

Worship Arts Department 2016 Ministry Report

Our church family loves worshipping together. We believe that Spirit-led worship aligns us with the heart of God. Evangel Temple has a long-standing history of musical excellence and passionate worship; last year was no exception! Our times of corporate worship in 2016 were filled with heartfelt worship and His life-changing presence.

Weekly services, as well as special services, require substantial effort by a large team of staff and volunteers. Evangel Temple is so blessed to have so many talented musicians, vocalists, actors, technicians, and the list goes on! In 2016, we were thrilled to welcome Justin McCain and Gracie Connally to the Worship Arts Department staff! They have a very long list of responsibilities, and they are doing an awesome job! Gracie serves as the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Worship Arts, and Justin is leading worship and is the director of the sanctuary band. Both Justin and Gracie grew up attending Evangel Temple and understand the culture of our church and the commitment it takes to serve with excellence. Thankfully, this team continues to grow with people passionate about serving the Lord by using their talents and giftings.

In addition to our regular scheduled services, the Worship Arts department was responsible for producing several other special services and presentations. One of those special services was on Palm Sunday. The Worship Arts department presented "Crimson Love". This service was comprised of powerful songs of the sacrifice and victory of Christ. Many gave their hearts to Christ and experienced the freedom we had been praying for leading up to the service.

That same week, our community was touched by the annual Crucifixion Portrayal on the front lawn of the church as those passing by on Veterans Parkway were reminded of the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Led by Sharon Anderson, the dedicated team of men and women who made up the cast and crew spent many hours to make this production excellent for God's glory. Our greeters were able to connect with and minister to many families who stopped by to watch the portrayal.

The KidzArtz Christmas Choir comprised of children from three years old to fifth grade also presented the musical *All about that Baby!* It was a fun-filled service for the whole family complete with dancing sheep and cupcakes for everyone! The children did an amazing job under the direction of Mrs. Jaime Chavez and the whole KidzArtz leadership team. We are so blessed to have this group of volunteers who are committed to discover, develop, and deploy the God-given talents of our children.

The dedicated team members of the Worship Arts department worked together to see that God was glorified and did their best to encourage people in worship. The Lord was, is, and always will be faithful to reveal Himself to those who earnestly seek Him... We look forward to even deeper and richer times of worship as a church body, and we believe the best is yet to come!

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