

# GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

## PHILOSOPHY OF MUSIC & WORSHIP

### PHILOSOPHY

*"Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!" Psalm 34:3*

Our goal as a Worship Ministry is to exalt the Lord our God in corporate worship, encouraging each individual member of the body of Christ to participate. We want to magnify the Lord and exalt His name, to please Him in our corporate worship, and to do so together. So, everything that we do as a ministry is done to accomplish two things: 1) Magnify the Lord and 2) Exalt His name together.

- "Magnify the Lord" – Jesus says in John 4:24, "God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." We want to worship in ways that please God; therefore, our worship must be grounded in the truth of the Word. We want to know what God desires in our worship; therefore, we must know the Word. We live to know the Lord more and more. A deeper understanding of His Word is the avenue by which we can know Him. We also look to His Holy Spirit to guide our hearts toward repentance, humility, and a greater surrender to God. We recognize that we cannot even have a relationship with God apart from Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection. So, our worship will exalt Christ for who He is and what He has done.
- "Exalt His name together" – Paul says in Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." Corporate worship is a community effort. We want to do all that we can to involve everyone in the congregation in worshiping the Lord – not a "spectator sport." We want to do all that we can to involve everyone in the congregation in worshiping the Lord, so the choices that we make are designed to make it easy for everyone in our congregation to do that, free from distraction.

### TEAMS

The Worship Ministry at GBC consists of several teams of volunteers that work toward a common goal of facilitating regular worship services. Our teams include vocalists, musicians, technical teams and livestream video teams.

- Vocalists – group of singers that lead on microphone and serve on a rotation in our Sunday morning and Sunday evening services. Responsibilities include Sunday morning and afternoon rehearsals on the week that they serve.
- Musicians – instrumentalists that serve on a rotation in our Sunday morning and Sunday evening services. Responsibilities include Sunday morning and afternoon rehearsals on the week that they serve.
- Technical Teams – sound, computer and lighting technicians that serve on rotation and are required to be at all band rehearsals on the week that they serve.
- Livestream Video Teams – camera operators and computer technicians that produce our livestream feed during Sunday services and special events.