

Christ Memorial Productions 2025

# 10 Miles Outside Damascus

*A Rock Musical by David Meece*



*Paul planned his way, but God paved his steps*

*A Free Community Event*

**March 21, 22 at 7:30pm & March 23 at 2:30pm**

Christ Memorial Productions

**CMPSHOWS.ORG**

**5252 S. Lindbergh Blvd St Louis, Missouri**

## A Word About *10 Miles Outside Damascus*

Welcome to the World Premier Presentation of *10 Miles Outside Damascus* – a David Meece original musical with arrangements by Dennis Willen.

David Meece is a groundbreaking pioneer of the Contemporary Christian Music genre and a member of the Christian Music Hall of Fame. His musical works have impacted worldwide audiences for generations. This contemporary rock musical features over 2 dozen original songs as it takes us on the journey of Paul as he is transformed from a chief prosecutor of the early Christian church to a bold and tireless leader for the cause of Christ.

*10 Miles Outside Damascus* is an updated presentation of what was originally presented in 1972 as *Paul: A Rock Opera*. The original script was lost in a fire and has been in re-development for several years. The musical arrangements were redeveloped and modernized by Dennis Willen.

This presentation is Christ Memorial Productions' gift to the community!

A further note—Paul is never referred to as Saul during this production. Many of us know of Paul the missionary and writer of at least 13 books of the Bible, but Paul is also known as Saul. In Biblical times, it was common to have dual names. Saul<sup>1</sup> was his Hebrew name and Paul his Roman name. As the missionary to Gentiles, or non-jews including Romans, he is referred to more commonly as Paul.

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Love is patient. Love is kind. Love isn't jealous. It doesn't sing its own praises.

It isn't arrogant. <sup>5</sup> It isn't rude. It doesn't think about itself. It isn't irritable.

It doesn't keep track of wrongs.

<sup>6</sup> It isn't happy when injustice is done, but it is happy with the truth.

<sup>7</sup> Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping, never gives up.

1 Corinthians 13

### **TO ENSURE AN ENJOYABLE PERFORMANCE**

Please turn off all cell phones. — Enjoy your concessions in the lobby only.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building.

Latecomers will be seated at the discretion of the ushers.

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THIS PRODUCTION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED

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## Welcome to 10 Miles Outside Damascus

As a church, we love engaging our community.

Theater is one way we do this.

Christ Memorial is inspired by two simple words: Loved and Sent.

We experience the depths of God's love, proven with blood on a cross. This love compels us to be sent to people and places in need of God's love. We hope to see you again, beyond the show. See how you can connect with us at [cmstl.org](http://cmstl.org). God bless,

Pastor Jeff Cloeter, Senior Pastor



**loved+sent**



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Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm Worship—Traditional

Sunday Morning: 8:30 am Worship—Traditional—Live Streamed  
10:45 pm Worship—Contemporary

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and Noon on 4/9

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Good Friday 4/18 at Noon, 5:30 and 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday 4/20 at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

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10:30 am Reliant —Live Streamed

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**Reliant Church at 10:30 am**

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## SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

### Act I

<i>Overture</i> .....	Instrumental
Outside Paul's home.....	Mara, Ezra
The home of Chuza and Joanna.....	Chuza, Joanna
<i>Introduction of Paul (Introit of Christians)</i> .....	Ensemble
<i>Paul's Declaration</i> .....	Paul
<i>Where is Love</i> .....	Joanna, Ensemble
<i>I Can Feel It</i> .....	Paul, Hannah, Ezra, Joanna, Stephen, Ensemble
<i>Help Them to Understand</i> .....	Stephen
<i>Song for Stephen</i> .....	Stephen's wife, Hannah, Ensemble
<i>I Know the Truth</i> .....	Hannah, Paul, Barnabas, Ensemble
<i>Persecution</i> .....	Instrumental
<i>I Wish That I Could Go to Sleep</i> .....	Paul, Stephen, Holy Spirit
<i>Through Faith You Will Understand</i> .....	Ensemble
<i>I Love the Way He Smiles at Me *</i> .....	Joanna, Hannah
<i>Day to Day</i> .....	Ensemble
<i>Everybody Left Town</i> .....	Barnabas, Ensemble

