

Worship Ministry

Purpose of Worship, Vision

Worship is defined broadly as the proper response of all moral, sentient beings to God, ascribing honor and worth to Him because He is "delightfully worthy". It is "obedient action motivated by the beauty of who God is in himself". Key characteristics include:

- God-Centered and Christ-Centered: True worship is a response to the magnificence of God's character and is focused on the person and finished work of Jesus Christ.
- Spirit-Enabled: Human beings are incapable of truly perceiving or delighting in God on their own; worship is made possible only through the regenerating and sight-giving work of the Holy Spirit.
- A Total Lifestyle: Worship is not limited to a specific "holy time" or "holy place," but encompasses every aspect of a Christian's life—including eating, drinking, and daily work.
- Thoughtful and Passionate: True worshipers must worship "in spirit and in truth," meaning worship must involve both the mind (the truth of God's Word) and the emotions (passion for His beauty).

The Meaning of Corporate Worship

While worship is a whole-life activity, the corporate gathering has a unique purpose:

- **Displaying Unity:** Public worship shows the world that the church is united by a common faith in Christ, acting as an "ontological acting-out" of their spiritual unity.
- **Mutual Edification:** A primary purpose of gathering is to teach and admonish one another through singing, praying, and preaching.
- **A Taste of Heaven:** Corporate worship serves as a snapshot or "movie trailer" of the final congregation in heaven. When the church gathers, it spiritually ascends to the heavenly Mount Zion, joining the angels and the assembly of the firstborn in eternal praise.
- **Spiritual Formation:** Corporate worship is the "primary arena of Christian discipleship" where God forms and nourishes His people for His glory.

How Must You Participate?

- Shepherding roles: reserved for elders/pastors
 - Leading/teaching roles, carrying authority
- Serving roles: anyone with godly character and loves the Bible
 - Reading scripture, leading prayer, leading singing
 - Instrumentalists, sound, projection, recording, ushering, collecting offering, distributing the Lord' s Supper
- Goal: glorify God, becoming “transparent”
- Congregation: Prepare our hearts, sing, pray, meditate, encourage

Current Needs

- Worship Leader (1 per session / 5 in total)
- Preacher (1 per session / 3 from GBC and 10 from outside of GBC)
- Song Leading (2 per session / 8 in total)
- Instrumentalists (2-3 per session / 8 in total)
- Sound (1 per session / 5 in total)
- Projectionist (1 per session / 4 in total)
- Live caster (1 per session / 4 in total)
- Lord's Supprt - First Sunday (3 per session / 8 in total)

There is a need for more brothers and sisters to serve in these areas:

- Projectionist
- Sound system and recording
- Livestream
- Musicians
- Song Leading

Prayerfully consider your spiritual gifts and, as led by the Holy Spirit, join in strengthening the spiritual growth of fellow believers and the body of Christ.

Worship is our response to who God is and to His greatness. Through participating in corporate worship, we express our unity in Christ, build one another up, experience a foretaste of heaven, and nurture our spiritual formation.

Self Reflection

Let us examine our hearts and ensure that we approach worship with the right attitude.

Threat	Symptom	Cure
The Passive Heart	Spectating; silent singing; wandering mind.	Recognise participation as an obligatory response to the gospel. Open your mouth and engage your voice.
The Performance Heart	Evaluating the service like a judge; serving to be seen by others.	Cultivate humility; remember we are worshiping God, not impressing men.
The Experience-Hungry Heart	Chasing a “vibe” or emotional high over objective truth.	Recalibrate expectations. Worship is about encountering the living God through His ordained means, not curating a mood.

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