

# WORSHIP & MUSIC **PLANNER** 2023

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# FROM BUBBA

Three years ago, we put out the very first edition of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's "Worship Planner." Many of you have given us feedback of how helpful it was by including key event dates, encouraging scriptures, articles and helpful reminders of things dealing specifically with the local church worship and music ministry.

The past 2 years have been challenging for all our KBC Churches and, for the most part, our churches have done well throughout this period of quarantine and lock down. Several churches have reported that they have not only survived but thrived. Our churches have reached new people online, embraced modern technology, surpassed financial giving goals, and even simplified to be more effective at what the most important thing is: SHARING THE GOSPEL.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention's 2022 "Calling Out the Called" Initiative has proven beneficial in helping our churches recognize and invest in the future generations of leaders for the local church. One example was our inaugural Kentucky Student Worship Camp held on the campus of Boyce College in Louisville. This weeklong camp gave each students opportunities to gain skills on their instruments, but lots of practical help and theology.

This coming year, our new initiative will be "Every Church on Mission." The Missions Mobilization Team is excited to help each KBC church do the work to which the Holy Spirit has called them with a new Fall 2022 initiative called Every Church on Mission (ECOM). This initiative seeks to help each KBC church identify their unique role in the Great Commission, equip members to live out their role in the Great Commission, send members to fulfill the Great Commission locally and globally, and care for those who are sent both locally and globally. For each of these four elements there are assessment questions and recommended resources. The goal of this initiative is to help churches focus on the work of making disciples locally and globally, while avoiding the trap of turning inward and forgetting the work to which we are called. Learn more about ECOM at [kybaptist.org/ecom](http://kybaptist.org/ecom).

The work of the church at Antioch is our work. The work of all churches is to make disciples of all nations among whomever we can and wherever we are. Some recent gospel "workers" serving in another country had to leave their place of work for another place of work. In reflection about that move, they affirmed, "God called us for the work, not for a place or a people. He called us for the work to 'make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19). Whatever changes we may experience in the world or in our life, and wherever we may find ourselves to be, may we do the work God has called us to do

I pray that this year's 2023 edition will find you and yours doing well. For some, I know the past two years have been hard and challenging. And I also know that for some, the past two years have been a journey incomparable to any other. I hope that this year's edition

will encourage you, educate you and remind you that we at the Kentucky Baptist Convention stand ready to help you.

Our founding documents include the phrase “by churches, for churches to help churches reach Kentucky and the world for Christ” and THAT is what we intend on doing.

May God richly bless you as you do your best to shepherd your congregation.

Thank you, and blessings.

Jason “Bubba Stewart  
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# 2023GOALS

May He grant you your heart’s desire and fulfill all your plans!  
**Psalm 20:4**

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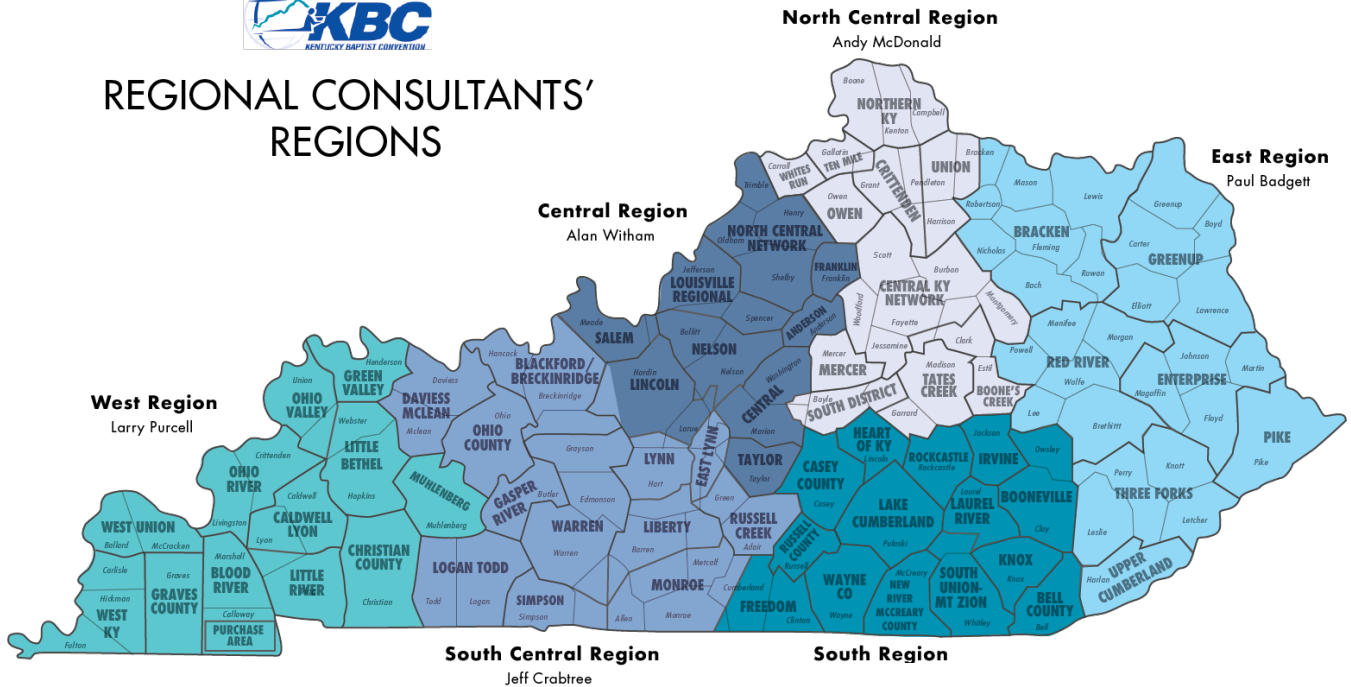
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**Your church is having Great Commission impact and fulfilling the command of Acts 1:8, witnessing gospel impact locally, nationally and globally through your generous Cooperative Program missions giving in the following ways:**

**The International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention** – Through your Cooperative Program giving, you support 3,604 International Mission Board missionaries who are engaged daily in taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. Visit <http://www.sbc.net/resource-library/52-Sundays/> to learn about the missionaries and their work.

- 535,325 people heard a gospel witness last year as IMB missionaries and their close indigenous partners continue to share the gospel boldly.
- 89,325 people became believers, committing to follow Jesus Christ in their lives, with 47,929 following through with believer's baptism.
- 12,368 new churches were planted as your missionaries continue to disciple new believers, and then do the all-consuming work of pulling those new believers together in the birth of a new church. Missionaries also reported 174,393 people who are ongoing Bible study participants.
- And an incredible 90,532 people received theological training, which includes pastoral training, church-planting training, advanced training and more.

**North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention** – Through the North American Mission Board you support:

- 2,218 missionaries and students in varying ministry categories.
- 3,720 Southern Baptist Chaplains serving in the U.S. military, in state and federal prisons, hospice, hospitals, disaster relief and as volunteers in many settings around the world.
- Through SEND Relief churches were mobilized around strategic ministry centers. They served over 300,000 meals, served more than 41,000 people and shared the gospel 1,260 times.

**Six Seminaries** – Six Southern Baptist seminaries trained 23,818 God-called leaders for ministry roles in churches and other Christian ministries. Our seminaries are located in Louisville, Kentucky; Ontario, Canada; Kansas City, Missouri; Wake Forest, North Carolina; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Fort Worth, Texas. Your giving through the Cooperative Program allows these students to receive a world class education at a reduced rate of tuition.

**Southern Baptist Entities** – Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, GuideStone Financial Resources and the SBC Executive Committee are also supported through Cooperative Program giving. Lifeway Christian Resources and National Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU) are other SBC entities but they do not receive Cooperative Program funding. For more information on these entities visit: <https://www.sbc.net/about/what-we-do/sbc-entities/>.

Visit [www.sbc.net](http://www.sbc.net) for more information on the work and impact of Southern Baptist Convention ministries.