(There will be a 15 Minute INTERMISSION — Refreshments will be available in the Lobby)

### Act II

<i>Entr'acte</i> .....	Instrumental
Paul's home .....	Paul
<i>I Want to Live My Life (The Law)</i> .....	Paul
<i>A Love that Never Ends</i> .....	Mara
Outside the Temple .....	Ensemble
<i>In Your Heart</i> .....	Ensemble
<i>Send a Letter</i> .....	Paul, Narrator
The home of Mary of Bethany in Damascus .....	Ensemble
<i>In Remembrance of Him</i> .....	Ensemble
<i>Ten Miles Outside Damascus</i> .....	Paul
<i>Can No One Else Find Time for Love</i> .....	Narrator, Ensemble
Outside Damascus .....	Paul, Ensemble
<i>Conversion</i> .....	Instrumental
<i>Come Along to Our Town</i> .....	Ananias, Ensemble
<i>This Thing Called Love</i> .....	Mary of Bethany, Paul, Ensemble
<i>Love is Here</i> .....	Paul, Ensemble
<i>Without Love</i> .....	Barnabas, Paul
<i>Love is Patient</i> .....	Ensemble
<i>God is Love</i> .....	Paul, Ensemble
<i>Bows</i> .....	Ensemble

\*"I LOVE THE WAY HE SMILES AT ME" By David Meece is licensed by Curb Word Music.  
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## CAST

Paul .....	John Jauss
Mara (Paul's sister), Ensemble .....	Madi Moyer
Joanna (Chuzza's wife), Ensemble .....	Kristyn Smith
Barnabas, Chuzza, Ensemble .....	Derick Smith
Hannah, Ensemble .....	Jacklyn Stephens
Stephen, Ananias, Ensemble .....	Reuben Jones
Narrator, Ensemble .....	Noelle Jones
Stephen's Wife, Ensemble .....	Katelyn Klaus
Mary of Bethany, Ensemble .....	Jamie Raleigh
Holy Spirit .....	Taфра Perryman
Ezra (Mara's child) .....	Carson Lee
Gamaliel a Pharisee, Ensemble .....	Bill Winterbauer
Ensemble, Prisoner .....	Lauren Kreienkamp
Ensemble .....	Jan Wheatley
Chief Pharisee, Guard, Ensemble .....	Tom Wilson
Ensemble, Prisoner .....	Jake Stephens
Pharisee, Guard, Ensemble .....	Dave Fiedler
Voice of Jesus .....	Aaron Adams
A child .....	Nahla Jones
Pit chorus .....	Keith Poppitz , Mark Senechal

## BAND

Conductor .....	Joe Paule, Sr.
Bass Guitar .....	Joe Paule, Jr.
Electric Guitar .....	Ben Ash
Drums .....	Sam Bippen
Keyboard .....	Taфра Perryman
Keyboard .....	Gregg Mueller

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But God demonstrates His own love for us in this:  
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

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"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."  
John 13:34-35

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When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child;  
but when I became a man, I put away childish things.  
For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

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## DIRECTORS, PRODUCTION LEADERSHIP & CREWS

COMPOSER MUSIC and LYRICS .....	David Meece
MUSIC ARRANGEMENTS.....	Dennis Willen
DIRECTOR.....	Dianne Mueller
MUSIC DIRECTOR .....	Joe Paule, Sr.
REHEARSAL ACCOMPANIST .....	Tafra Perryman
SET DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION .....	Dianne Mueller, Mark Amen
COSTUME DESIGN.....	Krysta Fagerquist
LIGHTING DESIGN .....	Jonathan Hartley
SOUND DESIGN .....	Larry Jost
LIGHTING SUPPORT .....	Dylan Evans, Jaden Heimer
SOUND TEAM.....	Bob Bentrup, Keith Hampton
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT, STAGE CREW .....	Mackenzie Bick
STAGE CREW .....	Anthony Raleigh
STAGE MANAGER .....	Lauren Kreienkamp
ART WORK .....	Patti Frentzel, Mary Schmidt
HOUSE MANAGER/PUBLICITY/PROGRAM .....	Lynette Jost
FACILITY COORDINATION .....	Kathy Poppitz
CMP ARTISTIC DIRECTOR .....	Dianne Mueller
CMP BUSINESS MANAGER.....	Larry Jost
TEAM SUPPORT .....	Karen Dickey
REFRESHMENT LEAD.....	Tammy Herzog
MEDIA .....	Mark Amen , Trevor Jost
CMP SOCIAL MEDIA .....	Rebecca Nickel, Lynette Jost
USHERS and REFRESHMENT TEAM .....	Kathy Poppitz, Betty Rowold, Wilma Griffith, Theresa Thorburg, Kathy Kelley, Sarah Dubberke, Judy Ohlau, Barry Rowold, Elizabeth Roegner, Lisa Harkrader, Don McDaniel, Kathy Mueller, Ed Luhmann, Julaine Luhmann, Karen Dickey, Kevin Dickey.

