

Three guiding principles to corporate worship:

- 1) DO what God clearly commands
- 2) DON'T DO what God clearly forbids
- 3) Use scriptural wisdom for everything else

FCBC Music Ministry Mission Statement

FCBC exists to glorify God by pointing the affections of all peoples to the all satisfying Person of Jesus Christ. As we seek to have our affections shaped by the gospel, worship is the response.

PURPOSES OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY

- 1) Put the truth of the gospel on display through music
- 2) To allow an opportunity for people to honor God with their musical giftings
- 3) To UNITE the body through shared expression of worship
- 4) To prepare an environment where appetites for Christ can be satisfied

FCBC Core Values for Worship

1) Head and Heart – Doctrinally sound AND Emotionally Responsive

*We bow our hearts, we bend our knees
O Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
O Lord we cast down our idols*

*Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another*

*Oh God let us be a generation that seeks
Who seeks your face O God of Jacob*

“¹³Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. ¹⁴I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. ¹⁵For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.” Romans 14: 13-19

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³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹ “A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?” ⁴³ Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.” ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.” ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” ⁴⁸ And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” Luke 7:36-48

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- 4) Breadth of Participation AND Excellence

SUMMARY THOUGHTS

- 1) We are to be fully convinced before the Lord in our how we go about worshipping God
- 2) Ultimately, all are accountable to God alone for worship practices, style, and preferences
- 3) Your heart attitude about corporate worship and striving for unity is as much an act of worship as the worship itself
- 4) God receives glory in the unity of His diverse people