### Here is how you are having Great Commission impact in Kentucky:

**Orphan Care** – Sunrise Children’s Services provides care for nearly 1,000 kids and family members throughout the state of Kentucky. They operate three therapeutic residential centers, one psychiatric residential treatment center, five foster care regions with 11 foster care offices, family services and an independent living program that helps maturing kids.

**Campus Ministry** – Regional campus ministers partner with local churches as they serve on eight primary campuses in Kentucky and seek to start new church-based Baptist Campus Ministry work on additional campuses. Approximately 100 campuses in Kentucky do not have a BCM presence. Christians account for only 6% of a typical college campus population in the United States.

**Disaster Relief** – KBC Disaster Relief teams witnessed 21 professions of faith this year and 30 other decisions. Volunteers served 23,558 hours and made 1,669 ministry contacts with those facing grief and loss. Disaster Relief Chaplains made 1,265 ministry contacts with hurting people. Volunteers distributed 762 Bibles, provided 44,261 meals, completed 208 flood recovery and 20 chainsaw jobs, served 115 heavy equipment hours, provided 1,355 showers for those facing loss, purified 2,492 gallons of drinking water and washed 582 loads of laundry.

Disaster Relief trained new volunteers, mobilizing them in ministry as they brought help, hope and healing to hurting survivors. READY CHURCH is a strategy and tool that was offered to assist churches to be prepared to minister in their community during times of crisis or disaster.

**Church Planting** – There are 29 church plants and seven church apprentices in Kentucky. These new works are partially funded and fully supported by every church that gives faithfully through the Cooperative Program.

**State Government** – Through the Public Affairs Committee, the Cooperative Program helps place a legislative agent in the state Capitol and a non-partisan state chaplain to raise the banner of Christ to those working in state government in Frankfort.

**Providing News and Current Information** – Kentucky Today keeps Kentucky Baptists informed. Over 11,000 subscribers receive the Kentucky Today Morning Briefing every day and 16,000 users follow us on Facebook. From July 2020 through June 2021, we've welcomed more than 1.8 million unique visitors to the site.

**State Missionary Support** – 111 missionaries share the gospel in Kentucky prisons and jails, serve in pregnancy resource centers and homeless shelters and meet needs in food and clothing ministries, literacy education, job skills training and a host of other ways. Cooperative Program dollars help create a vast network of mission endeavors across the state and give churches from Kentucky and throughout the nation the opportunity to know about and get more involved in these kingdom ministries in our state, resulting every year in tens of thousands of volunteers serving in Kentucky on short-term mission projects.

**KBC Mission Board Staff** – These staff members provide consultations, practical training and resources to churches all across Kentucky. A team of trained and experienced consultants is available to assist any of the 2,336 KBC churches in:

- Evangelism training and equipping
- Worship ministry
- Missions strategies
- Legal and financial issues
- Sunday school, small groups, and disciple-making strategies
- Senior adult ministry
- Children and youth ministry
- Women's ministry
- Dealing with conflict
- Pastor search team resources and training

**Crossings Ministries** (gospel-centered camps) – 13,922 students heard the gospel as they participated in Crossings Camps this past year. Crossings saw 638 profess faith in Jesus and 692 experienced and witnessed a call to some type of Christian ministry. Campers sacrificially gave a total of \$125,000 to missions.



**Christian Education** – Thousands of students from Kentucky and around the world are benefitting from a Christian education through Oneida Baptist Institute and Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. Oneida Baptist Institute provides a structured living, learning and working environment for students in grades K-12 with a mission that involves helping students grow mentally, physically, socially and spiritually. Clear Creek Baptist Bible College provides educational preparation for those feeling called of God into Christian service.

**Missions Engagement through WMU** – Kentucky WMU engaged disciples of Jesus on mission in Kentucky and throughout the world by connecting Christ followers with tools and opportunities to obediently engage in God’s mission through missions discipleship, leadership development and compassion ministries while they helped churches intentionally learn about missions, pray for missions, give to missions and engage in missions. In 2021, four Kentucky Baptist churches relaunched their missions discipleship groups, over 190 students and leaders helped bring hope to families through construction projects during Kentucky Changers and 70 children took their first steps in on the mission field during Changers Kids as they worked at ministry sites across Kentucky.

**Estate Planning** – Our Kentucky Baptist Foundation partners with PhilanthroCorp to provide estate planning services for KBC churches and church members across the commonwealth. Pastors receive this planning service without fees in part thanks to funds from the KBC and KBF. The foundation additionally provides assistance with investing, endowments and stewardship services.

**What is the result of your generous and sacrificial giving? Kentucky Baptists are cooperating to reach Kentucky and the world for Christ. Visit [www.kybaptist.org](http://www.kybaptist.org) for more information on the work and ministry of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.**

**Want more information about the Cooperative Program? Visit [www.kybaptist.org/cpresources](http://www.kybaptist.org/cpresources) to learn more and order a Cooperative Program Training Kit for your church.**

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# CALENDAR

## KBC MUSIC

To keep up-to-date on all things KBC Worship, visit [www.kybaptist.org/worship](http://www.kybaptist.org/worship)

### JANUARY 2023

- 9 – 11 – Music Houston ([www.worship3217.com](http://www.worship3217.com))
- 19 – South Central Regional Roundtable @ FBC Leitchfield, KY – 9:30 AM (CST)
- 19 – South Central Shoptalk @ Lynn Association – 7:00 PM (EST)
- 26 – West Regional Roundtable @ Twelve Oaks BC (Paducah) – 9:30 AM (CST)
- 26 – West Regional Worship Shop Talk @ Little Bethel Association – 6:00 PM (CST)

### FEBRUARY 2023

- 3-4 – YES! Youth Evangelism Summit – Parkway BC (Bardstown) <https://www.kybcm.org/yes.html>
- 18 – “Relay” Worship Conference (Bowling Green) <https://www.relayworship.com/>
- 21 – Men’s Chorale Worship @ Owenton FBC – 7:00 PM (EST)
- 22 – Jason “Bubba” Stewart’s BIRTHDAY!!!
- 23 – Central Regional Worship Shop Talk @ Lincoln Baptist Association (Elizabethtown) – 6:00 PM (EST)
- 28 – North Central Regional Roundtable @ Erlanger BC – 9:30 AM (EST)
- 28 – North Central Worship Shop Talk @ Northern KY Baptist Association – 6:00 PM (EST)

### MARCH 2023

- 9 – Central Regional Worship Roundtable @ Baxter Ave BC (Louisville) – 9:30 AM (EST)
- 9 – Combined Chorale Worship @ Grace BC (Somerset) – 7:00 PM (EST)
- 13/14 – KBC REACH Evangelism Conference @ Severns Valley BC (Elizabethtown)
- 16 – South Regional Worship Roundtable @ Central BC (Corbin) – 9:30 AM (EST)
- 16 – South Regional Worship Shop Talk @ Lake Cumberland Baptist Association – 6:00 PM (EST)
- 23 – East Regional Worship Roundtable @ FBC Grayson – 9:30 AM
- 23 – East Regional Worship Shop Talk @ Three Forks Baptist Association – 6:00 PM

### APRIL 2023

- 13 – Women’s Chorale Worship @ Broadway BC (Lexington) – 12:30 PM (EST)
- 20 – Men’s Chorale Worship (combined w/TN MC) @ Forest Hills BC (Nashville) – 7:00 PM (CST)
- 28-30 – KBC Children’s Choir (Cedarmore Camp)

### MAY 2023

- 4 – National Day of Prayer ([www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org))
- 7 – Women’s Chorale Worship (combined w/TN WC) @ FBC Bowling Green – 7:00 PM (CST)

## JUNE 2023

12-14 – SBC Convention (New Orleans)

19-22 – SonPower (Franklin, TN) ([www.worship3217.com](http://www.worship3217.com))

## JULY 2023

3-7 – KBC Worship Arts Camp (grades 6-12) @ SBTS Campus in Louisville (<https://www.kybaptist.org/worshipcamp>)

