

# Praise Team Packet

Included in this packet is all the information needed to audition for the Student-lead Sunday Morning Praise Team 2009-2010.

**Please have all forms completed and with you to turn in when you audition.** *If you show up unprepared (i.e. without forms, with unfilled forms, no songs to sing or play) you will be turned away.*

## Forms:

1. Personal Information & Commitment Page
2. Personal Testimony Page (minimum of two paragraphs)

## Audition:

Please prepare 2 Christian songs of your choosing for your audition.

\* If you are playing drums, please bring a CD to play with.

\* If you are singing, please plan to sing *a cappella* (without instruments).

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Moss, Mandy Kirkpatrick or Hannah Stubblefield at 770-427-3835.

# Requirements & Expectations for Praise Team Members

As a Praise Team Member, a leader to other students, you are expected to follow a few rules in order to continue to be a part of the Team. Please read through this carefully and prayerfully consider all of the requirements before signing the commitment paper and auditioning.

## 1. Personal Bible Study

As a Member of the Praise Team, you are called to be a follower of Jesus Christ who seeks Him regularly through personal worship, prayer and Bible study. We encourage you to set aside some time each day to spend with God and His Word. Even Jesus was committed to spending time alone with the Father. "And after He had sent the multitudes away, He went up to the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone." (Matthew 14:23)

## 2. Personal Code of Conduct

As leaders and ministers to students, you will be expected to "Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." (Phillippians 1:27) This verse refers to a personal code of conduct. As ministers, we are called to be above reproach and to set an example for others.

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12)

You are expected to be an example to others in every area of your personal life (language, decision making, relationships, your trust in God, your pursuit of purity in dating and entertainment) not just on stage. Who you are off stage speaks more about who you are than what you do on stage.

## 3. Humility in Leadership

As a Team Member, you are expected to share in the vision and purpose of this ministry Team. This will require humility, a Christ like attitude and servant-hood on your part.

"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being likeminded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." (Phillipians 2:1-5)

As a Team Member you will be committing to the unity of the band and to helping each other grow musically and spiritually. There is no room for dissention among believers.

#### **4. Commitment to the Team and to the Church**

*– Including Rehearsals, Leading in Worship, Youth Group and Attending Church Services*

##### **REHEARSALS and/or LEADING IN WORSHIP**

You will be required to participate in regular rehearsals. Attached is a tentative rehearsal schedule. Please check it against your family's calendar to make sure you are available for the majority of them. We must be dedicated to excellence in our area of ministry for the glory of a magnificent God. The musicians in King David's court were required to be skilled. We also see the importance of playing together in 2 Chronicles 5: "When the musicians played in unison the glory of the Lord filled the temple."

As a Praise Team Member, you will be required to play and/or sing several times per month. See the tentative schedule attached. It is important that you be at every scheduled rehearsal and worship time. You are depended on as a vital part of the Praise Team and your absence hurts the efforts of the entire Team.

##### **YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES**

You are required to attend a youth Bible study (i.e. CrossRoads on Sunday evenings and/or ReFuel on Wednesday evenings). This is important for a couple of reasons. The first is to encourage your spiritual growth:

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18)

Secondly, it is important for accountability and to help strengthen each other and share in the personal victories of each other.

"Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is any one happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins." (James 5:13, 16, 19-20)

##### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Because of the importance of your role in the Team, there will be a firm attendance policy. You will be allowed to have no more than **2 unexcused absences** and no more than **3 excused absences**.

An **excused absence** would be one in which you have to miss due to circumstances outside of your control (funerals, family vacations, sickness). In such a circumstance, we need for you to contact us ahead of time. If you do not tell a leader **AHEAD OF TIME**, it will not be excused.

An **unexcused absence** would be one in which you make a decision not to attend due to schedule conflict or extra-curricular activities (game, date, out of town, no ride). These would be absences you would have control over. In such a circumstance, you still need to let a leader know **AHEAD OF TIME**.

**(ATTENDANCE POLICY cont'd)**

If you DO NOT let someone know ahead of time and fail to show up to a rehearsal and/or performance, it will be considered a **"NO CALL – NO SHOW."** You get only one of these. If you have more than one "NO CALL – NO SHOW", then you will be relieved of your responsibilities with no warning.

If your absences and or a lack of responsibility persist over the six-month commitment period, we will respectfully ask you to sit out of this Ministry Team. We desire for you to be in the area of ministry God has most gifted you for. If you are unable to commit to this ministry, we would like to see you freed up for another area in which you could be more faithful.

# Personal Information & Commitment Page

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Lessons/Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in helping with SOUND and/or MEDIA?      YES                      NO

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Commitment to the Due West Student Praise Team

I am committing myself to serve on the Due West UMC Student Praise Team 2009-2010. I have read and understand all of what is required and expected of me. I realize that this is a great privilege and responsibility and will serve on this Team as a service to the Lord. I promise to abide by all of the requirements set out for me in this covenant and will do my best to reflect Christ at all times. I accept a high level of accountability and realize I am a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Team Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Parent Commitment to the Due West Student Praise Team

I realize the importance of my son/daughter's commitment to serve as a minister on the Due West Student Praise Team. I have read and understand the requirements and expectations placed on him/her. I will support my son/daughter in this commitment by encouraging and praying for him/her. I will make every effort to help him/her grow musically and spiritually so he/she can become a better minister to his/her peers. I will also hold him/ her accountable to the commitment he/she has made to the Lord, his/her Team leaders and the other members of the Student Praise Team.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian of Team Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Sunday Morning Praise Team Schedule\*

*(Please keep in mind that this is tentative and may change. We will do our best to notify you at least 2 weeks in advance of any changes.)*

## **Summer Rehearsals**

Sun, Aug 2 – 4:30-5:30 pm  
Sun, Aug 9 – 4:30-5:30 pm  
Sun, Aug 16 – 4:30-5:30 pm  
Sun, Aug 23 – 4:30-5:30 pm  
Sun, Aug 30 – 4:30-5:30 pm  
Sun, Sept 6 – 4:30-5:30 pm

## **Regular Rehearsal & Worship Schedule** *(no more afternoon rehearsals):*

Sun, Sept 13 – 8:30 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly  
Sun, Sept 27 – 8:30 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly  
Sun, Oct 4 – 9:00 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly  
Sun, Oct 18 – 9:00 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly  
Sun, Nov 1 – 9:00 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly  
Sun, Nov 22 – 9:00 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly  
Sun, Dec 6 – 9:00 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly  
*--Christmas Break--*  
Sun, Jan 10 – 8:30 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly  
Sun, Jan 24 – 8:30 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly  
Sun, Feb 7 – 9:00 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly  
Sun, Feb 21 – 9:00 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly  
Sun, Mar 7 – 9:00 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly  
Sun, Mar 28 – 9:00 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly *(Palm Sunday)*  
Sun, Apr 11 – 9:00 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly *(Following Spring Break)*  
Sun, Apr 25 – 9:00 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly  
Sun, May 2 – 9:00 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly  
Sun, May 16 – 9:00 am – Rehearsal & Lead Assembly  
*--Summer Break--*

*\*Please note that your particular assigned schedule may change also depending on how many people audition and are accepted. For instance, if we have several singers, they may wind up rotating on and off – perhaps singing only once a month.*

