

WORSHIP TEAM APPLICATION FORM

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Birth date: _____ Gender: _____ Marital Status: Single _____ Engaged _____

Married _____

Spouse: _____

Children: Name: _____ Age _____

Name: _____ Age _____

Name: _____ Age _____

Name: _____ Age _____

Employed: Full Time / Part Time Employer Name _____

Student: Full Time / Part Time School: _____

How long have you attended Wintersville United Methodist? _____

Member: Yes ___ No ___

Which position(s) would you like to audition for (vocals, keyboard, drums, guitar, etc.)?

What vocal part(s) do you sing? (Ex.Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Baritone, Bass)

Have you been a part of a worship team before? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, how long?

Do you have experience singing/playing on stage? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, how long?

Briefly describe your musical background/experience:

How would you characterize your skill level?

Why do you desire to be a part of the worship team?

What type of music are you influenced by? (rock, reggae, gospel, etc.)

“The hour is coming, and now is here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him.” John 4:23

Worship Team Guidelines

Our Purpose

At Wintersville United Methodist Church we believe that God has a plan and purpose for every Christian. Those who serve on the Praise & Worship Team, therefore, should view their role as a calling from God. It’s also a privilege, and a responsibility that should not be taken lightly. We want to offer God the best we have and that means time devoted to rehearsals and practicing at home so we can lead the congregation in true worship under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth”. (John 4:24)

We emphasize that our purpose and calling is that of leading others into the presence of God. There is no calling issued for “performances” and “showmanship” - - - only true praise and worship. Therefore, members must strive continually through prayer and example to have a pure heart before God and others.

Guidelines and Requirements:

Calling:

- It is very important for those who participate in the Praise Team to feel that they are “called, appointed, and anointed” to the ministry at hand.

Lifestyle

- Participants must be believers of Christ, and their lifestyle must resemble that of a born-again Christian.

-Participants must be worshipers on and off the platform. Anyone who has difficulty worshipping at home or in the congregation is not ready to be a leader.

Talent and Skill:

Although we recognize the importance of a pure heart, the musicians and vocalists also need to have enough skill so they can follow the Holy Spirit. Musicians and vocalists should have open hearts to receive advice, correction, training, and should be committed to becoming proficiently skilled at their ministry. One does not need to be a professional musician to worship the Lord, but God honors the discipline of additional practice and preparation. "Failing to prepare is preparing for failure."

Commitment:

-Praise Team members should be actively involved at WUMC and dedicated to WUMC's vision and leadership of its pastor and other leaders. This commitment includes their prayers, regular attendance, and tithes/offerings.

-Those who commit to serving on the praise team are asked to commit to weekly rehearsals and they are expected to do their best to make sure other commitments do not interfere with their ability to serve on the Praise Team on a weekly basis.

-Because we value the importance of family, prospective praise team members should not join the team without the full support of their family.

Attendance and Punctuality:

- Attendance and punctuality are very important factors for being a member of the music team.

- Weekly rehearsals are required, and members should arrive ready to work on the designated material. Poor attendance and showing up late for rehearsals demonstrate a lack of discipline and respect for the Lord's ministry.

- We have Worship every Sunday at 10:30AM . After leading worship you are required to join the congregation for service during the message. We do not just come to Church to Worship, we also come to Church to hear the Word of God.

Attire:

-As leaders, members must dress properly. Although we recognize that God does not judge us by outward appearance (1 Samuel 16:7), we also realize that proper attire adds a level of professionalism to the worship experience. Consequently, members are encouraged to be neat, clean, and appropriately dressed for all services.

Attitude:

- A submissive attitude is very important among the worship team members.

- Speaking against the leadership will not be tolerated; neither will attitudes that have their own personal agenda.

- A critical spirit or negative attitude will reflect in our corporate worship. Those attitudes will not be tolerated! Please keep your comments to yourself. If you do not agree with the way things are handled, pray about it, don't talk about it. If you have a real issue, discuss it privately with the Worship Leader.

New Applicants:

- We constantly seek to expand our praise team. Anyone interested in serving is encouraged to set up an appointment with the worship leader to discuss the guidelines and expectations presented in this manual. The prospective praise team member will also have a brief and informal audition at this time.

-New applicants to the music team will be required to attend several rehearsals before “taking the platform.”

Schedule Conflicts, Etc:

If at any time, a member cannot attend a service, rehearsal, etc. they must notify the worship leader in advance if at all possible so that proper adjustments can be made.

* It is important to state that we intend for the information in this manual to serve as a guideline, but we realize that exceptions will occur. These exceptions will be determined by the leadership of Wintersville United Methodist Church. It is also important to state that these guidelines apply to those who participate in the music ministry on a regular basis.

Lastly, open communication is of vital importance. If at any time a member is confused, discouraged, or unhappy with the way things may be happening at a given time, they are encouraged to speak with the worship leader, senior pastor, or other leadership. The only way to deal with hurt feelings, resentment, confusion, etc. is to bring it out into the open so that the Lord can help us work through it as a team.

Weekly Schedule

Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Praise Team Rehearsal
Sundays - 8:00 a.m. – Arrive ready to rehearse by 7:45 AM