## AUGUST 2023

22 – West Region EQUIP Training ([www.kybaptist.org/equip](http://www.kybaptist.org/equip))

24 – Central Region EQUIP Training ([www.kybaptist.org/equip](http://www.kybaptist.org/equip))

29 – East Region EQUIP Training ([www.kybaptist.org/equip](http://www.kybaptist.org/equip))

31 – South Region EQUIP Training ([www.kybaptist.org/equip](http://www.kybaptist.org/equip))

## SEPTEMBER 2023

3-5 – “SING!” Getty Music Worship Conference (Nashville, TN) (<https://gettymusicworshipconference.com>)

7 – North Central Region EQUIP Training ([www.kybaptist.org/equip](http://www.kybaptist.org/equip))

12 – South Central Region EQUIP Training ([www.kybaptist.org/equip](http://www.kybaptist.org/equip))

22-23 – KBC Chorales Retreat @ Campbellsville University Campus

## OCTOBER 2023

15 – Women’s Chorale Worship @ TBD – 7:00 PM

17 – Men’s Chorale Worship @ Central BC, Winchester, KY – 7:00 PM (EST)

## NOVEMBER 2023

12 – Lake Cumberland Crusade @ Pulaski Co High School @ 6:00 PM (EST) \*\*800+ Member Choir Needed\*\*

13 – KBC Pastor’s Conference @ FBC Somerset

14 – KBC Annual Meeting @ FBC Somerset

14 – Combined Chorales Worship @ Beacon Hill BC (Somerset) @ 7:00 PM (EST)

# 2023 REGIONAL WORSHIP ROUNDTABLES AND SHOP TALKS

[www.kybaptist.org/roundtables](http://www.kybaptist.org/roundtables)

## **SOUTH CENTRAL - JANUARY 19**

9:30 AM(CST) @ FBC Leitchfield

7:00 PM (EST) @ Lynn Association

## **WEST - JANUARY 26**

9:30 AM(CST) @ Twelve Oaks BC

6:00 PM (CST) @ Little Bethel Baptist Association

## **CENTRAL - FEBRUARY 23 & MARCH 9**

February 23 - 6:00 PM (EST) @ Lincoln Baptist Association

March 9 - 9:30 AM (EST) @ Baster Ave BC

## **NORTH CENTRAL - FEBRUARY 28**

9:30 AM(EST) @ Erlanger BC

6:00 PM (EST) @ Northern KY Baptist Association

## **SOUTH - MARCH 16**

9:30 AM (EST) @ Central BC (Corbin)

6:00 PM (EST) @ Lake Cumberland Baptist Association

## **EAST - MARCH 23**

9:30 AM (EST) @ Grayson BC

6:00 PM (EST) @ Three Forks Baptist Association

# 2023 WORSHIP & MUSIC CONFERENCES



JANUARY 9-11, 2023

[www.worship3217.com/music-houston](http://www.worship3217.com/music-houston)

## RELAY WORSHIP CONFERENCE

02.18.2023 | Bowling Green, KY  
[relayworship.com](http://relayworship.com)

THE BAPTIST  
CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE

[sbcmmc.org](http://sbcmmc.org)

APRIL 23-25, 2023

*Sing!* THE GREAT  
COMMISSION

September 3-6, 2023

NASHVILLE, TN



# CCLI TOP 100

1. Goodness of God
2. Build My Life
3. Way Maker
4. Great Are you Lord
5. Graves Into Gardens
6. What A Beautiful Name
7. Living Hope
8. House Of The Lord
9. King Of Kings
10. Who You Say I Am
11. This Is Amazing Grace
12. Battle Belongs
13. 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
14. How Great is Our God
15. In Christ Alone
16. Great Things
17. Lord I Need You
18. Raise A Hallelujah
19. Glorious Day
20. Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
21. Cornerstone
22. God So Loved (Live At The Wheelhouse)
23. O Come To The Altar
24. How Great Thou Art
25. O Praise The Name (Anastasis)
26. The Lion and The Lamb
27. King of My Heart
28. Revelation Song
29. Good Good Father
30. Holy Spirit
31. Here I Am To Worship
32. Reckless Love
33. Blessed Be Your Name
34. The Blessing
35. How Deep The Father's Love
36. Yes I Will
37. Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me
38. We Praise You
39. His Mercy Is More
40. Christ Be Magnified
41. Jesus Messiah
42. No Longer Slaves
43. Do It Again
44. See A Victory
45. Mighty to Save
46. Promises
47. Death Was Arrested
48. Open the Eyes of My Heart
49. Jesus Paid it All
50. Our God

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| 51. | My Testimony                          | 76.  | Make Room                                 |
| 52. | Open Up the Heavens                   | 77.  | Build Your Kingdom Here                   |
| 53. | Your Grace is Enough                  | 78.  | Because He Lives                          |
| 54. | Stand In Your Love                    | 79.  | Come Now Is The Time to Worship           |
| 55. | Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)    | 80.  | Hosanna (Praise is Rising)                |
| 56. | Shout To The Lord                     | 81.  | Agnus Dei                                 |
| 57. | Run To the Father                     | 82.  | How He Loves                              |
| 58. | Is He Worthy                          | 83.  | Thank You Jesus For the Blood             |
| 59. | Forever                               | 84.  | Days of Elijah                            |
| 60. | I Speak Jesus                         | 85.  | Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery          |
| 61. | Victory in Jesus                      | 86.  | Christ Our Hope in Life and Death         |
| 62. | Everlasting God                       | 87.  | Holy is the Lord                          |
| 63. | This I Believe (The Creed)            | 88.  | Only King Forever                         |
| 64. | I Thank God                           | 89.  | Behold Our God                            |
| 65. | Tremble                               | 90.  | One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails) |
| 66. | Worthy Of It All                      | 91.  | Holy Water                                |
| 67. | You Are My King (Amazing Love)        | 92.  | He Will Hold Me Fast                      |
| 68. | Rest On Us                            | 93.  | Evidence                                  |
| 69. | Before The Throne Of God Above        | 94.  | You Are My All in All                     |
| 70. | There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do | 95.  | Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)         |
| 71. | Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)          | 96.  | Only A Holy God                           |
| 72. | The Heart of Worship                  | 97.  | Rattle!                                   |
| 73. | Nothing Else                          | 98.  | I Love You Lord                           |
| 74. | Another In The Fire                   | 99.  | My Jesus                                  |
| 75. | Give Thanks                           | 100. | At The Cross (Love Ran Red)               |

\* as of October 19, 2022

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## MONTHLY WORSHIP CHECKLIST

- Finalize plans for Holy Week (April 2-9)
- Pray and set annual goals
- Download audition information for KBC All-State Children's Choir ([www.kybaptist.org/ascc](http://www.kybaptist.org/ascc))
- Finalize family vacation plans
- Set days off for the month
- Plan date night with spouse

## MONTHLY VERSE: ISAIAH 25:1

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5	6	7
11	12	13	14
18	19	20	21
25	26	27	28

### SUGGESTED SONG(S)

**Build My Life** by Younker, Martin, Kaple, Redman, Barrett  
**Crown Him With Many Crowns**

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## MONTHLY WORSHIP CHECKLIST

- Complete and send in ASCC auditions - visit <https://www.kybaptist.org/event/kbc-childrens-choir/> for audition information
- Make Valentine's Day Plans
- Download info for Kentucky Student Worship Camp ([www.kybaptist.org/kswc](http://www.kybaptist.org/kswc))
- Publicize plans for Holy Week (April 2-9)
- Set days off for the month
- Plan family activity



## MONTHLY VERSE: EXODUS 23:35

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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15	16	17	18
22	23	24	25

### SUGGESTED SONG(S)

**Goodness of God** (by Fielding, Johnson, Cash, Ingram)  
**What A Friend We Have Jesus**

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## MONTHLY WORSHIP CHECKLIST

