

Worship Ministry Praise Team Expectations

Thank you for your interest in the Praise Team Ministry. We are endeavoring to follow God's will in every avenue of music and worship. Our goal is to bring people into a worship experience that facilitates their personal walk with the Lord. Worship is a high priority for our church. Scripture very plainly states that God inhabits the praises of His people... He delights in our praise and is at home when we worship. The Praise Team Ministry is a highly visible ministry of our church.

Both members and attendees look to the team as examples.

According to scripture there is a higher standard for those in this type of role.

What do we look for when choosing our Praise Team and Band Members?

Godly character in team members

We are looking for leaders that are wholeheartedly pursuing God with a lifestyle that expresses the priority of that pursuit.

Understanding of worship as a relational, interactive discourse with God

We are not on stage to perform

Musical Skill

Praise Team members must be able to read music, stay on pitch, harmonize and sing prepared parts.

Worship band members must be able to play from chord charts, keep rhythm, and have basic improvisational skills. It is also helpful to be able to play/sing by ear.

A willingness to follow and serve under the team leader's initiative

Take direction with a humble heart and submit to the guidance of the team leader.

A servant's heart is key.

- A. SPIRITUALLY Have a personal relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior.
 Have an active meaningful prayer life.
 Attend worship services regularly (in addition to when you play/sing).
 Be a Christian example to others.
 Attend, on a weekly basis, at least one other BCoC function aimed at your personal spiritual development. (ABF, One Way, merge)
 Attend the "Bethel Basics" series at the earliest opportunity.

- B. MENTALLY Be prepared at rehearsal times and prior to worship services.
 Be aware of the style of music being played and the worship environment being created through that music (This requires that you listen to the applicable Praise Team CDs prior to rehearsal).

- C. PHYSICALLY Attend scheduled rehearsals. (Exceptions will be made for work/illness)
 Practice individually outside of group meetings.
 Contact the Worship Minister in advance of necessary absences.
 Be prepared for practice/sound checks at the designated time (music ready, instrument tuned, etc.).

If you know you can't be at rehearsal, call me. If you can switch weeks with someone else, that would be great. If we can get together at another time for rehearsal, I will do my best to make that happen. I don't want you to think that I don't appreciate the time each of you gives to the worship ministry – because I do appreciate each one of you. We couldn't do what we do without this group.

Sunday Morning:

Band and vocalists need to be on the platform ready for a sound check by 10:40am. If you need to tune your guitar, etc, please do so before 10:40am. If you are attending an ABF/Sunday School class (every one should be) you will need to leave class early.

Choir members need to be backstage by 10:55am on the Sundays you sing.

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Check the applicable item and return this part to Dave Hess. Thanks.

After prayer and careful consideration:

I accept these ministry expectations, and understand and agree to strive to commit to these standards.

Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____
(for Jr/Sr High Students)

Date _____