

Central Worship Choir



October 13-14, 2006

Central Baptist Church
Decatur, Alabama

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Welcome to the Next Level!

Dear Worship Leaders,

Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend this all -important ***Next Level -Worship More Powerful*** retreat. I believe this time of retreat will be of great benefit and blessing as we covenant together to be better and more effective worship leaders. Although our concentration in worship is and should be on God's word, music plays a very important role in worship renewal. I am confident that your personal, as well as corporate, worship will be positively affected by this weekend's retreat.

Rom 12:1 I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

PraiSing Him!!!

Bro. Ron

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Retreat Schedule

Friday, October 13

6:30—7:45PM Session 1 *Defining Worship & Praise*

8:00—9:00 PM Session 2 *Leading the Saints in Praise*

Saturday, October 14

8:15—8:30 AM Continental Breakfast

8:30—10:00 AM Session 3 *Five Necessary Elements*

10:15—11:45 AM Session 4 *Five Goals as Lead Worshipers*

11:45—12:30 PM Lunch

12:30—2:00 Session 5 *Four Levels of Effectiveness*

2:00 PM Dismiss

About our Retreat Leader...

Dwayne Moore has been leading worship throughout the nation for over 30 years. Dwayne is the founder and president of *Next Level Worship, LLC*. NLW offers materials and resources to help churches grow upward in their understanding and experience of true, Biblical worship and praise.



He has recently completed an in-depth Bible study on worship entitled *Praise More Powerful: Insights to Transform Our Worship*. This 9-week daily study is already receiving great reviews from churches and individuals going through it. Dwayne's worship material and music will soon be made available to thousands of churches through WorshipSpice.com, which is a division of SermonSpice.com, an online distribution company.

Dwayne trusted Christ as his Savior when he was six years old. He committed his life to living full-time for the Lord when he was ten. Since then, God has opened doors of opportunity for Dwayne to sing and lead praise in over 1000 churches and conferences.

Evangelist and author, Dr. Scott Dawson said this of Dwayne: "Without a doubt, Dwayne Moore is one of the most effective worship leaders on the scene today." Dr. Ron Phillips, speaker on *The Central Message*, wrote, "Dwayne is a deeply committed Christian whom God has gifted with a wonderful voice. You will be blessed by his praise."

Dwayne and his wife Sonia reside in Arab, Alabama with their two sons, Stephen and Justin. He is also the worship leader at the *The Church at Ross Bridge*, a new church plant located in Hoover, Alabama which is near Birmingham.



Session 1

Defining Worship & Praise

Worship is _____.

Worship is _____.

Worship includes _____.

Worship includes _____.

Worship includes _____.

8 Ways to Praise

Visibly through _____

Visibly through _____

Vocally through _____

Vocally through _____

Vocally through _____

Audibly through _____

Audibly through _____

Audibly through _____

Worship begins with _____.



Session 2
Leading the Saints in Praise

It's Not about S _____

It Is about S _____

It's Even More About S _____

Personal Assessment

	<i>Least</i>	—	<i>Most</i>
1. When faced with a crisis, how likely are you to pause and pray before reacting?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
2. With 0 being none and 10 being always, how often do you pray and meditate on the Lord everyday?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
3. How often do you participate in prayer meetings at church and with other believers?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
4. When you pray alone how fervent and sincere are your prayers to God?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
5. How often do you set aside time to listen to God speak to you?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
6. How much do you anticipate and enjoy getting to talk to God in prayer?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
7. How consistent are you to pray for other people's needs and requests?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
8. How determined are you to pray until you receive an answer?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
9. How often do you pray and ask God to work through you and your choir on Sundays?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
10. How often do you confess unconfessed sin before you walk out to sing or play on Sundays?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
11. How often does your "things to do" list include time for unexpected interruptions?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
12. How likely are you to plan ahead to help assure you're prepared for what you know you have coming up?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
13. How faithful are you to attend music rehearsals and meetings at church in order to be ready for and informed about upcoming services?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
14. How important is it to you personally that you understand in advance what you will be singing and playing in upcoming services?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
15. How likely are you to personally invest ample time preparing yourself musically for upcoming services?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
16. How likely are you to personally invest ample time preparing yourself spiritually for upcoming services?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
17. To what extent do you appreciate when your leader(s) explains that the order of worship may change if God leads in a different direction during the service?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
18. To what extent do you appreciate when your leader(s) places multiple pieces of possible music in your folder and explains that your choir/band needs to be ready to sing whichever of those the Lord leads you to during the service?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
19. How likely are you to think through a project carefully before you begin it?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
20. How important is it for you to try to avoid problems and distractions ahead of time?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Personal Assessment (con'd)

