

CFBC's Music Philosophy of Ministry

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Purpose: *The CFBC music ministry exists to glorify God by using the talents that God has sovereignly bestowed upon individuals in order to play skillfully, enhance the music, and aid the believers in corporately worshipping Jesus Christ in Spirit and in truth.*

Philosophy: *The philosophy of the CFBC music ministry is to provide, play, and impress upon the minds of true believers hymns and worship songs that are theologically accurate and musically profound songs that will lift the true believer to the very Holy of holies in worship of Jesus Christ.*

Distinctives:

Our music ministry is founded and grounded upon the following distinctives:

- 1. Christ-Centered Music**—*We will choose music which focuses on Jesus Christ—the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*
- 2. Christ-Exalting Music**—*We will choose music that lifts high Jesus Christ as the absolutely Sovereign Savior who is the God-Man who died in place of His children and is the soon-coming King and Judge.*
- 3. Gospel-Driven Music**—*We will choose music that is consumed with the gospel of Jesus Christ: the total inability of man to save self, the utter sovereignty of God in the deadened sinner's salvation, and the joyful life and obedient conduct that will follow as the Christian pursues Jesus Christ till the day faith becomes sight.*
- 4. Thought-Provoking Music**—*We will choose music that is thought-provoking and poetically rich. We prefer musical and lyrical depth rather than shallow and overly-repetitive lyrics. We prefer music that invokes the mind to consider the glories of the gospel in all its magnificent and manifold brilliance.*
- 5. Melodically Rich Music**—*We will choose music that is balanced and symmetrical and easy to sing as opposed to hard to learn, obscure, and melodically shallow music.*
- 6. Theologically Accurate Music**—*We will choose music that is theologically and biblically accurate. We take this to be of extreme importance as music aids believers in remembering lyrics, phrases, themes, and stories. Therefore, we recognize that the message presented through the words must be theologically accurate and biblically edifying.*

As sovereignly appointed as the shepherd at Christ Fellowship Bible Church, I commit to keeping this purpose, this philosophy, and these distinctives at the forefront of my mind as we endeavor to exalt God, edify the saints, evangelize the lost, and enthusiastically worship Jesus Christ by singing with our whole hearts and minds aided by the Holy Spirit who indwells His very own children.

2 Chronicles 5:11-14 ¹¹ *When the priests came forth from the holy place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without regard to divisions),* ¹² *and all the Levitical singers, Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and kinsmen, clothed in fine linen, with cymbals, harps and lyres, standing east of the altar, and with them one hundred and twenty priests blowing trumpets* ¹³ *in unison when the trumpeters and the singers were to make themselves heard with one voice to praise and to glorify the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice accompanied by trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and when they praised the LORD saying, "He indeed is good for His lovingkindness is everlasting," then the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud,* ¹⁴ *so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.*