



---

# Hearts Afire

---

*The mission of the Hearts Afire Praise Team is to connect people to the transforming love of Christ through music and prayer.*

## **1. Practice and Praise Team Events**

Practice is intended to improve our skills as musicians as well as help in our success as a praise team. Each praise team member is expected to be at practice for the next upcoming Wednesday. If a circumstance arises which the member is unable to attend practice/worship/events, or in the event that a praise team member knows that they will be late to practice/worship, it is the member's responsibility to notify the Music Ministries Intern. Practice begins promptly at 5:00pm on Sundays where there is not a scheduled council meeting, and 7:00pm when there is a council meeting (unless stated otherwise) and 3:00pm on Wednesday. It is the responsibility of the praise team member to be at location with enough time to be prepared for worship. If the praise team member is unable to attend practice, it is their responsibility to notify the music ministries intern as soon as possible so that the music ministries intern can set up time to rehearse with you. During practice and worship, instrumental noise and talking in-between song selections is expected to be kept to a minimum, constructive, and relevant to what we are doing.

All events/retreats at which Hearts Afire is playing are non-mandatory, but team members are requested to attend. In the event that a praise team member is unable to attend a(n) event/retreat, it is the responsibility of the member to notify the Music Ministries Intern prior to the event/retreat. Members of the Hearts Afire Praise Team are encouraged to attend special events.

## **2. Hearts Retreat**

Hearts Retreat is mandatory, barring unforeseen conflicts. These retreats are held once a semester during the school year. Much of the retreat is for fellowship and for learning about each other. The Music Ministries Intern will notify all praise team members about Hearts Retreat prior to the retreat.

## **3. Church Attendance and Worship**

Hearts Afire members are expected to attend a worship service at a local congregation. Attending other worship services will help the member to become a better worship leader in our weekly services. It is important to designate time for personal worship of God and to maintain a balance in worship between leading and following. If Hearts is given the opportunity to take a week off from leading music on Wednesday, the praise team members are still expected to attend worship that Wednesday night. It is important to still be involved in worship even if the praise team is not leading on the platform. This is also true for individuals who are not leading on the platform in any given week.

## **4. Involvement in the Wesley Foundation**

# Hearts Afire Praise Team Covenant

Revised Fall 2018

As a visible leader at the Wesley Foundation, each member of Hearts Afire is expected to strive to live in a Christ-like manner. This means we must be a part of the Christian community and keep a positive reputation for Hearts Afire. As a leader in the church, you are expected to participate in the life of the Wesley Foundation. Members of Hearts Afire are encouraged to go to one of the Bible studies that Wesley has to offer. Though it is not mandatory, you are seen as leaders in the eyes of the congregation, therefore you should be setting an example as a leader and attend to at least one Bible study a week.

## 5. Announcements and Outside Practice

Any announcements/notifications will be delivered via BAND app and/or text message. It is the praise team member's responsibility to check BAND as well as read all messages from the music ministries intern. Please keep up with current and upcoming events.

The music ministries intern will send out song sets to all members in advance, and it is the praise team member's responsibility to review all song sets. It is the singer's responsibility to know how the song should go, whether you are leading it, harmonizing to it, or backing up the melody. New songs will be given in advance and it is expected of the member to listen and learn the new song prior to practice.

Outside practice for your specific instrument is expected. Members should be practicing in order to refine and master skills in their instrument/voice.

## 6. Chords and Sheet Music

All chords, sheet music, lyric sheets, and lead sheets are property of the SFA Wesley Foundation and Christian Copyright Licensing International<sup>®</sup> (CCLI). Praise team members are welcome to use whatever they need for practice or worship for Wesley Foundation events. It is expected of the praise team members to keep up with their music and maintain an orderly binder as well as to have all music returned at the end of the semester. The music ministries intern is expected to ensure that all music is returned by the end of the semester.

## 7. New Members in the Band

All current band members are expected to welcome all new band members in a Christ-loving, friendly way. All current band members are encouraged to talk to new members to get to know him/her better.

## 8. Leadership

As part of the Hearts Afire Band, you are seen as leaders, and as leaders you are expected to live your life in a Christ-like manner. You should follow all laws. If you have any questions about what this means, please talk to the campus minister or the assistant director.

---

*I understand the above expectations and agree to uphold the letter and the spirit of what is expected of me as a representative of the Hearts Afire Praise Team, of the Wesley Foundation, and of Jesus Christ.*

---

Signature

---

Date

---

Printed Name

---

Instrument/Position