- Push plans for Holy Week (April 2-9)
- Review resources available for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- Any updates needed for your sound system?
- Peruse resources for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering at [www.anniearmstrong.com](http://www.anniearmstrong.com)
- Make plans for National Day of Prayer for Thursday May 4 ([www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org))
- Make 5th Sunday Plans for April
- Set days off for the month
- Plan date night with spouse
- Pray for your pastor

# MONTHLY VERSE: PSALM 150:6

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## SUGGESTED SONG(S)

**Great Things** (by Wickham, Myrin)  
**How Firm a Foundation**

### THIS MONTH'S KBC EVENTS:

9 – Central Regional Worship Roundtable @ Baxter Ave BC (Louisville) – 9:30 AM (EST)  
 9 – Combined Chorale Worship @ Grace BC (Somerset) – 7:00 PM (EST)  
 13/14 – KBC REACH Evangelism Conference @ Severns Valley

BC (Elizabethtown)  
 16 – South Regional Worship Roundtable @ Central BC (Corbin) – 9:30 AM (EST)  
 16 – South Regional Worship Shop Talk @ Lake Cumberland Baptist Association – 6:00 PM (EST)  
 23 – East Regional Worship Roundtable @ FBC Grayson – 9:30 AM  
 23 – East Regional Worship Shop Talk @ Three Forks Baptist Association – 6:00 PM

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## MONTHLY WORSHIP CHECKLIST

- Make plans to attend ASCC final worship
- Review 2023 goals
- Set days off for the month
- Plan family activity

## MONTHLY VERSE: ACTS 16:25

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### SUGGESTED SONG(S)

**His Mercy is More** (by Boswell, Papa)  
**A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

### THIS MONTH'S KBC EVENTS:

13 – Women's Chorale Worship @ Broadway BC (Lexington) – 12:30 PM (EST)  
 20 – Men's Chorale Worship (combined w/TN MC) @ Forest Hills BC (Nashville) – 7:00 PM (CST)  
 28-30 – KBC Children's Choir (Cedarmore Camp)

## MAY 2023

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## MONTHLY WORSHIP CHECKLIST

- Set days off for the month
- Plan date night with spouse
- Finalize plans for Kentucky Student Worship Camp ([www.kybaptist.org/kswc](http://www.kybaptist.org/kswc))



## MONTHLY VERSE: JOHN 4:4

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### SUGGESTED SONG(S)

**King of My Heart** (by McMillan)  
**Jesus Paid It All**

### THIS MONTH'S KBC EVENTS:

4 – National Day of Prayer ([www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org))

7 – Women's Chorale Worship (combined w/TN WC) @ FBC Bowling Green – 7:00 PM (CST)

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## MONTHLY WORSHIP CHECKLIST

- Make plans for fall semester of Music Ministry
- Recruit/setup training ([www.kybaptist.org/equip](http://www.kybaptist.org/equip))
- Make 5th Sunday Plans for July
- Set days off for the month
- Plan family activity
- Pray for your pastor

## MONTHLY VERSE: PSALM 103:1

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### SUGGESTED SONG(S)

**Christ Our Hope in Life and Death** (by Getty, Bosell, Papa, Merker, Kauflin)  
**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

### THIS MONTH'S KBC EVENTS:

12-14 – SBC Convention (New Orleans)

19-22 – SonPower (Franklin, TN) ([www.worship3217.com](http://www.worship3217.com))

# JULY 2023

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## MONTHLY WORSHIP CHECKLIST

- Review 2023 goals
- Finalize plans for Christmas
- Plan to attend EQUIP ([www.kybaptist.org/equip](http://www.kybaptist.org/equip))
- Set days off for the month
- Plan date night with spouse

## MONTHLY VERSE: HABAKKUK 3:17-18

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### SUGGESTED SONG(S)

**Almost Home** (by Boswell, Papa)  
**Blessed Assurance**

### THIS MONTH'S KBC EVENTS:

3-7 – Kentucky Student Worship Camp (grades 7-12) @ SBTS Campus ([www.kybaptist.org/kswc](http://www.kybaptist.org/kswc))

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## MONTHLY WORSHIP CHECKLIST

- Plan to attend KBC Chorales Retreat
- Set days off for the month
- Plan family activity



# MONTHLY VERSE: 1 CHRONICLES 16:34

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## SUGGESTED SONG(S)

**Come Praise and Glorify** (by Chester, Kauflin)  
**All Creatures of our God and King**

## THIS MONTH'S KBC EVENTS:

15, 17 – EQUIP Regional Training: TBD ([www.kybaptist.org/equip](http://www.kybaptist.org/equip))  
 22, 24 – EQUIP Regional Training: TBD ([www.kybaptist.org/equip](http://www.kybaptist.org/equip))  
 29, 31 – EQUIP Regional Training: TBD ([www.kybaptist.org/equip](http://www.kybaptist.org/equip))

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## MONTHLY WORSHIP CHECKLIST

- Make plans for Advent season
- Make 5th Sunday plans for October
- Set days off for the month
- Plan date night with spouse
- Pray for your pastor

# MONTHLY VERSE: 1 CHRONICLES 29:11

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## SUGGESTED SONG(S)

**Upon Him** (by Redman, Razier, Guerra)  
**Be Thou My Vision**

## THIS MONTH'S KBC EVENTS:

3-5 – "SING!" Getty Music Worship Conference (Nashville, TN) (<https://gettymusicworshipconference.com>)

22-23 – KBC Chorales Retreat @ Campbellsville University Campus

# OCTOBER 2023

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## MONTHLY WORSHIP CHECKLIST

- Review 2023 goals
- Publicize Christmas season plans
- Plan to attend the KBC Annual Meeting
- Set days off for the month
- Plan family activity

# MONTHLY VERSE: PSALM 63:1

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## SUGGESTED SONG(S)

**Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)** (by Papa, Boswell)  
**It Is Well**

## THIS MONTH'S KBC EVENTS:

15 – Women's Chorale Worship @ TBD – 7:00 PM

17 – Men's Chorale Worship @ Central BC, Winchester, KY – 7:00 PM (EST)

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## MONTHLY WORSHIP CHECKLIST

- Publicize December plans
- Make plans for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering ([www.imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas-offering-resources](http://www.imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas-offering-resources))
- Set days off for the month
- Plan date night with spouse



# MONTHLY VERSE: PSALM 71:8

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## SUGGESTED SONG(S)

**Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me** (by Thompson, Robinson Farren)  
**How Great Thou Art**

## THIS MONTH'S KBC EVENTS:

12 – Lake Cumberland Crusade @ Pulaski Co High School @ 6:00 PM (EST) \*\*800+ Member Choir Needed\*\*

13 – KBC Pastor's Conference @ FBC Somerset

14 – KBC Annual Meeting @ FBC Somerset

14 – Combined Chorales Worship @ Beacon Hill BC (Somerset) @ 7:00 PM (EST)

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## MONTHLY WORSHIP CHECKLIST

- Set days off for the month
- Plan family activity
- Pray for your pastor

## MONTHLY VERSE: 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4

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### SUGGESTED SONG(S)

**King of Kings** (by Ligertwood, Ingram)  
**Amazing Grace**

### THIS MONTH'S KBC EVENTS:

Nov. 26 – Dec. 3 – Week of Prayer for International Missions ([www.imb.org/week-of-prayer](http://www.imb.org/week-of-prayer))

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## MONTHLY WORSHIP CHECKLIST

- Finalize plans for Holy Week
- Pray and Set annual goals
- Download audition information for KBC All-State Children's Choir
- Finalize family vacation plans
- Set days off for the month
- Plan date night with spouse

MONTHLY VERSE: 2 SAMUEL 7:22

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# ANNUALREPORT

By: Jason Stewart

“One generation shall commend your works to another,  
And shall declare your mighty acts.” – Psalm 145:4

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As I communicate with KBC churches across the Commonwealth, I keep hearing the concern of “no one being available,” much less interested, in stepping in to fill vacant worship leader positions. Why is this? Where are all the potential leaders? What has happened?