	<i>Least</i>	—	<i>Most</i>								
21. How favorably do you respond to your plans being changed?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
22. When your plans get abruptly changed, how quick are you to think that there must be a purpose?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
23. Do you tend to be thankful and excited at what God might be “up to” when changes are made to the order of worship <i>during</i> the worship service?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
24. When someone interrupts your schedule, how inclined are you to stop and help them, even if it fouls up your own plans?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
25. How often do you look for God’s hand of involvement in un-planned interruptions and mishaps?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
26. To what extent do you anticipate worship services where God does unexpected and unplanned things?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
27. How easily and quickly do you adjust to change?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
28. How easily do you give in to other people’s ideas and needs over your own?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
29. How trusting are you of your church leaders when they “feel led” to change something in the order of worship during the service?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
30. How quick are you to look for opportunities to minister rather than complain when circumstances change abruptly?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
31. To what extent do you depend on the Holy Spirit to guide and empower you when you’re at work or school?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
32. To what extent do you depend on the Holy Spirit to guide and empower you when you’re at home?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
33. To what extent do you depend on the Holy Spirit to guide and empower you when you sing or play at church?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
34. How strongly do you believe you need the Holy Spirit’s power and guidance in order for you to be effective and useful in ministry?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
35. How likely are you to ask God daily to fill and anoint you with his Holy Spirit?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
36. How often do you sense God’s power on you when you sing or play an instrument at church?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
37. How willing are you to surrender your sin and self to be filled up with him?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
38. How much do you rejoice and agree when Christians talk of how they need the Holy Spirit in their lives everyday?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
39. How likely are you to not even stand and sing or play if you’re not sure you’re filled up with the Lord so he shines through you?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
40. Over the past month, approximately what percentage of your days were you filled with the Holy Spirit?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Personal Assessment (con'd)

	<i>Least</i>	—	<i>Most</i>
41. To what extent do you appreciate and respect your pastor's role as the "under-shepherd" and leader in your church?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
42. Generally speaking, how willing are you to submit to and follow his vision and leadership?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
43. When he asks for certain songs to be sung or certain things to take place during a worship service, how willing are you to do what he asks and when he asks for it?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
44. How "OK" are you with being low in the rank of leadership in your music ministry, under both your pastor and worship leader?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
45. How much do you see yourself as a leader in worship and thus as an example-setter for the congregation?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
46. Generally speaking, how willing are you to be a follower and a servant rather than the out-front leader?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
47. How often do you look for ways to encourage your church leaders and build them up?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
48. To what extent do you want your pastor's input in what your choir and music ministry plans and does?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
49. How important to God do you think it is to have your pastor's approval and blessing over what takes place in the worship services?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
50. How helpful and supportive do you try to be to your worship leader or director?	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Average scores

Please add up each block of scores and divide by 10 to get your average in each area. Circle your average scores.

Questions 1—10 (<i>Prayer</i>)	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Questions 11—20 (<i>Planned Spontaneity</i>)	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Questions 21—30 (<i>Pliableness</i>)	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Questions 31—40 (<i>Power of the Spirit</i>)	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Questions 41—50 (<i>Pastoral Direction</i>)	0	1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



Session 3
Five Necessary Elements
(for an Effective Corporate Worship Service)

