

1 Guidelines That Glorify

Agape Baptist Choir

"And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord." Ps. 40.3

Adult Choir Member Guidelines

Be an active Church member

- a. Profession of faith
- b. Baptized
- c. Attend church services regularly (especially on the Lord's Day)
- d. Be Christ-like in church and out of church (good testimony, no worldly habits that bring reproach to Christ or the church, Eph. 4.1 "Walk in a manner worthy of the calling in which you were called...")

13 years old or older with a good singing voice and teachable attitude.

Sing unto God and not for self while displaying the joy and love for the Lord.

Choir Practice & Performance Guidelines

What does it mean to attend practice regularly?

- a. Not missing except for illness or special circumstance
- b. Strive to be there 75% of the time or 3 out of 4 consecutive practices
- c. Be faithful and prepared

Termination of membership (dismissal from choir):

- a. Failure to attend at least 50% of the choir practices and regular services of the church for a period of three months, unless providentially unable to attend due to health or unavoidable absence.
- b. Termination will be decided by the Pastor after he meets with the Choir Director.

Members should inform the Choir Director that he/she will miss a scheduled choir practice at least one week prior to the practice he/she plans to miss or as soon as possible if it's an unexpected absence.

Members should inform the Choir Director that he/she will miss a scheduled choir practice at least two weeks prior to the performance date if possible or as soon as possible if it is an unexpected absence.

Members who are late more than 50 % of 4 consecutive practices will be considered absent from practice and qualify for termination of membership (see above). Members should inform the Choir Director (if possible) if they plan to be late or contact another member if the Director can not be reached.

Members should watch the Director when singing and memorize music to become better ministers:

- a. Strive to memorize the words/music in order to become better ministers. The choir may be asked to not use their music on occasion if the song is simple or it's for specials like cantatas.
- b. Listen to tapes/CDs when assigned.
- c. Mark music books with pencil to aid in learning songs.

Act in a respectable manner while in the choir once the service has begun (minimal talking. etc.)

Be tidy - keep books, music materials together, organized and put away when not in use.

Dress properly, as to not distract from the music, to glorify God.

Pray for one another and for the music to minister to the hearts of the listeners.

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;
teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Col. 3.16.*