My observations lead me to believe that the pipeline of intentionally training up church musicians, and other church leadership in general, has become empty and dry. So how do we fix this? We begin with prayer. Sorry to be so basic, but I am huge believer that if there truly is a need, then our God will supply that need. If you are looking for leadership, go to our Father and then be very observant of the potential leadership He has brought your way. Once you begin to see what God has provided, then invest.

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As you continue to minister to the congregation that God has allowed you to be a part of, continue to pray and capitalize in those leaders. Over time, we will begin to fill the pipeline once again so that as the need arises, we will have leaders ready to stand in. Remember, give your children and students opportunities to use their talents and who knows, maybe one day they will become the Worship & Music Ministry Consultant for a state convention. It really could happen again.

Blessings,  
Jason “Bubba” Stewart



# How to pour into future leaders and keep church music ministries flowing

BY JASON STEWART



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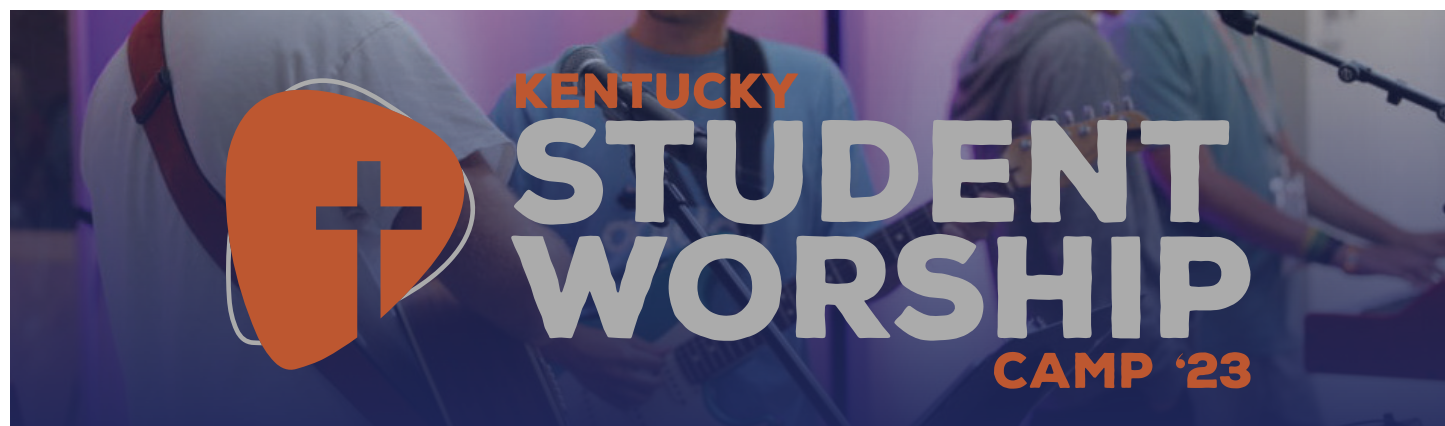
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# 50 WORSHIP LEADING TIPS ROOKIES SHOULD LEARN & VETERANS SHOULD RELEARN

By: David Manner

Every worship leader should spend some time considering this list. These were written by my friend and counterpart from the Kansas-Nebraska Convention, David Manner.

1. Learn more people's names than new songs.
2. Take a Sabbath every week.
3. Make deposits in younger leaders and withdrawals from older leaders.
4. Pray for and defend your pastor even when he doesn't deserve it.
5. Leave more things at the office when you go home.
6. Ask how it might impact your family before asking how it might impact your job.
7. Learn more theology than musicology.
8. Welcome divine interruptions in your routine.
9. Surround yourself with those who protect you from your own stupidity.
10. Place more focus on people than projects.
11. Stay longer.
12. Celebrate the Lord's Supper more often.
13. Begin all worship planning with scripture and prayer instead of songs titles.
14. Drink more coffee with senior adults and students.
15. The original song key may not be the best key for congregational singing.
16. Practice leadership as much as you practice your guitar.
17. Cast vision for the future without denigrating the past.
18. Not all thoughts that enter your mind have to exit your mouth.
19. Don't feel threatened when someone else gets the credit.
20. Affirm volunteers in public, correct them in private, and pastor them in both places.
21. Don't randomly blow things up without considering where the pieces might land.
22. Help grandparents and grandchildren worship together.
23. If you don't guard yourself spiritually, emotionally, and physically, no one else will.
24. Public worship will never succeed without private worship.
25. Understand the difference between knowing you can and deciding you should.
26. Never stop being a student.

27. Always err on the side of grace.
28. Build bridges from the platform to the pews.
29. Turn house lights up and volume down occasionally to see if they are even singing.
30. Don't determine the worship language of your congregation based on how you might appear to other worship leaders.
31. You'll always sing too many or too few hymns or modern worship songs for someone.
32. Filter songs theologically before musically.
33. Wake up every morning feeling unqualified in your own power to do what God has called you to do.
34. Keep your focus on where you are instead of where you wish you were.
35. Spend as much time on relationships as you spend on ministry job placement sites.
36. Not all staff problems originate in someone else's office.
37. There are lots of other churches, but you only have one family.
38. Your attitude may be the only change necessary.
39. Scripted, explainable, and rational aren't always worship prerequisites.
40. If you try to succeed alone, you'll also fail alone.
41. Setting boundaries ahead of time gives you the resolve to say no.
42. What you once learned is not enough to sustain your entire ministry.
43. The worship service you prepared may not be the most important worship that occurs this week.
44. Just changing the music won't grow or kill your church.
45. Not every worship song is appropriate for congregational singing.
46. Leading music doesn't necessarily mean you are leading people.
47. Worship even when you aren't the leader.
48. Your musical talent may help you secure a position, but leadership and relationships will help you keep it.
49. Don't lead worship just because you don't know how to do anything else.
50. If you're saving your best for where God might call you next, why would He want to?

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# THE BIVOCATIONAL WORSHIP PASTOR: TIPS FOR MAKING IT WORK

By: Dale Bleam

Most of my 30 years in staff ministry have been at churches where I worked "part time" (I put that in quotes because that usually means more than part time hours.) Over the years, I've had to come up with a few ways to ensure things run smoothly and the work gets done - worship planned effectively, relationships established with people I lead and work with, the church calendar has exciting worship events that are attractive and meaningful, and opportunities for training and growth.

To keep things simple, I thought I'd just toss out a few bullet points of ideas to help you as you travel the same road I've traveled for many years.

- **Keep in constant contact and communication with your Pastor.** Communication is critical and one of my top priorities. He is not only my boss but my Shepherd as well. I need him and he needs me. I do my best to respond quickly to his calls, emails or texts.
- **Keeping with the above** - I try to take at least a couple of hours a month for prolonged planning and updating with my Pastor. This doesn't always happen, but it is my goal.
- **Know your Pastor's themes or scriptures.** Knowing this information (for upcoming services) ahead of time (or as far out as possible) is extremely helpful for helping plan out services.
- **Build relationships with Church staff.** Make sure to build a very solid relationship with your Church secretary or anyone at the Church who can help you with details when you are not there. I've had to call our secretary countless times when I was at work and needed help. This is my second priority when it comes to building staff relationships.
- **Let people know how to find you.** My phone and email are posted in our church bulletin so if anyone does need to communicate with me, they can.
- **Commute time = Prayer time.** I've disciplined myself to use the time in my car (while commuting) for prayer. I'm pretty sure God still hears me even though my eyes are open.
- **Maximize your primary work days.** Since Sunday and Wednesday are my primary work days, I try to maximize those times by spending extra hours at the church on those days.
- **Use your lunch hour and breaks effectively.** I use my lunch hour and breaks to take care of church related tasks when I'm at my full-time job.
- **Have a printer and computer at home for church work.** You'll find this amazingly helpful. Some churches are willing to provide these items to use at home. Sometimes I leave work and go directly to the church with just a few minutes of prep time before the service starts. Having the capability to run copies or print off service orders from home is extremely helpful.

