

I'M WITH THE BAND



GRACELIFE
WORSHIP
HANDBOOK

OUR VALUES

GRACELIFE WANTS EVERY PERSON

- TO KNOW GOD
- FIND COMMUNITY
- MAKE DISCIPLES
- CHANGE THE WORLD THROUGH MISSIONS, EVANGELISM, AND VOLUNTEERING.

Our role in this Vision is to help people have an eternal changing encounter with God. As we gather together unified by the blood of Jesus, we facilitate a tent of meeting between the Bride of Christ and Jesus. In this context, we acknowledge the heavy responsibility and glorious privilege to lead people in worship. We know only God can bring change, and we prepare in vain if He is not the pinnacle of our individual and corporate worship. We are committed to being spiritually, emotionally, and physically prepared. This does not mean we are perfect, but in our brokenness, we will pursue righteousness, forgiveness, excellence, and holiness together.

At GraceLife, we believe ourselves to be a team of worship leaders who have been given a platform of influence at our local church. We are responsible for leading others around us into God's presence, reminding ourselves and others of who He is, what He has done, and how our lives are forever changed because of this. As a member of this team, we accept this responsibility given by the Lord to be vessels for His work, not only through the music we lead, but also through the working out of our salvation in our actions, attitudes, and appearance.

WE VALUE JESUS ABOVE ALL ELSE

- **We are His church.**

We will make Jesus and His Gospel central to all of life and ministry, ever grateful for His gracious work in our lives. (Colossians 1:15-18; 1 Corinthians 15:10)

WE VALUE LIFE CHANGE

- **Your past is not your future.**

We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the agent of life change and we will teach and minister in such a way that leads to transformational change in the lives of individuals, families, our church, workplaces, community, and the world. (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 12:1-2)

WE VALUE ACTIVE FAITH

- **We are contributors, not consumers.**

We will give of our time, talents, and treasures to see the mission of Jesus accomplished, and become more like Christ through spending time in His Word, prayer, and service to others. (Ephesians 2:10; Acts 2:42)

WE VALUE AUTHENTICITY

- **Real relationships require real people.**

We will seek to live in biblical community, by pursuing honesty, transparency, and accountability in ministry and relationships. (Romans 12:9-21; Ephesians 4:2)

WE VALUE GLOBAL IMPACT

- **We live every day on mission.**

We embrace the responsibility to show and share Jesus to our neighbors and to the nations. (2 Corinthians 5:20; Acts 1:8)

WE VALUE EXCELLENCE

- **Excellence honors God and inspires people.**

We will give God our best by living with a sense of urgency, continually evaluating, being creative in our methods and ministries, and seeing obstacles as opportunities. (Colossians 3:23-24; 1 Corinthians 10:31)



WORSHIP OPERATIONS

SCHEDULING & COMMUNICATION

All worship ministry team scheduling is done through Planning Center Online. Team communication is primarily done through PCO emails with some exceptions. It is important to check PCO emails carefully and regularly for specific notes and information. Once scheduled for a service, please confirm or decline in a prompt and respectable fashion to avoid gaps in a team, or last minute replacements. Because we ask for block out dates ahead of time, we expect most requests to be accepted and expect declines not to happen frequently. Email Justin with any schedule and communication questions. (jsmith@gracelifefamily.org)

AVAILABILITY & ROTATION

We ask that each team member stay on top of their personal schedule and block off dates in PCO accordingly. We typically schedule out in blocks of 4 weeks and ask that you have blocked off dates for the upcoming month in your PCO ahead of time. It is up to each individual team member to communicate any preferences for how frequently they are available to serve. (For example, if you only wish to serve 1 or 2 times a month, it is your responsibility to let the Worship Pastor know ahead of scheduling.) All Sunday teams and any rotations are put together prayerfully and thoughtfully keeping each team member in mind.

LAST-MINUTE CANCELLATIONS

If you have had an immediate emergency leading up to a service you are scheduled for, please notify the worship pastor immediately. Unless asked to do so, please do not find your own replacement. Justin Smith *(540) 505-3396*

DRESS CODE

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

As worship leaders, everything we do on the platform is meant to bring attention to God and to glorify Him.

While we recognize that everyone has their own personal style, it should never cross the line and be distracting on the platform - your worship expression should speak more boldly than your clothing. Our standard for dress is based upon what our leaders have asked and what is approved in the outlines below. Please avoid adjusting your understanding based upon what someone else is wearing.

If you are ever unsure of an item, please reach out to your worship pastor, or one of the other team members to get a second opinion. Your leaders are expected to hold team members accountable to this standard so please understand if you are kindly asked to change or sit out for a service if you are inappropriately dressed.

