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Music Ministry

WMBA

How to Grow the Music Ministry

One of the main questions to ask is: Does your Music Department want to grow? If so, the Music Ministry should have growth in the following areas:

SPIRITUALITY

Choir members should study the word of God daily and set aside some time for private devotion and prayer. Prayer should have priority and should be regular (1 Thel. 5:17) Corporate Bible Study is a good starting place

Divide the choir into cell groups of those who know each other the least. Each week allow a short time for them to divide into cells - one member in each cell should lead a brief devotion, then rotate each week.

Search the scriptures

We cannot sing what we are not familiar with. If you don't know what's right you can't tell someone else.

EDUCATION

We must forever be shaping our musical skills. What we consider Contemporary today will be traditional in a few years. Much musical growth can come through some form of education, either formal study, observation or experience. Much can be gained from workshops. Start 15 minute training sessions once per month during choir rehearsals. Example of topics could be....Choir member Leadership.....Choir Decorum, Music and the Bible.....The Role of The Choir in Worship....Vocal Techniques....Many churches have not taken the matter of training its leaders serious. The church has an obligation as stewards to cultivate and grow God's gifts

DEDICATION

In our music department, we must stress commitment for without dedication you have no progress. Faithfulness to a church choir or music ministry must first begin with a spiritual commitment to God and His work. (1 Corinthians 4:2)

The only way a choir can be its best is that there is full commitment from choir members in attendance of rehearsal and services. (Proverbs 16:3) If you have to work and all of us do, and cannot find time to

spend with your choir director or minister of music to see what is being done, you should NOT perform, even though you had to work, you still cannot sing what you don't know.

FINANCES

Music ministers, choir members and music participants are leaders and should set the pace in giving.

It takes planned, sacrificial giving to move the church and its ministries. Members should be taught to give as they are prospered.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Genesis 28:22

Malachi 3:8-10

We must teach tithing (giving a tenth of your gross income), it is our method of getting blessed, and the proper means of support for our ministry, not fish plates and car washes.

FELLOWSHIP

If we are going to sing with each other, we should know each other. Many problems can be curtailed if we know each other. By knowing my choir members, I basically know who will and who won't. I am also aware of the capabilities and talents of my members

OUTREACH

The music ministry has an obligation to evangelize within and without the church. Matthew 28:19

MUSICALLY

The church can grow musically by providing opportunities for the congregation to participate and not just be spectators. Set aside a time when the congregation can join in. Singing is not just for Pastors and Choirs, singing is for believers. The question is not Do you have a voice?, but do you have a song? There are no qualifications for praising God. The Bible doesn't say "if you speak bad English, don't pray." You can grow through the song selection—Ask God for His direction, we need to follow what He wants to happen in worship. There is nothing wrong with singing the popular or favorite songs, but is it what God wants? Many songs today say "it feels good, do it", But God says that if it's right, do it. Phil. 4:8 (substitute the word "things" with the word "songs")

.....whatsoever songs are true, whatsoever songs are honest, whatsoever songs are just, whatsoever songs are lovely, whatsoever songs are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, sing these songs.

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