- **Create schedules for everyone.** Creating band, sound and projection schedules will help keep you organized and take out the guess-work for everyone involved.
- **Create a choir, band, worship team email contact group.** This little tip saves a ton of time and is great for communication during the week. I email everyone the song selections (and sometimes include links to demos) once I have it all planned out before Sunday. It's a great way to also send devotional type material to everyone.
- **Delegate. Delegate. Delegate.** Delegation is critical. I've selected a few willing individuals to help with planning out additional scriptures for Sunday worship, stage communication (for when we let the choir down sit in the pews. Yep... we still have them), and assisting with getting music ready for our choir rehearsals. Small things, but it adds up to large amounts of time.
- **Take vacation time.** Vacation is not only needed but even more important for those who work more than one full-time job. I communicate this information early on in the staff employment so it's clear I will be gone a few times each year.
- **Bring in a special guest "artist" or worship leader.** By doing this at least once a year, it is an easy way to create an "event" for the church calendar that is exciting and meaningful.
- **Host an "Old Fashioned Hymn Sing."** One to two times per year, we hold this event. It is geared more towards our Senior Adults, but everyone ends up having a great time singing songs they grew up singing. I try to make it as close to a "Gaither" video as you can get. I include our choir on the platform and use hymnals that night rather than the projection screen. Hymn sings are quite easy to put together as it's playing straight from the hymnal. We utilize our band, but there is minimal rehearsal because most know the hymns. Stick with the standards that everyone knows and loves.
- **Reach out to other local church choirs.** If there is another local Church willing to do a joint presentation, an entire event can be created from it. I've done this several times on a Saturday night with snacks afterwards. Again, another calendar activity that has a big impact but normal preparation time.
- **Use previous year's song selections during busy times.** In the Sunday's leading up to Christmas and Easter, I use the previous year's song selections while we are working on the new titles. This little trick helps fill in the gaps and requires little prep, and let's face it... we are all guilty of not repeating songs enough as it is.
- **Extend rehearsal time.** Rather than having "bonus" rehearsals on Saturdays (which cuts into everyone's valuable family time), I make our rehearsals an hour longer leading up to special events. I've found this feels a lot less "intrusive" for everyone involved.

- **Utilize various technologies to help save time.** As a part-time employee, saving time is even more important. I'm not a "techie," but I've had to force myself to keep somewhat current... especially if it saves me time.
- **Use a song previously played for the offertory song.** The band can play a song from a previous service (a Sunday or two ago) for the offering. Again, minimal rehearsal, and it reinforces a song you may be teaching the congregation.

I've often found part-time ministry to be some of the most rewarding work I've done - being able to relate to those with full-time jobs outside the church, yet still having a passion to help and minister in a local congregation. The list of "tips" could go on forever, but these are the ones that stand out in my mind. I hope you find them helpful, or perhaps, support what you're already doing.

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# BIVOCATIONAL MINISTRY ORGANIZATION PLAN

By: Chad Davidson

- 1. Plan Ahead** – Take time each week to plan ahead for orders of worship, special music, choir specials, and programs. It is easier to tweak a service plan already in place than to create one on the fly because of changes or updates to a particular service. Set up a particular time each month to plan for the whole month or at least a couple of weeks ahead. This will give you more time to focus on the service and not the “I’ve got to get this done” focus. Secondly, planning ahead will give you moments to reflect on music and how it will prepare the hearts of God’s people for His message to them.
- 2. Be Flexible** – This comes in two parts. Part one: be flexible because sometimes music folks need to mark out or add to services to respect time for the message and/or time for other recognitions. Part two: most importantly, be flexible to the Spirit’s leading during the service. Do not quench the Spirit “because we’ve got to get finished, so we can get the restaurant or some other non-spiritual issue.” Try to never miss an opportunity to be led. It is the leadership of the Holy Spirit to guide us to present music in a way that the congregation sees Jesus and their hearts are prepared for the message.
- 3. Communicate** – Communicate with your pastor on upcoming message series or themes. Communicate with the choir, vocal team, worship team, media team, and sound team. By communicating with everyone you will create a sense of “worship leading” and not just “singing in the choir” mentality. If there is a scripture you are concentrating on or a particular verse for that week, pass it on to your team. This can, or hopefully will, keep your team on the same page mentally and spiritually. At least you have given them the opportunity to be on the same scriptural page as you are for that week.
- 4. Pray** – As you begin to plan services, programs, church calendar, and so forth, pray. Ask God to lead you in what He wants you to do. Look at the service order as a blank canvas and ask God to give you the anchor song/scripture passage/theme on which the service set is based on and then let God paint the picture of what He wants accomplished through that service. There should always be one theme or focus that prepares everyone for the message.
- 5. Be Organized** – Create a folder for items either on the computer or a paper folder. Keep orders of worship and mark when you sing particular songs. One does not want to use the same 30 songs over and over again. Know when you used tunes last and be able to either search or look them up. This will help keep you fresh and the worship fresh as well. Possible folder titles: Orders of Worship; Choir Specials; Special Music; Choir Member Information; Christmas Programs; Easter Programs; Patriotic Programs; Music Purchases; Prayer Requests/Choir Announcements – These may help one get started on a system if one is not in place. Sometimes being organized means purging some items. Is there music that is no longer usable or you do not have enough copies of and it is out of print? Purge items that are no longer needed and pass them on to smaller churches or just to the recycle bin.



- 6. Filing System** – Create or keep in place a filing system that works for your music ministry. Whether that be shelving units with music boxes, filing cabinets or so forth, utilize a system that can easily be accessed by you or the choir secretary when needed. Keep accurate records of the music the church owns in case of emergencies or nature disasters. Keep that information off campus as well on a server or cloud/internet based service.
- 7. Never Stop Learning** – Take time to learn new music, read books and stay abreast of what is going on in the church world. Utilize magazines for sound and media to keep up with trends and/or new products that can enhance worship. Read about new or useful topics that will keep you informed of different options for worship (i.e. videos, new worship music, ways to communicate, effective ways to increase worship team/choir/media enrollment). Sign up for weekly/monthly emails that are focused on items that will assist you in doing what you do in the church. Pass this information on to your worship team/music team/choir/media/sound. Study the lyrics in the music. Just because it's popular on the radio does not mean it is scripturally sound nor does it mean that it is singable for the congregation. If you are not comfortable studying the music, then use someone on your team to do that.
- 8. Schedule** – Work on a schedule for all music ministry areas. Whether that be a rotation of sound/media/special music/vocal team/worship team/offertory schedule, set it up and make sure to communicate that to everyone that needs that information. Send out that schedule early so that everyone has it on their calendar and you have time to switch out people if the need arises. Communicating that schedule in advance will make your life less stressful and will keep everyone on the same page.

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## SingHymns.Net Products Are a Great Resource for Hymn Accompaniment

([klamm.us/piano2](http://klamm.us/piano2))

As longtime church accompanists, the SingHymns staff has made recordings of solo piano, solo organ and piano with organ together as 'played right from the hymnal' accompaniment so that churches who don't have someone to play can still sing hymns with accompaniment on tuned instruments. You can choose CDs, MP3 downloads or a thumb drive that loaded with hymns and sent to you. Simply play the audio for the hymns at the right times in your services and your congregation will be encouraged to sing along. You can purchase the media on CDs (\$14 each or set of 4 for \$48), USB drive (\$14 each or set of 4 for \$48) or



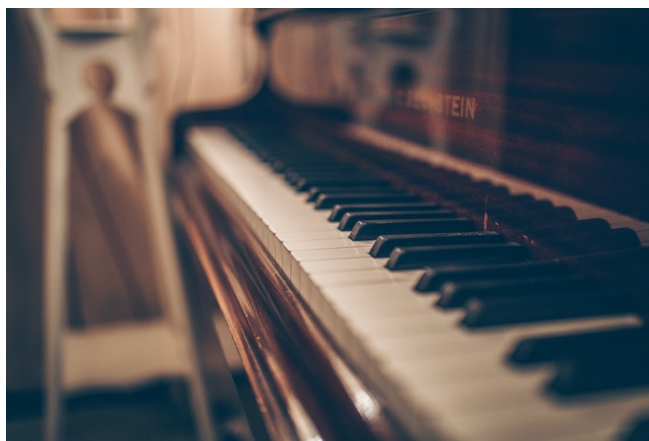
downloads (\$12 each or \$40 for set of 4). \$5 per order discount available.