## SPECIAL THANKS & GREAT APPRECIATION IS GIVEN

To the original cast of *Paul—A Rock Musical* and a special welcome to the members of the original cast; to the David Meece Fan Club in attendance this weekend; and to Susan Kite for her efforts by introducing us to *10 Miles Outside Damascus*.

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To our Pastors and Staff for their constant prayers and support!

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To the Christ Memorial Office Staff & Receptionists for their assistance:  
Stephen Kreienkamp, Donna Wilkinson, Cheryl Becher, Kathy Poppitz, Dana Shearman,  
Christy Cissel , Cheryl Dudas, Margie Heimrich, Lisa Jaacks, Tina LaPlant,  
Julaine Luhmann, Elaine McFarlin, Darlene Meyer, Susan Muse, Betty Rowold,  
Ashley Schweer, Gina Schweer, Debbie Smith, Nora Zimmer and Rose Zuchek!

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To Christ Memorial Men's Club for proceeds from the BBQ for CMP.

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To Westminster Christian Academy for the use of set pieces and costumes.

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For Thrivent Action Team dollars!

## THANK YOU TO OUR CMP 2025 SEASON PATRONS

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*Thank you for your support of our productions throughout the year!*

### Paul Describes his Conversion in Acts 26:

<sup>12</sup> “On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. <sup>13</sup> About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. <sup>14</sup> We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads\*.’

<sup>15</sup> “Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied. <sup>16</sup> ‘Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me.’ <sup>17</sup> I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them <sup>18</sup> to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

<sup>19</sup> “So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. <sup>20</sup> First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.

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\*A goad is a type of long stick with a pointed end used to guide livestock, which are pulling a plow or a cart.

### **10 Miles Outside Damascus & CMP**



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## WHO'S WHO (In Alphabetical Order)

**BENJAMIN ASH** (Guitar) graduated from the University of Missouri-St. Louis where he studied composition and arranging. A plucked-string specialist, he has performed for over 40 years in multiple bands and ensembles around the St. Louis area, including the After Hours Community Band, Northwinds, North County Big Band, and St. Peter's Choral Society. He has also composed and arranged music for multiple local ensembles and national artists. He is looking forward to being a part of this production.

**MACKENZIE BICK** (Production Assistant, stage crew) Mackenzie is happy to be back for her 18th year with CMP! Mackenzie has been both onstage and backstage, but really enjoys being backstage. When not working with CMP, you can find Mackenzie heading up the Children & Family Ministry at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church.

**SAM BIPPEN** (Drums) is a 22 year old drummer and musician. This is the 2nd show he has performed with CMP, with his debut being *Freaky Friday*, in 2023. You may have also heard Sam's recent playing in other AFL nominated shows; such as *Anything Goes* (KTG), *Merrily We Roll Along* (TTP), and *Daddy Long Legs* (HP). He's thrilled to be a part of *10 Miles Outside Damascus*, and hopes you're just as thrilled to be experiencing it.

**KRYSTA FAGERQUIST** (Costume Design) is so happy to return to the CMP crew. Previously, she did costume design for CMP's *My Fair Lady*, *Freaky Friday*, *Oklahoma!*, *You're... Charlie Brown*, *Seussical*, *Meet Me in St. Louis* and assisted in costuming for CMP's *Mary Poppins* and *The Wizard of Oz!* Most recently Krysta received the Art's For Life Best Performance Award for Costumes for CMP's 2022 presentation of *Joseph ....Dreamcoat* and CMP's *Oklahoma* in 2020 . A talented artist, she has also done stagecraft, makeup and costumes for many productions in Saint Louis. Krysta would like to thank her daughter for her love and support, and express her deep gratitude and love to her friends, old and new, in the cast and crew!

