



CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS & VOCAL RANGES

The play takes place the night of the Saturday Night Gospel Sing at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant, NC in 1938. It marks the Sanders Family's first night back on the gospel circuit in five years.

Musical Ledger:

Primary solo: song with no supporting vocal parts

Solo: vocal line of song without supporting vocal parts

Featured vocal line: vocal line of song with supporting vocal parts

- **Pastor Mervin Oglethorpe** – (Late 20s) Young and enthusiastic minister of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.
 - **Tenor:** D3 – G4
 - **Solos:** 1
 - **Featured vocal lines:** 2
- **Burl Sanders** – (40s) Strong patriarch of the Sanders family, proud leader of his family.
 - **Baritone:** A2 – E4
 - **Solos:** 1
 - **Featured vocal lines:** 5
- **Vera Sanders** – (40s) Matriarch of the Sanders family, a woman of strong faith who frequently challenges Pastor Oglethorpe with her knowledge of scripture.
 - **Soprano:** A3 – E5
 - **Solos:** 3
 - **Featured vocal lines:** 6
- **Stanley Sanders** – (Late 40s) Burl's older brother, recently returned from a stint doing hard labor.
 - **Baritone/Bass:** G2 – Eb4
 - **Solos:** 2 (1 primary)
 - **Featured vocal lines:** 5
- **Dennis Sanders** – (17 years-old) Twin of Denise. He is studying to be a minister at the Cullowhee Bible School. Because of the expense, he and Denise trade off years. This is his year at school.
 - **Tenor:** C#3 – G4
 - **Solos:** 2
 - **Featured vocal lines:** 4
- **Denise Sanders** – (17 years-old) Twin of Dennis. The older of the two . . . by four minutes. An aspiring Hollywood starlet.
 - **Alto:** A3 – E5
 - **Solos:** 1 primary
 - **Featured vocal lines:** 4
- **June Sanders** – (23 years-old) Sister. Instead of singing, she "signs" all the music as the rest of the family sings.
 - **No singing required**