

WORSHIP MINISTRY

HANDBOOK 2019

SOUTH RIVER
BAPTIST CHURCH

Where the living water flows

* Step into the water in Worship * Wade out deeper into His Word

* Make a ripple through Witness

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WINNING OTHERS 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Who are your two?

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Spiritual Purposes for Worship Ministry

The chief end of man is to “glorify God and enjoy Him forever”. Worship should be at the center of our lives personally and corporately. Though worship is not synonymous with music, people view it to be a key component of corporate worship celebration. The Word of God supports this idea. The primary purpose of music throughout all the Bible is to please God Almighty alone or to **“bless the heart of God”**. When we focus on pleasing Him alone, what people think doesn’t really matter. The Holy Spirit often may choose to use our worship to lift up or **exalt the Lord Jesus** before those that are lost, unsaved, undone. He may choose to **edify the believer** to be faithful to the Lord in their lives.

Though there are many areas of worship that can be a focal point, the ultimate purpose for our lives and worship should be to advance the kingdom of God and live as people of the kingdom. Worship should be our lifestyle, not just something we do on Sundays or Wednesdays. We look to Revelation 5:9-10 as a pattern. We have the promise in this passage that one day those from every people-group will be represented around the throne of God, worshipping the Lamb. Therefore, we should be spreading a lifestyle of worship around the world. All of us should **step into the water** in worship, **wade out deeper** in study and application of the Word of God, but then **make a ripple** as we witness to all the nations.

River Worship Choir

The River Worship Choir is an enthusiastic group of singers at South River. As lead worshippers in our worship celebrations, we take our role seriously in preparation musically, mentally, physically and spiritually. What we do is not performance at all. Our focus is to worship to an **Audience of One** and give praise and glory to the Lord Jesus, who gave His life for us. We regularly lead in all Sunday worship celebrations (8:15, 10:45, 6:00), as well as special events, seasonal musicals, and other special services throughout the year. We emphasize maintaining a vital and growing love relationship with the Lord through personal devotional time, Bible study and prayer. All are expected to regularly attend a discipleship group as well.

Worship Ministry Calendar 2019

January		
	18	Annual Worship Ministry Banquet 6:00 pm FLC
February		
	9	Guy Penrod in Concert 7:00 pm
	17	First Leaders Fellowship of 2019 7:30 pm
March		
	9	Student Band Training
	31 - April 9	Romanian Mission Trip
April		
	21	Easter Sunday Sunrise/8:15 am/10:45 am (No PM)
May		
	4	Student Band Training
	12	Men All Sing Choir on Mothers’ Day
June		
	2	Night of Worship 6:00 pm
	9	VBS Week
	16	Ladies All Sing Choir on Fathers’ Day
	30	God & Country Freedom Celebration; Two worships/meal
July		
	12-13	Christmas in July Kick-off
August		
	10	Drama Training Day 9:00 am
October		
	TBD	Worship Ministry Retreat
	26	Rehearsal for Christmas Musical 9:00 am
December		
	5 & 7	Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Musical
	14-15	Christmas Musical 6:00 pm
	22	Candlelight Service 6:00 pm
January 2020		
	17	Worship Ministry Appreciation Banquet 6:00 pm FLC

Tech Ministry

The Tech Ministry Team at South River seeks to glorify the Lord by operating technical equipment for worship celebrations and events as an act of personal worship and service. We provide training in a class session environment, as well as “on the job” so to speak. Our desire is give you all the tools necessary to add to how God has gifted you to help you be successful in this ministry.

Positions needed:

- Sound operators of sound equipment/mixing for worship celebrations, outside events, and student events
- Computer operators of presentation software for worship celebrations and student events
- Creative visual artists to assist in creating church-wide print and screen publications
- Video artists/technicians who can capture footage for video publications and video enhancement in worship celebrations.
- Assistants to serve once a month for set-up and sound check needs prior to each Sunday worship celebration.

See Pastor Pauley or Robert Miller if you are interested in serving in this vital ministry.

Worship Players (Drama)

The Worship Players will be a team of Christian artists who present the gospel of Jesus Christ clearly and precisely, committed to planting seeds of righteousness and truth while anticipating the Spirit of God to minister and change the lives of its hearers. Using non-traditional forms of worship, we will seek to focus on and solidify the principles of the Bible through realistic and timely dramatic presentations. Our scriptural mandate is Colossians 1:27b & 28 - “Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.” (NKJV)

Joining the Worship Choir

The process of joining the Worship Choir is quite simple. There are no auditions required to join. Show up for a choir rehearsal on Sunday afternoon, fill out an information card and agree to a brief personal conversation/interview with Pastor Chris Pauley. This interview is spiritual and personal in nature, not primarily musical. We ask that you be in process toward becoming a member of South River Baptist. Upon your first visit in choir, you will be greeted by a member and introduced to other members of the choir. We want you to feel welcome and a part of the Choir Family. During your interview, we will talk about any further concerns and questions, confirm your membership, and you may sing with us for worship celebrations as soon as you are ready.

