



37th Annual Big Sky Handbell Festival  
April 27-28, 2018  
Hamilton High School Gymnasium  
327 Fairgrounds Rd, Hamilton, MT 59840



The handbell choir of the First Presbyterian Church invites you to Hamilton, Montana for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Sky Handbell Festival.



Greetings from Hamilton, Montana!

Our handbell choir is so excited to be hosting this year's Big Sky Festival 2018 in beautiful Hamilton, MT.

We are thrilled to return to our podium an outstanding clinician, Jason Wells, who will bring both enthusiasm and energy to our festival performance. His outgoing personality and musical expertise will be an inspiration to all our handbell participants.

Workshops are back this year with three for mid-level training and one for an advanced challenge piece.

In the Director's Seminar, Jason will be demonstrating how to teach a piece from scratch. So, he prefers that each of you come ready to be assigned any bells.

We look forward to seeing all of you in April for another great Big Sky Festival!

*Mary Wood*

and the Hamilton Presbyterian Handbell Choir

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Clinician .....



Jason Wells founder of the nationally acclaimed "Ring of Fire" handbell ensemble (1997-2005) and recently named President and CEO for Adventist Health's Howard Memorial Hospital.

[Click here to see full biography](#)

Music .....

**Toccata on King's Weston** by Matthew Compton. [Details](#) ..... [Directed by Compton](#)

**Meditation on Beautiful Savior** arr by Cathy Moklebust. [Details](#) ..... [Rehearsal by Moklebust](#)

**The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus** arr by Derek Hakes. [Details](#)

**Celtic Prayer** by Julie Turner & Jefferey Hall. [Details](#) ..... [Performance](#)

**Gloria Hodie** arr by Kevin McChesney & Julie Turner. [Details](#)

**Faith** by Paul McKlveen. [Details](#)

**Fantasy #2**, by Michael Helman. [Details](#) ..... [Performance](#)

**Andante Maestoso** arr by Kevin McChesney. [Details](#) ..... [Performance](#)

Optional Challenge Piece to be performed at the concert by those taking the Workshop

**Good Christian Men Rejoice** by Kimberlee Strepka. [Details](#) ..... [Performance](#)

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- Each group is required to purchase and bring its own music.
- Each group is responsible for practicing and learning the music before arriving at festival.
- There is no requirement to play all pieces – ringers may sit and listen.

Performance Attire .....

Please wear your usual performance attire or your usual concert attire as you choose.

Location .....

