

Welcome to the Heritage Hills Worship Choir family. We are so glad that our Lord has led you to become part of the Music Ministry of Heritage Hills Baptist Church.



The purpose of Heritage Hills Worship Choir is supported by the scripture Isaiah 26:8. It is our desire to glorify God and to invite others to seek God whole heartedly. Through His grace and in His presence ask God to change us; ignite in our souls a passionate pursuit of Him and a desire to declare His glory in our lives, families, jobs and to the ends of the earth.

Why does Heritage Hills Worship Choir exist? **To worship God, not to entertain.** Every time we come together, whether it be in choir rehearsal, worship, ministry events, we gather to celebrate the Giver of all good gifts. We as a choir are partners in worship and ministry, a family. We do not see ourselves as competitors, but fellow servants. We are joyfully disciplined and faithful in our attendance.

It is not our desire that you see yourself as a volunteer, but as one who has been called into the Music Ministry. This puts our responsibility in proper perspective and gives any glory to God alone,

The following information is printed to assist you as you join with us in the ministry of music.

In His service,
Scott O. Fraser
Minister of Music & Worship

Message from Pastor Fred:

I want to thank you for answering the call of God to become a part of the worship choir. God has chosen and called you to do something very important for Him. Your main purpose is to help the rest of the congregation by leading them to worship our God who deserves our utmost devotion.

The church has many functions and many people that make up parts of the body of Christ, but there is a common thread that is woven throughout all those functions—worship. Our corporate worship on Sunday morning is dependent upon two key factors: (1) our individual worship during the week and (2) your dedication and commitment to help lead the rest of our congregation in our music ministry.



Let me encourage you to make your individual worship times a priority during the week as well as your rehearsals on Wednesday evenings and leadership times on Sunday mornings. We count on you and look to you to lead us in offering a sacrifice of praise each Sunday morning. You also will really help set the tone for how the Word of God will be received when it is preached.

Let me thank you in advance for your hard work and dedication. I know it takes commitment and I am grateful for yours.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any adult who is interested in using his/her musical ability for the glory of God through this ministry and is faithful.

In order to effectively serve through the ministry of Heritage Hills Worship Choir the following commitment is necessary:

Have a desire to serve the Lord and minister to the congregation through music.

- ◆ Be willing to give one’s best both in rehearsal and service leadership.
- ◆ Demonstrate a cooperative spirit and be willing to care for other choir members.
- ◆ Be willing to commit to regular attendance and participating in rehearsals and services.

After attending rehearsal, visitors will be asked to meet with Scott to review the Heritage Hills member information.

REHEARSALS

- ◆ Regular rehearsals are held each week on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. Please be prompt.
- ◆ 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:15 a.m., robed, seated and ready to rehearse.

Extra rehearsals may be called for special occasions such as Christmas, Easter, July 4th, etc...

CHILD CARE

Child care is provided for all rehearsals. If you have questions about the child care policy see the education minister about these questions.

ATTENDANCE

100% attendance at rehearsals and services is IDEAL. The closer each one comes to the ideal, the better our choir’s ministry will be.

Please check in at each rehearsal and service. Attend rehearsal even when you cannot sing the following Sunday.

ABSENCES

Considering your duty as a Christian and a choir member, limit absences to one service and one rehearsal per month.

You can report your absence by filling out an absentee form, e-mailing from the HHBC web page (www.hhbcga.org) or call me at 770-922-2027 ext. 16.

If you are absent for a Wednesday rehearsal, we would still like for you to sing in the Sunday services in which we sing.

When a member of the choir becomes irregular in attendance, a choir member will make contact with you, followed by the Minister of Music. If you have THREE unexpected absences during one month, you will be placed on the “inactive” list. You may reactivate your membership by attending one rehearsal.

You may also request to be placed on “leave of absence” if you see yourself missing for an extended period of time.