Worship Choir Leadership

We will begin utilizing three primary people in Worship Choir leadership roles starting in February 2019 - President (devotional leader, preside over small groups, announcements & choir business, assist treasurer); Vice-President (outreach & promotion of choir in the church and community); Secretary-Treasurer (assist in organization of choir music and collecting/disbursing money or offerings from choir members).

Worship Choir Procedures & Expectations

- Attend regularly scheduled choir rehearsals (Sunday afternoons 4:30 - 6 pm in Choir Room) each week. Choir Room is located in the hallway to the congregation left of the Worship Center. **If in town and physically able to attend, you should be in choir on Sunday afternoons.**
- Arriving late for choir. Come in quietly and get to your seat to pick up where everyone else is in rehearsal.
- Talking in choir rehearsal. Choir rehearsal is NOT primarily a time for fellowship. Conversation should be kept quiet and to a minimum. The biggest distraction to others and Pastor Pauley is when you are talking when you are supposed to be singing. We provide times for fellowship outside rehearsal.
- Leaving early. You should plan to stay for the entire rehearsal. If you must leave early, please inform Pastor Pauley or Amanda in advance.

Worship Choir Procedures & Expectations

- Sunday mornings. If you are singing for either 8:15 or 10:45, please arrive early so we can be ready to sing through our choral praise song and pray before worship celebration begins.
- During the worship celebrations on Sunday mornings and evenings, the choir generally will sing at the beginning. It is **strongly encouraged** that you stay for the full time of congregational singing and leave quietly during prayer before the offering.
- It should go without saying that you are **expected to come back in for Pastor Chris' message during one of the two services in the morning, as well as stay for the message on Sunday evening.** Worship is more than just our music and praise. It is also our response to the Word of God.
- Absence cards. I will begin placing small absence cards on a table in the choir room during rehearsals. Please be responsible to communicate with Pastor Chris or Amanda when you will be absent. This helps us know where you are and what's going on in your life, so we can pray more effectively for you.

Worship Choir Etiquette

- During worship celebrations and events, always be aware that you are visible to the congregation. Future plans will move us toward more visibility in our community and within the Worship Center. It is very distracting to worship to see choir members talking, moving excessively and fidgeting.
- Please make every effort to engage in every aspect of the worship celebration. **Talking to others during time of welcome, prayer, baptisms and announcements are distractions to those around and those in worship.**

Soloists

- Solo Ministry. Praise the Lord we have wonderful soloists that bless us every week with their offering of praise. If you are wish to be involved, please see Pastor Pauley to set up a time to come sing for him. No pressure, but you must participate in a larger Worship Ministry group.

Selected Groups

- Small ensembles. We currently have several small ensembles out the choir. If you have a knack for singing harmony, this might be the place for you.
- Current ensembles are: South River Boys (Men's Trio), Living Waters Trio (Soprano, Alto & Tenor), The River Trio (Men's Trio) & Old Paths Trio (Ladies' Trio)
- Praise Team & Band. We are looking for back-up players for the band and more singers to "lighten the load" for our praise team. Please see Pastor Pauley to set up a time to sing/play for him.
- Worship Orchestra. We are still interested in starting an orchestra to play during worship celebrations. Let us know of people who play instruments. If you know someone who hasn't played in years, it really doesn't take that long to get back in shape to play, if they have a heart to praise the Lord through an instrument. God gave that opportunity years ago to give Him glory through it!
- Student Praise Band. We have some students who lead worship on Wednesday nights, but we particularly need more band members (guitars, bass). If you know someone who plays, please let Pastor Pauley or Pastor Scott know.
- Children's Worship/Outreach Choir. Starting this month (January), we have fomed a worship and outreach choir through our children's ministry. Our purpose is to teach worship and give children an opportunity to minister through music in nursing homes and in our Worship Celebration. This is our choir of today, not just tomorrow. We seek to cultivate the heart of a worshipper across all ages, beginning with our youngest ones.

Servant Information

- Hours of service in a year. If you stayed through all worship celebrations, attended all weekly rehearsals and extra rehearsals for special presentations, you would be giving over 160 hours of time to the Worship Ministry in a year. That is a full week! That is not just choir, but also praise team band & singers (singers give more as they are in choir as well). This doesn't include time you spend outside listening to music and learning ensemble or solo songs. I praise the Lord for every one of you and do not take for granted your level of commitment to the Lord!