

# Expectations for Worship Team Members

## Lifestyle

All Worship Team participants are expected to strive to exemplify a godly life. Participants must be born-again and living the lifestyle of a Spirit-filled Christian. Key characteristics include a teachable spirit, a good attitude, a servant's heart, and a call of God to be part of this ministry (Romans 12:1, 2). Participants must strive to worship expressively, as the Scripture outlines, the Spirit leads, and to appropriately lead the congregation demonstratively.

## Participation Requirements

- Have attended New Life Church for at least 4 months on a consistent basis.
- Have listened to the worship teaching and training materials provided.
- Currently supporting and being accountable to a Life Group home meeting.
- Support New Life Church's leadership and vision, and promote the unity of the New Life Church body.
- Will consistently attend all scheduled rehearsals.
- Will regularly attend all services and special events, even when not scheduled to be on a worship team for that service.
- Support team and church leadership through regular prayer.
- Have a reputation for being mature, responsible and gifted appropriately for team participation.
- Provide and maintain your own instrument (some exceptions may occur, based on need, expense, frequency of use, and other considerations)
- Willingness to train an apprentice when the time and opportunity comes.
- Support of your immediate family

## Skill Level

Participants must be able to keep up technically with the Worship Team as a whole, and become a productive addition. All participants must be open to additional training and instruction from the Worship Administrator and or Team Worship Leader and other more skilled team members. Helpful skills to develop include: playing/singing by ear, reading music/chord charts, and memorizing music/lyrics as needed.

## Schedules

### Worship Services and Rehearsal Times

Sunday Morning: **9:50 AM** (Ready to sing/play)  
Sunday Morning Rehearsal: **8:30 PM** (Ready to sing/play)

Worship Team schedules and rosters are developed by the Worship Administrator and are emailed each month to all participants that have email. Printed schedules are also available for pickup in the rear of the sanctuary. These schedules are also posted monthly on the church website under Servant Schedules. The Worship Administrator and/or Worship Team Leader may hold extra practices for special events as deemed necessary.

## Attendance & Absences

- All Worship Team members should be present at all scheduled rehearsals for the Sunday they are scheduled to sing and/or play.
- Notify your team's Worship Leader of scheduled absences from services or rehearsals as early as possible, and who will be replacing you. It is your responsibility to find a replacement due to your absence. Any unforeseen absence should be called in as soon as possible to your team's Worship Leader.
- Requested schedule changes should not be arbitrary or frequent.
- Attendance at the regularly scheduled Sunday morning service is expected. No more than one unexcused absence per month from the Sunday morning service.
- Attendance at special services or other extra meetings is expected but not required unless you are scheduled to participate.
- Be present prior to each service for sound check and prayer for each service (as scheduled). Please arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to the service start time.

## Guidelines for Services

- Pay close attention to the direction being given by the Worship Leader and follow as closely as possible.
- Be sensitive to the "flow" of the service and do not distract or stop what the Worship Leader is doing.
- If the Worship Leader begins a time of "singing in the Spirit", boldly participate but blend, keeping with the tone and spirit of the time.
- Demonstrate boldness and freedom in worship.
- Honor all times of prayer before, during, and after the service, keeping a reverent attitude.

## Equipment Use

- Please follow guidelines for use of microphones, instruments, and other sound equipment, etc.
- Use the microphone assigned by sound personnel for rehearsals, and worship services.
- After each use please put microphones back in the appropriately numbered order. Cords are to be carefully recoiled beside the microphone stand at the end of each use.

## Drinks on Stage

- Worship team members are expected to abide by the "water only" rule in the auditorium. No drinks are allowed on the keyboard, or on top of any sound equipment. If you have a cup of water or a bottle please remove it immediately after the service.

## Team Relationships

- Team members are encouraged to be in regular contact with each other, aware of each other's prayer needs, and supporting one another by exhortation and accountability.
- Team members should speak well of each other, protecting the reputation and good name of the Ministry and all its participants.

## Personal and Spiritual Matters

- Come to the service spiritually and musically prepared, and with a right attitude to fulfill duties as a worship "leader".
- Trials and difficulties do not disqualify you from service. Learn to model sacrificial praise in the midst of your trials and gain needed support and exhortation from other team members.
- If personal problems affect your ability to serve on the team, you should contact the Worship Administrator or Pastor regarding your concerns.

## Worship Team Growth

- The Worship Administrator and the Pastor have the ultimate responsibility for finding and presenting new members. If a Worship Team member feels that someone in the congregation is appropriate for team membership, they should identify them to the Worship Administrator for consideration.

## Authority

Participants must read, understand and agree to abide by the policies and guidelines of this Ministry, and be approved for membership by the Worship Administrator. The Worship Administrator may make rare exceptions and occasional modifications to individual guidelines, given the uniqueness of the situation, in order to further the Ministry. Participants must

follow and respect the delegation of authority at New Life Church: Jesus, Pastor, Worship Administrator, and Worship Leader.

***All participants should feel free to obey the Lord's leading to either provide or receive ministry yourself as led by the Spirit.***

### **Attire/Dress Code**

Overall appearance should be neat, clean and modest, not something that would cause distraction. Ours is a more casual church than many, but no less respectful of the house of God. Personal hygiene should be exceptional, so as not to be a distraction or offense. Please be conscience of the elevated stage platform when determining your attire. Sunday's services should be considered more of a business casual dress code, while midweek services and other special meetings will be considered more casual attire.

Please refrain from wearing: T-shirts with distracting printed words/material, jeans with holes in them, tank tops, sweat suits, tight fitting attire that might suggest body or bust form. Casual attire can include: nice jeans, sweatshirts, tennis shoes, finger-tip length shorts, etc.

### **Getting on a Worship Team**

People desiring to participate on a Worship Team should read this Ministry explanation material and **complete a Worship Team member application**. You can obtain an application from the table at the rear of the sanctuary or from the church website. After the application is reviewed, you will be contacted to discuss involvement in a Worship Team to which you may be assigned. You may be requested to **play or sing, or to participate during a practice session**. Participants may be asked to help lead worship in other services (Children's Church, small group, ministry outreach, special music, etc.). Additional interviews or auditions may be required during this period. If all goes well, you will be added to the base of singers and/or musicians leading on a team as positions become available. Initial involvement may include **participating in a number of practices** prior to assisting during an actual service. The Worship Administrator may assign one team member to help the new member fit into the group and to answer any questions during the practices.

## **The Praise & Worship Ministry of New Life Church seeks to:**

- *Provide opportunities and guide the congregation to meaningfully explore and express interaction with God as we lay ourselves down as living sacrifices*
- *Minister to the church body and facilitate the Holy Spirit's ministry through the body*
- *Impact our own natural and spiritual world by following Jesus' call to make disciples and glorify His name regardless of personal cost and sacrifice.*



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