

Music Ministry Report

To the membership of Bethel Baptist Church,

“We want our music services to unite generations and cultures in the corporate worship of God, our Father.”

This is the persistent core value that the music ministry of our church has been guided by this past year and since the last music committee report in 2012! With that value in mind, Tim George, our Associate Pastor and Worship Leader, continues to filter each song and service to satisfy this purpose. He adds new songs every few months, rotates songs regularly, and retires songs in a specific, logical order to keep our worship service fresh and vibrant. Our contemporary style of worship music is still positively received by visitors and regular attenders alike; it’s invigorating to see the body of Christ united in worship and song!

In 2016 it became necessary to purchase a new keyboard for our worship services. Tim investigated the best models for our needs and was able to find one that we could afford. This new instrument has improved the sound and consistency of our music, and it is offering many new sounds to complement our worship songs. Cordless microphones were also purchased with new mic stands for the worship singers—less cords have “cleaned up” the stage and allow more flexibility during the transition from singing to the message of the service.

We have added new musicians to the worship team to provide backup support—with more musicians that play the regular instruments we use every Sunday, we can rotate and give breaks in the schedule. With Karis joining the worship team, we have multiple piano and keyboard players; we would love to find another guitarist and percussionist that could provide backup support for Tim and Hayden, too. As it is, any time we have absences of either one of these gentlemen, the worship songs feel “empty” and it’s obvious that we’re missing something! Please pray that God will raise up or bring in these needed backup skills to our team.

Our overall sound system keeps giving us regular problems – we consistently have static and leveling issues with instruments and vocals every week. Mike Myers, heading up the sound team, has been so helpful in trying to diagnose and solve these problems each week, but I believe it will be necessary at some point in the near future to invest in a new sound board that will function properly. We will continue to cobble our current system as needed, but please pray with us that God will provide the funds necessary to upgrade this equipment – thank you for being faithful to give of your tithes and offerings regularly to support the ministry of Bethel Baptist Church, and the monies you give provide for these kinds of expenses, too, as we seek to reach our community for Christ.

Thank you all for your continued support of our music ministry – our music team loves to worship with you every week!

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Trevino – Music Committee Chairman