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# Welcome

Welcome to the Grace Church Town Center team! We are so excited to have you a part of the mission and vision of Grace Church. Our prayer is that through this team you find a specific and important role to play in the way God has created you. We like to say here at Grace Church that we have no spare parts. This means that we believe that God created you with a specific gift that is meant to help build the Church as well as us as the Church having something that you need as well.

Bellow are resources and details that express our heart as well as define your role as you join the team.

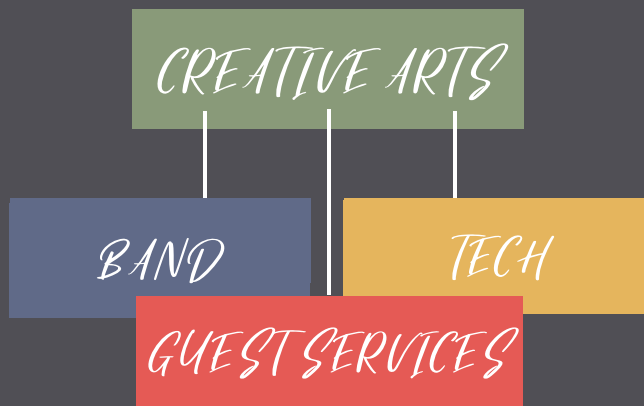
## JOHN 4:23-24

23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

## ROMANS 12:1

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

## OUR TEAM



“Worship is the work of acknowledging the greatness of our covenant Lord.”

- John M. Frame

The way Grace Church expresses worship on a Sunday morning is through the leadership of the Creative Arts Team.

## OUR HEART

As a team we are called to be unified in Christ. At Grace we strive to know and care for one another. Above anything else we could be doing, the health and growth of our team is most important. Everything we do comes from the desire to see our church and teams grow deeper relationships with Jesus.

**1 Corinthians 12:12-13:** “12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

# Teams

## BAND

Our heart at Grace Church Town Center is to have vertically engaged worshippers. This means that we are leading the church to respond to who God is and what He is doing. As a team we strive to have our church body truly understand worship and how it applies to their lives. Our calling as a team is to shepherd this heart into our gatherings.

## TECH

We as a team might go unseen, though everything we do is front and center. This means our hearts need to be right and focused towards making Jesus make sense. We have such an incredible opportunity to clear the way for worship and the message. Though it may not be musical, we are still worship leaders. All that is different is our instruments.

## GUEST SERVICES

Welcoming guests and tending to the needs of the individual walking through our door is a call to worship. As a team we desire to serve and welcome every person that walks in and out of our building. We want every stranger to feel like family.

# Your Part

**Notes and lyrics:** Learn how the speaker is going to direct the service. Make changes to the notes and lyrics as needed. Emphasize and help make the message and worship clearer.

**Sound board:** Listen closely to the mix during practice. Learn when to change lighting and mute mics to allow for smooth transitions. Strive to be unnoticed so that God can be.

**Live stream:** Work closely with the sound booth to give the people viewing an excellent experience. You lead the people online into what we do in person.

**Worship leader:** Work closely with the pastor to make a clear direction for the morning. Lead practice to be relaxed but also pursuing excellence. Lead the room and know where they need to go. Be sensitive to what God is doing.

**Guitarist:** Bring rhythm and diversity to the other musicians. Follow the worship leader closely and know when and when not to play. Push yourself to know different voicing to elevate dynamics.

**Drums:** Lead the tempo and rhythm. Follow where the worship leader wants to go. Be sensitive to the energy in the room and where the worship leader wants to take it.

**Keys:** Know your abilities and where you can add emotion into a song. Follow the worship leader and listen to where they want to go.

**Vocalist:** Know that you are playing with a different kind of instrument. Push yourself to know harmonies and melodies. Ask the worship leader about what you need to do. Know when to let the room take it.

**Bassist:** Know when to come in and how to elevate the beat set by the drums. Work closely with the drummer and worship leader to lead the church in worship.

**Guest Services Lead:** Know your part in what time the doors open and close, how to answer questions, and how to guide someone to where they need to go. Know the heart and culture of Grace Church, and the goal for the team.

**Guest Services:** Know how to greet those coming in genuinely and enthusiastically. Communicate with the lead to know when to open and close the doors as well as guiding people to open seats when they are have a hard time finding them.

