Our Music Ministry Mission
It is the mission of the Fellowship Baptist Church Music Ministry to glorify God by enhancing the praise and worship services.

The Music Ministries

Adult Choir
Avery Paris, Director

Praise Team (Essence of Praise)
Avery Paris, Director

Pianist/Children’s Choir
Debbie Ruth, Director

Organist
Susan Brazelle

Music Ministry Purpose
The purpose of the Music Ministry is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ through song; encourage believers in their walk with Christ; lead the congregation in worship and provide an avenue through which individuals may share their gifts and talents and be an integral part of the worship. Also to spread the Word of God through musical experiences. Finally the adult choir is to set the example of worship by being lead worshippers.

Music Ministry Goals & Objectives

- To improve and learn on one or more new songs each month.
- To train individuals in voice and music theory.
- To develop and improve each choir’s music style.
Job Descriptions for Choir Officers:

Choir President:

1. Conduct choir business meetings. All business meetings will be held during the first ten (10) minutes of the scheduled rehearsal on the Wednesday the church quarterly conference is held.

2. Approve in cooperation with the Minister of Music invitations to engagements outside of the church such as nursing homes, community events, etc.

3. Assist in recruitment of new choir members.

4. Communicate with the Minister of Music, and other choir officers the special rehearsal times.

5. Contact choir members in regards to rehearsal changes.

6. Contact absent choir members.

7. Advise choir members of placement on the inactive choir member list.

8. Plan choir fellowships, outings, and in-reach/outreach activities.

9. Provide all new choir members with a copy of the choir’s handbook/manual.

10. Assist in other areas as needed by the Minister of Music and Music Committee.

11. At the end of his/her term, explain to the incoming President what his/her role is and how it is to be carried out.

12. Anything else deemed necessary by the Minister of Music or the Music Committee.
Job Descriptions for Choir Officers:

Choir Vice-President:
1. In the absence of the Choir President conduct the business meetings. (See above)
2. Assist the Minister of Music and Choir President with duties as needed.
3. At the end of his/her term, explain to the incoming Vice President what his/her role is and how it is to be carried out.
4. Anything else deemed necessary by the Minister of Music, the Music Committee or Choir President.

Choir Secretary:
1. In the absence of the Choir President and/or Choir Vice President hold business meeting.
2. Maintain an up-to-date membership roll for the choir.
3. Record attendance of members. Advise Minister of Music and Choir President of repeat absentees.
4. Record the minutes of Choir Business Meetings.
5. When there is a death of a choir member or their immediate family, notify the Choir President to decide on benevolence needs. (i.e. food, flowers, etc.)
6. At the end of his/her term, explain to the incoming Choir Secretary what his/her role is and how it is to be carried out.
7. Anything else deemed necessary by the Minister of Music, the Music Committee or Choir President.

Choir Treasurer:
1. Collect money and maintain records for the Choir fund.
2. When applicable, disperse funds for memorials and/or honorariums.
3. Assist in other duties when President, Vice President, and Secretary are not available.
4. At the end of his/her term, explain to the incoming Choir Treasurer what his/her role is and how it is to be carried out.
5. Anything else deemed necessary by the Minister of Music, the Music Committee or Choir President.
Minister of Music Job Description:

Principal Function: The Minister of Music is responsible for assisting the Church in planning, conducting, and evaluating the comprehensive music ministry.

Responsibilities:
1. Be one of Christian faith and of good character.
2. Reports directly to the Pastor, who is his or her supervisor.
3. Direct the planning, coordination, operation, and evaluation of a comprehensive music ministry.
4. Direct Adult Choir.
5. Lead in planning and promoting a graded choir program, coordinate the work of graded choir directors.
6. Supervise the work of all music leaders in the music ministry.
7. Work with the Church Council to coordinate the Church Music Ministry with the calendar and objectives of the church.
8. Work with those involved in the music ministry in determining goals, organization, leadership, facilities, finances, and administrative processes based on the work of the Church Council, and prepare an annual budget.
9. Coordinate the performance schedules of music groups and individuals in the functions of the Church.
10. Work in cooperation with the Nominating Committee in selecting and enlisting accompanists, and graded choir workers.
11. Assist the Pastor in planning worship services of the Church; be responsible for the selection of the music in worship; direct congregational singing.
12. Provide music suggestions for weddings and funerals to be held in the Church, when requested. Be available for counsel and assist in planning music for special projects and Church-related activities when requested and when feasible.
13. Give direction to a music ministry plan of visitation and enlistment.
14. Coordinate the training and use of instrumentalists and vocalists in groups or as individuals.
15. Supervise maintenance of music library and equipment; order music materials, supplies and other music equipment as needed.
16. Be available for suggestions and input to various committees as they relate to the music ministry of the Church.
17. Work as part of the total staff-team effort in regular ministerial functions and in cases of emergency, crisis, and special needs, and make visits as needed.
18. Perform other duties as required.
Membership in the Adult Choir:

- Be a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ
- Be of 18 years old or older
- Have a desire to serve God through the music ministry
- Prefer to be active in a Sunday School Class of Fellowship Baptist Church

Expectations:

- Members are expected to be present and on time for all rehearsals and performances. When this is not possible it is the members responsibility to contact the section leader or minister of music.
- After four consecutive absences the choir members name will be added to the non-active membership roll following communication stating such from the minister of music or choir president.
- Members are expected to arrive no less than ten (10) minutes before the worship time in order for appropriate rehearsal time and prayer time for the service unless providentially hindered.
- Members are asked to refrain from gum chewing, eating, and excessive talking during rehearsals and worship. Come and have fun but also come ready to learn in rehearsals.

Rehearsal Schedule:

Adult Choir:
Each Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Essence of Praise (Praise Team)
Each Sunday Morning at 9 a.m.

Children’s Choir
Each Sunday at 6 p.m. during the school year.

Youth Choir
Each Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m.
**Praise Team Expectations:**
With the adult choir, the praise team known as “Essence of Praise” encourages each individual in the body of Christ make “HIS” praise glorious by leading the congregation in a corporate time of praise.

**Praise Team Membership:**
> The membership of “Essence of Praise” shall consist of dependable hand picked members from the Adult Choir.

> Members of the praise team are to be an active member of the adult choir.

> Members should be an example of worshippers in public and private life.

> Members must attend regularly church services and a Bible Study (i.e. Sunday School) of Fellowship Baptist Church.

> Members must have a “freedom” to praise God openly.

> Members must have leadership qualities (ability to take initiative).

> Members must arrive at services and functions on time.

> Members must wear appropriate clothing for worship as not to be a distraction to those worshipping in the congregation.
Choir Officers for 2010:
President: Doug Strickhouser
Vice President: Ruby Dill
Secretary: Cindy Yankasky
Treasurer: Cindy Yankasky

Choir officers once elected, will serve a one year term. At the end of that term, the
President will rotate off from the officers, and the Vice President will become
President, the Secretary will become Vice President, the Treasurer will become
Secretary and a new Treasurer will be elected for the following year.

Music Committee:
Avery Paris, Debbie Ruth, Susan Brazelle,
Richard Stoudemire, Hap Harmon, Ashley Plott

MUSIC MINISTRY COVENANT:
I _______________________ will do my very best to serve Jesus Christ,
and the music ministry of Fellowship Baptist Church by:

1. Praying for the direction, and responsibilities of the music ministry.

2. Understanding the duties of the adult choir and music ministry of
   Fellowship Baptist Church, I will make every effort to be at rehearsals
   and Sunday morning worship on time and being prepared to serve.

3. When I will be absent I will make every effort to let my section
   leader or director aware that I will not be at rehearsal, or worship.