**DAVID FIEDLER** (Pharisee, Guard, Ensemble) is thrilled to be a part of this amazing production and the unique opportunity to bring it to the world for the very first time. Dave has spent a lot of time with CMP over the years. He was most recently in *My Fair Lady* (2024) and once won a Best Performance Award for his role in *Beauty and the Beast*, where all the little kids cried when he came on stage. Thank you for your support of live theater in St. Louis!

**JOHN JAUSS** (Paul) is humbled to be involved in his twelfth show with Christ Memorial Productions. *10 Miles Outside Damascus* marks his 48th community theater production overall, and favorites include Nicely-Nicely Johnson in *Guys and Dolls*, The Baker in *Into the Woods*, and the Juan Peron in *Evita*. John taught chemistry at Parkway South for over 20 years, and currently works with Edward Jones in the financial sector. Thank you to CMP for all of its hard work, dedication to the ministry of Christ , positive energy and resources!

**NAHLA JONES** (Child) is making her stage and CMP debut, along with her parents. Nahla loves being on stage!

**NOELLE JONES** (Narrator, Ensemble) has had many opportunities to appear on stage and is so happy and blessed to make her CMP debut with this amazing cast and crew! Noelle, a St. Louis native and a Christ Memorial member is especially thrilled to appear on stage with her husband and daughter.

**REUBEN JONES** (Stephen, Ananias, Ensemble) a St. Louis native, Christian Rap artist and Christ Memorial member has enjoyed this opportunity to work with CMP, along with his wife and daughter. "As for me and my house, we serve the Lord. My family with me!"

**LARRY JOST** (CMP Business Manager, Sound Design) enjoys mixing sound and doing post production work. He has been involved with all of CMP's productions, assists with sound for DaySpring Arts & Education's productions and for various other theater groups and events. He is married to Lynette Jost (see Lynette's bio below) and is a member of



Christ Memorial Lutheran Church where he assists with sound and worship technology. We hope you enjoy this production and meet some new friends along the way!

**LYNETTE JOST** (House Manager, Publicity) has been involved in all of CMP's shows, is a long time member of Christ Memorial & a paralegal at The Law Offices of Joanne M. Descher. Lynette enjoys volunteering for various projects at Christ Memorial & frequenting other community theater venues. Lynette & her husband Larry (see bio above) have two adult sons and two wonderful daughters-in-law! Thank you for joining us, enjoy the show & we hope to see you again soon.

**KATELYN KLAUS** (Stephen's Wife, Ensemble) is grateful to be in another CMP show, having previously appeared in *Freaky Friday* and *My Fair Lady*. In her free time, Katelyn enjoys dance class, choir at CM, baking bread and spending time with her husband and family.

**LAUREN KREIENKAMP** (Ensemble, stage assistance) is thrilled to be back on the stage with CMP's *10 Miles Outside Damascus*. Previous credits include, but are certainly not limited to, dangling from a rope backstage in *Godspell*, army crawling behind the set of *The King and I*, & wrestling with a magical table throughout the run of *Mary Poppins*. During her free time, Lauren enjoys reading, rocky road ice cream, & ridiculously punny memes. Thanks to CMP for 12 wonderful years of stage management. Love to Stephen and Hinley!

**CARSON LEE** (Ezra child of Mara, Ensemble) is a fourth grader at Green Park Lutheran School and member of Christ Memorial Lutheran Church. He is excited to be making his CMP debut with the help and support of the cast and crew. Carson enjoys his schoolwork and playing online games with his friends. He has always enjoyed music and enthusiastically accepted his role in this production. Carson can't wait to perform in front of his family, friends and all of you.

