ALC Worship Team Guidelines

Being part of the worship team is a wonderful privilege that we are glad to share with you. Taking part in this privilege requires a higher standard of excellence and accountability. We are to be examples of true worshippers in every area of our lives.

BASIC GUIDELINES

- We must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that is consistent and growing through prayer, Bible reading, and church fellowship.
- We must be committed attendees and tithers/givers of this church, including regular attendance at Sunday services.
- We must be comfortable on stage and expressive in our praise and worship before God.
- We must maintain a faithful & reliable attendance record- this applies to services & rehearsals.
- We are required to be part of to further our journey in discipleship.
- We must be committed to practicing at least one hour per week on our own time.
- We must be committed to this team by maintaining an attitude of unity & love for one another through our words & actions.
- We are expected to come to Sunday rehearsals ready to minister, already having had time with the Holy Spirit before our arrival.

COMMITMENT TO A GODLY LIFESTYLE

- Worship team members are expected to live a lifestyle that is above reproach, avoiding even the appearance of evil (1 Tim. 3). Being a minister, especially one who is in the public eye, adds greater responsibility because people see worship ministers as examples of what a Christian should be like. Therefore, it is imperative that we consider the way we treat each other and carefully guard our hearts from impurities and pride.
- Social media is a representation of who we are and we are representations of this house. Please make sure you uphold righteous conduct on social media as well as you would in person. By being on this team, you are giving your leaders the right to hold you accountable for what you say/post on social media. If something does not uphold standards of righteousness set by God's Word & this house, you may be asked to take it down.

- Unity is essential for victory. On this team, we uphold the standard of unity and make no room for division. The Bible says to “seek peace & pursue it” (Ps. 34:14) and to make sure there are “no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement” (1 Cor. 1:10). By being on this team, you agree to foster unity and to protect the team from any kind of division. The Bible tells us to watch out for those who cause divisions and to keep away from them (Rom. 16:17-19). If the leadership determines that you’re disrupting unity or causing division, according to scripture we have the obligation to bring correction, which could result in removal from the worship team.
- It is God’s desire and our desire to see our worship team members living a victorious Christian life, free from bondage. If there are any addictions or issues with which you struggle, please let us know—we are here to help you, not to judge you.

The following issues should be dealt with before any public ministry position is taken:

- alcohol and drug abuse
- sexual immorality
- a prideful attitude or anger/rage problems
- an inability to submit to leadership
- gossiping and stirring up strife
- an unbiblical lifestyle

VOCALISTS

The following is a list of requirements for team vocalists:

- Learn the words to the songs
- Listen to and learn vocal parts provided by team leaders
- Be able to effectively hold a vocal part
- Be able to harmonize & blend effectively with other vocalists
- Be willing to receive correction when singing incorrectly

BAND MEMBERS

The following is a list of requirements for band members:

- Be able to effectively play your instrument
- Be able to blend effectively with other instruments
- Have a base knowledge of music theory, musical keys, and Nashville Number System

- Learn all instrument specific solos in excellence
- Be willing to receive correction when playing incorrectly
- Must be able and willing to play different styles of music
- Must come to rehearsal knowing your music.

DRESS CODE

General Dress Code: A modest & dressy (not sloppy), culturally relevant style is key.

- No overly tight clothing (Women: no short skirts or short dresses)
- No spaghetti strap tank tops (without a covering)
- No revealing clothing (i.e., see-thru material without an undershirt)
- No gaudy/over-sized jewelry (anything that might be a distraction)
- No huge or inappropriately placed rips/tears in pants
- No sweatpants/lounge pants
- No flip flops

SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS

- Typically each band member and singer will be scheduled on rotation based on their availability and monthly service schedules.
- Arriving on time and ready for rehearsal is essential for each member. In order to present worship music that is both excellent in quality and anointed, a strong rehearsal is necessary. The more we practice, the more freedom we have to worship and lead others in worship!
- Learn your instrumental and vocal parts to the best of your ability before you come to the Tuesday night rehearsal. We will be able to work better together if you bring your best to the rehearsal.
- Download the Planning Center App (Services) onto your phone or make sure you have access via a computer. This is how we will schedule you and give you access to the songs, chord charts, and vocal parts.

ABSENTEES/TARDINESS

- If you know that you would be either late to rehearsal or will be able to attend, please do your absolute best to notify leadership as soon as possible.

TIPS FOR A BETTER PLATFORM PRESENCE

- Look in the mirror and watch what you look like—jump, clap, dance, raise your hands, be engaging. If something appears awkward, adjust it to make sure you are communicating what you want to communicate.
- Do not let the congregation determine your level of expression. Sometimes they will not be engaged in worship. As leaders, we always need to be engaged. Show them an example of how to express worship. Most of the time they simply need to see worship in order to learn how to express it on their own.
- Be sincere. Worship from your heart. Give a warm smile from within. We are leading people from all different circumstances, so remember that a warm smile ministers more than you realize.
- Musicians: Be sure to stay engaged in worship. Practice ahead of time and memorize your music so you don't have to focus on your instrument the whole time. Sing while you play. Seeing a musician singing from their heart can help people worship. Move around your area & your space to the fullest. No movement can make the platform look stagnant.

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

As a member of this team, I _____, acknowledge to uphold the standards that have been set before me. This team is important enough to me to make the necessary changes and effort to reach these standards and if I feel myself falling below these standards, I will make a point to talk with my leadership. If I contradict any of the standards and expectations listed above, I give my leadership the right to correct me and potentially remove me from the team if the offense is serious enough.

Signature: _____

Date: _____