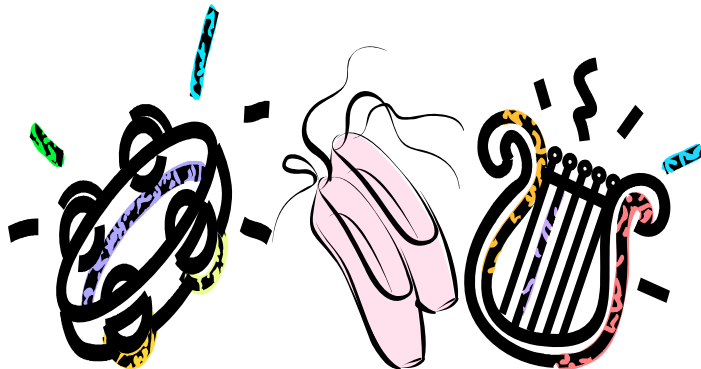


WORD IN MOTION



Psalm 149:3

“Let them praise His name with dancing: let them sing praises to Him with timbrel and lyre”.



Vision of Word in Motion

Word in Motion is the name of the dance ministry of Westwood Hills Church of God. The name, “Word in Motion” is significant of the vision of this dance ministry. This ministry was birthed to give the Body of Christ a revelation of the Word of God through song, so they can not only hear the Word of God, but also see the Word in movement. Our prayer is that we would have one voice and that we can be a yielded vessel to the glory of God.



THE PURPOSE OF THE DANCE MINISTRY

Performance or Ministry

- A performer rehearses and worries about the result – a minister rehearses and prays about the results
- A performer’s first thought is to impress his audience – a minister’s first thought is to reach his audience
- A performer’s motto is: “The show must go on!” – A minister’s motto is: “God’s truth must get through!”
- A performer will love performing because it puts him in the limelight – a ministers will love performing because he can direct the lime light on the Savior
- A performer’s greatest reward comes from men- a minister’s greatest reward comes from God.

Aspire to minister. Once you have consciously made that decision, minister with your whole heart.



THE ATTITUDE OF THANKFULNESS

- Be thankful you can dance.
- Dance with your spirit.
- The dance speaks in unity and has only one voice.
- Remember where God has brought you from.
- We are interpreting music.
- Be expressive in our face; not a robot face.
- Don't look at the ceiling.
- Know that you are the righteousness of Christ, not your own. Satan tries to work on inferiority.
- Dancers must be aware of pride and self-exaltation. Make sure that your motives are pure before God.
- Negative attitudes will show in the dance. Wishing that you were younger or thinner or more graceful will not help you to become a better dancer. Learn to give thanks for the gifts and abilities the Lord has given you. Be thankful for your body. It is hard to use your body to dance for the Lord's glory if you don't even like it.
- Everyone has a different style of dance and worship. Accept your gifts and be faithful in what you already have. Accept others in the dance team, new dancers and individual styles.
- Be faithful and committed. Hard work and preparation gives honor to Jesus.
- Remember expressing worship is our purpose.

Have an attitude of thanksgiving!



COMMITMENT TO THE DANCE MINISTRY

- Time is valuable. Be on time and on stage ready to warm up at the starting time.
- Missing practices – Unless you or a family member is ill; you may not be able to dance if you miss a scheduled practice. It is very important to come, since practices are limited.
- If you are asked to dance please let me know. Schedules, practice times and other activities are important. Please refer leadership of the group or requests from other members of the church to me. If you are asked to dance outside of the church, I do not need to know, but would love to hear about it.
- Pray for the ministry.
- If you have ideas for a song, please let me know.

Be committed and faithful in all areas of punctuality. We affect others when we are not in our place.



UNITY

- Walk in harmony with each other in this ministry.
- The dance team has one voice.
- God will anoint the unity in spirit.
- Do not correct or be critical of each other. Instead lift one another up. Minister and be sensitive to each other. Respect decisions and opinions of others. Psalms 133, Ephesians 4:1-3, Hebrews 10:24.
- Be open; repent of pride, inferiority and jealousy. Unity will not be found if we do not become the healing balm to each other.
- The motive for dancing must be a of a pure heart, expressing worship.
- All have a creative seed. All of the creative gifts flow together to bring a creative fragrance. Let us stir the creative seed.
- We dance because He is worthy, not because we are.





RULES

Are you born again? What is your relationship with Jesus Christ?