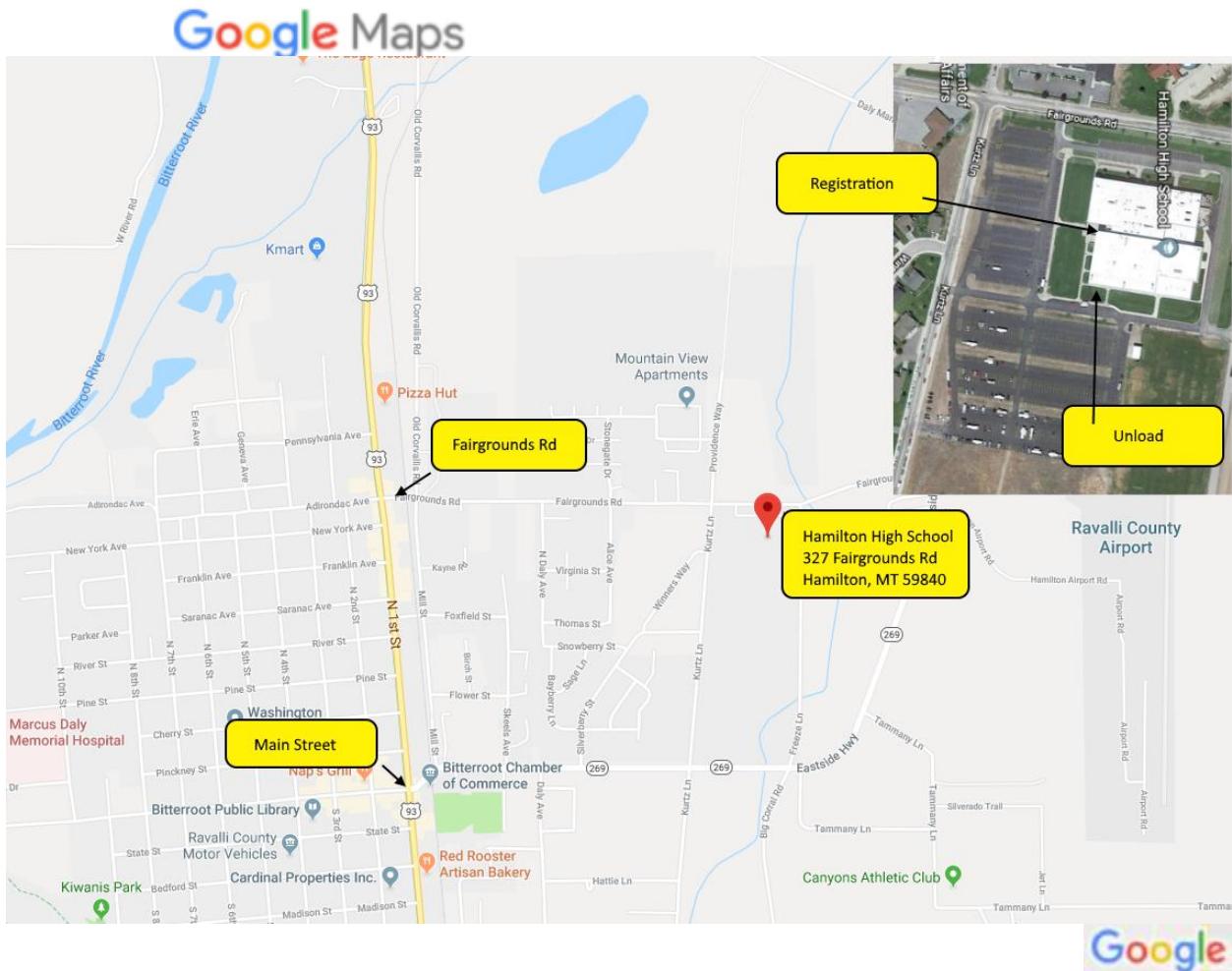
Hamilton High School Gym  
327 Fairgrounds Rd  
Hamilton, MT

Panic Button: 406-369-0132

The simplest route is down Fairgrounds Rd, but if you miss it you can get there from the Main Street corner. Both Fairgrounds and Main Street corners have stop lights.

Google Maps

<https://www.google.com/maps/@46.2539247,-114.1588622,14z>





## Jason Wells



Jason Wells founded Ring of Fire in 1997 in Hillsboro, Oregon. During the group's active 10-year musical adventure, they performed at two Presidential Inaugurations, multiple NBA basketball games, three times soloing with the Boston Pops in Symphony Hall, and many times on national and international radio and television. Ring of Fire toured 28 US states and shared their passionate musical performance in seven countries. Over 40 musicians, aged 11 to 16 performed with Ring of Fire during their decade of touring. Each performance was completely memorized, following in the footsteps of

Katsumi Kodama's Glee Ringers of Japan, who inspired Jason during his early years as a handbell musician in high school.

Jason continues to serve as a clinician and director at national and international handbell festivals and symposiums. In 2008 he represented the United States as conductor at the International Handbell Symposium in Orlando, Florida. Jason served for multiple years as artistic director of Distinctly Bronze, a bi-annual national 4-day performance event featuring many of the world's top handbell performers playing the most exciting compositions on multiple sets of 7-octaves of handbells and chimes.

When not sharing his passion for music, Jason spends time with his wife Heather, daughter Sidney (12), son Landon (9), daughter Hayden (6) and professionally serves as Chief Executive Officer of Adventist Health Howard Memorial, a hospital and physician clinic network located at the gateway to the redwoods in Willits, California.