

**CHRIST FELLOWSHIP
THE FATHER'S HOUSE
MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

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**THE FATHER'S HOUSE
PRAISE & WORSHIP MANUAL
MUSICIANS
PRAISE TEAM
CHOIR**

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**WE ARE A PEOPLE WITH AN EXPLOSIVE PRAISE AND OFFER AN EXTRAVAGANT
EXPRESSION OF WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH, EXCEEDING REASONABLE LIMITS
TO LEAD OTHERS INTO HIS PRESENCE. WE ARE WORSHIPPERS WHO SEEK THE FACE
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PLEASE GOD.**

**“WE WHO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST MUST WORSHIP GOD, NOT MERELY BY OFFERING
OUR GIFTS OF PRAISE, BUT BY SURRENDERING OURSELVES AS LIVING SACRIFICES
TO THE WILL OF GOD.” - ROMANS 12:1-2**

ATTENDANCE

All Team Members (this is the Band, Praise Team & Choir) are required to attend Sunday morning service, Wednesday night service and Tuesday night practice on time. Let Tammy, Julio or Emmanuel know if you will miss a service. We all need to be faithful to this Team and our church. Remember: You are a leader for this church and you set an example for the congregation. Band & Praise Team must be in the sanctuary for the entire service sitting with the Team on stage.

An absence will be excused based on the following:

- Illness (handled on a case by case basis)
- Bereavement
- Scheduled vacation (in writing only)

You are responsible for your attendance. We understand that unexpected things may arise causing your absence. However, we ask that when you must be absent that you contact your Team's leader (Tammy, Julio or Emmanuel) immediately. Please do not send your message of absence through another party. Should you choose not to follow the guidelines for excused absences, your absence will be documented as UNEXCUSED.

The following are the call times for the Band, Praise Team & Choir members:

Band
 Sunday Mornings – 8:00
 Wednesday Evenings – 6:00
 Tuesday Evenings – 7:00

Praise Team
 Sunday Mornings – 8:00
 Wednesday Evenings – 6:00
 Tuesday Evenings – 6:00

Choir
 Sunday Mornings – 10:00
 Every other Tuesday evening – 7:00

In the event you arrive after the above call times for Practice and Services, your attendance will be recorded as tardy.

3 Tardy Notices = 1 unexcused absence

Three (3) unexcused absences within a 3-month period will result in a meeting with your Team leader to find out the reason for the absences and how they can be prevented. After this meeting, if you are tardy again or have an unexcused absence within the next month it will result in being placed on a probationary period. During this probationary period, you will be asked to step down from the platform for a period of one (1) month. Throughout this month, you will be required to attend all Practices and Services as requested. Your attendance will still be monitored.

Should you arrive at the church after the Teams are on stage and ready for service to start or after we have prayed, **you must sit out for that service.**

CONDUCT

The following behaviors, by any Team member, WILL NOT be tolerated:

- Erratic attendance or habitual tardiness for services, practices, or any other requested attendance gatherings.
- Lack of attention, such as talking and uncalled for playfulness during practices and/or services.
- Profanity of any kind.
- Arguing, fighting, disrespect towards anyone, bad attitudes, negativity, or actions that dampen the enthusiasm of the team.
- The voicing of ill feelings publicly or during practices/services which are openly heard and acknowledged by others (be they Team members or non-Team members). (Please speak to your Team leader if you have an issue).
- During the services or practices, consuming food or drink (other than water) on stage or in the sanctuary.
- No leaving the church during services.
- No talking in the alter service.

The Music Pastor reserves the right to ask a Team member to permanently step down for any reason at anytime.

DRESS CODE

Please remember that as “Examples of God’s excellence,” we must always abide by the requested dress code. This dress code includes practices and all Christ Fellowship functions. You must wear the assigned color for services. When in doubt, show Tammy the outfit and she will tell you if it’s ok to wear.

Ladies in Choir – No jeans, no shorts at any time, no see-through or low-cut outfits, no lace, and no flip flops during services. We wear clothes that are not tight-fitting and shirts that are not tucked in which cover your behind. Your dress code on Sundays is black pants and the assigned color shirt for the month.

Ladies on Praise Team – No jeans for Sunday services, no shorts at any time, no see-through or low-cut outfits. We wear suits (suit jackets are long, covering your behind) on Sundays. On Wednesdays, a little more casual, nice dress clothes that cover your behind are acceptable.

Gentlemen in Choir – No jeans, no shorts at any time, and no tight-fitting clothes.

