 50 young people, touring on three different teams, traveling throughout the East coast, the South, and the Mid-west.

THE ACADEMY OF ARTS is a 501 C-3 non-profit *faith* ministry whose sacred dramas are used as giant illustrations of a sound biblical principle that is being expressed. The plays are simply vehicles to give out the gospel and to continue to "*Make the Bible Come Alive*" to people in churches across America.

General Order of Service

1. Pastor introduces the Team Leader
2. Presentation: approximately 45-60 minutes
3. Invitation: by team leader or pastor
4. Brief explanation about the ministry and the promotional materials in the lobby by the team leader

Pastor: Please ask the host and hostesses to meet with the team members 15-20 minutes after the service, down front near the piano. Home assignments will be given at that time. Be sure to have a duplicate copy of the Accommodation Sheet (one for the Pastor and one for the team leader).

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OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE

Date to be released: _____

Drama Team to Perform Locally

THE ACADEMY OF ARTS will be performing “**Faith of our Fathers**” on _____ (date) _____ at _____ (name of church) _____. This moving drama, making its debut this summer, is a new play that **Nicole Chavers Stratton** has compiled and adapted for stage. It contains a series of biblical, historical evangelistic and missionary moments, each with period costumes and props, and is punctuated with excellent sacred music numbers to climax the scenes. The drama will remind us of the cloud of witnesses that have come before us and will call Christians to stand firm in that faith that many gave their lives for. The central theme is missions and evangelism

THE ACADEMY OF ARTS, a professional Christian drama team from Taylors, South Carolina, employs professional stage lights, music, sound effects, costumes, props, and multi-image techniques to present biblical, historical, patriotic, and moral themes on stage. The group has been “*Making the Bible Come Alive*” since 1971.

“**Faith of our Fathers**” was written and produced by Dr. Nicky Chavers, the founder and president of **THE ACADEMY OF ARTS** Ministries. For more information, visit our website at www.theAcademyofArts.org or call 1.800.620.9997. The church is located at _____

_____ There is no admission charged and the performance is open to the public. Performance Time -- _____ a.m./p.m.

Please note: In order for this to be an official news release, it is necessary to re-type on your church letterhead stationery.

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ACCOMMODATION SHEET 2011

Church Name: _____ Pastor's Name: _____
 Church Address: _____ Pastor's Phone: _____
 Church City, St, Zip: _____ Date: _____
 Email: _____

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SDT Meeting Promotional Packet Checklist 2011

Please find the following enclosed items:

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	Accommodation Sheets (2)
	Information Letter to Pastor
	Press Release for production
	Suggested Introductory Remarks for Pastor
	Summary of Financial, Lodging & Meals Needs
	General Order of Service
	Posters (4)

Check our website for downloadable bulletin inserts & ticket samples. Click on the link **DOWNLOADS** and look for **CHURCH DOWNLOADS**. *Free* tickets can be used as a method of inviting people to the program.

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