The Vision For The Worship Team

Acts 1:8
“you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

As a member of worship team at Gospel Community Church, you have an amazing opportunity to grow, lead, empower, and bring people to Christ. Acts 1:8 exemplifies the vision for the worship ministry. While there will be plenty of opportunutunities to reach people for Him, defining the vision will help us move together in a direction that will honor the Lord.

Ultimate Goal

The ultimate goal for the worship team is to glorify God in every aspect of life, displaying Christ through a life of integrity, and making disiples of people everywhere. The worship team member will lead a life of worship publically and privately, seeking to honor the Lord on and off the platform.

The Explination of the Vision

By giving your life to Christ and trusting in Him as your Lord and Savior, you are free from sin and alive in Him. The Lord has sent His Holy Spirit to you and has created purpose for your life in Him (Romans 8:11)! That is exciting! Because of the power you have received, you will be witnesses for Christ everywhere you go.

Acts 1:8 Practically and Musically Defined

- You will be witnesses for the Lord in Jerusalem...
  - Spiritually
    - Your Jerusalem is the small ensemble that you lead worship with on a Sunday. There will be about 7-10 people on your team.
    - When on team, you will share with these 7-10 team members what God is doing in and through your life. Bible passages are read, prayers are brought up, and growth will occur in this small group of leaders.
  - Musically
    - Be prepared for each rehearsal. Know the chord charts, practice and study any difficult parts in the music. For the rehearsals, you will be a witness for Christ as you come prepared and ready to contribute with the rest of the team.
  - Time frame
    - Once a team is set, implementation will be immediate.
You will be witnesses for the Lord throughout Judea...
  - Spiritually
    - Your Judea is Gospel Community Church.
    - You will be an example for Christ as you lead worship on a Sunday morning.
    - You will serve the Lord in other ministries at the church. If you are needed to help out by playing for a youth service, Kid City, or a worship night during the week, you will serve the Lord by displaying Him in any way possible.
    - Ultimately, you reflect the Lord in church by your willingness to serve, display the love of God in your life, and honor Him throughout all of the ministries.
  - Musically
    - Being a witness for the Lord in having the competence and ability to play and lead worship music on Sunday morning and in various ministries throughout Gospel Community Church.
  - Time frame
    - As far as reaching and planning to help additional ministries in the church, implementation will take about three to six months.

You will be witnesses for the Lord in Samaria...
  - Spiritually
    - Your Samaria is the community around Gospel.
    - There will be opportunities to play in the community (coffee shops, restaurants, etc.).
    - Whatever the case, the worship team will look for ways to represent Him throughout the community.
  - Musically
    - In order to be a witness for Christ in the community, you must have the competence and ability to play and sing in public. Preparation is important.
  - Time Frame
    - Successful implementation in reaching the community around Gospel will take about six to nine months.

You will be witnesses for the Lord to the ends of the earth...
  - Spiritually
    - Your ends of the earth are outside of the city of Lynchburg.
    - Many churches need help with their worship programs. The vision for our team is to go outside the walls of GCC and serve other churches. If a pastor needs help in Forest, VA with his music program, we will send a team to lead worship, encourage, and empower the church for Christ.
    - Plans will begin to develop to send worship teams to be witnesses for Christ around the state and nation.
- Musically
  - To be a witness for the Lord outside the church, you must have the ability to empower other people for Christ.
  - It is important that you can lead worship and competently sing and play worship music.
  - Having the ability to teach vocal or instrumental clinics is essential.

- Time frame
  - Annually, plans will be made to send teams out into the community, state, and around the nation. Complete implementation for this step will take about nine to twelve months.

While serving at Gospel Community Church is our primary focus, we know that God is a work around the world. We want to bring up leaders to serve in the church and go out into the community to shine for the Lord (Matthew 5:16). Musical abilities are important; however, a heart to serve and reach people for Christ is essential.

**Culture of Worship at Gospel Community Church**

- **Corporate Worship**
  - Three dimensions for singing and worshiping God as a church
    1. Inward: because of our God’s work of redemption in our hearts, we have a reason to sing.
    2. Upward: As we sing, our hearts are to be engaged vertically, giving thanks and glory to God. We are to always sing and make melody in our heart to the Lord.
    3. Outward: We are to sing to one another in song. Paul said in Colossians that we are to “teach and admonish one another.” There is a strong didactic dimension to singing: we learn about God and teach one another through the songs we sing.

- Worship team will lead corporate worship through...
  1. Prayer (as a church and team, prayer will change lives)
  2. Instruction (1 Peter 2:9-10)
  3. Encouragement (1 Thess. 5:11, Psalm 100)
  4. Example (model on and off the platform a life of worship – enthusiasm and passion for the Lord)
  5. Excellence (doing things well)
  6. Transformational power (2 Corinthians 3:18)