

Cornerstone Baptist Church

Worship Handbook

At Cornerstone Baptist Church, **WE WANT TO CREATE A LIFESTYLE OF WORSHIP – OF SEEKING THE FACE OF JESUS.** Worship is a vital part to the ministry of this body of believers. Members of this team should view our function as ambassadors of the gospel and view our role as a calling from God (2 Cor. 5:20a).

Worship Defined

“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all things for the glory of God.” - 1 Cor. 10:31 (NASB)

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.” - Romans 12:1 (CSB)

Worship is not just something we do on Sunday mornings but is what we do with every part of our lives. The term “worship” comes from an Olde English word meaning “worth”. So, when we are worshipping the Lord, we are essentially giving Him his “worth-ship”, giving Him his due or worth. We can only worship accurately and appropriately because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and His enabling of the Holy Spirit to live in us.

Worship Service

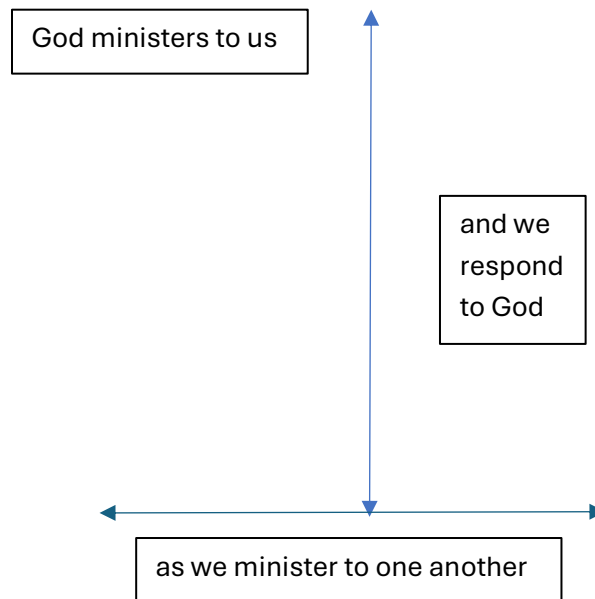
“Let all things be done for building up” - 1 Cor. 14:26b (ESV)

“Through [Jesus] then, let’s continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips praising His name. And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” - Heb. 13:15-16 (NASB)

“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24 NASB2020)

God has called every believer to Himself, and the worship service is where we gather as one united body *in response* to His calling. The priority of the worship service is the gathering of God’s people (believers) for worshipping the Lord under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Every aspect of the worship service will be tailored to encourage and strengthen the church body.

*Adapted from p.130 of *Encountering God Together* by David G Peterson (2013)



Every aspect of our worship services is to reflect God's praiseworthiness, His relationship to us, our relationship to Him, and our relationship to each other. Worship services are not for self-promotion or self-glory, but merely a reflection of His glory.

How to Become a Worship Team Member

1. Express Interest to Worship Minister (Jarrett Slusher)
2. 1-on-1 with Worship Minister
3. Sit in on at least 2 rehearsals
4. Participate in a rehearsal
5. Participate on a Sunday morning worship service
6. Sign Worship Team covenant and be put on rotation

Expectations

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." - Col. 3:12-17 (ESV)

"For I am the LORD, who brought you up from the land of Egypt to be your God, so you must be holy because I am holy." / "for it is written, 'Be holy, because I am holy.'" - Lev. 14:45/1 Peter 1:16 (CSB)

As ambassadors of the gospel, we are to live our lives in such a conduct that reflects the character of our God whom we represent to the rest of the world. As believers, we are no longer of the world but are blessed to live in and be salt and light to the world (Matt. 5:13-16).

- Each member must have a firm belief that they are called to serve in the Worship Ministry of CBC.
- Each member of the Worship Team must be a current member of CBC, upholding our shared Statements of Belief, walking *"in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."* (Col. 1:10)
 - As teenagers are below the age of membership (18), the expectation for them is to be regular attenders until they are old enough to seek membership at CBC
- Each member must demonstrate a genuine desire to serve the Lord and love people.
 - Members are to be at peace and in harmony with one another, but if disagreements/in-fighting occurs you are expected to make peace with that member(s) as outlined in Matthew 18:15-17.
- Each member is expected to practice before coming to rehearsals and respond to Planning Center invitations
 - If you are unable to serve the week you are scheduled, please reach out to other team members who could fill your spot and communicate that change with the Worship Minister.
- Each member is expected to attend rehearsals and soundchecks for their respective week to serve.
 - Rehearsal – Thursday nights at 6:30pm
 - Soundcheck – Sunday morning at 7:15am
 - If a band member cannot make rehearsal, they are to contact the Worship Minister and schedule a time to rehearse with him. If a time cannot be scheduled, they will not serve that week.

- Each member is expected to attend Sunday morning services at CBC. This includes, but is not limited to, the Sunday(s) you are planned to serve.
 - On Sundays you serve, you may choose which of the 2 sermons to stay in the sanctuary for.
- Each member is responsible for their personal technology (phones/tablets/in-ear monitors [IEMs]).
- Each member is to wear attire that is non-distracting from the worship atmosphere and that is appropriate to represent the leadership of CBC.
 - No shorts/short skirts [*during rehearsals is fine*]
 - No items with inappropriate messages or anything we'd have to blur out on livestream
 - Nothing that distracts from Who we have come to worship

Worship Team Roles

Band

Rhythm/Acoustic Guitar

- Drive the song (tempo)
- Work with Drums and Bass to create a consistent rhythm section; “the Wall”
- Work alongside Keys to carry the melody

Lead/Electric Guitar

- Work alongside Keys to create atmosphere
 - o Sustained notes/chords
 - o Effects (Chorus, Phaser, Flanger, Reverb)
- Play (or create) main riff/melody line at appropriate moments
- Providing backing/secondary rhythm as necessary
- Exercise creativity and liveliness by moving through notes/chords and sensing what the song needs
 - o “Movement”

Keys/Piano

- Create atmosphere (supported with Guitar[s])
 - o Padding chords, playing melody/harmonies during chord progression
- Exercise creativity and liveliness by moving through notes/chords and sensing what the song needs
 - o “Movement”
- Accompany vocalists by carrying the melody or providing space for melody to be carried
 - o Playing/emphasizing notes in melody line

Bass Guitar

- Work with Drums and Rhythm Guitar to maintain a consistent rhythm section
 - o Bass = between Drums & Guitar
- Fill in atmospheric moments
 - o Sustained notes vs. Countermelody/Harmony line
 - o “Movement”

Drums/Percussion

- Maintain rhythm/tempo
- Create and sustain “the Wall” that the band is in (tempo/vibe) along with Bass and Acoustic Guitar
- Emphasize transitions and key parts of song (i.e. Verse-Chorus-Instrumental)
- Differentiate between soft/loud moments (“Movement”)

Vocalists

- Lead = main melody; Supporting = backing lead vocalist with melody
- Harmony = accompanying melody/countermelody

Tech Team

Sound

- Attentively listens to the team to create a balanced mix on the soundboard
 - o Whoever is leading the song gets priority
 - o Instruments should not overpower vocals

Slides

- Ensure proper timing of lyric slides for congregational viewing
- (If creating backgrounds) Check backgrounds to ensure nothing is too distracting from the lyrics/worship atmosphere

Livestream

- Check that audio levels are balanced throughout the service
- Check that camera angle is focused on the stage
- Ensure that slides are visible
- Maintain consistent quality throughout the service

I, _____, have read and commit myself to meeting the expectations outlined in the Worship Handbook.

Signature

Date

Garrett Slusher

Worship Minister