



Woodlands Music is a community of artists, a household of brothers and sisters joined in faith, born of one vision – to reach a fallen world with God’s love through the universal language of music. We seek to minister to God’s greater Church through connecting congregations in prayer and worship through music. We do this through several different outlets.

The Gathering: Once a month, worship leaders throughout The Woodlands area gather so we can inspire each other, teach and pray together, and communicate the love of Christ to one another through the language of music. Thus, the Spirit of Jesus is set free in churches and worship services around the area in order to heal the broken and encourage the disheartened.

Residency: We are empowering a new generation. Young interns from around the country come together with Woodlands Music to develop and grow in a nurturing and challenging environment. Our goal is to partner with Christ in raising up the next generation of worship leaders who can share the love of Jesus with the world.

Songwriting: We are giving a new voice to worship in the global Church. In August, we released an album titled *Awakening*. Our desire is that it would resonate with every worship community around the nation and the world, pushing them further into a deep intimacy with God fellowship with one another.

“Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods”.
Psalm 96:1-4

About the Woodlands Music Residency Program:

Logistics: The Woodlands Music Residency Program is a 10-week program for college/college-age young adults who are passionate about worship and seeking to grow in their understanding of worship. The vision behind the Woodlands Music Residency is to raise up young worship leaders, giving them a space to grow personally, spiritually, and musically. This will be done through weekly bible studies, songwriting, instrument-specific training, introduction to music theory, the Nashville Number System, opportunities to lead worship, and, most importantly, a Christ centered community that encourages and challenges. To help facilitate this, we will be having a weekly group hangout night for residents. The typical schedule for the day at the church begins at 9:00 am and will go until around 4:00 pm (this may change slightly from week to week), and we will work Monday through Thursday. Residents will have Friday and Saturday off to travel or explore around the area if they wish. The summer includes trips to two summer camps, both as counselors and as a worship band, a week in Nashville for songwriting and a chance to meet and talk to some people in the CCM industry, and our final week together will be spent on a mission

trip to Costa Rica working with the Methodist School in San Jose and Hogar Metodista Children's home. Should you spend the summer with us, you will need a passport for Costa Rica.

The role of the worship leader/band: The summer will give insight into what it looks like to serve the church in the context of being on a worship team. We'll study scripture and look at practical ways this can be done, to offer insight as to how residents can take what they have learned and apply it to their own church and/or ministry in the future.

Who is the program for? We're looking for people who are hungry to grow. You don't have to be a worship leader or singer to be in the program. We would love for guitarists, bass players, drummers, key players, etc. to come and spend the summer with us. In fact, we hope to have you! This summer, we hope to assemble two full teams consisting entirely of residents. We're blessed with incredible musicians at the church who would love to pour into our residents and offer feedback as to how to grow as both a musician and worshiper.

Host Families: Residents will be staying with host families from the church who have graciously offered to open their homes to residents for the summer. Host homes provide a very unique opportunity and are a huge part of the Woodlands Music Residency Program. By connecting with host families throughout the summer, residents are engaging in one of our core values, community. Our hope is, by the end of the summer, residents will have learned about hospitality, service, and community.

When is the program? The program will begin the first week of June. Residents will arrive Sunday, June 2nd and will be with us until Sunday, August 11th.

Where is the church located? We're located at The Woodlands United Methodist Church (TWUMC) in The Woodlands, Texas. The Woodlands is a northern suburb of Houston.

Church Links:

The Woodlands UMC Website:

<https://www.thewoodlandsumc.org>

Traditional Service Livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIYsncuu6rBhsh2IYYb0zdQ>

The Harvest (contemporary service) Livestream:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCva_VP1jypeRBjO66q9Pu_Q

The Loft (modern service) Livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3wbHKvd10yNK4Ob5NPvnDw>

Woodlands Music Website:

<http://woodlandsmusic.com>

Lunch: Residents will be responsible for providing their own lunch. The church is blessed to have a café on site that has incredible food, and is centrally located in The Woodlands, making it easy to pick up lunch from places like Chipotle, Whole Foods, Chic-Fil-A, etc. Of course, residents will be allowed to bring your own lunch if they so choose. However you decide to do lunch, keep in mind that we will be eating together at the church on most days.