**DAVID MEECE** (Composer) David Meece is a native of Humble, Texas. He grew up in an abusive household and turned to music to escape his troubles. He had a natural talent

as a pianist and began performing as a concert artist at age 10. By age 16 he was touring Europe and performing with the Houston Symphony Orchestra. David found his faith while attending the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore. David became a youth pastor at First Baptist Humble where the original version of this musical was first presented. David signed with Myrrh Records in 1976 and entered a successful career in Christian Music that carried him around the world for almost 4 decades. David received two Dove Award Nominations in 1982, was inducted into the Christian Music Hall of Fame in 2008 and received the 2009 Visionary Award for the Inspirational Male Soloist division. In November 2012, he was presented with the AMG Heritage Lifetime Achievement Award. His life continues to impact millions worldwide and his passion for excellence in the field of Contemporary Christian Music will leave a powerful legacy for generations to come. He now resides in Franklin, TN.

**MADI MOYER** (Mara, Ensemble) is excited to be back on the CMP stage alongside so many talented people! She has previously been seen as Gaelen/Judge in *Legally Blonde*, Torrey in *Freaky Friday* and in various local concerts. She wants to thank her family and friends for being the best supporters. To God be the Glory!

**DIANNE MUELLER** (Director, Set Design) has been a member of Christ Memorial since 1992 and has been involved in all aspects of the music and theatrical ministries of our congregation. Dianne has been involved in all of CMP's productions in various capacities and has previously directed CMP's productions of *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *Seussical*, *Godspell*, *Once Upon a Tree*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* and *Freaky Friday*. Dianne has also performed with Bravo Theater Company, Backrow Ministries, Family Musical Theater, Alfresco and Kirkwood Theater Guild. Dianne is on staff at Westminster Christian Academy. She shares her love of music and theater with her husband, Gregg, who is playing keyboards in this show, and with her talented daughters, Rebecca & Rachel.

**GREGG MUELLER** (Keyboards) Gregg has been playing music at Christ Memorial for more than 40 years, beginning with playing the organ for Sunday services at the age of 16. Currently, Gregg plays keyboards and guitars for Christ Memorial's contemporary service, occasionally plays the pipe organ, and considers music "a hobby that has gone completely out of control!" Gregg has played for every CMP show and has also played for many other theater companies in the metro area. Favorite shows include *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, and *Freaky Friday!*. Gregg also enjoys flight simulators, photography, Nintendo, board games, shooting sports, native gardening, and tormenting the children, who are now adults. Gregg endorses Kurzweil Professional Keyboards & Dr. Pepper products for which to date he has received no compensation.

**REBECCA NICKEL** (Social Media) Has received her Master's degree in Library Information Science from Mizzou, and is currently a children's librarian. Rebecca has been involved with CMP since the beginning, in on-stage, backstage and publicity roles.

**TAFRA (TAFFY) PERRYMAN** (Rehearsal Pianist, Keyboards and Holy Spirit) is thrilled to return to CMP. You saw her on the stage in *Oklahoma* (2019), *Joseph* (2022), *Freaky Friday* (2023) and *My Fair Lady* (2024). Among her favorite roles are Mrs. Tottendale in *The Drowsy Chaperone* (ODTC), Aunt Marguerite in *Dearly Departed* (Act Two), and Sister Mary Lazarus in *Sister Act* (KTK). When she's not acting, Taffy's time is spent being a Wife, Mom, Grandma, retired Nurse, Pianist, Sweepstakes Fan, and member of The Saint Louis Sirens vocal trio. She thanks the entire cast & crew for their support.

**JOE PAULE, JR.** (Bass Guitar) is an active bass and trumpet playing in the St. Louis area and always enjoys playing for CMP. Joe performs regularly with the St. Louis Philharmonic and the Sentimental Journey Dance Band and teaches middle school orchestra in the Mehlville School District.



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### **JOE PAULE, SR.** (Music Director, Conductor)

After retiring from 30 years of teaching band, Joe continues to be involved in Community bands and theater. He taught in the Ferg/Florissant Sch. Dist. at Cross Keys Middle School and assisted with the McCluer North High School's Marching Band and Musicals. He is lead trumpet with the Northwinds Community Band in Florissant, performs with the 18-piece Sentimental Journey Big Band, and conducts the yearly Fair St. Louis Parade Circus Band Wagon Float. Since 1974, Joe began playing and conducting numerous theater groups such as--The Marquee Players, Glennon Players, Hawthorne Players, Alpha Players, CMP, Family Musical Theater, Kirkwood Theater Group, Bravo Theater Group, Studio J Productions, and Center Stage Productions. Add to this list the many years of high school shows for McCluer, McCluer North, Ritenour, Notre Dame, Nerinx Hall, Villa Duchesne, Incarnate Word, CBC, and several area youth theaters. Some favorite conducting shows have been *The King And I*, *Meet Me In St. Louis*, *Wizard Of Oz*, and *Oklahoma!* for CMP. Other conducting favorites include *The Producers*, *Man Of La Mancha*, *Once Upon A Mattress*, *Oklahoma!*, *Over Hear*, *A Chorus Line*, *42nd Street*, *Crazy For You*, *Pippin*, *Lil' Abner*, *Damn Yankees*, *Annie*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Camelot*, *West Side Story*, *Joseph...Dreamcoat*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar* to name of few.

