

# SCPC music ministry

term 2 2008



## the dangers of music

I've been enjoying listening to the CD "Soul Survivor Live 2000-2004: Dancing Generation". What first made me pick it up was a great recording of "Blessed Be Your Name", but there are other gems on there too.

But I was recently reminded of the dangers of great-sounding music. The problem with great sounding songs is that you can enjoy them, and they can grow on you, before you realise they're actually unfaithful. We grow attached to the music and get the urge to sing along, before we realise what we're actually singing.

It happened to me while I was driving the other day, listening to the song "Consuming Fire". I'd been singing along for quite a while before I realised I was asking God to give me the Holy Spirit - again. I was singing that God would pour out more of the Spirit than He has already - as if He withholds some of the Spirit until we sing a great-sounding song asking for more - which is downright heresy. Indeed, it's one of the first things our Music Ministry Paper urges everyone in music ministry to carefully avoid.

They say every heresy the Church has faced in the last 2,000 years has been championed by a song. Songs help words to sink into our hearts. Just as great music helps the Word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts, great music also helps lies to sink in and rot our hearts, like plaque on teeth. We can't let this happen to us. Not to our Church family, and not in our homes and our cars and on our iPods. Be careful what you sing along to.

## song selections term 2...

You'll notice the term 2 program over the page involves a few more new songs (marked\*), although certainly not as many as term 1. We're aiming at a balance of retaining the 'classics' people love to sing, while ensuring our playlist also stays fresh with great new biblical songs.

The new songs are listed in the order we'll do them in the column to the right. As usual, they will be first introduced as an item, and you can use the training CD to get familiar with them. Serve us all by coming to rehearsal prepared.

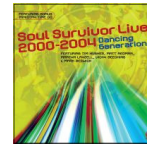
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yesterday, today and  
forever

here is love

love came down

holding nothing back



## REVIEW Soul Survivor live 2000-2004

Soul Survivor is an annual Christian Conference that happens in the UK, and each year they put out a new CD (check out [www.soulsurvivor.com](http://www.soulsurvivor.com)). Amongst many others, this is where songs like "Blessed Be Your Name" and "How Great Is Our God" have come from.

"Blessed Be Your Name" is the definite highlight on this CD - rich words that help us to keep our trust in Jesus during the tough times. Another gem is "Yesterday, Today & Forever" - celebrating the steadfastness of our always-merciful God, despite our unfaithfulness in an ever-changing world.

Be careful though - not every song is faithful (eg. "Consuming Fire"). Be discerning. And - just trust me - skip track 1...



## MUSIC TEAM TIPS

The Sound-man is your friend! Believe it or not, it's true - the Sound-man is there to help you. He won't bite your head off (even if he looks scary). Often musicians aren't happy with what's coming through their fold-back, but don't feel comfortable asking the sound guy to change it for them. But that's a big part of why they're there - so please, make sure you get their attention, and let them know what you want changed. It'll help you to sing/play better, which helps everyone in the end.

**"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." Colossians 3:16**



# music program term 2 2008

**may 4** God of wonders  
[acoustic] in his image  
kids: the creation song  
*item: yesterday, today and forever*  
three in one

**may 11** Holy Father  
[acoustic] all creatures of our God and king  
kids: God rules OK  
*item: here is love*  
the glory of the cross

**may 18** Jesus my only hope  
Lord's supper blessed be your name  
yesterday, today and forever\*  
kids: Jesus rocks the world  
*item: wedding feast of the lamb*  
how can this be?

**may 25** how great is our God  
NCCC [6pm only] pilot  
Jesus draw me ever nearer  
my hope is built on nothing less  
now by faith

**june 1** that's why we praise him  
highest place  
here is love\*  
kids: be strong and courageous  
*item: clinging to the cross*  
the glories of calvary

**june 8** shout to the Lord  
one for many  
now my eyes have seen you  
kids: stop and think  
come thou fount  
by the cross

**jun 15** how great is our God  
all my days  
yesterday today and forever  
kids: turn it off  
*item: love came down*  
take my life

**june 22** blessing, honour  
before the throne of God above  
love came down\*  
kids: the Lord is King  
how great thou art  
loved

**june 29** lord we lift your name on high  
Lord's supper hallelujah to the king of kings  
in Christ alone  
kids: the Spirit song  
*item: holding nothing back*  
come thou fount

**july 6** ancient of days  
no other name  
love came down  
kids: God speaks  
what can wash away my sin?  
the glories of calvary

**july 13** we are his people  
here is love  
my heart is filled with thankfulness  
kids: God's love is a strong love  
when I survey  
take my life

**july 20** let us adore  
holding nothing back\*  
oh to see the dawn  
kids: the Lord don't change at all  
rock of ages  
Jesus is our song