

VERITAS MUSIC TEAM

VISION & EXPECTATIONS

The Veritas Music Team exists to serve our church by glorifying God and celebrating the gospel together. Our worship gatherings are crucial for the believer, as they provide a space to hear from God through His Word and to respond back to Him in prayer and worship. Our team has the privilege to lead our church in song, and we are so thankful for the many volunteers that give sacrificially of their time and energy to be a part of this team! We have a big responsibility as leaders in our church, and that is why we hold the Music Team to a high standard of faithfulness and excellence. These are our guiding principles:

1. We are all worship leaders.

When you serve on this team—whether you are in front of a microphone or behind a drum set—you are a leader. You are a highly-visible member of our church, and therefore a highly-visible ambassador for Christ in our community. We expect that all of our Music Team members are living lives of integrity, seeking the Lord in personal devotion, regular confession and repentance from sin. This is why we ask our Music Team members to be in a Connection Group or to be leaders in Salt Company. This expectation does *not* mean that you are living a life without sin—none of us can meet that standard—but we do expect that you are *repenting* of sin, pursuing Jesus and growing in your faith.

2. We are humble servants.

When you serve on this team, you are literally in the spotlight and that can be a dangerous place. It can be tempting to think of your gifts as more important than others, or to serve out of a desire to be seen and affirmed. The reason we serve is *not* to show off our gifting—we serve because Jesus first served us. Jesus washed His disciples' feet instead of asking that they wash His. As we serve, we have the attitude of "foot-washers", gladly giving our time and energy to build up our church family.

3. We are committed to excellence.

God does not only ask us to sing to Him in worship, He calls us to do it skillfully (Psalm 33:3). When we serve the Lord with excellence, this also serves the church. Our aim is to provide a worship service that is engaging, inviting and free from distraction. Music Team members are expected to come to rehearsal knowing all of their parts and being very familiar with each song. We also do not allow music stands on stage - we expect musicians to prepare to such a degree that they are free to fully engage while leading the church in worship.

EXPECTATIONS

Serving on the Veritas Music Team is a fun and rewarding experience, but it is also a big commitment. Here is everything you need to know about what you're committing to as part of this team:

Veritas Church Involvement

Music Team members are expected to be involved in the life of Veritas Church (and Salt Company if you're a college student), through faithful attending, serving and giving. If you are serving on the Salt Company worship team, we ask that you be on Salt Leadership. For those who serve on Sundays, we ask that you participate in a Connection Group to ensure regular encouragement and accountability in your walk with Christ.

Preparation

Worship sets for Sundays will be finalized by the Monday before and for Salt Company by the previous Thursday, with all rehearsal tracks and chord sheets available for practice on Planning Center Online (PCO). It is expected that all band members rehearse on their own before coming to serve. Our rehearsal times are short and are not the time to be learning parts. We do not allow music stands on stage, as we want you to be fully engaged in leading worship.

Declining Dates

We typically schedule teams in three large chunks throughout the year (Spring, Summer, Fall), so you should get plenty of notice before you're scheduled to play. We understand that schedules are not always easy to predict, but we do ask that you give us at least **2 weeks notice** if you are unable to play on a scheduled date. This allows us ample time to find a substitute.

Timeliness

When you commit to play at a service, take particular note of the "Rehearsal Time" on PCO. The time listed is when we plan to *start* rehearsing, not when we expect you to walk in. So, if you know you will need 10 minutes to get situated, plan to show up at least 10 minutes early.

Dress Code

We are a relatively informal church, so we only have a few guidelines when it comes to clothing. The expectation is that you will dress in a way that is appropriate and undistracting. A few general guidelines: no hats, no sleeveless shirts, no large logos or words/phrases, no shorts or skirts. Overall, please dress modestly and avoid anything too tight-fitting or revealing.