

Ministry Description – Musician

Positions: *Worship Musician, Worship Musician Intern*

Worship Musician Description: Worship musicians include worshippers who play all varieties of musical instrumentation, and have served a Worship Musician internship and demonstrated Christ-like character, knowledge of the music, and faithfulness in responsibility to the schedule. Musicians will carry out an audition of a musical piece they have prepared as well as be asked to perform along with an accompanying instrument and/or vocalist by playing a piece given to them. Knowledge of reading sheet music is not mandatory if the musician has adequate ear-training and can read a basic chord chart. All worship musicians are required to attend all band rehearsals as well as scheduled services, and are responsible to rehearse on an individual basis in preparation for services.

Worship Musician Intern: All who apply to be worship musicians will start off as an intern, attending scheduled rehearsals and services for a period of time. The intern will work closely with a worship musician during that time and will be evaluated on character, skill, and responsibility (please see Responsibilities section for more info). After the intern has proven themselves to have fulfilled these requirements, they will be invited to serve on a regular basis.

Ministry Description - Vocalist

Positions: *Lead Worshipper, Lead Vocalist, Worship Choir Vocalist*

All applications are considered for entry as a Worship Choir Vocalist. To be considered for either lead position, you will be expected to demonstrate different levels of ability ranging from basic to professional musicianship during a time of internship with the group.

Lead Worshipper Description: A Lead Worshipper would include preparing a service song repertoire, and leading and directing the lead vocalists, band and choir through said repertoire during Sunday morning services, Wednesday evening services or special event services. This would involve proper stage etiquette and the ability to encourage and involve the congregation in the act of worship. Lead Worshipers are expected to participate in scheduled monthly practice and vocal classes (please see Responsibilities section for more info).

Lead Vocalist Description: Lead Vocalists are those designated on microphones during services and during Choir services. All vocalists will participate with the ECCC Worship Choir prior to taking on a position of Lead Vocalist. Lead Vocalists are expected to participate in scheduled monthly practices and vocal classes (please see Responsibilities section for more info).

Worship Choir Vocalist Description: Worship Choir Vocalists are those who participate during the scheduled Choir Sunday. Choir Vocalists are expected to participate in scheduled monthly practices and vocal classes (please see Responsibilities section for more info).

Vocalist Internship: Each vocalist will be required to attend several practices and vocal classes prior to being placed on the monthly schedule. During this time the vocalist will shadow a lead vocalist or choir vocalist in the same voice range and work closely with a Lead Worshipper. The vocalist will be expected to demonstrate a range of vocal practices as well as exhibit the ability to interact and engage with the group in a positive way. (Please review Qualifications and Characteristics section). Once a period of observation in faithfulness and commitment has been fulfilled, the vocalist will then be given opportunity to serve on a regular scheduled basis.

Musician and Vocalist Responsibilities

Rehearsal

Rehearsals include prayer, exhortation, teaching, rehearsal of song list, new song training, and breakout sessions for choir, lead vocals, and instruments. Rehearsals are scheduled as follows:

Scheduled Tuesday Rehearsals	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
*Scheduled Vocal Classes (vocalists only)	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
*Sunday morning Rehearsals	7:00 a.m.
*Wednesday evening Rehearsals	6:00 p.m.
*"First Wednesday" Rehearsal	5:30 p.m.

**You are only required to attend the rehearsal if you are scheduled to sing in that particular service or if you are interning with a Lead Worshipper or Worship Musician.*

Sunday Services

There are four Sunday morning services:

- 8:30 a.m. – Parkway Worship Center
- 10:00 a.m. – Parkway Worship Center and Avenue Worship Center
- 11:30 a.m. – Parkway Worship Center

All vocalists are required to serve in all services in their venue on their scheduled Sunday. Vocalists are to report to the stage approximately three minutes prior to each service. Rehearsal takes place 1 ½ hours prior to the first service.

Wednesday Evening Services

The schedule for Wednesday night is as follows:

- 5:30 p.m. – Rehearsal for the first Wednesday of each month*
- 6:00 p.m. – Rehearsal in the Parkway Worship Center
- 7:00 p.m. – Service in the Parkway Worship Center

**Please make note of this extra half hour of practice if you are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month.*

Punctuality

It is extremely important to be on time for rehearsals and pre-service set up. Your promptness reflects your heart toward the ministry and courtesy toward your fellow team members. Give yourself ample time to vocalize before a service (WARM-UPS). Although there are always extenuating circumstances, a good general rule to follow regarding timeliness is this:

- \ Early is on time
- \ On Time is late
- \ Late is unacceptable

If there is possibility you may be late communicate it with the leadership ASAP!

Practice

It will be the vocalists responsibility to vocalize and exercise his/her voice. It is important to take this seriously as injury to the vocal muscles is possible. Please come to practices and services warmed-up and ready to go. Vocal class will provide the vocalist with breathing and vocal exercises that can be used in personal practice.

Administrative Information

Contacts:

Pastor Chris Johnson (Praise & Worship Pastor): 452-1060 HYPERLINK "mailto:cjohnson@eccc.us" cjohnson@eccc.us
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Angela Cook (Administrative Support) 638-3838 HYPERLINK "mailto:acook@eccc.us" acook@eccc.us

All vocalists are under the leadership of Pastor Chris Johnson and Beverly O'Sullivan.

In the event of a scheduling conflict, vocalists can contact Beverly. Musicians must contact Pastor Chris. Both Vocalists and Musicians are asked to communicate promptly if they will be late or unable to make a rehearsal or service. **In the event a team member is unable to attend, the courtesy of a 3-day notice is requested.**

Administrative questions or concerns including song lists, chord charts, rehearsal times, website calendar, special events, CD check-in/check-out, and other areas of question can be directed to Angela Cook.

Communication:

Weekly communication will take place with the Team. Song lists, chord charts and service information will be provided to all praise team members. Please check your email regularly in order to stay up to date concerning ministry.

Dress Code:

Due to production limitations vocalists, instrumentalists, and those on stage will need to follow direction of the Lead Worshipper each week in regard to dress code. This information will be provided each week you are scheduled.

All Vocalists and Instrumentalists - Please steer away from solid white and loud prints. Jeans are only allowed when directed by Lead Worshipper and should not have tears, frays or unusual markings.

Below you will find wardrobe suggestions for male and female vocalists:

Men: Neutral Tans and Black Dress slacks
Nice Jeans
Light colored dress shirt or polo
Red dress shirt or polo
Black dress shirt or polo
Dark colored dress shirt or polo

Women: Neutral Tans and Black Dress slacks or skirts*
Nice Jeans or Jean Skirts*
Dark Colored dress shirt
Light Colored dress shirt
Red dress shirt
Black dress shirt