MEN'S GUIDELINES

FOR DRESS CODE AND APPEARANCE

- PLEASE REFRAIN FROM WEARING WIDE-NECK T-SHIRTS AND WEAR AN UNDERSHIRT WHEN NEEDED.
- MAKE SURE YOUR SHIRT ISN'T TOO TIGHT AND IS THE APPROPRIATE LENGTH IF UN-TUCKED. (IT SHOULD NOT SHOW YOUR STOMACH OR UNDERGARMENTS IF YOUR HANDS ARE RAISED)
- T-SHIRTS ARE ACCEPTABLE IF THEY ARE SOLID-COLORED OR LIGHTLY PATTERNED AND SHOULD BE PAIRED WITH AN APPROPRIATE JACKET. AS LONG AS THEY ARE NOT TIGHT, SHORT-SLEEVE DRESS SHIRTS ARE ACCEPTABLE IF THEY COME TO THE MID-BICEP OR LOWER. NO TANK TOPS.
- NO LARGE LOGOS OR WORDS ON T-SHIRTS OR JACKETS
- NO FLIP-FLOPS OR SANDALS. DRESSY FASHION SNEAKERS ARE ALLOWED.
- DENIM JEANS ARE ALLOWED. WE ASK THAT RIPPED OR DISTRESSED JEANS SHOW MINIMAL TO NO SKIN.
- HATS SUCH AS BEANIES, FEDORAS, AND BASEBALL CAPS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS.
- PLEASE REFRAIN FROM WEARING BRIGHT COLORS OR INTRICATE PATTERNS OF ANY KIND- DARK NEUTRAL COLORS ARE ALWAYS BEST FOR THE PLATFORM.

WOMEN'S GUIDELINES

FOR DRESS CODE AND APPEARANCE

- PLEASE DRESS FOR YOUR BODY TYPE AND UNDERSTAND WHAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU ON THE PLATFORM.
- ALWAYS CONSIDER HOW SOMETHING WILL LOOK ON A BRIGHT AND ELEVATED STAGE.
- WITH ANY SHIRT, PLEASE MAKE SURE THE SLEEVE IS AT LEAST MID-BICEP LENGTH. NO TIGHT-FITTING, OR SHEER SHIRTS ARE ALLOWED- PLEASE WEAR AN UNDERSHIRT OF APPROPRIATE COLOR WHEN NEEDED.
- PLEASE BE CONSCIOUS THAT YOUR SHIRT SHOWS NO BRA LINES AND NO CLEAVAGE (INCLUDING WHEN BENDING OVER). SHIRTS MUST BE LONG ENOUGH TO NOT SHOW YOUR STOMACH OR UNDERGARMENTS WHEN RAISING YOUR HANDS.
- SKIRTS AND DRESSES MUST BE WORN WITH LEGGINGS OR TIGHTS AND MUST COME PAST THE KNEE AS OUR PLATFORM IS SIGNIFICANTLY ELEVATED.
- PLEASE REFRAIN FROM WEARING BRIGHT COLORS OR INTRICATE PATTERNS OF ANY KIND- DARK NEUTRAL COLORS ARE ALWAYS BEST FOR THE PLATFORM.
- NO LARGE LOGOS OR WORDS ON T-SHIRTS OR JACKETS.
- DENIM JEANS ARE ALLOWED. WE ASK THAT RIPPED OR DISTRESSED JEANS SHOW MINIMAL TO NO SKIN.
- NO FLIP-FLOPS OR THONG SANDALS. OPEN-TOED SHOES ARE ACCEPTABLE IF THE SHOE HAS A BACK TO IT (AT LEAST A STRAP). DRESSY FASHION SNEAKERS ARE ALLOWED BUT NO ATHLETIC SHOES OR LARGE LOGOS ON SHOES.
- HATS SUCH AS BEANIES, FEDORAS, AND BASEBALL CAPS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS.



EXPECTATIONS FOR SERVING

PREPARATION

- Every team member is expected to spend regular and consistent time preparing their heart and spending time in prayer for the coming worship service.
- Every team member is expected to come prepared for and knowledgeable of the song set. It is not acceptable for band practice to be the first time you are hearing a song/arrangement or working out parts for a song that has been posted to Planning Center unless otherwise noted by the worship pastor.
- Please do not take for granted song arrangements or rehearsal times being the same. Always be thorough in checking song files, music, song notes, and rehearsal/service times each week. If you are unsure of a song, part, or time, please reach out to your worship pastor.

REHEARSALS

- Be punctual, in place set-up, and ready to rehearse before scheduled rehearsal and service times. If you are going to be late to a rehearsal, you must communicate ahead of time with your worship pastor or team leader.
- Be prepared to be flexible and make any changes to arrangements or parts of songs and be willing to work out things with a helpful and positive attitude.

REVIEW FOR GROWTH

GraceLife church values excellence in what we do. Our desire is to help people encounter God in the greatest way in all our programming. This means we have a responsibility to continuously hone our skills and grow in our areas of gifting. If you ever receive feedback from your worship pastor or a team leader, know that you are not being singled out. We ask that each team member expect to receive occasional feedback knowing there is too much at stake to be passive or against growing and becoming more excellent in what we're called to do.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Worship Team involvement may be revoked or suspended if the action of a team member is deemed detrimental to the ministry of GraceLife Worship and/or church. Such things will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by our worship pastor with consent from the senior pastor. It will be done in a loving and constructive manner that encourages reconciliation and healing.

EXITING THE TEAM/TAKING AN EXTENDED BREAK

If you feel led to step down from GraceLife worship or need to take an extended leave, please talk with the worship pastor. We want to care for each team member both during their time of serving as well as their time exiting the team.