

Meet Rick Massengale



Rick Massengale is a native Atlantan with a Bachelors of Music Education and a Masters of Organ Performance degree from Georgia State University. His organ teachers included Tom Brumby, Ron Rice, and Bill Weaver. He studied voice with Dr. James Bowers, Peter Harrower and Dr. Franklin Green. His choral experience was as accompanist under Mark Rusch who was the Peachtree Barbershop Chorus director, Dr. John Haberlin at Georgia State, and Dr. Franklin Green as accompanist of the Georgia Singers. He started directing Church choirs at age 19, and has been Director of Music at Fayetteville First UMC since 1999. While doing his graduate work at Southern Seminary he was tenor soloist at St. Paul's UMC in Louisville, Kentucky. Along with directing two church choirs each week, Rick prepares major choral presentations during Lent (A Service of Tenebrae), Easter and Advent (A Service of Lessons and Carols). Each Christmas Rick and Sonia Squires present a Candlelight Concert showcasing music of the season and numerous acclaimed artists.

In addition to his work in the church, Rick is much in demand as a jazz pianist and is half of the popular "Those Two Guys" duo that performs regularly in the area. Rick has performed several concerts at Spivey Hall as organ soloist with the Southern Crescent Symphony Orchestra and the Southern Crescent Chorale.

Rick is married to Jeannine who serves as the music librarian and choir member. Music is an important part of their family. Their daughter Lyndsey is a public school music teacher, and their son-in-law David is a member of the US Army band.