

# **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 3C function designed for personal spiritual development. (ABF, One Way, Small Group).  
                              Attend the "Community 101-301" 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 music prior to rehearsal.)
  
- C. PHYSICALLY      Attend scheduled rehearsals. (Exceptions will be made for work/illness)  
                              Practice individually outside of group meetings.  
                              Contact the Worship Leader 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.

#### Rehearsal Time:

We will typically rehearse sometime during the week at 7:00pm. Please plan on allowing an hour or more for rehearsal time. We will occasionally go over a song or songs more than once. This may take more than an hour.

#### Sunday Morning:

Band and vocalists need to be on the platform ready for a sound check by 9:20am. If you need to tune your guitar, etc, please do so before 9:20am. If you arrive at 9:15am that should give you plenty of time following first worship.

#### Communication:

Please check your email and Facebook often. These are our primary means of communicating important info on team schedules and song lists. You can also find this info on the church website. I will also use texting as a means to provide reminders or updates of important info. When I send out a request for info concerning your upcoming vacations, etc, please try to get back to me as soon as possible with any date conflicts you have.

#### Scheduling:

We work our schedule in two-month groupings. Please complete the info below and return it to me ASAP. If I do not have your form back, you will not be scheduled to play/sing until it's returned.

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

I have read the information above and after prayerful consideration:

- I accept these ministry expectations, and understand and agree to strive to commit to these standards.
- I am not able to serve in this ministry at this time.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the expectations and understand the commitment my child is making.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(for Jr/Sr High Students)