



INSTRUMENTALISTS

About **Aspire** Arts ministries:

Our **PURPOSE** is to...

Demonstrate a heart of worship

Create an inspiring experience

Communicate God's Truth.

Our team **VALUES** are...

Authenticity... loving God

Community... loving each other

Excellence... sacrificing our best

Our **PRAYER** is... **D-C-C! It's not about me. It's all about You. Amen!**

Aspire INSTRUMENTALISTS include:

Worship Team Band

Soloists

Accompanists

Ensembles

Frequently Asked Questions about being in the **worship team band**:

Do I need to have had training and/or be able to read music? Although training is a plus, professional training is not required. A teachable attitude, willingness to learn and eagerness to grow through feedback is the best avenue for training! The ability to play by ear and/or read a chord chart is required.

Will I have to audition? Yes, we ask that any on-stage artist go through an audition process.

What would an audition include? An audition includes playing a prepared piece that highlights one's natural style and playing range. Improvisation and sight-reading (if applicable) is also included.

What happens after the audition? There are three possible outcomes from an audition: (1) The player is ready and will join the team at an upcoming rehearsal, (2) A follow-up audition is scheduled if there is a single area of improvement, or (3) It is determined that the player is not ready technically to join the team and suggestions for improving playing skills are given.

When are rehearsals? Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 8am. We ask that each worship team member rehearse "15 minutes on the front end" prior to each rehearsal by rehearsing any new or unfamiliar songs and studying the worship packet. Mp3s and weekly worship packets are provided a week in advance on our team website at www.fhccmemphis.com/ministries/arts/team.htm.

Do team members attend every Sunday rehearsal? No, only the rehearsals for the Sunday on which they are scheduled to play.

How frequently are team members scheduled, and how are schedules made? Each worship team member is asked to be available to serve at least two Sundays each month. By the 10th of every month, team members send their available serving dates to their team captain for the following month. The band leader is Jeremy Tubbs.

Will someone be at rehearsals to provide direction? Typically our band leader, Jeremy Tubbs, will be at rehearsals to provide direction for instrumentalists. There may be times when this role will be filled by another team member.

Is any additional training offered? Additional training workshops are provided throughout the year. Look for team emails and team news in your Sunday program.

Are any additional time commitments involved? Throughout the year, we may have "All-team" or "All-arts" events typically held the first Thursday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 pm (food provided). Optional social and community service events are also scheduled and are communicated well in advance as we often hope families can join us!

What if I have more questions? Contact Allison Tubbs, Director of Creative Arts, at allison@fhccmemphis.com or at 901.853.7973.



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Frequently Asked Questions about being a **soloist, accompanist, or ensemble member:**

Do I need to have had training and/or be able to read music? For a soloist or accompanist (for special music), typically a chord chart is provided. If available, printed music is also provided. The ability to read a chord chart and "ad lib" are required. Printed music will be provided for ensemble players.

Will I have to audition? Yes, we ask that any on-stage artist go through an audition process.

What would an audition include? An audition includes playing a prepared piece that highlights one's natural style and playing range. Improvisation and sight-reading (if applicable) is also included.

When are rehearsals? Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 8am unless an additional rehearsal is scheduled.

How frequently are soloists, accompanists, or ensembles needed? This depends on the music planned for each service. Typically, a soloist or accompanist would be available 3 or 4 times a year. Ensembles are often incorporated into worship during holiday seasons.

Will someone be at rehearsals to provide direction? Typically our band leader, Jeremy Tubbs, will be at rehearsals to provide direction for instrumentalists. There may be times that this role will be filled by another team member.

Is any additional training offered? Additional training workshops are provided throughout the year. Look for team emails and team news in your Sunday program.

Are any additional time commitments involved? *All musicians* are asked to attend "All-arts" events typically one or two yearly. Also, optional social and community service events may be planned throughout the year and are communicated well in advance as we hope families will join us!

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