**KATHY POPPITZ** (Facility Coordination) This will be the 20<sup>th</sup> year for Kathy to be involved with CMP. Her role will be off-stage readying rooms, examining schedules, checking space for practice, and helping with tickets. Kathy is employed here at Christ Memorial Lutheran as assistant to the Director of Worship and coordinator for the office volunteers. Solo Deo Gloria – Glory to God alone.

**KEITH POPPITZ** (Pit Chorus) is very happy to join this cast. This will be Keith's 18<sup>th</sup> musical with Christ Memorial Productions. Keith is also a Leann Smith Cho Musical Performance Award recipient and Arts for Life Best Performance award winner. A few of his favorite roles include: Daddy Warbucks in *Annie*, Cogsworth in *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, Mr. Banks in *Mary Poppins* and Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*. "Thank you to my wonderful wife, Kathy, for all her support and encouragement. CMP is all about building relationships with our community. Thank you for being here! To God be the Glory!

**JAMIE RALEIGH** (Mary of Bethany, Ensemble) is very excited to be a part of *10 Miles Outside Damascus*. She most recently worked with CMP in *My Fair Lady* as The Queen of Transylvania and the ensemble! Jamie grew up in Miami, Florida, singing and acting. When she is not on stage, she enjoys hanging out with her family, making long-distance Facetime calls with her three grandchildren, Magnolia, Giovanni & Ivy, and playing Bunco with friends. Jamie is a mom of three; daughters Courtne & Savannah and son, Anthony. She is married to the love of her life, husband Tony, whom she also met through music and they have made Missouri their home for the last 7 years.

**MARK SENECHAL** (Pit Chorus) is happy to be a part of this CMP production. Mark serves full-time as Director of Worship here at Christ Memorial Church, with responsibilities in both contemporary and traditional worship. A former high school music director in FL and CA, he also served congregations in TX and AZ, before arriving in St. Louis in 2014. He has previous musical theater experience as a high school teacher, and (let's just say "a few years ago") in his native up-

state NY as a trumpeter, and orchestra conductor. "Sing to the Lord a new song, play skillfully, and shout for joy." (Psalm 33:3).

**DERICK J. SMITH** (Chuz, Barnabas, Ensemble) is thrilled to be performing in his second show with Christ Memorial Productions having recently been a part of the *My Fair Lady* cast. He has previously been seen as Pirelli in *Sweeney Todd*, Judge Roan/Old Soldier in *Parade*, Dewey/Elle's father/Harvard Admissions officer in *Legally Blonde*, and as Jasper in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. He is also very excited to share the stage again with his wife, Kristyn.

**KRISTYN SMITH** (Joanna Chuz's wife, Ensemble) is very excited to be on stage for *10 Miles Outside Damascus*. She made her CMP debut and checked off *My Fair Lady* from her show bucket list. Prior to that, she was seen as Enid in KTK's production of *Legally Blonde* in 2018. She is also thrilled to be sharing the stage once again with her real-life leading man, Derick Smith. She would like to thank the awesome cast and crew for making her return to the stage such a great & memorable experience!

**JACKLYN STEPHENS** (Hannah, Ensemble) has been a member of Christ Memorial since she was about 6 years old. She is now a full time employee here, working as the Assistant Director of Worship. She has been in a handful of productions with CMP over the years and is happy to be part of another! Jacklyn was behind the scenes as the properties manager, for both *My Fair Lady* & *Freaky Friday*. Now she is excited to return to the stage with some of her favorite cast mates! Being that music & evangelizing are her passions, this show was the perfect fit for her.

