

# Youth Band

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Purpose/Goals of Ministry: What is to be accomplished by this ministry team?	To encourage youth to take a leadership role in worship by both leading worship through music and being actively involved in choosing the songs which are performed at the Sunday night youth worship service, The Gathering. The ultimate goal of this ministry to create a place where teens can use their talents and creativity both to worship God and to create an atmosphere of worship for the rest of the Gathering Community.
What talents, skills, and spiritual gifts would be helpful to this ministry?	This ministry is made up of students with diverse musical talents- from singing to drums to cello! While it isn't necessary for a student to be an expert at their instrument- we've had quite a few students who are still taking lessons- we do seek out students who will prepare each week for the song or songs they are involved in. Our group's goal is worship and we welcome anyone interested in this ministry to come to a practice and try it out!
Time Commitment: When & how often do you meet? What other time commitments are there?	Songs are sent out to band members at the beginning of the week, including chord charts and links to videos of the music for reference. From there, students are expected to practice their music on their own. Band practice is held each Sunday at 5:00, prior to The Gathering. Additional practices are occasionally scheduled for special events, such as Youth Sunday. We have some "regulars" who play every week, but we also have some talented students who are featured in specific songs. These students only attend practice on weeks they are leading worship.
What specific responsibilities do members of this team have?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help choose the music for The Gathering</li> <li>• Learn their music and offer feedback at band practices</li> <li>• Set the tone and create the atmosphere for worship</li> <li>• Take a leadership role both during worship and during other youth activities</li> <li>• Support one another</li> </ul>
Connections: What other ministry teams does this team work with directly?	Directly connected with The Gathering, Collaborations with other ministries such as the Dance Ministry and Choir Youth
Mission: How does this ministry team help people to follow Jesus, love others, and change the world?	The Youth Band members model a style of worship for their peers by using their music to praise God. They create an atmosphere and a place for teens to come together to express their faith through music in the presence of one another, building a strong community of friends and believers. Ultimately the goal is for these teens to develop the skills and confidence to be Godly leaders within our youth program and outside of it- in their schools, sports teams, etc.
Other: What else do we need to know about this ministry team?	
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