Music, Arts and Tech FALL 2022

Thank you for taking the time to look into the Music, Arts and Tech Department! The main focus of this ministry is Sunday mornings. On an average Sunday morning there are close to 20 volunteers working together to bring the live stream and in-person service to the church family. But there are also other events that these volunteers can help out with, from funerals and outside rental groups, to the annual Christmas Memorial Service and any other in-house church events. As you can see we are always looking for more volunteers!

In this brief description I will outline the different volunteer opportunities we have and **if you have any questions or want to be involved in any of these areas please email me at mcarter@sevenoaks.org** or call the church office and ask for me: 604-853-0757

In Christ, Matthew Pastor of Music, Arts and Tech

Who Can Join The Tech Teams?

The Tech Teams are a great way for anyone in **Middle School to adults** to get involved. We welcome people who are on the journey towards Christ or already walking with Christ to be part of the Tech teams.

Sound

Colin Farquhar—Sound Engineer

Colin oversees our Audio/Video department and he has been running both since he was born….well almost since then. He loves it and he loves to teach about it!

Sound Tech Role:

The Sound Tech is responsible for setting up any mics, cables etc and operating the sound for the Thursday night rehearsal and the Sunday morning service. If you have an ear for music, are not intimidated by using computer technology, and are open to learning you may want to talk to Colin and see if this can be a fit for you! Colin will provide all of the training and it will be a mix of shadowing (watching and listening) followed by hands on experience doing stage setup/take down and using the Sound Board.

You can contact Colin directly if you are interested by emailing him at **cfarquhar@sevenoaks.org** or emailing Matthew at **mcarter@sevenoaks.org**.

Media Operator

The Media Operator is responsible for operating the live stream and all of the lyrics/graphics used in the Sunday service. If you like computers and are good at multi-tasking you will enjoy this role!

If you are interested in the products we use, we use Propresenter Projection software to show all the lyrics on the big screens, a BlackMagic Atem Mini Video Switcher and we use Vimeo to live stream to the Church web site.

For training we would introduce you to the set up and go over the function of everything. We would then have you shadow Thursday night practices so you can actually use the software during practice. We would also have you shadow Sunday morning services so you can learn the procedures for the live streaming. Everything is documented in a binder at the Media Board for reference or trouble shooting!

We ask the Media Operator (As it works for them to attend) to come to Thursday night rehearsals (7-9pm) so the team can practice following the lyrics on the Balcony TV monitor, but also so the lyrics can be doubled checked with what the band is playing!

Sunday morning the Tech Team and Band arrive to start the morning rehearsal at 8:30am, for the 10am service start time.

Camera Director

The Camera Director is in charge of the 3 cameras that will be shooting footage for the live stream and recorded service.

Through headsets the Camera Director communicates with each camera operator asking for certain camera shots and then using a laptop they will fade in between the camera shots creating what people would be watching on the live stream.

We use the Thursday night rehearsal to train for this role and then shadowing during the Sunday morning service. The role requires you to be able to communicate clearly as you are not only asking camera operators for specific shots that you want to create but also to communicate when you need a camera operator to focus their camera or increase or decrease the lighting on the camera. The Camera Director puts out the headsets for the camera operators and makes sure each camera station has a camera script for the service. This camera script is an outline of every element that will happen in the service and is used to guide the director so they know what is happening and when!

Camera Operator

The Camera Operator is responsible for setting up their own camera Sunday morning , operating it as directed by the Camera Director and then putting it away and plugging it in for charging. You must be someone who is willing to learn and be given direction.

You will receive training on how to set up your live stream camera and how to adjust certain settings like brightness and focus. The Camera Director and all of the camera operators wear headsets with a mic, which the Camera Director communicates with each camera operator asking for certain shots. You will learn certain terms used like, “Close” (Head shot), “Push” (Zoom in), “Slow Pan” (slowly scan camera across stage) and more. We use Thursday nights during music rehearsal as a training time so camera operators can practice using the cameras.

Arts

We are looking at tapping into our creatives who paint, do other physical forms of art (pottery etc) dance, are writers of poetry or stories and photography. We’d like to find ways to express through the arts, the Christian life and our journey through this time in history! If you’d like to be a part of a creative think group of how this can exist please contact Pastor Matthew!

Who Can Join The Band? - High School to Adult

The Music Teams lead the Sunday morning singing and other music times and our desire is that people who are daily pursuing Christ would be those who are leading the church in worship.

Band

The Music Team is made up of vocalists and musicians. Pastor Matthew meets individually with anyone interested in being involved in the music ministry to hear your faith story and to get to know your musical abilities. We are open to people joining the teams who are willing to continue to work on their craft, by that I mean we aren't looking for you to be a recording artist, just willing and with some ability. For example, maybe you have played guitar for awhile, but not in a band and maybe you don't have a huge repertoire of chords. If you're willing to learn and practice then it could work!

We rehearse Thursday nights at 7-9pm and usually start with a time of Scripture and prayer.

Sunday morning we meet at 830am for practice and prayer for the 10am service.

The Worship Plan

Our hearts desire is to offer roles where people have interest and skill in. From computers, audio video, music, to the arts, we hope to empower people to use their interests and gifts to serve and feel a connection to the church family.

Our vision is to use our gifts to help facilitate an environment where people from all walks of life and in all stages of their spiritual journey can come and encounter the living God. And secondly we hope people will grow deeper in their relationship with God as they use their giftings.

We look forward to where God is leading us as church family and in the area of Music, Arts and Tech! Thank you for your interest and possibly getting to serve with you in this area in the future!

In Christ, Matthew

Pastor of Music, Arts and Tech

"And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him." Romans 12:1 (NLT)