P _____

P _____ Spontaneity

P _____

P _____ of the Spirit

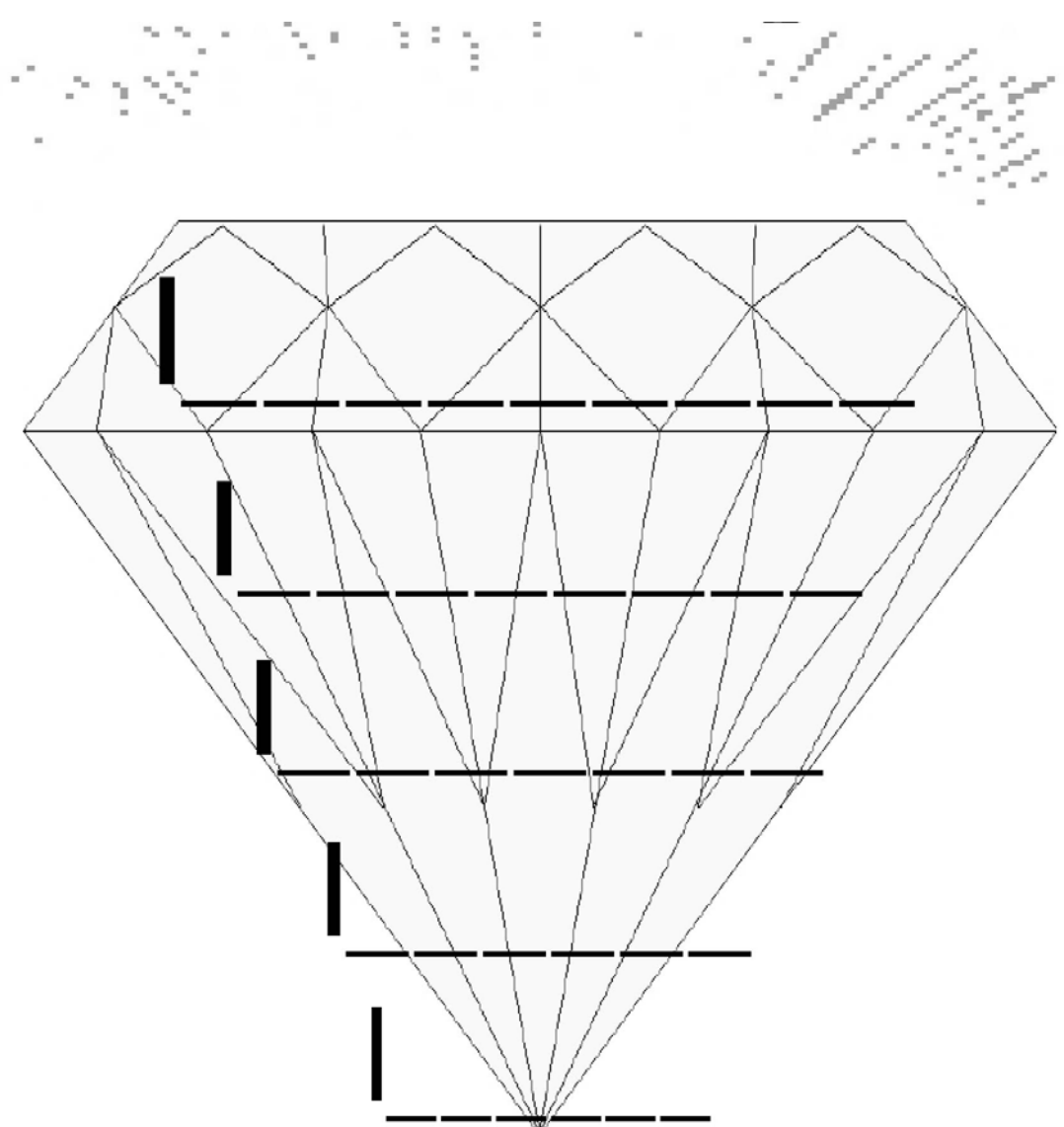
P _____ Direction

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Session 4

Five Goals as Lead Worshipers



Spider Graph



Session 5

Four Levels of Effectiveness in Ministry

First: _____ *Leader*

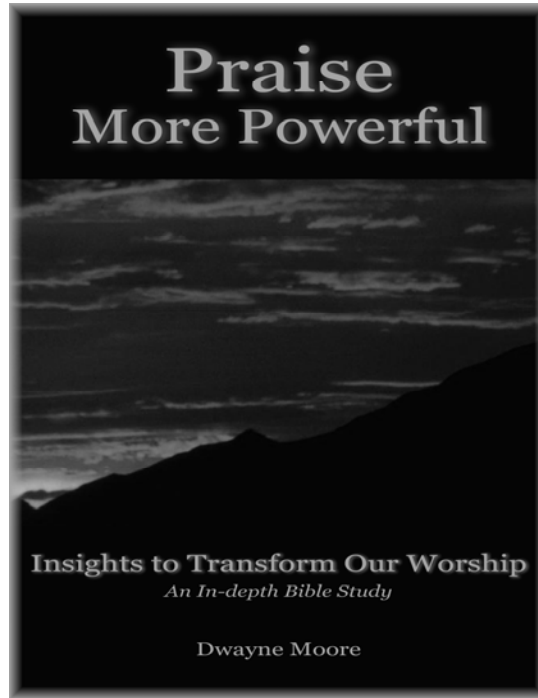
Second: _____ *Director*

Third: *Minister* _____

Fourth: *Minister* _____

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