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Ministry Handbook

Lakes Church Worship Ministry

Purpose

The Lakes Church Worship Ministry exists to exalt the Lord and proclaim His salvation.

Vision

The Lakes Church Worship Ministry seeks to glorify God by using the gifts He has given us to build His Kingdom and edify His Church.

Core Values

1. We will exalt the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit above all.

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deuteronomy 6:5

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Psalms 57:11

2. The message we communicate is the Gospel of Christ.

So faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

Isaiah 12:4

3. We will pursue love and unity toward one another in everything we do.

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:39

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3

4. We will make disciples in every area of our ministry, of this generation and generations to come.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

But we, your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

Psalm 79:13

5. The Spirit of God as revealed by His Word will be our guide.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

John 16:13

6. We will seek the Lord through prayer.

praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

Ephesians 6:18

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7

7. Our ministries will be done with excellence.

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

Colossians 3:23

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Philippians 4:8

Vocal Team Member Expectations

1. I am a committed follower of Jesus Christ, faithful to pursue Him in personal worship (Bible study, prayer, etc.) throughout the week, and weekly participation in the Church.
2. I am committed to the mission and vision of Lakes Church and its Worship Ministry.
3. I agree to exemplify the life of a Christ-follower. I will maintain a Christian lifestyle of moral and sexual purity and abstain from abusing drugs or alcohol.
4. I agree to spend time practicing before rehearsal and have a basic understanding of the music before I come to rehearsal.
5. I agree to use Planning Center to the best of my knowledge. This includes responding to service requests in a timely manner, listening to rehearsal tracks, and setting blackout dates when possible.
6. I agree to make every effort to respect others by being on time for rehearsal. I will text someone and let them know when I am running late.
7. I agree to be encouraging to other worship team members and maintain a positive attitude.
8. I agree to be teachable by willingly receiving instruction, learning more about leading worship and current worship music styles, and improving vocal technique and presentation when needed.

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8. I agree to be teachable by willingly receiving instruction, constantly seeking to improve my skills, and become familiar with current worship styles.

Vocal Team Competencies

1. Pitch – singers should be able to sing accurate notes at the appropriate time. Be able to listen to yourself, other singers, instruments, and correct when necessary.
2. Vibrato – singers should be able to only use vibrato when appropriate. Most modern worship music requires straight tone to blend.
3. Rhythm – singers should be able to sing phrases as they are rhythmically intended and in the correct tempo. Most singers tend to drag the tempo.
4. Dynamics – singers should be able to differentiate between different loud, soft, and everywhere in between and sing appropriately.
5. Blend – singers should seek to blend with other singers and not stick out. Straight tone is encouraged when trying to blend. When singing softly, breathy is best.
6. Memorization – each week singers should at minimum have the melody of the song memorized and be able to sing each phrase of a song by memory after being given only the first couple of words.
7. Gear – all singers will be required to use and supply their own in-ear monitors.
8. Presentation – singers are encouraged to use their body language to communicate their heart. Eyes should be open while singing, making eye contact with people in every part of the room.
9. Authenticity – singers should seek to be authentic on and off the platform. We must not let the congregation determine our level of expression.

Worship Band Competencies

1. Chart Reading: You should have a basic knowledge of music theory. To the point where you can read basic rhythm charts with measures, time signatures, beats per measure, and key of song.
2. Knowledge of your instrument: You should know how and where to find the notes and chords on your instrument.
3. Sense of Rhythm: You need to be able to play along with a click and lock in with it and the other musicians. Practicing with a metronome app is very helpful.
4. Musicality: Your playing should always be mindful of the other players and singers and not clash or interfere with the other parts.
5. Preparedness: Being prepared requires not only learning your part, but also listening to the songs repeatedly so that you know all the nuances, dynamics and how your parts fit into the music. Ideally, we should all be so prepared that on Sunday we put our primary focus on Worship and not on technicalities.
6. In Ear Monitors: We insist on all musicians using in ear monitors. This is not only necessary for good sound in the Worship Center but also to enable us to play in sync with the click, guide and backing tracks.
7. Be familiar with Planning Center: This is how we do all our scheduling and share music resources for you to practice with. Planning Center is essential.
8. Use the resources available to you: We try very hard to provide charts, recordings and individual tracks for each song. Please take time to not only listen to the master track, but also the track that relates to your instrument. All these are posted on Planning Center.

Worship Band Competencies

9. Gear: Guitarists and Bassists must have their own instruments. It should be well maintained and in good working condition with regular string changes. EG players will play through one of the two Kemper's provided. They are set up to receive a pedalboard. If you don't have a pedalboard we can set up a Kemper performance with various effects for you to use.

Drums and Keys are provided for Worship sets and rehearsals, however, you will need to have these instruments away from Church so that you can have personal practice time.

Access to a computer with an internet connection and quality audio system also is crucial to any musician's progress and practice time.

10. Ask questions: Please don't hesitate to ask questions if you need help with a part or with Planning Center or anything. Being helpful is a big part of what we do and we are eager to help you succeed in Worship Ministry.

Worship Team

Dress Code

The platform is the most visible place in the church. As leaders on the platform, the things we wear need to be considered very closely. It is important to remember that modesty is the key.

General

- Modesty and style are important so we give focus on the worshipping, not us, and still, come across as relevant to our culture and the people we are leading.
- If you are ever unsure about an item, bring it to Libbi and she will let you know.
- Before you finalize an outfit for a service, be sure to do a “worship check”. Raise your arms as high as you can and swing them in all directions. Look in the mirror and check yourself from all angles - make sure you are not revealing anything inappropriate. Kneel and check to see if the back of your pants comes too low or uncovers anything. Also, if you lean forward, see if your shirt reveals anything.
- Sunday attire at Lakes Church is generally not formal, however, even though our church is more casual, we do need to dress nice. Modesty and style are important so we give focus to the Lord, not us, and still come across as relevant to our culture and the people we are leading.
- Solids and darker colors generally look better, please try to avoid large patterns.

Specifics for Men

- No graphic t-shirts. Only dark solid t-shirts
- No sleeveless shirts or tank tops
- Any button-up shirt should be buttoned all the way to the next to the top button
- No hats
- No shorts
- No jeans with holes that expose skin
- No flip flops or sandals

Worship Team Dress Code

Specifics for Women

- Refrain from wearing lipstick that could transfer onto the microphone
- Your neckline should not expose anything too low on the chest
- Be careful not to wear shirts or jackets that are too tight or form-fitting
- Try to avoid sleeveless
- No white, unless covered by a jacket or sweater
- Waistline - no skin around the midriff
- Keep jewelry simple. Make sure that with movement, the pieces don't cause any unnecessary noise or distracting movement
- TEST - Raise your arms straight up. You should have several inches of shirt past your pants. If ever in doubt, wear a tank top underneath your top to make sure that when you raise your hands there isn't a lot of movement.
- Jeans should not have holes that expose the skin
- Skirts should come below the knee or lower
- Skirts must not be see-through. Wear a slip or pants underneath if there is a chance it can show light through
- Dresses should come to mid-knee or below
- Make sure that the dress is not see-through with light shining through. If any chance or doubt, wear pants underneath
- When wearing more fitted pants (tights, leggings, jeggings, etc.), make sure that your shirt is reaching at least the top of your thighs
- Be mindful you will have a bodypack that will need to attach to your clothing so there must be a place for it to attach to your person
- Make sure your shoes allow you to move freely in worship

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