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Praise and Worship Team Expectations

Thank you for your desire to help lead praise and worship here at Restoration Church! Praise and worship is one of the greatest things that we can corporately participate in as believers. It is commanded and outlined in the Bible. Worship through song is commanded to the body of Christ (Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16). In fact, Ephesians tells us that we are to “speak” to one another and Colossians tells us that we actually “teach” one another through songs, hymns, and spiritual songs. At Restoration Church, the Word of God is honored, repeated, and taught to the congregation through the spoken word in teaching/preaching and through singing. We must never discount the need for doctrinal accuracy in the songs that we sing. We must always scrutinize our songs with the same heart and mind that we critique any preacher’s messages. We must select songs that are accessible to the congregation, otherwise we are putting on a concert.

The purpose of this document is to outline some general expectations, both spiritual and practical, for praise and worship team members at our church. If we are all on the same page about expectations, the body will grow and flourish in the proper ways. If not, the body can become splintered, confused, and weak. Please take some time to carefully read these requirements and pray about what the Lord would have you do as it relates to helping to lead in praise and worship at Restoration Church. If you are in agreement with these terms, then please sign and date this form and return it to the the Pastor.

Spiritual Expectations

1. We expect that all team members are true born-again believers. This means that they believe in their heart that Jesus Christ is the resurrected Son of God and that He came and died for their sins and those of the world. This person also must openly confess Jesus Christ as Lord (Romans 10).
2. Team members here must believe that God’s word is true and that the Bible is God’s written Word to us. We believe that God spoke His Word to the author’s of the Bible and thus, it is all good and trustworthy.
3. Team members must spend time in prayer and study for themselves and for the church.
4. The “Fruit of the Spirit” must be evident in the life of a team member here.
5. Team members must not contradict what is upheld by the Pastor and Elders of the church as it relates to church doctrine. If one ever has a concern or difference of belief, they need to address the leadership of the church directly, so as to see how to appropriately move forward.

6. Team members must not gossip or share negative information about the church with others. This can tarnish a church from the inside out.
7. Team members must do their best to reflect Christ-like behavior wherever they go. We must not have lifestyles or habits that would harm the reputation of the church. These include, but are not limited to alcoholism, drug addiction, sexual misconduct, cohabitation before marriage, adultery, spirit of gossip, etc.
8. We are grateful for your gifts and talents, but those are not what is most important to us. Your consistent attendance to Sunday Worship Service is required in order to serve as a praise and worship team member at Restoration Church. Also, you must be consistent in attendance to our Sunday Evening Bible Studies on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and any scheduled study/practice times decided on by the Pastor or Worship Pastor of Restoration Church.
 - a. If this is not possible for you, then you cannot lead praise and worship here. We care more about your soul than your service. If you are not regularly receiving instruction in the Word, then you are more than likely not where you need to be spiritually.

Practical Expectations

1. Team members must prepare for Sunday service during the week.
2. Team members must also arrive prepared and with the right frame of mind to be on the platform. It is a privilege, not a right or entitlement.
3. Team members must arrive 10 minutes early for practice to make sure that they are ready to begin on time. Ready means in your spot, and listening for direction.
4. Team members need to dress appropriately to be in this ministry. This means that we must model appropriate dress for those we serve. Basically, we do not allow short skirts or short shorts to be worn by team members. We also do not allow leggings, tights, sweats, or jogging pants to be worn as appropriate adult attire. No low-cut or revealing clothes, or clothes with secular advertisements that are inappropriate should be worn either. If wearing the appropriate types of clothing is a financial worry for you, please let church leadership members know and we will assist in this area.
5. Only people who are out of high school are eligible to serve on the praise and worship team's platform ministry here. We want our teenagers to listen to preaching and teaching before attempting to lead formally. Then, once they have matured in their faith and move into adulthood, we would love to entertain having them on our team here.

Thank you again for your desire to help lead praise and worship! Please know that we love you and appreciate all that you do. If you are in agreement with this document and the expectations of the church, please sign and date this form. Then give it to the Pastor of the church.

Signature

Date