

VICTORY APOSTOLIC CHURCH WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRIES

Age Requirements:

Vessels of Victory - 18 and up
TRU Praise Ensemble: 18 to 40
F.Y.R.E. Choir - 12 to 17
Jr. Vessels - 5 to 11
Victory Vibrations 18 and up
Instruments of Praise Dancers - 18 and up
Jr. Instruments of Praise Dancers - 12 to 17
Petite Praise Dancers - 8 to 12
Hands of Grace/Sign Language Ministry - 8 & up
Puppet of Praise Ministry: 8 & up
Power Of Victory Mimes - 8 & up
Cultural Arts - 8 & up

Rehearsal Schedule:

Vessels of Victory - Thursday BEFORE the 1st Sunday of the month - 7:00 pm

Women of Victory Choir - Wednesday 7:00 pm (per special schedule)

Men of Victory Ensemble (M.O.V.E.) - Wednesday 7:30 pm (per special schedule)

Jr. Vessels - Sundays 10:30 am - As scheduled

F.Y.R.E. Choir Teen Ministry - Every 2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays 6:30pm

Praise Dancers - Every Monday, as scheduled

Hands of Grace/Sign Language Ministry: Thursdays 6:30pm

Puppet of Praise (Per Special Schedule)

Power of Victory Mimes - Every Monday

Cultural Arts - (Per Special Schedule)



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Victory Apostolic Church



DEPARTMENT
OF MUSIC
MINISTRY

- Reference Guide -

Rev. Andrew D. Singleton, Jr., C.P.A., M.Div. - Senior Pastor
Evangelist Charlese Allen - Minister of Music



“I myself have selected your fellow Levites from among the Israelites as a gift to you, dedicated to the LORD to do the work at the Tent of Meeting.” - Numbers 18:6

MISSION STATEMENT:

The purpose of the Music Ministry is to glorify God through music during worship. The ministry works with the Pastor; utilizing music to encourage and uplift God's people, and help draw us all into a closer relationship with God.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be a member, in good standing, of Victory Apostolic Church
- Must have ability to get along with others
- Must be able to sing, staying in key and in tune with assigned vocal section, and follow instructions given by ministry leadership
- Must be dedicated, dependable and punctual

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Complete the Victory Apostolic Church, Department of Music Ministry Orientation.
- Have, or strive to develop, a biblical understanding of the power, purpose and practice of praise, and its role within the church.
- Must be dedicated, dependable and punctual.
- Attend scheduled rehearsals and participate in designated events and music programs.
- Follow guidelines and policies of the Victory Apostolic Church and its Department of Music Ministry.



MINISTRY DECORUM

Things to Be Aware of and Avoid

- **BE** on your best behavior
- **DON'T** eat/drink anything in the choir stands or sanctuary
- When visiting other churches or facilities, **AVOID** walking to the restroom or car alone
- Try **NEVER** to express anger towards others, even if they express it towards you
- **AVOID** lending or borrowing money
- **PAY** attention! Do not be disruptive during rehearsals or worship service by talking, passing notes, doing personal tasks or anything not related to the ministry at hand
- **AVOID** Sunday morning worship service as the time and place to resolve conflicts. If the involved parties do not wish to talk, DO NOT force them. Seek some intervention from leadership
- **BE** Polite - Don't be moody. Avoid rudeness, loud boasting and brashness. We in contrast should be thoughtful, sensitive and gracious
- **BE** Considerate - Do not make disparaging remarks about how team members sing, the music, the musicians, etc. Remember that facial expressions as well as other body language speak louder than our words at times.
- **BE** Unselfish - Bear one another's burdens and always be ready to lend a helping hand and prayerfully offer encouraging words. This attribute shows true maturity and will reap rewards.
- **AVOID** Gossip at all times!! • Put **AWAY** a Complaining Spirit
- **AVOID** jealousy like the plague - It can destroy the ministry!
- Listen **MORE** and speak **LESS** - Take the posture of a learner

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many rehearsals must I attend before being permitted to sing during worship services?

Generally new members are asked to participate in two (2) consecutive rehearsals before being permitted to sing, or as determined by the Minister of Music.

