

# SERVING AS A: BAND LEADER

**REPORTS TO:** Music director

**TIME:** 4-6 hrs a month

**MEETINGS:** 4 training sessions a year, 6 band leader meetings a year (Sunday post-church lunch for AM, post-church dinner for PM), once a term 1-to-1 phone call with music director.

**DESCRIPTION:** A faithful band leader magnifies the greatness of God in Jesus Christ through the power of the holy spirit. This is done by skillfully combining God's word with music, motivating the gathered church to proclaim the gospel and to live for God's glory. Band leaders set the example in:

- **Joy** - Instruments played and lyrics sung with joy! *Philippians 4:4, Revelation 5:12*
- **Excellence** - Bringing our best to the team, practising our instruments and developing our musicianship. *1 Corinthians 14:12-16, Psalm 33:3, Colossians 3:22-24*
- **Humility** - Not being on stage for us! All our efforts in music are to build others up, and to bring glory to God. *Philippians 2:3-4, Colossians 3:16*

## OUTCOMES RESPONSIBLE FOR:

1. Growing the band in their passion to see God magnified through music
2. Leading the band in the Sunday gathering, to produce gospel-focused music that stirs our people's affections towards God
3. Through the band, demonstrating to the congregation how to sing well, helping them to grow in their love of God

Band Leader	CRAWL	WALK	RUN
<b>Song choice</b>	Choose songs that are from the Salt song bank.	Choose songs that are from the Salt song bank that help the congregation reflect well on the sermon.	Choose songs that are from the Salt song bank that help the gathering see the story of the gospel and reflect on the sermon in a way that helps them draw the main point of the sermon.
<b>Leading the gathering</b>	The band leader trains the song leader to make eye contact with congregation, & and to briefly introduce the songs	Same as crawl. Scripture is read that relates to the song. The congregation is helped to respond to God's Word in an appropriate way.	Same as walk. Song leader exemplifies the right emotional response to the song, leading with hand gestures, clear and appropriate body language. The song leader also helps the congregation to start singing at the right time, encouraging and inspiring them to sing heartily to the Lord.
<b>Leading the team</b>	Contact the band during the week. Pray together with the band before you start practice	Contact the band during the week and provide the song list early enough for people to practice. Pray together before you start. Help the group to see how theology shapes our affection in praise.	Same as walk. Run the practice as a mini praise session, helping the band to own the practice time as a way to glorify God (e.g you could incorporate bible passages or prayer into the music practice time)
<b>Music skill</b>	Band leader helps the band to play in time and with some dynamic changes	Band leader ensures the band is well practised and well prepared, and leads the band to play as a coherent group, with effective dynamics.	Same as walk. Band leader equips and leads the band to play skillfully with appropriate dynamics, rhythm, pitch, and tone colour.
<b>Training the next leaders</b>		Identify someone in your band who could potentially lead their own band and get them to lead an aspect of band leading occasionally. Provide some feedback	Identify someone in your band who could potentially lead their own band and get them to lead the band practice and other aspects occasionally. Provide feedback and help them grow to become a better bandleader.