



**Ministry Plan**  
**Fall 2008**

## Music Ministry Plan

### **Mission:**

“... to build relationships with people, no matter where they are on their spiritual journey, and help them become fully devoted followers of Jesus.”

### **Vision:**

“To fulfill the Great Commandment (Mt. 22:37-40) and the Great Commission (Mt. 28:19-20) through strategic and intentional *Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Evangelism.*”

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Music Ministry at Martensville Baptist Church is to:

- a) Lead God’s people in worshipping Him through song.
- b) Use and develop the gifts that God has given us for His glory and for the building up of the Church.
- c) Train and disciple others to use their gifts and abilities for God.

### **Method:**

The music teams of Martensville Baptist Church are more than just “bands”. While musical excellence is highly valued (1 Chron. 15:22) it is not our sole purpose. Our primary goal is to bring the musicians of this community to a place where they can develop and utilize their gifts with spiritual and artistic integrity. This can be achieved through the Five Purposes:

*Worship:*

Worship is about sacrifice (Rom. 12:1). We worship God by taking the gifts that He has given us and using them for His purposes not ours. For us this means using our musical abilities to praise God and to lead others into a place of worship.

*Fellowship:*

As members of the music teams it is important that we cultivate open, genuine relationships with those we are serving with. It is important that friendships build to a place where honesty and integrity are central. These music teams are about more than just practice and performance. Unity is crucial (Eph. 4:1-6).

*Discipleship:*

Using our gifts for God should be bringing us closer to Him. Practice times are not simply times to strive for musical expertise; they can be times of profound worship and growth. During practices time is taken to ensure that each of our own spiritual lives is growing (Heb. 6:1) and not just our musical abilities.

*Ministry:*

God has gifted every person so that we can serve Him and each other. We serve through music and music is a gift that has the potential to “build up the church” (1 Cor. 14:12). We want those who hear us to be blessed and encouraged through the music we play and to give the glory to God who has given us these abilities.

### *Evangelism:*

Our role as musicians in the church is not overtly evangelistic. However, we can do our part in at least two areas:

- a) By ensuring that the lyrics of the songs we sing are theologically sound (1 Tim. 6:3,4a). The songs we sing need to accurately reflect who God is, who we are, and our relationship with Him (i.e. what He has done for us).
  
- b) By ensuring that the music styles we play are culturally relevant (Acts 17:22-31). We want the music being played on a Sunday morning to be attractive to those who are seeking God and are new to our church.

### **A Biblical Model for Musical Leadership:**

Joshua 6:2-5 (paraphrased)

Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands ...

March around the city with all the armed men ...

*Have seven priests carry trumpets **in front of the ark***

... When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in."

From this passage we can see the importance of musicians as Spiritual Leaders. Throughout scripture the Ark of the Covenant is symbolic of God's presence with His people. Here we can see that the musicians are *leading* the ark ... ushering in God's presence.

We can also see that the people are looking for cues from the musicians to begin their attack. When the musical leaders have done their job properly it prepares the congregation for what lays ahead.

Music is profoundly Spiritual. Life is full of Spiritual Battles.  
Let's lead God's people into battle together!