



MISSION

“To create an atmosphere that inspires hearts to draw near to God in worship & relationship and to bring glory and honor to Him thru life & service”.

We ***“create an atmosphere”*** by our excitement, laughter, celebration, our resolve to praise God no matter what the enemy throws our way, arming ourselves to do battle in the heavenlies thru praise. Thru our tears and transparent expressions of love/adoration toward God in worship and shouts of triumph in declaring our God in praise. Thru the demonstration of unity and commitment in our call to service to include our study and preparation of the music.

How do we ***“Inspire hearts to draw near to God”***- Thru our outward expressions, the way we treat those we serve, the way we love and prefer one another in laboring together in the worship ministry. Thru our personal faith expressed in determination, patience, longsuffering, endurance, faithfulness and integrity in serving, living and working. Faith also expressed in love and devotion to God’s Word, the process of sanctification/consecration and service toward the saints. This serves to inspire them to ***“bring glory and honor to Him thru life & service”*** because it has been exemplified thru us.

MINISTRY PURPOSE *HOW THESE PURPOSES ARE ACCOMPLISHED AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THEM.*

- **We exemplify love, purity and simple devotion to Christ in our relationship with God and one another.**
 1. Personal life of prayer, worship and devotion to The Word and the obedience of Christ in every area of life and relationships.
- **We promote, encourage and cultivate creative and technical arts/gifts in worship.**
 1. Prefer others and take delight in honoring and helping them reach their greatest potential even if it means you play second fiddle to help them accomplish their goals. Be willing to give up your place of prominence to let them shine.
- **We grow in relationship and community through encouragement, fellowship and appreciation of the diversity of personalities and gifts.**
 1. Determination to deal w/ selfish ambition, jealousy, envy and comparisons at all cost so that Christ is glorified in and among us.
 2. Purpose to reach out in love/humility, to trust and to be trustworthy in your relationship to self and others. Be willing to participate in community/fellowship.
 3. Support one another in prayer and serve those in need.

- **We keep Jesus Christ and the cross the center/cornerstone of all we do.**
 1. Determine to count self- righteousness and self -promotion as dung in order to gain Christ so that His life is lived thru you. Allow death to work in you so that life works in others. Let grace and graciousness be worked in all you are and do. The ground is level for all at the foot of the cross.
- **We provide opportunities to grow spiritually and in musical/technical skill and leadership.**
 1. Have a teachable spirit, eager to learn no matter how much you know. Especially if you may know or think you know more than someone else. Use that knowledge to gently lead not lord it over others or promote self.
 2. Be confident and willing to disciple those you serve and to encourage others in their growth thru support, cheers and humble correction.

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES FOR BIBLICAL PRAISE & WORSHIP

- We celebrate God's Presence in Praise and Worship with songs, instruments and dance. ***Ps. 149, Ps. 150, 2 Chron.5: 13***
- We declare God's Salvation and Glory and instruct people in His praise. ***Ps. 96***
- We teach and admonish God's people in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. ***Col. 3: 16***
- We prophesy in words and song for the edification of the Body of Christ. ***1 Corinthians 14***
- We utilize God's gifts of music and dance to minister the grace of God to others. ***1 Peter 4: 10***
- We appoint, teach and train others in the skill of song and musicianship. ***1 Chron. 16 ; 1 Chron. 25***
- We write and publish God's word in psalms in order that it may be declared. ***Ps. 68: 11, 1 Chron. 16: 7***

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN CHOIR/BAND/AUDIO

You must be a member of Covenant Love Family Church.

The New Members class takes place on the third Saturday of each month in the Fellowship Room, Bldg. A from 6:30- 8:30 PM. Sign up for the class is available online @ In House Ministries.

Choir members must be able to sing and band members must be able to play an instrument on no less than an intermediate/advanced level.

Vocal auditions consist of singing a song a cappella and/ or running thru a piano scale.

You do not have to be an expert singer but you do have to have the ability to sing and stay on your note. Those who desire to join the worship ministry must understand that if your vocal or instrumental ability does not meet this criteria we will conclude that the worship ministry is not for you.

Band auditions are by appointment only with the music director.

You must complete a Worship audition and Orientation class.

Auditions and Orientation takes place on the first Tuesday of every month in Room 201 upstairs in Bldg. A at 6:00 PM. Sign up on line.

You must complete four weeks of rehearsal before ministering during services.

These rehearsals will acclimate you to the ministry and give you some idea of the commitment required before you actually begin to minister.

You must complete an interview with the Worship/Music Director.

An interview with the Worship Director/Music or Audio Director is vital for your participation in ministry. This will give your leaders the opportunity to get to know you on a more personal level and allow for questions and/or concerns you may have about being involved.

CRITERIA AND PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL WORSHIP MEMBERSHIP

The following criteria are areas that all Worship members are to adhere to while serving:

1. Be accountable to the section leaders and worship directors of CLFC by emailing absences in advance or as they take place and phone calls to the vocal director/section leaders for tardiness/absence to rehearsals and services.
2. Possess musical ability, study and invest personally in your gift by practice and learning of music, purchasing of materials needed to improve, grow and pursue musical/professional and personal excellence.
3. Commit to maintain unity in the choir by supporting the decisions of the leadership.
4. Possess a humble and teachable spirit with others and leaders.
5. Be faithful in attendance to worship rehearsals, services, special events and meetings.
6. Be present to sing at all Sunday services when doing solos, holiday or music specials, seminars and at other requested times.
7. Attend weekly sermons in the sanctuary on Wednesdays @ 7 pm and Sundays for either the 8:30 OR 11:00 am sermon and during seminars.
8. Walk in holiness and repentance in lifestyle and personal conduct.
9. Practice a consistent prayer and Bible study life.
10. Have the attitude of a servant; be a team player, preferring others better than yourself.
11. Operate in professionalism and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and to others at all times.
12. Foster a spirit of love, joy, unity, excellence and encouragement to others in the choir and CLFC membership in all we do.
13. Be expressive in praise, lifting hands, clapping, dancing exhibiting energy and passion at all times.
14. Believe and adhere to the doctrines and truths of CLFC.
15. Commit to pray for the vision of the worship ministry and the services of CLFC.

16. Be committed to the overall vision of CLFC by consistently giving of tithes, offerings and regularly supporting intercessory prayer on Saturday nights.
17. Maintain self control at all times by subjecting frustrations to the control of the Holy Spirit. Always have a positive attitude no matter what you FEEL like.
18. Be a leader at all times, encouraging, exhorting, be a peacemaker, always keeping your focus on Jesus.
19. Stay on the cutting edge of what God is currently saying to His church through praise and worship.

REHEARSALS & SERVICE ARRIVAL TIMES

REHEARSALS

Choir and band members rehearse every Tuesday night, unless otherwise announced. Rehearsal begins promptly for the following members:

6:30 pm Choir	Fellowship Room/ Bldg. A
6:30 pm Musicians	Sanctuary
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Choir and Band in the Sanctuary

YOU MUST BE ABLE TO COMMIT TO REHEARSALS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORSHIP MINISTRY.

SERVICES

Wednesday 7:00 PM Prayer before service- 6:00 PM Platform

Arrival Time: 6:30 PM- Musicians & Singers Platform/Choir Room

Sunday 8 :30 & 11:00 AM Prayer before service- 7:00 AM Platform

Arrival time: 7:30AM – Musicians & Singers Platform/Choir Room