



SCPC music ministry

term 4 2008

music ministry & connect 09

Hi folks, Steve here. I just wanted to grab this opportunity with the last music program for the year (you'll see it covers January too), to cast a little bit of vision with you for **Connect 09** and the vital role music ministry will play in that.

Sometimes when churches get fired up about 'mission' and 'evangelism' it's tempting to load up the church calendar with all sorts of training courses and outreach events and so forth. As we start planning now for a year of mission ahead at SCPC, we're actually pushing the 'opposite way'... even fewer events than ever. Time. Space. We want people throughout our church family to have room in their lives to be involved in their neighbourhood and community, **building relationships** with unbelievers. And we reckon there's one key gospel event that's available week in-week out to invite those unbelievers too: Sunday church.

That's where **music ministry** comes into it. That's why our ministry together will be more valuable than ever. It's not just a service to our church family but a vital way to be part of what Connect 09 is all about. Effective music ministry plays a big part in gospel *invitation*: helping our church family to feel confident (rather than cringing) when they think about asking friends along to church. Effective music ministry also is part of gospel *proclamation*: it is the great gospel words we sing that plays a part in communicating the truth about Jesus.

Music ministry is key to Sunday church. Something we've talked a lot about in the staff/ministry team is the idea of making '**excellent Sundays**' a core part of our strategy for Connect 09. Not just our music—but our welcoming, crèche, kids church, leading and preaching—all our ministry teams working together to present the gospel as clearly, invitingly and engagingly as we can. It's not so much about being slick and professional, as 'giving ourselves fully to the work of the Lord' (1 Cor 15:58). That means growing our ministry together.

There'll be a lot more to talk about across coming weeks and months. We want to do everything we can to put you in a position to carry out your ministry as effectively as you can. On the **resource** side of things, we'll be revising our current playlist so it's up to date, as well as making sure all music charts are as clear as possible (intros, endings, structure etc). So new folders will be coming your way. On the **training** side of things, Peter is looking at ways to provide opportunities for all involved in music ministry to get the training they need. We'll also grab some time, hopefully in January to do some further training/teambuilding together in thinking through our ministry together, especially with regard to Connect 09.

Thanks for the way you serve. It's exciting to consider how God will use our partnership in the gospel in the coming year. Let's pray about that!

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MUSIC TEAM TIPS

It is hard to over-emphasise the importance of the whole team being very familiar with the particular structure of a song as we play it congregationally. That's why we're going to give a bit more attention to the music charts for all our songs in preparation for the coming year, 'starting from scratch'.

It's easy to assume that it's enough to just 'know how a song goes'. But for a song to be played by the band in a tight and effective way, all the details need to be nailed: the introduction, the finish, all transitions, dropouts and variations. It's the combined effect of getting all those little things right that can really make a difference.

Clearly marked charts will put us in a position to do that, but as always, the extra ingredient will be our preparation and practice.



SONG SELECTIONS TERM 4

Term 4 will introduce congregationally three songs recently done as items: *hosanna*, *celebrate* and *lead me*. There are a few songs/hymns in the mix we haven't done for a while, so be aware of that in your preparation.

There are also a couple of new items scheduled for this term, along with several other opportunities in the 6 weeks after Christmas as we use a *Sons of Korah* song each week, alongside the bible reading, to introduce the Psalms.

"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

oct 19 that's why we praise him
Jesus is Lord
glory to the rock of ages
kids: the Spirit song
crown him with many crowns
Jesus is our song

oct 26 how great is our God
Holy Father
the glory of the cross
kids: stop and think
how great thou art
the servant king

nov 2 hallelujah to the king of kings
loved
here is love
kids: God's love is a strong love
Lord be my vision
may the mind of Christ my saviour

nov 9 the glories of Calvary
love came down
servants of the gospel
kids: God speaks
guide me o my great redeemer
the light

nov 16 God of wonders
yesterday, today and forever
hosanna
kids: Jesus rocks the world
powerpoint: mission to Lismore (stars)
now my eyes have seen you

nov 23 see what a morning
how can this be?
my hope is built on nothing less
kids: this is the gospel
item: hold on
in Christ alone

nov 30 celebrate
Jesus my only hope
one world, one dream
kids: who is this man?
I cannot tell
who hopes for what they always had

dec 7 one for many
in his image
to God be the glory
kids: passing through
item: I can only imagine
resurrection

dec 14 we are his people
celebrate
lead me
kids: the greatest treasure
Lord's supper: living for your glory [CD]
take my life

dec 21 hosanna
all my days
may my life
kids: I'm following the king
item: carols highlight
stars

dec 25 joy to the world; hark! the herald angels;
angels from the realms of glory; o come all you faithful
item: how to make gravy

dec 28 hallelujah to the king of kings
lead me
all creatures of our God and king
kids: Jesus is the only way to God
sons of korah: blessed is the man
is this the King?

jan 4 Lord we lift your name on high
now by faith
come thou fount
kids: God is a holy God
sons of korah: forgiven
God of grace

jan 11 how great is our God
every promise
when I survey the wondrous cross
kids: we have the words of eternal life
sons of korah: may the peoples praise you
see him coming

jan 18 blessed be your name
all I can bring
rock of ages
kids: the Lord is king
sons of korah: whom have I in heaven but you
Jesus Christ the King and Saviour

jan 25 celebrate
Jesus draw me ever nearer
how great thou art
kids: come Christians join to sing
sons of korah: come let us sing
in Christ alone

feb 1 hosanna
at the cross (was it nails)
all creatures of our God and king
kids: don't be ashamed of the Lord
sons of korah: more than the watchmen
stars