SingHymns offers an abundance of well-produced resources for the church in need of congregational accompaniment. You have the option of piano, organ, or a combination of the two for hymn accompaniment. Whether you are without an accompanist long term or just need a fill-in occasionally, SingHymns has a solution for you. I would personally purchase the downloads and use in an audio player application. Many will find the CDs or the physical USB stick with mp3s more useful. Be careful which key you use for your congregation. It seems the low keys are not, for the most part, best for general congregational singing, but it may work well for accompaniment for a solo or ensemble.

## SmallChurchMusic.Com Offers Free Music Resources for Congregational and Small Group Singing

([klamm.us/piano3](http://klamm.us/piano3))

SmallChurchMusic.com offers over 15,000 public domain (no copyright) audio files that can be downloaded freely. Most of the 2008 Baptist Hymnal is on this website but each song and style (organ, piano, small band, etc.) must be downloaded individually and some songs only have a copyrighted organ accompaniment for purchase and download. Any songs that are recorded and copyrighted may be downloaded for \$.50 per song.



I am amazed at the number of resources AT NO COST to the church that can assist in accompanying worship services. This resource certainly could use an easier and more pleasant interface, but there is an amazing storehouse of resources here. It will take more time to find and review all the choices to determine what works best for your church, but if you are on a tight budget, this is certainly a great consideration.

## UMC Offers Hundreds of Free Piano Accompaniment Recordings of Hymns

([klamm.us/piano4](http://klamm.us/piano4))

The United Methodist Church has done a great job of providing hundreds of hymn accompaniment mp3s for their hymnals. You will find that we share hundreds of hymns in common. These piano accompaniments of familiar hymns are provided as free downloads. They are intended to provide accompaniments for congregational singing for churches unable to provide accompaniment for singing. The UMC hymn project offers another great resource for FREE piano hymn accompaniment for congregational singing. I found a number of the songs to be rather slow, but that can be remedied with Audacity or other audio software that can adjust the tempo of the song. If you are needing piano accompaniment for congregational singing on a long-term or short-term basis and are on a tight budget, this resource, along with SmallChurchMusic.com, will provide numerous options for you.



## Additional Classic Hymn Accompaniment Resources

([klamm.us/piano5](http://klamm.us/piano5))

- **Classic Hymn Collections**

Three volumes of Classic Hymns can be found on Amazon.com. Each collection contains 15-18 hymns with piano accompaniment and costs \$7.99. You can also download the mp3s at a cost of \$.89 each from the product pages on Amazon.com.

- **HymnCDs.com**

A large number of piano & organ tracks for hymn accompaniment and service music are available for download from [www.HymnCDs.com](http://www.HymnCDs.com). While the majority of the hymns are not of the Baptist tradition, you may find some great selections to use for other service music as well as weddings and funerals. HymnCDs.com has amazing quality organ hymn accompaniment. The collection specific to the Baptist Tradition and their wedding collections may serve you best if you are looking for great organ accompaniment to add to your mp3 collection. 5-15% discount available. Pricing varies by product.

- **YouTube Playlists**

There are a number of YouTube videos that have hymn accompaniment with lyrics. Several of these are of poor quality, but a number of them are adequate for congregational singing. Look through these and see which might be appropriate for your setting. There are two playlists linked on the page [klamm.us/piano5](http://klamm.us/piano5). The YouTube playlists may be great for small group gatherings. They also provide an all-in-one solution if you want to display lyrics on a screen while singing with an accompaniment track. The quality of many of these products is questionable.

# Band-Led Worship Technology Solutions – mp3s

*The options on this page primarily focus on stereo or split track mp3s with band accompaniment for congregational singing. There is an option for lyric video files with the same audio characteristics. In addition, LifeWayWorship has numerous additional products to assist your worship ministry as described in this seminar.*

## Worship Lyric Videos and mp3s from iSingWorship

([klamm.us/limited1](http://klamm.us/limited1))

iSingWorship offers videos and audio files. The videos are self-contained solutions for leading congregational singing. You can purchase the video with or without a lead singer and use the video file in most any presentation software your church is using. The audio tracks supply band-led tracks of hymns and modern worship songs and are in congregationally friendly keys.

Videos are \$2.99 with static background and \$3.99 with motion background. Tracks are only \$.99 each. See the webpage referenced above for special packages at discount prices.

## LifeWayWorship.com ([klamm.us/lifeway](http://klamm.us/lifeway))

LifeWayWorship.com is an incredible online source for worship resources. Audio and print materials are available for every hymn in the Baptist Hymnal plus most every contemporary worship song being sung by churches throughout the world. Music is purchased a la carte—you only buy just what you need. **LWW also has all traditional hymns with orchestra accompaniment tracks.**

Regular Price: Backing tracks are \$2.09. Listening demos are \$1.09. Sheet music is \$1.49-\$1.59 per instrumental part. Singer's edition is \$0.39. Get a 30-70% discount with a prepay plan!

## HymnCharts.com

([hymncharts.com](http://hymncharts.com))

HymnCharts specializes in contemporary hymn arrangements for the church. In addition to the great charts, they also have mp3s and multitracks to use with their arrangements when you do not have adequate resources.

HymnCharts is a subscription based service with yearly costs \$99.99 - \$299.99 depending upon what products you want. Multitracks cost an additional \$100 per year.



## Apps to Help in Leading Worship with mp3s

### **Audacity** ([audacityteam.org](http://audacityteam.org))

Audacity is free PC/Mac software that can be used to manipulate audio files. Tracks may be edited and combined to create medleys for use in worship. Get the free Audacity eBook tutorial at [klamm.us/audacity](http://klamm.us/audacity).

### **Worship Team Director** ([klamm.us/wtdirector](http://klamm.us/wtdirector))

Free iOS application designed for worship teams who want to create song lists of audio or video files and play them back with artistic control moving from song to song, skipping songs, or ending early, all with smooth, faded transitions that keep a great flow. [See also SoundCue and ShowOne iOS apps (modest cost).]

## Band-Led Worship Technology Solutions – Virtual Worship Bands

*The following options move beyond basic tracks that have the entire band with predetermined sequencing of verses, choruses, bridges, etc. With these options, depending on the app, you are able to mute specific instruments, change the tempo and key, repeat or jump to another section in live worship and much more. These solutions work best when you have live instrumentalists that need augmenting with additional instruments.*



### **iSingWorship** ([klamm.us/limited2](http://klamm.us/limited2))

iSingWorship is available in iOS, Mac or Windows and will provide you with great sounding music from top producers and musicians in congregationally-friendly keys. It will also automatically display the lyrics accurately in perfect sync (no need for other display software) and, most importantly, allow for highly flexible control of the music. You can even display the chords with the lyrics on screen to use if you play along.

**Price:** Application is free. Tracks are \$2.99 each. See link referenced above for special pricing on a package of songs.

### **Worship Band-in-Hand** ([klamm.us/limited3](http://klamm.us/limited3))

Worship Band in Hand is a mobile app for iOS (iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch). It provides church and worship leaders with a backing band that can be tailored to their needs. It's a whole worship band that fits in your hand!

**Price:** Application is free. Songs vary in price by title: single songs \$9.99 or \$19.99. Import your own songs for \$6.99/month. Stand-alone click track for \$1.99. Sync playback & share setlists \$9.99/month.

### **Worship Backing Band Multitrack Player** ([klamm.us/limited4](http://klamm.us/limited4))

Worship Backing Band MultiTrack Pro Wav Player is a simple and great value solution for churches that want to play modern worship songs but don't have a full band. The application is an extremely simple to use Mac & PC downloadable software player with Musicademy's custom backing tracks that let you choose any combination of instruments to appear in the mix. This will work on a PC, Mac and iOS.



