

# GDHA Fall Workshop for Directors and Ringers

Saturday, October 5, 2024 • White's Chapel Methodist Church

185 S. White Chapel Blvd, Southlake TX 76092

**A Great Day for Handbell Education, Ringing and Inspiration!!!**

Wonderful clinicians • Classes for directors and ringers • A day of all things handbells and handchimes • Reading sessions • Presentation of festival repertoire • Rookie Ringers\* • General interest and technique sessions for ringers and directors of all levels • Opportunities to connect with handbell friends

## Rookie Ringers Track

The always popular Rookie Ringers Track for the beginner or less experienced ringers will be back as part of the day. Ringers will need their own copy of "Basic Training for Bells" by Venita MacGorman (Choristers Guild code CGB323) for participation. Ringers may bring their own copy or reserve a copy (via the registration form) to purchase upon arrival at the workshop.

These sessions serve to answer many questions about handbell ringing for the individual ringer and help create a sense of team building within a handbell choir. The book becomes an excellent resource for ringers to refer to upon returning home to ring with a choir.

## Have a "Cranky" Bell or Chime?

There will be a couple of handbell pros present



throughout the day to assess or perhaps "heal" any bell or chime which you may be having some difficulty with. Bring the offender with you and spend some time with these folks. They will do what they can do to help with the bell or chime.

## GDHA 2024-2025 Season Events

The GDHA Board of Directors is announcing two major events for the Greater Dallas/Fort Worth area in the coming months and providing information related to the Fall Workshop and Spring Festival. Both events will be held at White's Chapel Methodist Church in Southlake. Excitement is building again for handbell gatherings, and we hope that you and your ringer companions will join us for educational programs and the joy of ringing in massed choirs. It is great to see "ole friends" we only see at handbell tables each year.

The Workshop focus will be on information, education, and development of the Art of English Handbell Ringing. A variety of classes will be offered along with reading sessions for general and seasonal music and the Spring Festival. A Rookie Ringers track will be held during the morning sessions. Information related to that is found in columns to the right. The schedule will be expanded to be more in line with the Fall Workshops of previous years. Handbell ringing requires close proximity while at tables. GDHA has no set policy but encourages individuals to take any precautions they believe to be in their best interest at our events.

We hope to see you at White's Chapel. Information related to the Workshop may be obtained from the listings in the next column.

## Save the Date: 2025 Festival

**Brian Childers, Conductor**

White's Chapel Methodist, Southlake, Texas

**Combined Intermediate & Advanced Festival**

**Saturday, March 22, 2025**

Visit the GDHA website for festival info and repertoire list.

**Note: We need your bells!** If you are able to bring a set of handbells or other handbell equipment, please contact Sandy McQueen ([sandybanjo@charter.net](mailto:sandybanjo@charter.net)) prior to submitting registration to receive a discount.

### Registration cost:

\$55.00

\$45.00 Early Registration by September 24, 2024

**Registration includes lunch**

### Register online:

[www.dallashandbells.org/fall-reg-24](http://www.dallashandbells.org/fall-reg-24)

### OR Mail registration information to:

GDHA Workshop Registration,  
P.O. Box 670582, Dallas, TX 75367

### Please make checks payable to:

Greater Dallas Handbell Association

### Registration questions?

Email [musicdirector@svumc.org](mailto:musicdirector@svumc.org)

### Please bring:

Gloves, note taking materials, joy of handbell ringing, and inquiring minds.

\*Those taking the Rookie Ringers class may either bring their own copy of *Basic Training for Bells* (CGB323) or purchase a copy for \$12.95 at the workshop.



For workshop classes, festival repertoire and registration info, visit [www.dallashandbells.org](http://www.dallashandbells.org)