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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 North Houston area gather to encourage one another, hear biblical teaching, 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. Every summer, college aged residents from around the country join the Woodlands Music family to live 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 Christ with the world through community, discipleship, and service.

**Songwriting:** We are giving a new voice to worship in the global Church. In August 2018, 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

## Mission:

To inspire and equip a generation of young worship leaders to walk with the Lord, live a lifestyle of worship, and serve with excellence in their areas of ministry. This is done through the combination of practical hands on experience and the application of our core values:

**1. Biblical Teaching:** We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God's, and the inerrant source of absolute truth. It is the most important authority in all areas of life and ministry. Through the teaching, understanding, and application of the truths found in scripture we can know God and His truth, be justified before Him, and experience sanctification through the work of His spirit.

*Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.*

**2. Christ Centered Community:** The Lord commands us to live our lives in community. Scripture teaches that the Lord uses Christ centered community to sanctify and heal.

*Hebrews 10:24-25 and let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

**3. Service:** Our greatest desire is to bring glory to God and that he would be honored through our service. Therefore, His glory and love will always be our motivation and excellence is our goal.

*1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

**4. Discipleship:** We value personal spiritual growth. Just as Jesus apprenticed His disciples, we are called to mentor and be mentored by others. Throughout the scriptures, we see the Lord's use of the avenue of discipleship grow and sanctify us that we might be made to reflect the character and love of Jesus Christ.

*Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

## **About the Woodlands Music Residency Program:**

**Logistics:** The Woodlands Music Residency Program is a 10-week program for college/college-aged young adults who are passionate about worship and seeking to grow through biblical teaching, community, service, and discipleship. Our mission is that we would inspire and equip a generation of young worship leaders to walk with the Lord, live a lifestyle of worship, and serve with excellence in their areas of ministry.

The program provides residents with a space to grow personally, spiritually, and musically. Practically, this will consist of bible studies, book studies, songwriting, instrument-specific training, introduction to music theory and the Nashville Number System, and opportunities to lead worship. 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 rest and explore around the area if they wish. On Sundays, residents will be scheduled to serve at one of the many services that are a part of this church.

The summer includes opportunities to serve and lead worship at summer camps, a week long trip to Nashville Tennessee for some 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 serving at 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.

**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, keys players, etc. to come and spend the summer with us. In fact, we hope to have you! We're blessed with incredible musicians at this 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.

**When is the program?** The program will begin the first week of June. Residents will arrive Sunday, May 31 and will be with us until Sunday, August 9th.



**Where is the church located?** We're located at The Woodlands United Methodist Church (TWUMC) in The Woodlands, Texas.

**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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCva_VP1jypeRBjO66q9Pu_Q)

**The Loft (modern service) Livestream:**

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

**Woodlands Music Website:**

<http://woodlandsmusic.org>

**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**, which will include in-ear monitors, transportation/lodging for the Nashville trip, and the plane tickets and food in Costa Rica. We will need to receive this money by **Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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 us: [residency@woodlandsmusic.com](mailto: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, it's about living in biblical community, serving the church, and being disciplined in the faith. We're looking for residents who are wanting to grow and learn in all areas.**

## What is expected of residents?

**Participation:** 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.

**Living Above Reproach:** During the summer, you will be representatives not only of The Woodlands United Methodist Church, but more importantly of Jesus Christ (2 Corinth. 5:11-21). We expect you to conduct yourself in a manner that is above reproach both in daily life and on social media. (Colossians 1:22)

**Visiting Home:** Residents will be allowed to take time to visit home on Fridays and Saturdays if possible, however they will need to be back by Sunday to serve and attend weekly services.

**Sundays:** On Sundays, residents will typically be scheduled to serve as a worship leader at one of the many services that are a part of the church, however there may be weeks where residents are not leading worship. 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.

**Host Families:** While we know the Residency can and will be taxing sometimes, we do hope residents are able to make time to invest in the host families' lives and allow themselves to be poured into. These host families are an extension of this program and are an incredible opportunity for growth and fellowship. Host home details are listed below:

### 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.
  - Ask for permission from your host family before inviting guests over.
  - 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/expectations extremely seriously. Violation 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.

- 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, how you would like to grow (personally & musically) 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 get back to early applicants by mid-December and to have the entire team compiled by early March.

The residency begins the week of June 1 and lasts until August 8. You can contact us with any further questions that you may have. Email us: [residency@woodlandsmusic.com](mailto: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.**

Connect with us on Instagram: [@\\_woodlandsmusic](#)

Listen to our new album, *Awakening*, on Spotify, Apple Music, or wherever music is available.

Contact Us: [residency@woodlandsmusic.com](mailto:residency@woodlandsmusic.com) if you have any questions