**JACOB STEPHENS** (Ensemble) has been a member of Christ Memorial since he was just a baby. He was in a few different musicals with CMP as a child such as, *The Music Man* & *Bye Bye Birdie*. He has been working full time as a landscaper for the past 4 years. Jacob also recently got engaged to his girlfriend of 3 years & has been enjoying life! He is excited to be back on stage with his sister for this show, just like the good old days.

**JANET WHEATLEY** (Ensemble) is happy to be back at CMP after appearing in *Mary Poppins*, *Annie* and *My Fair Lady*. She has recently appeared in *The Prom* at Take Two and *Sound of Music* at KTG and has been involved in community theatre for "many" years! Jan is also on the Board of Arts for Life and a member of St. Louis County Community Chorus, and recently performed with them at the Lincoln Center.

**DENNIS WILLEN** (Musical Arrangements) redeveloped and modernized the music written by David Meece, making this production possible. He began playing trumpet and piano as a 5th grader in Indianapolis and dabbled in arranging during high school and fell in love with musical theatre while playing in pit orchestras. Then life took other directions with family, a Ph. D. in physics, a career in the oil patch, and, finally, the opportunity to play and arrange for ensembles in the Houston area. Denny is very grateful to have had the chance to help reconstruct David Meece's rock opera and thrilled to be hearing it live for the first time in so many years. Thanks, CMP!

**TOM WILSON** (Ensemble) is looking forward to *Ten Miles Outside Damascus* after having performed also in CMP's fall production of *My Fair Lady*. Tom and his family have been members of CMLC since 2002, and he is on the board of elders at Christ Memorial. He has been in over a dozen CMP productions and concerts over the years both on the stage and in behind-the-scenes roles.

**BILL WINTERBAUER** (Gamaliel, Ensemble) is excited to return for his 4th show with CMP, having been in the 2022 production of *Joseph ... Dreamcoat*, *Freaky Friday* in 2023 and *My Fair Lady* in 2024. Bill has been involved in community theater since 1996 with Family Musical Theatre's production of *Annie*. He has been in numerous shows since with a variety of groups in a many different roles. He would like to thank his wonderful wife of 33 years, Colleen, for her love and support throughout the years, as well as his 4 amazing children, Nick, Sarah, Billy and Abby who have joined him throughout the years either on stage with him or helping behind the scenes.



## PAST PRODUCTIONS

**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**  
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**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**  
(Encore) (November 2006)

**Narnia The Musical** (November 2007)

**The Music Man** (November 2008)

**Annie** (September 2009)

**Disney's Beauty and the Beast** (September 2010)

**Bye Bye Birdie** (September/October 2011)

**Oliver!** (September/October 2012)

**Fiddler on the Roof** (September 2013)

**No Greater Love \*\***(April 2014)

**The King and I ‡** (September 2014)

**Godspell** (March 2015)

**Mary Poppins ‡** (September 2015)

**Once Upon A Tree** (March 2016)

**Seussical** (September 2016)

**CMP Presents Erin Bode et al.** (March 2017)

**Meet Me in St. Louis** (September 2017)

**CMP Presents with FMT A Song for Christmas**  
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**CMP Presents Remedy Drive et al.** (June 2018)

**The Wizard of Oz** (September 2018)

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**OKLAHOMA!** (September 2019)

**A Song for Christmas** (December 2019)

**Wish List Cabaret \*\*** (September 2020)

**CMP Presents Espero** (July 2021)

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**CMP Presents Remedy Drive, Human trafficking impact event** (June 2022)

**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**  
‡ (September 2022)

**A Song for Christmas \*\***(December 2022)

**Prodigal's Journey by Ballet Magnificat – a hosted event** (March 2023)

**Erin Bode Concert** (April 2023)

**Freaky Friday** (August 2023)

**A Song for Christmas** (December 2023)

**Peter & Brendan Mayer Concert** (March 2024)

**My Fair Lady** (August 2024)

**Peter Mayer Stars & Promises concert** (Dec. 2024)

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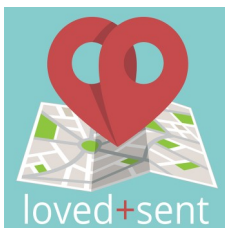
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