

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY HANDBOOK

We're glad that you have shown interested in getting involved in one of our Ministry Teams. Please take a few minutes to carefully read *The Worship Ministry Handbook* before making your commitment. Please contact the Worship Leader if you have any questions or concerns. We're here to help you find your place in ministry.

I. THE PURPOSE FOR THE WORSHIP MINISTRY

Our main purpose for having church services is to meet with God. The way to come to God is through an intimate relationship of dependency. When we come to Him in a position of corporate worship, we are inviting Him to meet with us as a church. When we open our hearts to Him, His anointing will be present to touch the lives of His people.

II. STEPS TO JOIN THE WORSHIP TEAM

- A. Fill out the Worship Ministry application and turn it into the church office.
- B. Read *The Worship Ministry Handbook* and agree to follow the guidelines. Also read the Honor Code and commit to it.
- C. Go through the audition process.
- D. Complete the Discovery 101 class.

III. THE AUDITION PROCESS

As with any ministry, there is a spiritual side and a natural side. People on the Worship Team must have a consecrated relationship with God and the ability to blend well musically with the rest of the Team. The audition process is not used to find the most talented singer or musician, but to locate the persons who can meet the need at the time. The audition process for the Worship Ministry is simply a tool to help us help you find your place. If it is not a position on the Worship Team, we will direct you to another area of ministry.

- A. When your application is received, the Worship Leader will arrange a time to meet with you.
- B. You will be given a CD and asked to come in to sing or play the song for a panel of at least three leaders, who will prayerfully determine if the Worship Team is the place for you at that time.

- C. If the panel approves, you will be asked to come to practices for 4 consecutive weeks. After that time you will have an exit interview with the Worship Leader.
- D. The Worship Leader will call you to let you know if you will be offered a position on the Worship Team.
- E. All applications will be kept on file. If an applicant is not placed on the Worship Team, they can audition again in six months.

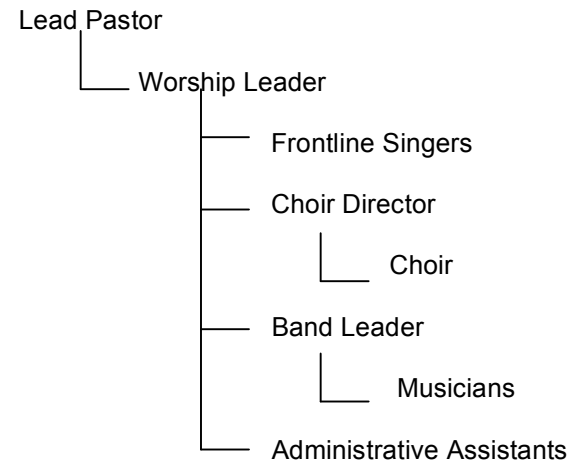
IV. WORSHIP TEAM COMMITMENT

- A. We ask that each Worship Team member commit to ministering on Sundays mornings for a minimum six-month term.
- B. Because preparation for worship is vital, the Worship Team, including musicians and vocalists, must commit to attend practice each Thursday night, making the most of the time we have by concentrating on the music.
- C. As of now, we are not able to practice with the sound system during the week, so the Worship Team must also commit to rehearsals on Sunday mornings. Childcare is provided.
- D. Because time is a factor, punctuality is also a requirement. Team members must arrive to Thursday night practices at 7:00 pm and Sunday rehearsals at 8:30 am.
- E. Commitments also include the time required to practice at home so you are familiar with the music before meeting with the team.

V. MUSIC POLICIES

- A. Each member of the Worship Team will receive the music we are currently using on CD along with chord charts.
- B. When a new song is introduced, each team member will receive the music on CD and chord charts.
- C. Each team member is responsible for their music. If you lose a chart or CD, try to get a copy from another team member before asking the Worship Leader for another copy.
- D. If you have a song suggestion or would like to share music you have written, present it on CD to the Worship Leader.
- E. To make the most of our time together, make sure you bring your music books with you to practices, rehearsals, and services.

VI. WORSHIP TEAM LEADERS



VII. THE WORSHIP TEAM'S APPEARANCE

The way we dress is one way we can relate to the people we are trying to reach. The dress code for The LIFE is based on the vision we have for the people we are ministering to.

There may be times when the Worship Leader will ask you to wear specific colors for a group look. If so, it will be on your monthly calendar.

A. Dress Code

Always use modesty in your choice of apparel, whatever the current style of fashion.

- No shorts or tank tops. Ladies, no tops with spaghetti straps.
- No t-shirts with inappropriate writing.
- Jeans should not have holes in them.
- Ladies, skirts must be no higher than the knee.
- Ladies, tops must be modest.

B. Platform Manners

- Since your purpose is to lead others, actively participate in worship from your heart.
- No talking to each other on the platform.
- Do not chew gum on the platform.
- Keep your eyes open to watch the Worship Leader for direction.

Thank you for taking the time to read The Worship Ministry Handbook. It is our desire that you find your place in ministry and know the joy and fulfillment that goes along with being a team member.