

Thanks for your interest in joining the worship team at New Life Christian Center (NLCC). Before you sign on - whether it's singing, playing an instrument, dancing, video recording, audio mixing, running a computer - it's important to understand what you're signing up for exactly.

This is not an all-inclusive list, but a good reference point of who we are and what we do!

"Music is a state of art but WORSHIP is a state of HEART!"

Blessings,

Pastors Pravash & Amber Mukherjee

What's the criteria to JOIN the worship team?

A desire to be part of a family.

How do I join?

Come to "family gatherings:" practices, Sunday AM, life group, prayer meetings....

After joining, what then? Cooperation. Participation. Transformation. Maturation.

1. *A worshipper* (Matt 22:37; 1 Pet 3; Rom 12; Psalm 19)

*Love, honor, & commune with GOD - not music

2. *Membership of NLCC* (Matt 16; 1 Peter 2; Heb 4)

*committed; *submitted to Pastoral leadership; *giver/tither (Matt 6:21); *Level 1 Class (Prov 29:18);

*life Group (Heb 10:25ESV; Matt 18:19-20)

3. *Desire to grow spiritually* (Eph 4; Is 61; 2 Cor 3:18)

*teachable; *correctable; *recognition of warfare

4. *Desire to grow musically* (Psalm 33:3)

* don't limit what God will do simply because we can't handle it musically

5. *Willing to give time* (Luke 9; Luke 14:28)

*practice sessions; *special services; *prayer, practicing, and prep before ministering is essential

6. *Ability to flow with a team* (Eph 4)

*Musical chops doesn't automatically make someone a good fit in the family

*If you can't follow the Spirit &/or a leader, you're not really serving!

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After fully reading the information, I want to be a part of the NLCC worship arts team. **I commit to serve and grow for 6 months according to the guidelines discussed/listed.**

Signed X _____

From JOINING to COMMITTING...6 months at a time

1. Commitment to love and to be loved

Relationships are the driving force of change in the world! Being a part of a family affects you and the rest of your family...

"Faith-walk" - time period when a member attends practice sessions but isn't scheduled to play/sing/mix/record during services or other special functions. The purpose: to find out who is genuinely interested in serving for the glory of God. Also, this allows time for the family to gel relationally and musically.

*the amount of time is dependent upon relationship - how long a person has faithfully attended NLCC; ultimate decisions will be made by senior pastor and head worship leader – NOT A TRIBAL COUNCIL! ☺ *

2. Commitment to spiritual growth - the vision of our ministry supports the vision NLCC; we're not training up solo artists, we're training and equipping worshippers. **Stagnant spiritual lives = stagnant worship team.** Let's **encourage** and challenge one another to chase after the Lord with ALL of our heart, soul, mind, and strength...(James 3; Prov 10:20)

3. Commitment to practice – PERSONALLY: develop your craft/skill.

CORPORATELY: 830am if you're serving on Sunday; Monday night practice sessions...see calendar

4. Commitment to be spiritually ready - spiritual preparation has a direct relationship with effectiveness as a worship arts team. Come ready to worship the King and/or minister to His people. **The essential element in any ministry is your relationship with God through Jesus Christ.**

5. Commitment to be musically capable - work at instrumental/vocal/tech ability to become the very best we can be, including Individual practice (maybe even lessons) as well as playing with the team. Keep in mind that the team will only be as musically proficient as the individuals that make it up.

*worship practices are not times for lessons, but rather to function as a team.

1) Pay for lesson 2) Arrange special instruction before or after practice sessions...

**in order to practice, you must own your instrument. Invest: 1) pray 2) believe God will provide

6. Commitment to "flowing" with the team - we must view ourselves as a team not a random gathering of separate musicians/singers/dancers/technicians. 1 unit with 1 purpose: loving God.

*Attire - Members of the worship team will present themselves in a manner glorifying to God. The congregation should encounter the creator not his creation. Worship is our inner desire for God to notice us because of our hunger NOT our hunger for people to notice our swag/style. (1 Tim 2; Rom 12)

*Punctuality - Being on-time will assist the goal of the worship arts team; it's also esteeming other team member's time highly. Those who CONTINUALLY disregard starting times for rehearsals and meetings may need to re-evaluate their desire to SERVE. If it is not possible to make a rehearsal on time, it is considered polite to notify your Team Leader in ADVANCE. (Prov 12)