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Ministry

Who comes to mind when you think about the 'Worship Ministry'? The most obvious might be the people you see on stage every Sunday morning.







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But the ministry is far bigger than that. It starts from the parking attendants you meet as you enter the church, the ushers at the door who greet you as you enter the hall, the Audio-Visual team that presents the slides and plays background music, the flower arrangement team who puts up inspired centerpieces, the cameraman dutifully capturing the service for our online worship service – and many more who tirelessly serve behind the scenes in countless intangible ways.

The Worship Ministry also looks after the various services that are housed in FBC – from the Sunday School, Youth, Tamil, Cantonese, Prayer meetings, and even bereavement services.

While the worship leader and musicians play an important role in drawing the church to worship God, it is not complete without the effort of the entire ministry working together. There is an incredible sense of the body of Christ at work when we observe Sunday service together.

Being a worship leader or musician can seem like the hardest task as it is the most public service we engage in.

Everyone can be a critic when it comes to music and in our eagerness to strive for more, we occasionally lose sight of what the gospel calls us to do: share the work and love of God with the gifts that he has given to us. It is not always easy or straightforward.



The gift of music and the spiritual maturity to use the gift can often be misaligned leading to burnout, a performance-centric approach, and bruised egos. The excellence that we hope to offer God in humility may turn out to be a myopic desire to elevate the glory of the ministry, and even ourselves, instead.

Yet, for all our shortcomings, the Lord has been gracious to us. He has heard our prayers for more musicians and AV team members and provided us with new recruits. The leadership role of the ministry is now undertaken by three co-leaders – an approach that has demonstrated the strengths of living in a community of Christ. Service unto God need not be offered in singularity and the shared leadership role celebrates the uniqueness of our gifts in serving the ministry collectively.

God enjoys it when we lift our voices to praise Him, but He has also instilled in us a desire to express ourselves by worshipping Him in whatever way He has gifted to us.

It could be as a parking attendant, the flower arrangement team, teaching in Sunday school, an usher, a camera person, an audio-visual member – or even, making snacks for the worship and AV team on Sundays! God sees the value of our service as an act of worship unto

The Worship Ministry is encouraging all FBC members to join and serve. Some of the roles mentioned may intimidate you as it requires learning some technical skills, but God already knows our shortcomings and He is still interested in our worship. Truly, He is seeking someone with a heart of worship to step up and offer themselves asad a living sacrifice, following the example of Christ who took up His cross and obeyed God.



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Worship Ministry

- We thank You for the worship ministry team who lead us in making a joyful noise to You. Thank you for blessing them with faith to use the gifts and time to serve the church.
- We pray that their hearts will glorify and honor You. May they earnestly worship You not only during our worship time, but throughout the week as well. May You be the main focus of their lives.
- We pray for wisdom in selecting the worship songs. We pray that You would bless our worship leaders with discernment in selecting songs that will prepare people's hearts for worship.

- Please guard our worship team from unjust criticism and from stubborn resistance to needed change.
- May the congregation be open to worship You in this worship service, and may we be in unity with one another as we sing to You. We pray that You would help each person put aside their distractions and cares as they lift up their voices. We ask that they would experience God's power in their lives.