I'm not sure which vocal part I sing. How will I be placed in the choir?

Required vocal evaluation will be scheduled to identify your vocal range. As well, scheduled vocal trainings are encouraged for attendance once a month.

How can I improve my retention of songs as they are taught?

We recommend that each choir member bring a suggested a recording device to each rehearsal. Most lyric sheets will include the YouTube.com link. If the link is not provided, a source will be indentified to find the song for study. These tools will help provide good study and practice opportunities outside of the rehearsal setting.

What time should I arrive on Sunday for service?

The choir meets on the **Sundays with two services at 8:15am** and at **9:30am for the Sundays with one service** promptly to review music and have prayer before the worship service.

Special Engagements and Events

The choir calendar consists of the standard Sunday worship service, holidays, traveling engagements and the annual "A Taste of Victory" event. Outside engagements are kept at a minimum three to four a year.



ATTENDANCE

At Victory, we promote an organized, timely and dedicated culture fostering a spirit of "promptness" and other values instilled in us from the beginning.

Vessels of Victory Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals: Thursday prior to the 1st Sunday of the month 7:00pm - 9:00pm

*Rehearsals are subject to change based on special events and holiday schedules.
i.e. Special Services or Engagement preparation*

Worship Service Times:

June, July, & August: 10:30am

September - May (2 services): 9am and 11:30am

Please notify your section leader in advance if you anticipate being absent. Members who miss rehearsal must get leadership clearance before participating in music ministry on Sunday morning.

Soloists scheduled to rehearse or sing for worship service must call the Minister of Music immediately. Such absences will affect the impact of the music lineup and preparation efforts for the musicians.

Share leave of absence with the Minister of Music.



CHOIR ETIQUETTE

Choir Stands

In order to maintain a sense of order and decorum, a number of policies exist for conduct while in the choir stands. The following list includes some areas of concern:

- Avoid excessive talking and interruptions at all times
- Do not chew gum, drink beverages or eat candy or food
- Water is permitted in the stands, however, it must remain out of service camera site
- Do not fall asleep - Pay attention
- Keep your purses or belongings on the floor under the chair out of camera site
- Keep your area clean. Pick up all papers and debris



Entering the Choir Stands - Rehearsals

ENTER FROM SIDES STAIRS ONLY - If you arrive after devotion, have a personal prayer time and wait to be directed into the choir stand by your section leader or Minister of Music. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER WHILE SONGS ARE BEING TAUGHT, UNLESS INSTRUCTED**

Entering the Choir Stands - Worship Service

ENTER FROM SIDES STAIRS ONLY - If you arrive after the choir entrance, **immediately enter AFTER THE FIRST SONG** as directed or **DURING PRAYER**. This entrance **IS NOT** to be used as an option on a routine basis.

Exiting the Choir Stands - Rehearsals

EXIT FROM SIDES STAIRS ONLY - To reduce distractions, please avoid leaving the choir stands during rehearsal. If you must leave, leave down the side stairs of the choir stand, not the front pulpit stairs.

Exiting the Choir Stands - Worship Service

EXIT FROM SIDES STAIRS ONLY - If your circumstance requires you to leave during service, be discreet as not to distract from service. After exiting, if singing is complete, do not return to the choir stand. Please remain in the congregation.

ATTIRE:

Appropriate for Worship Service is as follows:

- For women:
 - Skirts or dresses
 - Modest hemlines
 - Appropriate shoes
 - Pants (no jeans)
- For men:
 - Suits or slacks/shirt/ties
 - Appropriate shoes

**COLOR SCHEME FOR THE SERVICE
WILL BE GIVEN BY MINISTER OF
MUSIC THE REHEARSAL PRIOR
TO SINGING**

Appropriate for Non-Worship Service is as follows:

- Jeans/casual slacks, Modest hemlined skirts
- Loose fitting walking shorts or cargo style shorts only!

Inappropriate Attire:

- Sleeveless shirts/tops, dresses, crop tops without jackets
- Low-cut or tight tops
- Bare shoulder/midriff
- No Lycra or Spandex stretch pants, leggings or knit pants
- Exposed body, facial/tongue piercing or tattoos
- No hats during worship service (unless approved for a special occasion)