



OUR WAY OF LIFE

**MCBC
WORSHIP TEAM**

WHAT IS THIS WORSHIP TEAM WAY OF LIFE?

People who are part of the MCBC worship team come from a variety of backgrounds. We vary in age, previous church and worship team experience, familiarity with the Bible, musical preferences, technical expertise, understanding of biblical teaching and strength of personal walk with the Lord.

These differences make it necessary to establish a common ground of understanding as the basis for our involvement in the worship team.

The intent of this booklet is to provide an overview of what we mean when we talk about “worship” and sets out the purpose, values and norms of our team.

WHAT DOES “WORSHIP” MEAN TO US?

Worship is not about songs or music. Nor is it about performance or entertainment. Worship is all about Jesus.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.”
Matthew 22:37-38

Worship is a way of life. How we use our money and possessions, how we relate to our friends and neighbours, how we spend our time and how much fruit of the Spirit is evident in our lives are the most crucial areas we need to be looking at.

WHAT IS THE WORSHIP TEAM?

Here at MCBC, the worship team is not just the group of people you see on stage on a Sunday morning. The worship team includes our production team (lighting, computer and AV) as well as musicians and vocalists - it is all of us together as one team giving glory to God.

We have the privilege of leading our church congregation corporately in worship on a Sunday, primarily but not solely through music.

OUR CONGREGATION

Our church is over 85 years old. We have a multi-generational and multi-ethnic congregation who meet together weekly on a Sunday in person and online. We aim for our music to be energetic and passionate while remaining authentic and Spirit-led.

Our Sunday morning services are relaxed, yet challenging; an easy listen, but with depth. The music is contemporary, but with some timeless classics as well.

Our Sunday evening gatherings are a place to be challenged whilst maintaining a laid back setting. Community is an important part of the evening and when we have music we usually have a more low-key and simple approach.

OUR PURPOSE

“To consistently create accessible worship for all generations and cultures”.

OUR VISION

“To help people in our community have a passionate and intimate connection with Jesus”.

OUR VALUES

- Jesus Centered
- Authenticity
- Commitment
- Quality
- Passion

OUR NORMS

Our “norms” are the expectations we have for each other that we have agreed upon together as a worship team. We expect members of the worship team will:

BEHAVIOURAL NORMS

- Walk closely with the Lord
- Have an active prayer life
- Be active in the life of the church. Look for opportunities to serve
- Be engaged in the whole service
- Be committed to the church and to the worship team, even when not rostered on
- Communicate clearly with other members of the team and keep each other in the loop
- Care for, and always look for the best in, others
- Respect those in leadership as well as our congregation
- Prepare for Sunday spiritually, musically and technically
- Take pride in what you do and how you do it
- Be teachable and soft-hearted
- Look for opportunities to continually improve and grow in your gifts
- Go for it – don't hold back

PRACTICAL NORMS

- Turn up on time (see schedule on the following page)
- Consider appropriate standard of dress
- Be responsible for setting up and packing up your things, including putting music away
- Practice and familiarise yourself with the songs and technical requirements so you are ready to go
- Find cover if you can't make it and notify the worship leader of your replacement

PLANNING CENTER

We use a software system called Planning Center to schedule members of the production and music teams and to share songs and sheet music. When you join the team, you will be provided with a login and details on how to download the Planning Centre app on an Apple or Android phone.

Each week the Worship Leaders for the coming Sunday morning and Sunday night services will put the songs on Planning Center by the Tuesday night. They will also send links to the songlist on Spotify or YouTube.

SCHEDULES

THURSDAY NIGHT: PRACTICE

7.00 – 7.15pm	Sound tech, musicians arrive to setup
7.15 – 7.30pm	Sound check for Sunday night service
7.30 – 8.30pm	Practice for Sunday morning service
8.30 – 8.45pm	Pack down

Don't forget to have fun during practice.

SUNDAY MORNING

8.20 – 8.30am	Arrive and set up (unless specified to be earlier)
8.30 – 9.00am	Soundcheck (sound person to initiate)
9.00 – 9.10am	Prayer and Practice
9.10 – 9.40am	Practice finished and stage clear
10.00am	Service Starts

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about anything in this 'Way of Life' or would like to discuss joining the Worship Team, please contact one of the Worship Team leaders, MCBC Pastors or the church office:
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Musical or technical gifting is not the first qualification for being part of the worship team. A worship team by definition must be made up of worshipers.