

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

It's this perspective on worship that guides our Sunday worship services. We want to emphasize the truth of Who God really is and worship Him with an appropriate response.

Our services are centered around the truth of Who God is, which is found alone in His Word. This may include Old Testament and New Testament readings, reading the Psalms responsively, and of course, singing, praying and hearing the Bible taught in an expositional way.

Songs are a special way of responding to God because of their unique ability to engage both our hearts and minds. The songs we sing range in styles; we sing both "traditional" and "contemporary" styles of music. Lyrically, we sing a lot of historic and modern hymns. Our songs are meant to offer us rich biblical truth, as well as to guide our hearts and minds in the appropriate response to that truth.

The style of music we use to provide the backdrop for each song may vary. We try to present each song in a way that will edify and be relevant to our congregation. The culmination and high point of Sunday worship is the preaching of God's Word. Everything we do in the first part of our service is meant to prepare our minds and our hearts for the truth of God's Word.

CBC MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship at CBC is all about glorifying God. It's turning our attention away from the pressures of everyday life and focusing on what God is and what He has done.

While worship is very personal, there is something about coming together corporately as a church family. This is why we place such a high priority on our Sunday Worship Service. They are the result of many people who have committed to using their talent and passion for the Lord to help lead our church in music worship. If you have gifts in this area and would like to be involved, please speak with the Pastor, Elders or the Music leader.

Together, let's give God the praise HE deserves!



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WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC



Making Disciples of the
Lord Jesus Christ

WORSHIP VALUES AND BELIEFS

1) Worship is preeminently about God. This may seem obvious, but true worship must begin with God. Worship flows from Who God is and what He has done.

- God is the only One worthy of praise. (Rev. 4:11, 22:9)
- The reasons why we worship is to bring God pleasure. (Rom. 12:1, Rev. 5:11-13)



2) Worship is Christ-centered. We desire that Jesus Christ and His work on the cross be at the center of our services.

- Our Worship is made acceptable to the Father through Jesus' continuing work as our Mediator. (Heb. 10:19-22)

- Our Worship should join the eternal heavenly chorus by remembering Jesus' death and resurrection. (Rev. 5:11-13)

3) Worship is Scripture-centered. God's Word is the only sure means to know and enjoy Him, thus it should drive our worship.

- We are committed to the public reading of Scripture. (1 Tim. 4:13)
- Our songs and prayers are designed to help us respond to and interact with the Scripture that we read. (Col. 3:16)
- All the words of our songs are to be biblical in statement, doctrine or concept. Words that are not accurate within a biblical context are to be avoided. (Col. 3:16)
- God's Word must be preached with depth and power, and we must be faithful to deliver the original message of the text with fresh insight and application for our lives today.

4) Worship music should be stylistically diverse.

- God has not revealed a specific style of music that we must use or avoid in worship. As long as a certain style of music is not distracting from worship in any way, it can be used and enjoyed.
- People today have unprecedented access to various styles of music. Thus our people have a wide variety of opinions and tastes regarding music. We will seek to have a wide variety of music which meets the standards already listed above.
- Music in worship is designed chiefly as an aid to congregational singing, thus the style and volume of music should not interfere with, or overpower our people's voices.
- We should not allow our worship times to settle into a comfortable tradition, whether it is one of our own making, or a firmly established one passed on from those before us. In order to avoid this, we may at times incorporate historic and modern songs, prayers, creeds, or other readings.

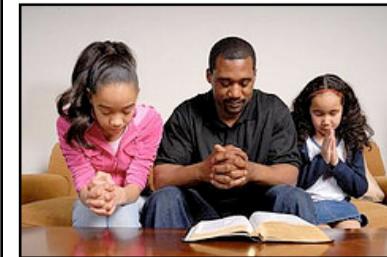


5) Public Worship for Believers

- Worshipping God in all His faithfulness is what the Church was made for. It's meant to permeate the life of the Church and the lives of its members. At Cornerstone Bible Church we want to exalt Christ together continually, starting on Sunday morning, and lasting throughout the entire week.
- It is only possible for someone to declare the praise and character of God if they are Born Again. If a person has not yet been redeemed by Christ's sacrificial death on the Cross, then no matter what the outward actions or emotions may look like, they are false and empty of meaning before our God and Savior. (John 4:24, 2 Cor. 6:14-18).

- It is only possible for someone to truly worship and praise God if they are walking in obedience to the expressed will of God which is found only in the Word of God. (1 Sam. 15:22-23, John 4:24) Hence, if there is an on-going problem of known sin in someone's life (e.g., disrespect of authority, disobedience to parents, foolish or filthy speech, etc.), that person will be asked NOT to be a part in the public leading of worship until he has repented and turned his back on that sin.
- While public worship is primarily a time for the edification of the Church (1 Cor. 14:26), we must not neglect to preach, teach, sing and pray in such a way that lost sinners are called to saving faith in Jesus.

5) Worship should exist in private, in our families and homes, and in everyday life.



We encourage our members to pursue the discipline of private worship, i.e. meeting with God through the reading of Scripture, prayer, and singing.

We equip men to lead their families in regular family worship. We teach on worship so that our people might see opportunities to glorify God in every thought, word, and deed of everyday life. (Col. 3:21)