

St. Luke Music Ministry Conference

Equipping the Saints for Excellence in Music Ministry

Ephesians 4:12-13

Course Descriptions

Morning Sessions:

A Musician's Heart



Facilitator
Elder Kevin Bond

Scripture: 2 Kings 3:15 NKJV *But now bring me a musician*

Many people think that praise and worship is only singing songs at church, but it is so much more! It is also a condition of your heart -- a willingness to exalt God and yield to his will. Worship is an expression of love and awe to the God who gives us more than we deserve. As a musician are you caught up in the compensation or is your focus on pleasing God? Whether you express your worship by singing, playing music, dancing or in some other way, You must remember that you are called to worship God with your every action, every day of your life. God is holy, loving, and worthy of all our worship and devotion. *"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."* (Deut. 6:5)



Facilitator
Minister John Ray

Worship Lifestyle – (I Am an Instrument of Praise)

Scripture: Psalms 150:6 *"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD,"*

We cannot embark on the true joy and benefits of praising God unless we have received Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. As children of God, He dwells in our bodies through the Holy Spirit. This means that wherever we go, God is to be praised. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 states that *"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body."*

Choir Etiquette - What Do I Do When the People Are Watching Me

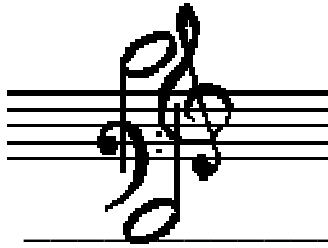
Scripture: John 4:23 *"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks."*

What message do you portray to those that you are ministering to in song? Is your heart filled with promise? Is there expectancy in your songs? You would be surprised how our songs can say one thing and our actions (facial expressions and body language) say another.

The best way that we can praise and worship God is with our every thought and action. Romans 12:1-2 states, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God -- this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing and perfect will



Facilitator
Sherri Garrison



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Pastor's Forum – The Relationship of the Pastor and the Music Ministry

Scripture: *Psalm 134:1-2 Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord who minister by night in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.*

In our respective churches, some follow the mantra that music is not important, having a choir or good musician does not matter and is not important to the flow of service, Praise Team versus Devotion, Song choices relative to your sermon or series, your relationship with Minister of Music, Director and Musicians..... Pastor's come and get involved in a discussion of peers to share you experiences and beliefs where music ministry is concerned. This open forum will allow you to glean more into the music ministry and so on....

Afternoon Sessions:

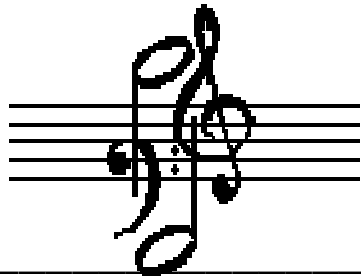
Following the Flow of the Holy Spirit – Following Leadership



Facilitator
Pastor Brian Anderson- Payne

Scripture: *Luke 4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,*

To be aided and led by the Holy Spirit is also to resist the urge to become familiar with what we do, as though our actions were totally responsible for what transpires during our time together. We need a better reason to do a song than "it really got people going last week." While songs, format, settings, and sound are important, none of them make the involvement of God's Holy Spirit any less crucial. Similarly, leading worship is more than uttering all the right phrases. It involves responding to God's spontaneous initiatives and promptings. A phrase that inspired faith last week may sound flat and uninspired this week. What part of His truth and character does God want to bring to the forefront of people's minds THIS week, and what is the best way to do it? Are you flowing in the Spirit. Are you in tune with the Spirit? These are the questions we seek to answer as we are aided and led by the Holy Spirit.



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Biblical Background of Music Ministry

Scripture: [II Samuel 6:5](#) *And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.*

What does the bible say about music ministry? David did much to bring music into worship. He established song leaders and choirs to perform regularly at the temple. As a young man David was hired to play the harp for King Saul. He also wrote many of the songs found in the book of Psalms. Worship in the Old Testament was more than a sober religious exercise. David's exuberance as he worshiped God with dancing and music is approved in Scripture. Our worship should reflect a healthy balance: sometimes we should be reflective and serious, and sometimes we should show enthusiasm and jubilation.



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Am I in the Right Place – Is this where I belong?

True worship has no selfishness in it. It knows not the act of getting, but of giving.

Are you in the right ministry - have you sought God for guidance. Because you can sing does not mean that singing is your ministry. Some can't carry a tune but love to sing.....are you a help to ministry or a hindrance. Knowing your place..... What does it take to be in the Music Ministry? What are the qualifications?

Liturgical Dance

Scripture: [\(Psalms 149:3\)](#) *Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.*

To worship God in dance is biblical. The Bible commends it. (Scripture gives many references to the use of dance as a form of joyous celebration and of reverent worship). In the Hebrew tradition, dance functioned as a medium of prayer and praise, as an expression of joy and reverence, and as a mediator between God and humanity (Taylor 1976:81). Come learn more about the biblical aspects for dance and technical moves to incorporate into your Dance Ministry.



Facilitator Tiffany Johnson