How much does it cost? Putting on a program like this costs money. Altogether the summer will cost residents \$500, it will include in-ear monitors, plane tickets and lodging in Nashville, and the flight and mission trip to Costa Rica. You can come up with the money however you please. We'd be happy to help you draft support letters to send out to friends and family to help you raise the necessary funds. Email residency@woodlandsmusic.com for more information.

In short, the summer isn't about becoming a worship leader. It's about learning to become a worshiper. On and off the stage, we're called to worship our God wholeheartedly. The

summer is about growing and gaining an understanding of what it looks like to worship the Lord. We're looking for residents who are hungry to grow and learn in all areas.

What is expected of residents?

The residents are expected to participate in the scheduled daily activities, as well as the college/young adult service on Thursday nights. Our aim is for the residents to be active participants at The Woodlands UMC and to support all ministries in the church, rather than exclusively being a member of the worship team. Residents are expected to attend Sunday services at the church every week. Serving the church might not always look like a spot on stage. The posture of our hearts should be for the Lord and what He is doing through the church, not for the spotlight. We are called to engage with the community around us, and for the summer, that'll be the congregation at TWUMC. Residents will be allowed to take time to visit home and go on vacation, however, those dates need to be discussed with the leaders at least a week in advance. While we know the Residency will be taxing sometimes, we do hope residents are able to make time to invest in the host families' lives and allow yourself to be poured into. These host families are an extension of this program and an incredible opportunity for growth and fellowship.

Host Homes:

- **Upon Arrival:**
 - First impressions are important, so be courteous, smile, and remember whom you are representing at all times.
 - If the host family does not take initiative to communicate their expectations or house rules, take it upon yourself to ask how you can best serve the family during your stay.
- **Manners/Rules:**
 - Remember to make your bed each morning before you leave the house
 - Turn off lights when leaving your space
 - Ask permission before eating something that you have not purchased for yourself. If you have cooked dinner or prepared anything for yourself, always fully clean up before doing anything else (do not leave dirty dishes, pots, pans in the sink).
 - Adapt to house rules, patterns (when the family gets up, goes to bed, has meals. Please communicate and set up proper protocols).
 - Do not leave clothes scattered around your room (use drawers if offered to you, or keep clothing zipped inside your suitcase or bags).
 - Laundry: Be respectful and mindful to work around the families' laundry times. Make sure you know how to use the families' machines and offer to replenish detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, etc.
 - Always communicate your daily and nightly plans with the family so they know when to expect you home (respect rules such as curfew if applicable, locking doors, alarm, etc.).

We take these rules extremely seriously. Violation of these could result in being sent home. We hope this is not the case, but we will not tolerate disrespect of host families.

The Application Process:

Residents will apply via the link on the website

<https://my.thewoodlandsumc.org/page/413?RegistrationInstanceId=477&Guest=true>

- This will include sharing a brief testimony and answering some questions about yourself.

- You must also submit an application video introducing yourself, explaining why you want to be with us this summer, and playing/singing one of your favorite worship songs. Following the review of applications, we will contact you for an interview.
- We would love to meet you. If you're in the area, we can schedule a time for you to come up to the church and meet with the team. If not, we will schedule a time for a Skype/FaceTime interview.

After the interview, we will contact you with further information. We're aiming to be back to you by early March, as we know that summer plans are important to nail down. The residency begins the first week of June and goes until mid-August. You can contact us with any further questions that you may have. Email residency@woodlandsmusic.com

Thank you for your interest in the Woodlands Music Summer Residency Program. We're looking forward to another great summer of community, growth, and worship. God is always so good, and his work through this ministry is no exception. We hope that you join us in prayerful consideration of this summer. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have.

"The musical side of leading worship is just a small part of it. The community side is what it's really all about." -RT Bodet

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