ATTENDANCE

- Two absences will result in not dancing in the next scheduled dance. This will be based on the discretion of the leadership.
- Punctuality is very important. Please be on time.

DRESS RULES FOR PRACTICE

- No shorts, spaghetti straps, or spandex.
- Wear loose fitting long pants, t-shirts, and ballet shoes



SUNDAY PRACTICE:

- Be on time on Sundays.
- You are to be dressed and in the sanctuary by 9:45 a.m. on Sundays which you are scheduled to dance spontaneous.
- On Sundays when we do a choreographed dance, you should be in the designated practice room, dressed and ready to practice at 9:15 a.m. (unless I have stated a different time on a handout)
- We do not demonstrate dedication and excellence in our Ministry when we are continually late.
- Give your best to God.





DANCE IN THE BIBLE

There are many references to show that dance was part of Israel's culture. It still is today!

Jephtah's daughter – Judges 11v34

Ladies dancing in the vineyard – Judges 21v21-23

Children playing games – Matthew 11v17

The return of the prodigal son – Luke 15v25

Celebrating victory – 1 Samuel 18v6-7

Dance is associated with joy and contrasted with mourning

Lamentations 5v15

Psalm 30v11

Ecclesiastes 3v4

There is to be dancing (and joy) when Israel is restored – Jeremiah 31:4, 13

Miriam led dancing, signing and praise – Exodus 15v20-21

David danced before the Ark of the Lord – 2 Samuel 6v14-23,

1 Chronicles 15 and 16

We are to praise God with dancing – Psalm 150v4, Psalm 149v3

Other references in the Bible to lively worship included dance. Hebrew words that have meanings related to physical movement were translated into English as “rejoice”.



HEBREW WORDS FOR DANCE AND WORSHIP

All the words have reference numbers from Strongs Concordance

WORDS FOR DANCE

CHIYL (2342) – to twist or whirl in a circular manner, Judges 21:21

MACHOWL (4234) – a round dance, Psalm 30v11 Jeremiah 31:4

MECHOWLAH (4246) – a dance / company of dancers, Judges 11:34, Exodus 15:20

DALAG (1801) – to leap or spring, Song of Solomon 2v8, Isaiah 35:6

CHAGAG (2287) - to move in a circle / march in a sacred processional celebrate festival / dance, Psalm 42v4, Zechariah 14v18

KARAR (3769) – to dance to whirl, 2 Samuel 6v14

RAQAD (7540) – to stamp / spring about / dance / jump / leap / skip/ Chronicles 15v29, Ecclesiastes 3v4

PAZAZ (6339) – to spring or leap, 2 Samuel 6v16

PACACH (6452) – to hop / skip over / to dance, 1 Kings 18v26

GIYL/GUWL (1523) – to spin round under the influence of emotion (usually rejoice) 1 Chronicles 16v31, Psalm 9v14

ALATS (5970) – to jump for joy / be joyful / rejoice / triumph, Psalm 68v3, Proverbs 28:12

GREEK WORDS FOR DANCE AND WORSHIP

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WORDS FOR DANCE

ORCHEOMAI (3738) – to dance, Matthew 11v17

CHOROS (5525) – a round dance, Luke 15v25

AGALLIAO (21) – jump for joy / rejoice greatly, Matthew 5:12 and Revelation 19v7

SKIRTAO (4640) – jump for joy, Luke 1v41 and Luke 6v23

WORDS FOR WORSHIP

PROSKUNEO (4352) – to worship, to kiss, to prostrate oneself in homage, John 4v23 and Revelation 7:11

LATREUO (3000) – to serve, minister, worship, Philippians 3:3 and Luke 2:37



FLAGS AND BANNERS IN THE BIBLE

The Hebrew words used in the Old Testament for flags are:

DEGEL (Strong's 1713/1714) means to be conspicuous

NACE (Strong's 5251) means a signal

OWTTH (Strong's 226) means a signal

We are pointing people to Jesus in our praise and worship

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

Tribal and family banners – Numbers 2v2, Numbers 10v10-14

In warfare – Psalm 74v4

Isaiah 31v9

Psalm 20v5

Song of Solomon 6v4

As a rallying point – Isaiah 5v26

Isaiah 11v10

As a proclamation – Jeremiah 50v2

Jeremiah 4v6

Jeremiah 51v12

Isaiah 62v10