

## Faith Assembly Worship Team Guidelines

### Vision and Social Covenant

#### MISSIONS STATEMENT

\* Faith Assembly Worship Team exist to lead people to a thriving relationship with Jesus Christ through exciting Praise and deep Worship.

#### SOCIAL COVENANT

A social covenant is, by definition, an agreement of behavior. This covenant affects all parts and components of the team including leadership and team members. We want to provide an atmosphere for growth and accountability.

- Provide open, honest, and gracious feedback.

My door is always open to you. If you have any great new ideas, suggestions for growth, a new song, please don't hesitate to come and tell me. It may just give confirmation to something God is birthing in our hearts. Also, let me know in a LOVING way if there is ever an area of frustration. We are together in this, a team, and we want the best for you, the team, and the church as a whole. Healthy communication is key for a healthy team.

- Remain accountable to each other

Please find someone that can hold you accountable in areas such as your family, faith, and finances; someone you can talk to about your struggles. This should be a real relationship with someone a little further along in the faith than you. Never allow yourself to become isolated. Always stay connected to God and to people. Don't allow the enemy to grab a foothold in your life by pulling you away.

- Be a peacemaker.

The Bible says “Blessed are the peacemakers.” (Matt. 5:9) Unity is a choice that needs protection. If you have an offense with a leader or someone else on the team, make sure you go to that person in love and begin to work it out. God will be faithful to the peacemakers. Take a step in faith, although it may be uncomfortable, and allow God to move in your midst.

Remember, we are a family. Families will go through good times and bad times, but throughout it all will remain loyal to each other. As a family, let’s make choices to pursue unity and cover one another with love.

## Christianity 101

### Life with God

- Being a part of the worship team is all about real relationship with God. If you are ever struggling in any area, get with a pastor or someone you trust. I am always, always, ALWAYS here for you. We all go through seasons where we can lose our way. We are here to encourage and support each other in God. Our relationship with God is of the highest value. If we can keep this area flourishing and growing, all else will fall into place.

### Public Life

- Even though you aren’t “paid staff” at Faith, you represent this ministry, this church, and above all God. People will recognize you that you have never seen before in your life. You have ministered to them which is a very personal thing. Tip generously (don’t be a CAT), choose grace when dealing with people, be genuine, look people in the eyes and smile. Make sure that your public behaviors point toward God, and do not cause those around you to stumble. Everyday life is the best opportunity for us to worship God and to validate the platform from which we serve. Remember,

your public life should be a warm reflection of a healthy, intimate private life with God.

- Drinking alcohol is a hot topic among many church circles. In being a part of our Faith Worship Team, we ask that you refrain from all drinking and/or promoting alcohol usage publicly (ie: Facebook, Twitter). The way we see it, there are many people who view drinking as a die hard sin. If they see you drinking or even hear of it, it effects your testimony. II Cor 6:3 says “We put no stumbling block in anyone’s path, so that our ministry will not be discredited.” I Cor 8:9 says, “Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak.” We have many people who struggle with alcoholism daily. Let’s not give them any sign that it is okay.
- Be a tither. Mal 3:10 says “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, “says the Lord Almighty, “ and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”

Mal 3:8 says, “Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ In tithes and offerings.”

It is a commandment to tithe. How can God bless you if you don’t obey his commands. Be a tither. If you are apprehensive in this, take it to the Lord. He will help you.

### Service Preparations

#### Practice

Come prepared!

- Spiritually: Come in-tune with God for each service. Be asking God what His heart is so we can come together and move, unified as a team. Take time to seek Him. Pray, worship and study the word before you come to serve on the platform. This is an absolute ne-

cessity. What can you pour out if you've poured nothing in? We have prayer at 8:00 AM on Sunday morning. Be there praying for God to move. At this point, I haven't made a mandatory prayer time for Wednesdays knowing you are coming from work. Pray on your way here. Put on some music and come in God's house ready to minister. It is vital to the vision of this ministry.

- Musically: When you are scheduled for a service, it is your responsibility to come prepared and ready to sing the songs that are scheduled. You will find each song on Planning Center. Just hit the blue arrow next to the song, and you will be able to hear it. You can download the songs as well on iTunes for \$.99 a piece.

### Platform Presence

Body Language: Body language is a huge form of communication. We all know what it is like to say one thing but our body is actually saying another. Your platform presence is simply an outward expression of what is happening inside your heart. Determine to communicate your heart as effectively as you can through your body and facial expression. I encourage you to pick up a DVD from time to time. You may be surprised.

Do not let the congregation determine your level of expression. Sometimes they will not be engaged in worship. As a leader, we always need to be engaged. Show them an example of HOW to express worship. Most of the time, they simply need to see worship in order to learn how to express it on their own.

Be sincere. Worship from your heart. Give a warm smile from within. We are leading people from all different circumstances, so remember that a warm smile ministers more than you realize.

### Girls Clothing Guidelines

- Modesty and style are important so we give focus on the worshipping, not us, and still come across as relevant to our culture and the people we are leading.
- If you are ever unsure about an item, bring it or text a picture to me and I can tell you if it will work. When in doubt, don't wear it.
- Before you finalize an outfit for service, be sure to do a final worship check.
  1. Raise your arms as high as you can and swing them in all directions. Look in the mirror and check yourself from all angles. Make sure that you are not revealing anything inappropriate.
  2. Jump up and down. If there is any movement in the chest area, cover yourself with a jacket that will hide the movement or change your shirt. \*\*Sports bras and some supportive tank tops also help in this area.
  3. Kneel down, check to see if the back of your pants come too low, or becomes uncovered. Also, if you lean forward, see if your shirt reveals anything.

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#### TOP HALF

- Neckline- Show no cleavage. *Please be very* conscientious about this. The more you have, the more modest the neckline should be. That doesn't

mean everyone needs to wear a turtle neck, it's just the first place that can be a distraction in worship.

- Bras should be inconspicuous and serve you well. Make sure that it cannot be seen under any circumstances. Be sure that the thickness of your bra protects for all room temperatures.
- Be careful not to buy shirts and/or jackets that bring focus to the chest. No shirts that are tight and tightly cup under the chest. If it slaps back to your skin, it's too tight.
- If wearing a shirt without a jacket, be sure that it is cut in a modest way.
- No spaghetti straps or strapless tops. No tank tops.
- No t-shirts please unless specified.
- Waistline- No skin around the midriff. (Test- raise your arms straight up, you should have several inches of shirt past your pants)
- If ever in doubt, wear a tank-top underneath your top to make sure that when you jump, there isn't a lot of movement.
- Make sure that your top is not see through. If it is, please wear a cami underneath to make it opaque.

### Bottom Half

- Skirts should come to mid-knee or lower.
- Skirts must not be see through. Wear a slip... with white, you may want to wear 2 slips.
- No tight pants.
- No pants that are tight all the way to the ankle. (leggings)
- No pants that cup around your bottom.
- No pants that focus on your front. Some pants are too tight in this area or have weird stitching or coloring that draws they eye there.
- When we wear jeans, no holes to the skin.
- No skinny jeans.

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- Make sure you button your shirt at an appropriate place. No need for chest hair.
- Make sure your shirt isn't too tight and is appropriate in length. (doesn't show your stomach or under garments if you raise your hands)

#### Bottom Half

- No jeans with holes to the skin.
- No tight or shiny pants- make sure that it doesn't cup or conform too much in the front or that they are too tight in the rear area.

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