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"Tell It Like It Is" This Weekend

The Young People and their friends of the Shelby First Baptist Church will present the Christian Folk-Rock Musical about God, "Tell It Like It Is" tonight and Sunday afternoon at the Shelby Junior High School. Tonight's presentation begins at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 3:30. There is no admission charge.

In addition to the 281 voice choir there will be soloists, and selections by the Revelation and the Contemporary singing groups at First Baptist. The accompaniment consists of piano, drums, bass guitar, lead guitar and rhythm section. The program has been recorded by Galaxie III Recording Studios

and will be released very soon.

Rehearsals for "Tell It" began in September. The choir has its own rehearsal hall at First Baptist and meets each Thursday and Saturday. This program will be presented the

weekend of November 22, 23 in addition to this weekend.

This choir is an integral part of the music program at First Baptist, instead of a special attraction. The majority of the members however, come from other churches in Shelby and Cleveland County. A breakdown reveals 122 are from First Baptist and 37 other churches comprise the remainder of the membership. There are three faiths represented, Protestants, Jewish and Catholic. There are 22 Baptist churches, 9 Methodist, 2 Presbyterian, 1 Lutheran, 1 Christian Tabernacle, 1 Episcopal, 1 Catholic and 1 Jewish.

Of particular interest this time are the Sunday afternoon presentations. This will enable some who can't get out at night to attend a presentation.

This is the fourth Sing-Out concert program presented since the spring of 1968. It all began with "Good News" and

six months later, "Sing Out For Freedom" and in the spring of 1969 "A Better Life" and now "Tell It Like It Is". The first three programs were presented for a total of 22 times.

It is interesting to note that 17,984 man hours have been spent in the preparation of "Tell It Like It Is". The program will be presented in one hour.

Van H. Ramsey, minister of music at First Baptist, is the director. "It's exciting to see young people mobilized in worth while action. These young people give their time freely and work long and hard in order for these presentations to possess quality. We are grateful for the response Shelby and Cleveland County have given to our former presentations. I believe this one to be our best. Through these programs lives have been changed and others strengthened. Don't miss hearing and seeing "Tell It Like It Is". Bring the entire family."



The Young People's Choir and Friends as they appeared during their last recording session.