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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY. WE ARE HONORED THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN THIS AREA IN WHICH TO SOW YOUR TIME AND GIFTING. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A VITAL PART OF THE MINISTRY HERE AT VFA. WE STRIVE TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE FOR PEOPLE TO ENCOUNTER THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN EVERY SERVICE WHILE SETTING A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE THROUGH MUSIC AND THE ARTS. WITH YOUR HELP, UTILIZING THE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN YOU, WE WILL EFFECTIVELY FULFILL GOD'S PURPOSE IN THE EARTH. AS YOU SERVE ON THE TEAM, REMEMBER THIS—WORSHIP ISN'T SOMETHING WE DO, IT IS WHO WE ARE; IT IS OUR LIFESTYLE! WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE EACH ONE OF YOU TO REMEMBER THAT YOUR PUBLIC WORSHIP LIFE IS ONLY ENHANCED BY YOUR PRIVATE WORSHIP TIME. AS YOU SERVE THE LORD BY SERVING HIS PEOPLE IN THIS AREA, DON'T FORGET TO KEEP YOURSELVES PERSONALLY TUNED TO HIS HEART. WELCOME!

IN HIS SERVICE,

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WORSHIP CULTURE

OUR TEAM IS ONE TYPIFIED BY SERVANTHOOD, A SENSE OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY, AND SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS. OUR PEOPLE HAVE A REAL STRONG RESPECT FOR THE PLATFORM AND EACH OTHER, AND THAT IS SOMETHING WE WILL BE DELIBERATE ABOUT IN OUR SPEECH AND COMMUNICATION AMONGST OUR TEAM. OUR LEADERS CARRY THAT HEART, AND THE TRICKLE DOWN EFFECT IS OBVIOUS WITHIN OUR TEAM. WE STRIVE TO BE LIKE CHRIST IN OUR COMMUNICATION AND OUR DAILY WALK.

IN OUR TEAM, ATTITUDE IS PLACED ABOVE TALENT.

TEAM= TOGETHER EACH ANOINTED TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTION

THE PURPOSE OF THIS HANDBOOK IS TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE MUSIC/MEDIA MINISTRY.

THE VISION

WORSHIP IS SOMETHING WE ARE VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT AT VFA. WORSHIP IS NOT SEEN AS A PRELIMINARY EVENT IN OUR SERVICES BUT IS VIEWED AS A PRIVILEGE AND A GIFT THAT WE BRING TO THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, JESUS! WHETHER IT BE THROUGH OUR PRAISE AND WORSHIP IN MUSIC, DANCE, MEDIA OR DRAMA, WORSHIP IS A POWERFUL TOOL THAT CAN CHANGE LIVES, HEAL THE BROKEN AND DRAW US CLOSER TO THE SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST. WE BELIEVE THAT WORSHIP IS NOT ONLY A VITAL PART OF OUR CHURCH LIFE, BUT OUR DAILY LIVES AS WELL! WORSHIP TO THE KING IS A WAY OF LIFE TO US, NOT JUST SOMETHING WE DO.

QUICK TIPS

REHEARSAL TIMES:

SUNDAY: 8:30AM-9:35AM HUDDLE | SOUND CHECK/RUN THROUGH
9:45AM – PRE-SERVICE PRAYER IN PASTOR'S OFFICE

THURSDAY: 6:00PM PRACTICE FOR VOCALS
7PM-8:45PM PRACTICE FOR VOCALS & BAND

WHAT IS A HUDDLE? EVERY SUNDAY (OR THURSDAY) BEFORE RUN THROUGH WE WILL HAVE A QUICK HUDDLE TO SHARE A DEVOTION AND TO DISCUSS THE VISION FOR THE UPCOMING SERVICE.

WHO NEEDS TO ATTEND THE HUDDLE? ANYONE WHO IS SCHEDULED TO SERVE IN THE UPCOMING SERVICE (MUSIC & MEDIA).

QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

- A VITAL AND GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
- A SUBMISSIVE, UNOFFENDABLE, SERVANT'S HEART. Someone who is flexible and eager to learn. Willing to submit to the authority of the church leadership and worship pastors/leaders. Know that your worship and band leader are in charge. If they ask you to do or play something different, do it. Above your band/worship leader, is the pastor. Above your pastor is God.
- AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF VENTURA FIRST ASSEMBLY
- **SHOW UP EARLY** At minimum, show up on time. However, there are a few reasons why showing up early is going to make, not only your, but everyone else's life so much easier. There's nothing more stressful than having to rush, and there's nothing more relaxing than taking your time. Give yourself time to take a breathe and make sure you are ready by showing up early. This will also give you extra time for the unexpected. ...And trust me, the unexpected happens! Flat tires, key changes, cables go out, strings break, you name it! Not only is this all in the name of being excellent, it also shows respect to other team members who also arrived on time. It's very disrespectful to everyone else on the team if you arrive late. It not only says that their time doesn't matter as much as yours, it also shows that you're not taking being on the team serious.
- **PREPARE, PREPARE, PREPARE** Do your best to know the songs inside and out before you show up to rehearsal. Practice them over and over! And know that there is a huge difference between practice and rehearsal.
- **STAY HUMBLE** Always humble yourself. If you really want to play the leads or some other part, set your ego aside and let the other guitar player pick the parts he wants to play first. Or if you're not assigned to lead a song, that's ok, you'll get your opportunity. Staying humble is going to take you much farther than showing off how good you are. I PROMISE! It's easy to think you are more important than others because you are on the worship team, but that's a huge mistake. We're all there to serve and worship Jesus. As a new worship team member, you're making a first impression. Nothing makes a better impression than humility.
- **PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE** Separate from preparing for a service, make sure you are practicing. Never stop improving no matter how good you are. You owe it to yourself and your fellow team members to continually grow in skill and raise the bar of what your best is each week. No one wants to be stuck at the same skill level forever. Take a lesson, find a mentor, find inspiration. If you feel stuck, talk about it!
- **PLAY/SING TO YOUR SKILL LEVEL** Don't force a harder part. What I mean is if there is a lead or lick that you are struggling with, or something that you can't play perfect, don't play it! Play/sing something simpler. Trust me, it sounds way better to nail some chords or a simpler lead line than to struggle or mess up something a little more difficult.
- **BE THAT PERSON WHO SAYS "YES!"** It's very easy to get stuck in our ways and not want to change or incorporate new things, especially if you've been playing/singing on

your worship team for a while. Your attitude should always be “Yes, we can do that!” No matter what the challenge is.

If your worship leader comes in and says today we're all going to hang from a trapeze, it's your job to get behind the idea and move it forward. Leaders are always looking for those who can adapt and easily accept new ideas. Why? Because those are the type of people that make the best leaders themselves.

- **LEAD WHEN YOU'RE NOT ON STAGE** When you're in the congregation, engage in worship just like you'd expect the congregation to do if you were on stage. It's very easy to sit back and judge what's happening on stage (especially if you're a musician), but it's your job to lead worship from your seat. Others are watching you now!
- **ASK QUESTIONS** We are all here to join together. If you're confused about something, *please ask!*
- **REMEMBER WHY YOU'RE THERE** Lead worship from your instrument. It's easy to get lost in playing or singing and forget that people are watching you. You are on stage to be a leader in worship. Encourage others to worship by expressing your worship, however that is for you; singing, jumping, raising your hands, etc. ...and don't forget to SMILE! There's nothing worse than watching a bunch of people on stage who look unhappy and bored. Playing and leading on the worship team is a huge honor and privilege. As long as you remember that, you will do great!

**NOTE: IF YOU WILL NOT BE IN YOUR SCHEDULED SERVING AREA, PLEASE FIND A TRAINED REPLACEMENT FOR YOUR POSITION AND THEN CONTACT AMY ARCHER BEFORE THURSDAY NIGHT REHEARSAL.*

REHEARSAL & SUNDAY EXPECTATIONS

BAND

- ATTEND THURSDAY REHEARSAL
- ARRIVE SUNDAY MORNINGS EARLY ENOUGH TO HAVE YOUR EQUIPMENT SET UP AND READY TO GO BY **8:30AM** FOR A SOUND CHECK AND SERVICE RUN THROUGH.
- REMAIN IN SERVICE
- AFTER SERVICE, MAKE SURE THE PLATFORM IS IN GOOD CONDITION: CABLES WRAPPED, EQUIPMENT PUT AWAY IN STORAGE ROOM, TRASH/MUSIC PICKED UP, ETC.

SINGERS

- ATTEND THURSDAY REHEARSAL
- ARRIVE SUNDAY MORNINGS EARLY ENOUGH TO HAVE YOUR EQUIPMENT SET UP AND READY TO GO BY **8:30AM** FOR A SOUND CHECK AND SERVICE RUN THROUGH.
- REMAIN IN SERVICE (IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE EARLY PLEASE NOTIFY AMY BEFORE MORNING REHEARSAL)
- AFTER SERVICE, MAKE SURE THE PLATFORM IS IN GOOD CONDITION: CABLES WRAPPED, EQUIPMENT PUT AWAY IN STORAGE ROOM, TRASH/MUSIC PICKED UP, ETC.