ROBES AND FOLDERS

A robe will be assigned to you when you join the worship choir. Please do not wear anyone else’s robe. Be sure to *take* good care of your robe. The proper “hanging up” of your robe after each wearing will help us keep your robe in perfect condition.

Please report any problems or repairs needed.

Your **Folder Number** is: _____

Folders are made available to you and should be prepared prior to Sunday Worship.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a particular prayer request that you would like to share with the choir, please fill out a prayer request card, provided in the choir room or call me at 770-922-2027 ext. 16 by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Your request will be placed in the *Music Hi-Lites*. All prayer requests are honored for one month unless updated.

MY MINISTRY COMMITMENT

Realizing that...

- ◆ It is God who calls us to serve Him in specific areas of ministry.
- ◆ Effective ministry demands faithful service, energized by the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Being committed to the choir ministry means being committed to faithful attendance and to the primary purpose to glorify God.

I hereby commit myself as a member of the Heritage Hills Baptist Church Worship Choir...

- ◆ To be faithful in attendance to be "In Town—In Choir".
- ◆ To seek to maintain a vital, daily walk with the Lord, and to pray for the ministry of the choir.
- ◆ To bring a positive, unselfish attitude of love and encouragement in the choir for the mutual edification of all.

NAME: _____

Date: _____

*“Serve the Lord
with gladness;
come before Him with
joyful singing.”*

The Worship Leading Choir

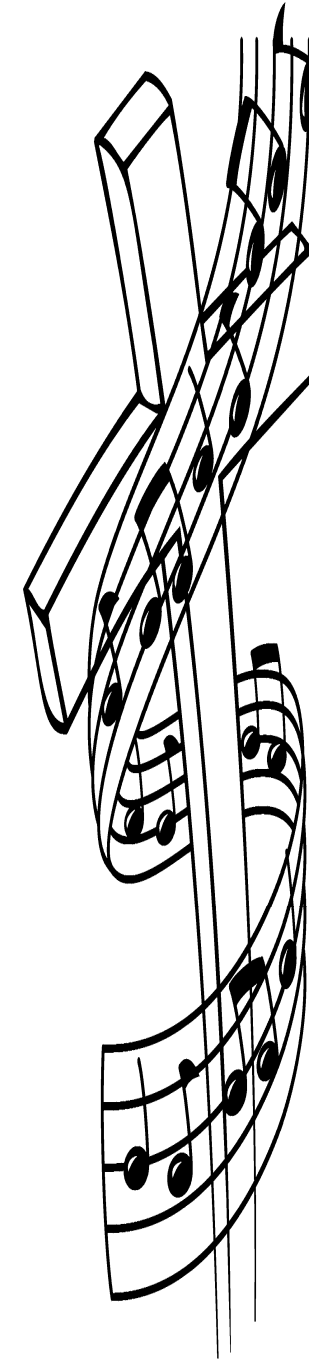
Characteristics of the choir committed to excellence in worship leadership

The Worship Leading Choir...

- ◆ It is not primarily about *performance*; it is primarily about *worship*.
- ◆ It is not about being *slick*; it is about having *passion*.
- ◆ It is not about *acquaintanceship*; it is about *family*.
- ◆ It is not about *momentary emotion*; it is about *eternal significance*.
- ◆ It is not about *image*; it is about *substance*.
- ◆ It is not about *competition*; it is about *servanthood*.
- ◆ It doesn't view *talent* as primary; it does view *character* and *faithfulness* as primary.
- ◆ It is not about *impressing* the congregation; it is about *inspiring* those gathered for worship.
- ◆ Its audience is not the *congregation*, but together with the congregation, their joint audience is *God*.
- ◆ It's not about *us*; it is about *Him!*

The Worship Leading Choir stands before the congregation as a well-schooled, unified battalion, locking arm in arm to come both humbly and boldly into God's presence, realizing that every word that enthrones Christ dethrones the enemy.

Dave Williamson
Composer / Arranger / Clinician



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