**Price:** \$49.99 for the browser-based software. \$19.99 for iPad app. Tracks are \$17.00 each. Quantity discounts are available to \$10.00 per song.

### **Fly Worship** ([klamm.us/limited5](http://klamm.us/limited5))

Fly is designed to help facilitate worship in small churches or other settings where there is a shortage of musicians. Technically, it is a software application combined with audio tracks, controlled by a foot pedal. The "on the fly" features are what makes Fly so incredible for worship.

**Price:** Fly comes with a monthly subscription beginning at \$14.99/month. This includes unlimited use of their vast library of songs.

### **WorshipSong Band** ([klamm.us/limited6](http://klamm.us/limited6))

WorshipSong Band is a free app for iOS. Mac and PC that will play multitracks from any source. It has the ability to map the songs as the previous options to jump to or repeat sections on the fly. It also sends video to a second screen for congregational singing and displays chord charts. Everyone on your team can coordinate the chord charts by connecting wirelessly. Lots of great features at no cost!

**Price:** The app is free. You may purchase or create your own multitracks. There are many great sources for multitracks to use in this player.

# Multitrack (STEMS) Sources and Tools

*The previous virtual band options are, for the most part, self-contained solutions, with the exception of WorshipSong Band that relies heavily on outside sources for their multitracks. We will now explore some additional options for players and sources of multitracks.*

## Digital Audio Workstations (DAW)

DAW is an application software (or electronic device) that is used for recording, editing and producing audio files. Some of them work well in live worship situations. You can use DAWs like GarageBand or Audacity in worship, but they are not the friendliest applications for live situations.

The most popular is Ableton Live (\$449) that can also control your video and lighting with cues connected to the music files.



## Prime App from Loop Community

(klamm.us/prime)

The Prime App is another multitrack player for iOS that works well with Loop Community's multitracks and others that you import into the app. The app is free and Loop Community provides cloud space for your personal tracks at no cost.

## Multitrack Sources

Many of these sources have songs in keys not appropriate for congregational singing. Merely transposing the song, if not a minor change, may not produce a great sounding result.

**LifeWayWorship** ([lifewayworship.com](http://lifewayworship.com)) [\$15.99 with discounts of 30-70% with prepay plans]

**WorshipBackingBand** ([worshipbackingband.com](http://worshipbackingband.com)) [Tracks are \$17.00 each. Quantity discounts are available to \$10.00 per song]

**HymnCharts** ([HymnCharts.com](http://HymnCharts.com)) [subscription: \$199-399/year]

**Loop Community** ([loopcommunity.com](http://loopcommunity.com)) [\$14.99-29.99]

**Multitracks.com** ([multitracks.com](http://multitracks.com)) [\$29-39]

**PraiseCharts** ([praisecharts.com](http://praisecharts.com)) [\$29.95]

**WorshipTutorials** ([WorshipTutorials.com/multitracks](http://WorshipTutorials.com/multitracks)) [\$9.99 - \$14.99 with some free]

**WorshipSong** ([WorshipSong.com](http://WorshipSong.com)) (all titles formatted for their free app, WorshipSong Band)  
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**GuideTracks** ([Guidetracks.co](http://Guidetracks.co)) (includes many titles formatted for WorshipSong Band) [\$10-



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## 7 Ways to Evaluate this Past Weekend's Worship Service

Too often, we spend little time evaluating our worship service. We may critique based on attendance, but seldom do we review it with intentionality. Use these questions to evaluate your church's worship service this past weekend—including evaluating whether you chose to truly worship:

1. **Do I want to know God more after attending the service?** It's possible that a worship service directs our attention to the preacher, the praise team, the building, the church's activities, etc. – but not truly to God. Genuine worship should lead us to kneel before God in awe and wonder, longing to know Him more while also recognizing His holiness.
2. **If I knew only the lyrics of the songs we sang, would I know the gospel?** Strong biblical praise can be a great witness, as long as the lyrics lay out the gospel. Did this weekend's lyrics at your church talk more about God or about the worshipper?
3. **Did I know Jesus better at the end of the service?** The story of the early church is centered around Jesus. They talked about Him, preached about Him, and lived for Him. If your service didn't direct you more intentionally to Jesus, something was misdirected.
4. **Do I know more of the Word of God after attending the service?** I trust that most often, the Word of God is central to a service. At other times, it's simply a "launching pad," meaning it's only a perfunctory part of a service because we know we must at least refer to it. Which description best fit your church this weekend?
5. **Did I know how my life should change after hearing the sermon?** Worship ought to lead to action; that is, singing and preaching should clearly show us how to adjust our lives to what God wants. If you had to figure out the sermon application on your own, you're probably less likely to make those adjustments.
6. **Did my church glorify God by expecting excellence in all things?** The worship service provides multiple opportunities to display God's glory through our excellence (e.g., musical performance, sermon preparation, service clarity and direction). The church that settles for second best is saying something about their respect for God.
7. **Do I want to go back to the church because God's presence among His people is real there?** I am convinced that many people will return to worship if they know they will hear a word from God and will delight in His presence. What was your experience at your church this weekend?

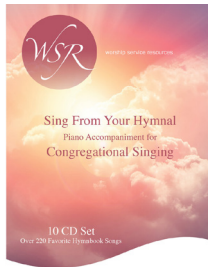
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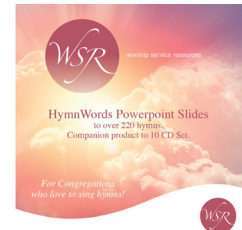


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## 20 Blessings for Continuous Worship

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**Worship isn't just our response to God's revelation through the songs we sing on Sunday, it's also our response through the rhythms and harmonies of life on Monday. Worshiping as we gather here and scatter there are both biblical and necessary if we are to faithfully love God and love our neighbors as we love ourselves. One can't survive without the other. So, as good as our worship actions might have been as we gathered in here, they are incomplete until they also include how we continue to worship out there. Blessings like the ones below can send your congregation out with scriptural texts in their hearts and on their lips for continuing worship out there.**

### **Romans 15:13**

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Numbers 6:24-26**

May the Lord bless you and protect you; may the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you; may the Lord look with favor on you and give you peace.

### **1 Corinthians 15:58**

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely. And may your

whole spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will do it.

### **Romans 8:38-39**

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Psalm 121:1-2**

I lift my eyes toward the mountains. Where will my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

### **Romans 15:5-6**

Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, according to Christ Jesus, so that you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with one mind and one voice.

### **Ephesians 3:20-21**

Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### **2 Peter 1:2-3**

May grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

### **Romans 16:25-27**

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation about Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept silent for long ages but now revealed and made known through the prophetic Scriptures, according to the command of the eternal God to advance the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ—to him be the glory forever! Amen.

### **Hebrews 13:20-21**

Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus—the great Shepherd of the sheep—through the blood of the everlasting covenant, equip you with everything good to do his will, working in us what is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **Romans 11:33-36**

Oh, the depth of the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable his judgments and untraceable his ways!  
For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?  
And who has ever given to God, that he should be repaid?  
For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever. Amen.

### **Jude 24-25**

Now to him who is able to protect you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of his glory, without blemish and with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority before all time, now and forever. Amen.

### **2 Corinthians 13:11; 13**

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Become mature, be encouraged, be of

the same mind, be at peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### **Ephesians 3:16-19**

I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, and to know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

### **Philippians 4:5-7**

Let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

### **Colossians 3:12-17**

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive. Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever



you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### **1 Thessalonians 3:12-13**

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you. And may the Lord cause you to increase and overflow with love for one another and for everyone, just as we do for you. May he make your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Amen.

### **2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal encouragement and good hope by grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good work and word.

### **2 Peter 3:17-18**

Therefore, dear friends, since you know this in advance, be on your guard, so that you are not led away by the error of lawless people and fall from your own stable position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternitv.



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