



*“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.” -Colossians 3:16-17*

### **Purpose of CCBC Music Team:**

***To help the congregation sing God’s praises***

### **Encouragements and Reminders as you prepare for corporate worship:**

- 1.) Biblical truth drives our corporate worship through the songs we sing (**Psalm 119:7; John 4:23-24; Revelation 4:8-11; 5:8-14**). Take time during the week to read the upcoming sermon passage as well the lyrics for the songs we will sing. The longer you reflect and meditate on God’s Word and the gospel truths contained within our hymns and songs, the more your heart will overflow with God’s truth and thankfulness back to Him.
- 2.) The goal in our corporate worship is to bring God glory and to see Christ’s church built up and strengthened (**1 Corinthians 14:12, 26; Ephesians 5:18-21**). Before we gather each Lord’s Day, we should remind ourselves that our spiritual gifts and our ministry roles are designed for blessing and serving others (**1 Corinthians 12:7; 1 Peter 4:10-11**), *not* drawing attention to ourselves. God resists the proud (**1 Peter 5:5**), and the greatest in the kingdom are those who make themselves *servants* of one another (**Mark 9:35; 10:43-44; Luke 22:26-27**).

- 3.) Build relationships with other team members on the Music Team *outside* of rehearsal and the Lord's Day gathering. Relationships are ordinarily built through meals shared together, enjoying one another's company, and learning more about what the Lord is doing in one another's lives. As much as you are able, intentionally pursue quality time in fellowship, encouragement, and edifying conversations to strengthen the chemistry and unity of the Music Team (**Proverbs 17:17; 27:9; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 13:1; 1 Peter 4:8-9**)
  
- 4.) Every member of CCBC is an ambassador for Christ, and therefore a gospel witness to others of what a follower of Jesus looks like (**Matthew 5:13-16; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Philippians 1:27**). That means, those of us who serve in any form of leadership or on stage during the corporate gathering, must understand *we are setting an example* for others. Therefore, those who serve in roles of leadership or on stage in corporate worship must consider their life and relationships *before* using their spiritual gifts. As the Apostle Paul had to correct the church at Corinth because of their *lack of humility and lack of love* in the church (**1 Corinthians 12-14**), so we too must consider the *higher priority of unity* in our own church (**Ephesians 4:1-6**). If you have strained relationships in the church and have not sought out reconciliation and forgiveness, then it may be better for your own soul and the witness of our church to not serve on stage *until* that's been reasonably resolved (**Matthew 5:23-24; Colossians 3:12-15; 1 Timothy 2:8**). As much as it depends on us, we should live at peace with all people (**Romans 12:18**). And that also means we want to be as least distracting as possible for our church, doing whatever we can not to be a stumbling block for others as we worship the Lord each week.
  
- 5.) Dress modestly, with the goal of having a respectful appearance that doesn't distract others from focusing on the Lord (**Ephesians 5:3; 1 Timothy 2:9-10; 1 Peter 3:3-4**)
  
- 6.) Enjoy the privilege of helping God's people sing His praises (**Psalms 147:1; Ephesians 5:18-20**). Take time to encourage the saints, as you see them sing each week (**Hebrews 10:24-25**). Instilling confidence in one another can, overtime, enhance a robust church culture of singing to the Lord and to one another!
  
- 7.) Pray, pray, and pray some more! There is never a time where prayer is not needed (**Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17**). Pray for God's Word to be proclaimed boldly, faithfully, and clearly. Pray for the men reading Scripture and leading in prayer. Pray for unbelievers who gather to hear the gospel each week. Pray for your own heart to be ready to hear, sing, and lead with the saints at CCBC. And at anytime you feel you're having a difficult time grasping the philosophy of music ministry at CCBC, prayerfully consider stepping down from the team and serve the church in a different capacity.