

Adult Choir Director

Bethel Choir

Works with:

Director of Music, Lead Pastor

Job Overview:

The Adult Choir Director creates a repertoire for 32-35 weeks per year, with the expectation that this choir would sing weekly for the 9:00am Worship (Festival Worship). The ACD works closely with the Music Dept., coordinating anthem planning with all special worship services (i.e. Rally Sunday, Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost). They will also prepare with the Dir. of Music, a cantata for the Advent Season (performed on the second Sunday of Advent) with orchestra/brass as needed.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Rehearse and conduct the Bethel Choir (traditionally Thursday evenings 7-8:30pm) in the months of August - May/June (Pentecost is "final" celebration worship with Choir)
- Create a lesson plan of each rehearsal
- Sunday mornings (Rally Sunday - Pentecost) lead the Bethel Choir in a morning rehearsal and warm up, and conduct choir during the 9:00am Worship
- Plan the anthems in advance at least a semester ahead. Work with Director of Music and Lead Pastor on planning anthems to go with sermon series', or lectionary, or planned themes and church celebrations
- Plan, practice and lead the choir on an Advent cantata offering on second Sunday of Advent
- Work closely with Dir. of Music on coordinating extra rehearsals as needed with extra instruments
- Work with rehearsal accompanist as needed.
- During parts of summer, attend music reading events, look for new anthems as needed, and get to know the extensive Bethel Choir sheet music library.
- Work with Choir Officers (a volunteer group that helps with music collection, the music library, handing out anthems, etc), and also with the Dir. of Music to create and maintain a spiritual and friendly relationship with the Bethel Choir.

More Specific Information:

- Knowledge of vocal technique necessary, knowledge of aging voices a plus
- Ability to teach music in a caring and effective manner
- Fosters a community environment within the Bethel Choir and Bethel Church
- Flexible, and works well in a team
- Able to work with a variety of ages when needed (drop-in choir Sundays, adding childrens' ensembles to community worship and/or performances)
- Knowledge of keyboard enough to give notes at a rehearsal if necessary

Education Level:

BA/BM or Masters in Choral Music/Music Education (focus in voice) preferred