

Elements of a Successful Worship Connections Team: It Takes “All Kinds of Kinds”

Worship dream team: Taking Flight with Creativity by Len Wilson and Jason Moore

- Preacher
- Bandleader (music leadership)
- Producer (take charge, protect theme)
- Writer
- Technical director (computer, soundboard)
- Creative people
- New believer

Inspiration: North Park Junior High School’s anti-bullying video

Media: Worship Brainstorming Ad

Working with what you have: [re]design worship by Kim Miller. Her mantras are:

- Work in the package God has given you (“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” King David, Psalm 139:14a)
- Tell the truth.
- Do the right thing, not the expected thing.
- Go in God’s authority. (“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.” Acts 1:8a)

Our Teams’ History:

- How long we have been working together
 - 2004 or 2005 Once a month - Not enough together time or guidance.
 - 2006 First worship brainstorming – Advent. Moved away from monthly worship meetings to more frequent (weekly) design team meeting.
 - 2007 Brainstorming – about six times a year.

- Aha! moments
 - Visuals: “Through the Roof” ladder and roof (February 2006 – Mark 2:1-12)
 - Betty’s “Days of Our Lives” (October 2008 – Psalm 90)
 - David’s wisdom saying from the bathroom wall (September 2009 – Proverbs 1:20-33)
- Non-negotiable:
 - Pastor that works 6-8 weeks ahead:
 - All Church Brainstorming: Three to four weeks before a series begins
 - Pastor needs to have scripture chosen and message synopses ready: Two to three weeks before the brainstorming
 - Organizer (spiritual gift of administration)
 - Team members:
 - **Trust** – must spend at least 18-20 hours together to really know and trust each other. Team members do not always have to agree, but they do need to trust and respect each other’s opinions.
 - **Accountability** --- there is no room for “Sorry. I didn’t have time.”
 - **Vision statement**
- Worship Connections Team Guidelines (white handout)
- Don’t rule out the role kids and youth can play in planning and participating in worship

Useful stuff: Worship supplies (goldenrod hand-out) and a place to store them

Budget: It’s not important unless it is in the budget (light gray handout). A budget is a statement of your priorities.

Photo album: Journal your work. Use it for inspiration later.

- Sanctuary visuals
- Hands-on items
- Message title image
- Projected message illustrations