

FELLOWSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Praise

Dance

Ministry

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Dance Ministry Member Role

"God is a Spirit and they that worship must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24 (KJV)

As a minister of dance, and part of this Ministry, it is your responsibility to keep yourself in a right relationship with God. It is not your team leader's job to make sure you are where you need to be with God. You have a responsibility to passionately seek the face of God and humble yourself to His call for your life. Know that He will keep you and lead you to the right leader and ministry.

1. As a member your role is to support the vision of the leader.

2. Uphold your commitment to the ministry. You have a responsibility to be an example to your other members. For example, if you are working on formation changes, lifts, or leaps and you are not at practice, you are holding the entire team up because they cannot effectively work their spacing if you are not there. They cannot complete changes, lifts, leaps, etc. without you. This is extremely unfair for your other members.

3. Be a person of your word/Attend Classes Regularly. If you have committed to 1 or 2 practices a week, be a person of your word and follow through responsibly. Attend scheduled Saturday classes on a consistent basis along with regular rehearsals. FMBC Praise Dance classes are scheduled to meet every Saturday; choose the class (see Weekly Class Schedules) that is best for you. Members unable to attend a class prior to worship Sunday are asked to not worship. Members are responsible for all missed class assignments.

4. Attend Mandatory Technical Rehearsals. Technical rehearsals provide choreographers the necessary opportunity to run choreography, place members within space (sanctuary) being ministered, provide cues, and allow any last minute choreography changes within the space prior to worship Sunday. When a member misses technical rehearsal he/she risk not knowing placement, timing, cues, and choreography changes. This can look chaotic, and confusing.

FMBC Praise Dance Ministry's Technical Rehearsals are scheduled 6:00 p.m., Friday before worship Sunday (3rd Sunday children/youth & 4th Sunday adults). Member(s) unable to attend Technical Rehearsal are asked to not minister worship Sunday or special events. Members should attend regularly scheduled class to continue working on class assignments.

5. Notify of Any Ministry absentees. Assist instructors and choreographers by informing them of your member's availability. When ministering during worship Sunday, parents/guardians of Jesus' Angels and God's Children must notify the dance ministry coordinator via e-mail or phone no later than Monday if member is unable to worship during 8:00 a.m. worship service the upcoming Sunday. Notifications received after the Monday before worship Sunday will result in member not ministering during that month's worship Sunday.

6. Be respectful to ministry garments. FMBC Praise Dance Ministry garments are sacred. Please do not, at anytime, tamper with FMBC Praise Dance Ministry garments without consent of the Ministry wardrobe coordinator(s). Please apply lotion prior to arriving for worship service. No Vaseline, oils, lotions, or perfume will be applied before putting on garments. Also, no food or beverages is permitted other than water.

7. If you do not particularly like the choreography from the leader, it is not your responsibility to tell them. Nor is it right for you to discuss that with anyone else. God gave the choreography and the vision for the team to the leader, not to you. You need to support it even if you can't see the "big" picture.

8. If the choreographer or leader asks for help or assistance on a certain area, step up to the plate and help support them with this vision. You are then welcome to give creative ideas and insight and it is up to that choreographer or leader to use or not use anything you suggest. If you are sensitive, and find you cannot handle rejection well, do not offer your opinion.

9. It is your responsibility as a member to be on time to practices and to be at every practice/rehearsal. When arriving late, you should warm yourself up to prevent injury, and begin right where the members are at that time.

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10. Do not become a disruption to the class/rehearsal. Keep in mind you are not the only one taking class. You are allotted a certain amount of time for class/rehearsal, use class time wisely. Please silence all electronic devices, and limit non class related chatter. Have fun, enjoy class, but save your socializing for after class.

11. Pray for your leadership and ask God to strengthen them to lead with vision and creativity

12. Always go to your leader and tell her/him about anything you're feeling or anything you might have a problem with. Never go to another member. By doing so, then you are being used by the enemy to sow seeds of discord in the ministry. Also, never go over your ministry leader's head by going to the Pastor or overseer of your department. Go to your ministry leader first. That is the order of God.

13. Do not wait until practice to "practice." You need to take time between class/rehearsals and go over the choreography yourself and make sure you know it. This will allow the choreographer to move forward in teaching and not have to continually go back and review something they have already taught.

14. Make sure you are friendly to everyone. Do not get trapped in being a part of "cliques." Do not exclude people just because they are new to the ministry or they have a different personality than yours. God has sent them and we all need to operate as one, with one mind on one accord.

Member Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (under 18 years)

Date