



# **INSPIRING YOUR CHURCH TO WORSHIP**

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Most churches have at least some portion of their church body that does not engage in musical worship to the Lord. Some possible reasons why:

1. They do not yet worship Jesus as their Lord.
2. They know Him as Savior, but have yet to know Him as Lord.
3. They cannot see beyond their own musical preference.
4. They come from a tradition of "reverence".
5. They don't know what the Bible says about praise and worship.

To help YOU inspire others, I want to try to inspire YOU!

1. Praise is a response to God's goodness.  
Ps. 26:7, 50:14, 69:30, 107:22, 116:17, 136:1, Isa 51:3, 2 Chron 5:11-14  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good... Psalm 100:4-5a
2. Praise gives perspective on who God is, and who I am.
3. Praise is based on the character of God and the things He does for His children.
4. Praise is a function of our will, not just our emotions.

How to Praise the Lord in a BIBLICAL way...

- 1...The lifting up our hands. – Ps. 63:4, Ps. 134:2, 141:2, 1 Tim 2:8
- 2... Clapping our hands. – Ps. 47:1
- 3... Playing of instruments. – Ps. 33, Ps. 150
- 4... Standing – 2 Chron 5:12, Ps. 26:12
- 5... Kneeling, bowing and prostration. – Rev 19:4, Ep 3:14, Phil 2:10-11, Neh 8:6
- 6... Singing – Ps. 47:6, Ps. 66:2, Acts 16:25
- 7... Dancing and leaping. – Ex 15:20-21, 2 Sam. 6:14-16, Ps. 30:11, 150:4, Acts 3:8  
Let them praise his name with dancing. Psalm 149:3
- 8... Shouting – Ps. 47:1, 66:1, 66:8, 95:1-2, 98:4

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Psalm 100:1

Let's talk about WORSHIP...

Worship is respect for the holiness of God.

It comes out a heart attitude of humility.

It is a function of the heart.

It is an outpouring of our whole being in the presence of God.

**Mark 12:41-44**

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

WILL TODAY BE THE DAY THAT YOU HOLD NOTHING BACK?

# Creativity in Action

Spring Time Community Church's Best Ideas for 2008

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## Session Goals

- Identify 10 creative ideas
  - Discover 5 new sources for creative ideas
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## Video Ideas

1. Man on the Street
2. Lord's Prayer
3. Mother's Day

## Father's Day Ideas

*Video, Music & Drama*

1. The Father's Gift – drama by Jeff Berryman
2. A Father's Love – song by some really great songwriter
3. Memorable Moments video - Interview Father & Children

## Holiday Service Ideas

1. Baptism Services
  2. Lent
  3. Christmas
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## Books and Resources

### *Books*

Made to Stick : Why Some Ideas Survive and Others Die  
Chip Heath, Dan Heath

Eureka  
Mark Miller

Cold Tangerines  
Shauna Niequist

The Big Idea  
Dave Ferguson, Jon Ferguson, Eric Bramlett

The Worshiping Artist: Equipping You and Your Ministry Team  
Rory Noland

### *Music*

With Broken Fists  
Aaron Niequist

A World That Barely Breathes  
Foster Band

Give Yourself Away  
Robbie Seay Band

### *Websites*

The Big Idea, <http://thebigideaonline.typepad.com/>

Ted Ideas Worth Spreading, <http://www.ted.com/>

Servicebuilder, <http://www.willowcreek.com/ServiceBuilder/>

### *Film and Video*

The Fair Trade, <http://www.burningheartproductions.com/thefairtrade/>

Amazing Grace, <http://www.amazinggracemovie.com/>