

## Workshop Schedule

- 9:00 – Registration & Introduction of Instructors
- 9:30 – Session I
- 10:45 - Break
- 11:00 – Session 2
- 12:15 p.m. – Lunch\*
- 1:30 – Session 3
- 2:45 - Break
- 3:15 - Session 4
- 4:30 - Break - or Jamming
- 5:00 - Concert

\* The club includes lunch at no extra charge if you are a registered participant. If you have a non-participant with you, he/she may eat with us for \$5. The club has a well-deserved reputation of doing a great lunch! Lunch can be guaranteed only for those who pre-register. We will have extra, but it will be on a first-come/first served basis.

\* During lunch, there will be a free concert featuring some of our instructors.

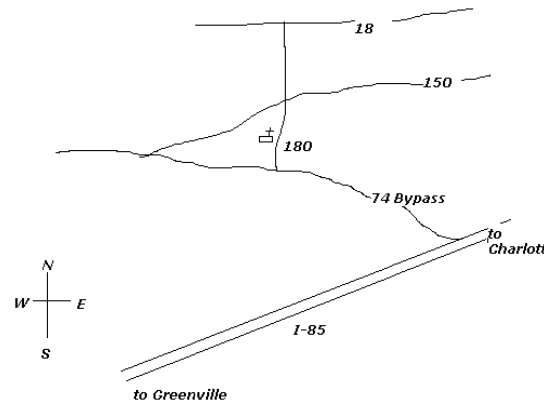
\*\* Dinner is on your own after the concert. There are several places to eat within driving distance.

## Directions

From I-85: Take the Kings Mountain/Shelby exit (74 West). Proceed on 74 Bypass until it intersects 180. Turn right (180 North). Go through three lights. Elizabeth Baptist Church will be on the left.

From 74 West: Come into Shelby on 74 Bypass. Proceed until it intersects 180. Turn left. Go through three lights. Elizabeth will be on the left.

From 18 North: Before getting into Shelby, turn left on 180. Go through two stop lights. Elizabeth will be on the right.



Address of church  
301 North Post RD  
Shelby, NC 28150

check the web at [www.jcdulcimer.com](http://www.jcdulcimer.com)  
for info on lodging and classes offered

*The Foothills  
Dulcimer Club*

*presents the*

## **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Dulcimer Festival**



February 6, 2010

Workshops: 9 a.m.  
Concert: 5 p.m.

@ Elizabeth Baptist Church;  
Shelby, NC

## Registration

Name:

Address:

Phone:

e-mail:

Please check any that apply:

I am a beginner with very little experience on the dulcimer.

I have some experience on the dulcimer, and can play some simple tunes either by ear or with tablature.

I am an experienced player, comfortable with most things that are thrown at me in a workshop.

### Pre-Registration Cost (before Jan. 29, 2009)

**Workshop: \$40 for non-members (includes lunch & membership dues for locals)**

**\$50 dollars after Jan. 29. Does not include lunch, but lunch may be available for \$5 (first come/first served, but no guarantee)**

**Concerts: Free & open to the public**

**Make out check to Jim Blair. Send to Jim Blair; 1008 Castlewood Dr; Shelby, NC 28150**

## About the Instructors

Aaron O'Rourke first found the dulcimer by chance when he was 16 years old playing bass in a high school punk rock band. In a short period of time he began teaching at many festivals in the southeast and performing at newgrass festivals alongside The Aaron O'Rourke Trio, playing progressive old-time arrangements as well as classically influenced original compositions. At this time Aaron has a solo recording featuring guest musicians Maddie MacNeil and Thom Henderson as well as a cd with The Aaron O'Rourke Trio. He is currently working on a series of instructional books for mountain dulcimer and plans to release a new cd that will include celtic fingerstyle arrangements on guitar and banjola as well original compositions on the dulcimer.

Joe Collins began playing the dulcimer in the late 70s and won the 2007 National Championship. With five CDs and nine books to his credit, Joe is well known in the dulcimer world and is an experienced workshop leader in festivals around the country. He loves helping people learn.

Mike Clemmer is well known for his unique, high quality dulcimers that he builds and sells in Townsend, TN at Wood-n-Strings Dulcimer Shoppe, a great store run by him and his wife Connie.

Mike's long sought dream-come-true has evolved from his life-long love of many types of music, playing, singing and his reputation for repairing, trading and buying instruments. What many people don't know is that Mike is also a very fine player. He and his wife Connie have just released a great CD that demonstrates his unique stylings on the instrument, and we look forward to what he has to offer as in instructor.

Paul Byrum performs Celtic, old-time, and gospel hymns on both the mountain and the hammered dulcimer. His 2008 recording *Bound for the Promised Land* has sold nearly 6000 copies with distribution nationally in Hobby Lobby stores.

A 20-year veteran of the home textile industry, Paul is a musician by hobby. He is the 2004 Mid-Eastern Regional dulcimer champion and has won numerous awards at fiddler's conventions including the prestigious Fiddler's Grove (Union Grove, NC) the Galax Old-time Fiddler's Convention (Galax, Va).

Steve Smith of East Flat Rock, North Carolina, has been playing hammered and mountain dulcimer since 1979. He won the National Hammered Dulcimer Championship at Winfield, KS in 1984, and the National Mountain Dulcimer Championship at Winfield in 1985. Steve has taught mountain dulcimer at Blue Ridge Community College and at festivals and workshops. He is a musical arranger and editor of the newsletter of the Western North Carolina Dulcimer Collective.

Doug Felt made his first dulcimer, a cardboard model, in 1982 and has been playing ever since. He has played his dulcimer throughout the country. The penny whistle came a few years later. He began teaching the pennywhistle workshops in 1990, and gave his first fretted dulcimer workshop in 1995. He has taught and performed in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Louisiana, Texas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, and Oklahoma.