**All:** Understand that you are all worship leaders in the role that you are playing. Understand your part musically and spiritually and be as prepared as you can coming in on Sunday mornings.

# Platform Presence

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We are worshipers of Jesus Christ in every way and in all we do. From welcoming guests, to playing bass, to hitting a space bar; we are leading from a heart of worship. This means that we are all worship leaders. This is **not** only on Sunday mornings. All of our lives are to be platforms of worship to God.

For us to live this out means that we recognize as leaders that there are people following us. This is a responsibility that we have to be aware of at all times. The way we come across while we are serving is to be seen a worship. In 1 Corinthians we are told to do everything for the glory of God. This was said to make sure that a believers we are not causing our brothers and sisters to stumble in their faith.

So, as we serve and worship our God together, we must be aware of how we a presenting the gospel and worshipping our God. We desire to be aware of how we are pointing to Jesus in everything we do, on and off the platform.

# Platform Dress Code

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*For Men and Women*

**Shirts:**

- Must have sleeves.
- Graphic tees must not have inappropriate depictions.
- Must not be form fitting or revealing.
- Must be long enough for no skin to be showing when arms are raised.

**Pants:**

- Must not be spandex, extremely form fitting, or sweat pants.
- Unless specified, No shorts.
- No identifiable holes above the knee.

**Hats:**

- Must not hide eyes or face.

**Shoes:**

- Must been worn at all times unless specified.

A part of worship is insuring that we are reflecting Christ even in the way we dress. We do not want to distract in any way or accidentally cause anyone to stumble if it is preventable.

# We Care

As Grace Church we care more about your heart and spiritual walk than your ability to perform or your talents. We will always push and lead you in your relationship with Jesus before worrying about what you can do. We desire this because when we make decisions about your participation on one of our teams, it is coming from a desire to see you grow in your faith. It will rarely be about your capability to perform on the team.

# How We Communicate

We desire to communicate with respect and love towards you and would ask that you do the same with others. We should always strive to look like Jesus.

Good communication is a way to love one another. While we will strive to meet you where you are, we expect that you will communicate as best you can with us. We send out requests from planning center a month in advance and then check in with you the week you are serving. When you need a break or have something come up, please communicate that immediately.

It is also important to us that we are available to you through life outside the team. If anything is going on in life that you need to talk about, please do not hesitate to let your team lead know. We have pastoral and church resources available.

# Resources

## PLANNING CENTER ONLINE

We use Planning Center (PCO) as our data base hub for all of our service planning, our music files, our equipping links, vocal parts and chord charts. It is also where we send team information in regards to services, scheduling and events. The best way to learn how to use it is to explore and ask us questions. If needed, we will guide you in understanding how to navigate the website/app. At our campus, our team members understand the importance of communication.

### Several things that will be required of you as a team member:

- Please create and finish your profile by including as much information as you are willing to give.
- Please respond to serving invitations by accepting or declining within two days of notification.
- Please give a reason for declining. Our goal is to shepherd you and support you in every season of life, while serving the vision and mission of our church and campuses.

### Vacations, work, emergencies:

We want you to know that *you should never feel bad about declining an initial invitation*. We understand that life happens, you have priorities outside of ministry serving, family life and work that will require your time and may prevent you from serving.

In order to understand and support you, we ask that in advance you would manage your upcoming schedules by "blocking out dates" in the Planning Center Calendar. Letting us know that you are not available for those specific dates helps us lead with excellence.

## FURTHER DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship is a huge part of our heart here at Grace church and we desire that you are connect in more than just one way to our church. Prayerfully consider getting connected to others within our Church.

### C.O.R.E.

The main way you will see discipleship within our church is through C.O.R.E. We have many different groups to get involved in. If you are a student in middle or high school, our C.O.R.E. Groups meet on Wednesday nights as a part of our Student Ministry. The other groups meet throughout the week to fit the schedules of each person. These are groups made up of 3-5 people who meet weekly.

C.O.R.E. is an outline to guide discussion and lead each other towards biblical discipleship.

CONFESSION - Doesn't create guilt, shame, or condemnation; it creates freedom by being honest about where you are with God.

OUTREACH - Lost people matter to God, so they matter to us.

READING - Scripture is the clearest way to hear from God, know his heart, and how to follow his will.

ENCOURAGEMENT - To literally put courage into someone; it's fuel for what we are called to do.

*Thank You*