

*The following is an excerpt from an article in the FayetteFrontPage.com written by Janet McGregor Dunn referencing the Southern Nights Chorale's "Friend's and Family Concert" performed on June 23, 2008 at First Baptist Church of Peachtree City.*

## Blown Away!

6/23/08 (7:37 a.m.) My husband Greg and I went to three concerts this weekend. Yep, three. The great thing about these concerts is they were all in Fayette County and all were fantastic! Two showcased local talent, the third was a Kenny Rogers concert at the Fred in Peachtree City.

What an eclectic musical weekend we had!

First we heard the Southern Nights Chorale perform at the First Baptist Church in Peachtree City Friday night. Southern Nights is a wonderful precision *a cappella* men's select chorus. It was formed in 2004 by J. D. Holmes. The group has performed at the Governor's mansion, sung the National Anthem to kick off a Braves game at the Atlanta stadium, and sung at numerous church and civic events.



*Southern Nights Chorale, led by J. D. Holmes, performing Friday at the First Baptist Church in Peachtree City*

We were treated to favorite tunes to include *Danny Boy*, *Ave Maria*, *You'll Never Walk Alone*, *Georgia On My Mind* and *When the Saints Go Marchin' In*. Darlene Simpson Ware, a guest performer, impressed the crowd when she sang *Summertime* and *Don't Rain on My Parade*. Simpson Ware has sung in an assortment of productions with the Atlanta Opera Company's Chorus and sung with Robert Goulet in South Pacific at the Fox.

Two fun songs brought laughter. Steve Morris took the Song "*Little Ol' Lady*" and re-wrote the lyrics. The "new" song, *Little Ol' Lady from Peachtree City* included a "little ol' lady" in a "golf cart" zipping back and forth across the front of the pews!

The *Manly Men Extravaganza* also had the audience laughing as the guys cut up with each other, showing off their "manliness".