

LIFESONG CHURCH

WORSHIP TEAM INFORMATION GUIDE

*"I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me."
Psalm 13:6*

WHAT IS THE LIFESONG WORSHIP TEAM?

Here at Lifesong Church, corporate worship is a strongly emphasized component of our Sunday Morning Experience. We believe that God *calls* us to respond to Him, and that God loves to hear His creation respond to what He's doing in our lives!

That call to response is one of the foundational reasons why the Lifesong Worship Team exists.

Essentially, we are a family of God-gifted musicians that have a unique gifting to help facilitate an environment of genuine, heartfelt, excellence-driven worship, as well as the responsibility of leading the people of our church in a response to God's overwhelming love.

Do you sing at the top of your lungs in your car as if Jesus Himself is in the passenger seat? Do you dominate Guitar Hero? Can you play the violin, cello, or double bass? Or how about the sweet ebony and ivories of the keyboard? Is the good ol' 6-string acoustic your axe of choice? Or perhaps you go low with the electric bass? Regardless of what instrument(s) you play...

...Do you have a passion for worshiping God through your musical gifting?

If so, the Lifesong Worship Team may be a perfect fit for you to! To schedule an audition, please contact the Worship Director:

(508) 921-4767

worship@lifesongonline.org

WHAT IS THE VISION OF LIFESONG'S WORSHIP TEAM?

"To lead the people of Lifesong Church into the presence of God's Spirit and Truth through musical and creative excellence."

We believe that if this vision is pursued with a genuine and zealous heart, the people of Lifesong Church will be moved to respond to their Creator. Our hope is that this response elicits an internal *and* external shifting of focus from one's Self to God's Holy Spirit.

Essentially, we believe that when the church gathers to worship together – as one voice, one melody, one beautiful song – lives change. And we like that. We like that a *lot*.

This vision is in direct correlation with the overall mission of Lifesong Church:

"To Impact the Blackstone Valley with a relevant experience of God's love that they would be moved to become fully devoted followers of Christ"

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFESONG'S WORSHIP TEAM?

Because we believe that congregational worship is imperative to the church's vitality, the purpose of Lifesong's Worship Team is threefold:

1. for GOD'S GLORY

God's word (the Bible) clearly states that we, his Creation, are called to live out our lives in worship to Him. Psalm 33:3 encourages us to "sing unto God...play skillfully and with a loud noise."

In other words, God desires to hear the praises of His children. And because of this biblically founded truth, Lifesong Church endeavors to implement this element of divine response in a communal environment.

2. for the CHURCH'S EDIFICATION

We believe that worship is a verb, not just a noun. It calls us to action. It should be lived out in our everyday lives – at the office, in the home, when hanging out with friends, etc., etc.

But the call to worship doesn't end there.

We're also called to engage our church's congregation by *leading* them into a place of complete surrender, selflessness, and humility – truly, a place of worship.

3. for the VOLUNTEER'S OPPORTUNITY

Lifesong Church is extremely proud of the fact that every single one of its ministries are facilitated, maintained, and lead by an amazingly committed ensemble of volunteers who selflessly give of their time, talents, and resources – week in and week out. In fact, encouraging the average church attendee to “let your life add to the song” is a core element within the DNA of Lifesong Church.

The Worship Team holds auditions 3-4 times a year, at which point we encourage all those who are interested in joining the Team to contact the Worship Director so that the proverbial “ball” can start rolling!

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE WORSHIP TEAM?

- a genuine heart's desire to demonstratively worship God
- maintaining one's own spiritual development (i.e. prioritizing personal devotional time, praying, concept of worship as a lifestyle vs. worship as a performance, scripture reading/study, etc.)
- will have had to attend the Front Door Conversation (due to the increment of time between the facilitations of this environment, the prospective Team Member must at least communicate to the Worship Director that they have registered for the next available slot)
- must be at least 18 years old
- successful completion of audition
- must be a Team-focused, selfless musician
- willingness and ability to commit 2-3 hours of independent at-home preparation per week (*whether scheduled or not*)
- evening availability for at least one weekday rehearsal
- Sunday morning availability for pre- and post-service set up/tear down
- proper hygiene & proper attire

- INSTRUMENTALISTS: (acoustic guitar, keyboard, violin, etc.) must have thorough knowledge of all major & minor keys and be able to play in time with a metronome; also, exceptional sense of rhythm and groove and the ability to play in various time signatures *with* metronome is also a determining criteria
- VOCALISTS: must be able to identify one's own vocal range (i.e. bass, tenor, alto, soprano, etc.), be able to sing the major scale a cappella in several different keys, display the ability to harmonize, must purchase personal earphones for wireless in-ear monitor reference (\$50-\$100)

WHAT ARE THE AVAILABLE POSITIONS FOR THE WORSHIP TEAM?

- *WORSHIP LEADERS (by development)*
- *INSTRUMENTALISTS*
 - Drums
 - Percussion
 - Electric Guitar: lead & rhythm
 - Acoustic Guitar
 - Bass Guitar
 - Keyboard/Synth (i.e. piano, organ, Rhodes, etc.)
 - Classical strings (i.e. Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass)
- *VOCALISTS*
 - Bass
 - Tenor
 - Alto
 - Soprano