Gentlemen on Praise Team – Please wear a suit jacket on Sundays. Nice, casual shirts and jeans can be worn on Wednesdays. No shorts at any time.

Band Members – Nice, casual shirts and jeans (no holes in jeans) may be worn on Sundays and Wednesdays or you may wear a suit jacket and pants if you prefer.

During practices, we wear casual, modest clothes – but no shorts.

Should you choose **NOT** to abide by these guidelines, know that you will be asked to sit out for that service, practice or occasion. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

“Those who worship and lead others in worship should live by Godly standards!”

MISCELLANEOUS

- If you must use the restroom before altar service or during, don't come back on stage until Pastor Ricky prays or heads are bowed. Otherwise, it's too much distraction.
- Musicians must talk with Julio before buying any new equipment that will affect the sound on stage.
- Praise Team and Choir needs to be **lively** (this means **FULL OF LIFE**) and **energetic** for services.
- All members (choir, music, and praise teams) need to keep a notebook of music or word sheets that we learn and bring to every practice.

NEW MEMBERS

- New members are required to interview with the Music Leaders and sit through **four consecutive** rehearsals **before** participating in the Choir, Band or Praise Teams. The count for the rehearsals will begin **after** the interview. There will also be a try-out meeting with the Music Leaders to determine how well a person sings and what parts (soprano, alto, tenor) they can sing and /or how well a person can play their instrument.
- New members have a probationary period of 90 days once they have joined the Team.

“Praise and worship is a powerful expression of love that transcends the possibilities of music. It is given to us as a weapon of warfare... or as a warm blanket on a cold night. A supernatural way to express our thanks to our ever-loving God. Never underestimate the gift and the power of praise and worship in your life. As we are obedient, and bring Him the very little we can offer Him, He is ALWAYS faithful to respond. Make the decision to live as someone who understands the weapons God has given us to advance the Kingdom and get ready for the countless, miraculous, supernatural moments in your life.”

- Darlene Zschech
Extravagant Worship

As a Christ Fellowship Choir/Band/Praise Team member, I am committed to excellence and will abide by these guidelines. I have read, fully understand and agree with the stated guidelines.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Section: ALTO SOPRANO TENOR Harmonize or Read Music _____
(circle one)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Birthday: _____

Member of Christ Fellowship? Yes No How long? _____

Children:

Name	Age
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Christ Fellowship and The Father's House Ministry Contract

I understand that leadership principles, as taught by our Pastor, indicate that my position is an important one and includes influence over many others.

I understand that my position is an important part of the ministry of Christ Fellowship and The Father's House.

As a MINISTRY TEAM MEMBER at Christ Fellowship, I agree to the following principles of leadership and commitment:

1. I will thoroughly prepare for my area of responsibility.
2. I will inform the Music Pastor of any situations requiring their immediate attention.
3. I will spend time in prayer and study regularly, maintaining a close personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I will ask God to help me represent His love as I minister to others.
4. I will seek to resolve conflict with others in a biblical manner.
5. I will attend church faithfully, including Sunday morning, Wednesday and Tuesday night services. I will support and attend special services and all church activities.
6. I will be loyal to Pastor Ricky & Regina Stepp, Christ Fellowship, and its Leadership Team, in both words and actions.
7. I will be faithful in tithing, giving 10% of my income to Christ Fellowship.
8. I will strive to live a holy life and avoid habits that diminish my personal testimony or hinder my ability to lead. I understand that my position on the leadership pyramid leaves me with fewer options than it leaves others.

Name: _____
Please Print

Signature: _____

Date: _____

“Worship – inner health made audible.”
- C. S. Lewis

Interview Form

Please answer all questions completely.

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. What church were you last committed to and for how long? (Add contact person and number.)

2. List the reason(s) why you left that church.

3. What is your musical background experience (soloist, praise team singer, choir, instruments you play, etc.)?

4. Why do you want to become a member of the Christ Fellowship Music Team?

5. Being a part of this team means that you are making a commitment to this ministry and God to do what is required of you. What does "commitment" mean to you?

6. Because music is such a vital part of this church ministry, tell me what Praise and Worship means to you.

7. Tell me about your walk with the Lord (how long you've been born again, are you Spirit-filled, etc.).

8. What do you believe to be your calling?

9. Should you **not** be selected to be a singer or band member, what other areas of ministry are you interested in (hospitality, children, usher, greeter, intercessory prayer, etc.)?
