Christopher A. Warren

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**SUMMARY**

My main objective is to serve alongside fellow worshippers, and to lead people into a genuine worship experience. I enjoy mentoring and motivating people into serving with their gifts to glorify God. I have been blessed with musical Abilities I am proficient in singing, piano, organ, clarinet and saxophone, while also being able to find my way around new instruments with ease. I also take great pleasure in the leadership development of aspiring worship leaders.

**EDUCATION**

School of Urban Missions

Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies 2020

Concentration: Pastoral Ministry

School of Urban Missions

Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (In Progress)

Concentration: Biblical Languages

**Experience**

Eddie James Ministries | Cleveland, TN

Musical Director 08/2020 - Current

Providing accompaniment for Eddie James and his ministries. Playing a variety of music with broad stylistic range and improvisatorial flexibility. Assisting with the directing, planning, creating of worship events. Scheduling and running rehearsals to practice, while also transcribing and creating new arrangements of musical compositions as they are adapted for particular ensembles and events. Closely following musical notation and artists instructions. Traveling, sometimes great distances, to perform at venues.

The Bend

Worship Pastor 02/2020 - Current

Planning worship schedules and sequences of events to keep members engaged and active. Managing audio-visual support for multiple weekly services. Choosing songs and organized materials for every worship service. Recruiting, equipping and motivating band members to strive for professional accompaniment. Selecting mix of contemporary and traditional music to meet expectations of congregation. Putting together lyrics presentations for congregation and performers. Improving praise team performance by directing regular rehearsals.

The Assembly

Assistant Worship Pastor 03/2016 – 09/2019

Helped with the building, developing, planning, and leading of worship teams for Junior High, Senior High, and Young Adult services, while also assisting with the main congregational worship team and experience. Training and mentoring aspiring students and congregants in the musical arts and leadership skills required of a worship leader. Selected mix of contemporary and traditional music to meet expectations of congregation. Managed audio-visual support for multiple weekly services.

Various Events

Worship Leader 2010 - Current

Assisting in the planning, building, developing, and strategizing of the worship experiences of revivals, camps, conferences, and various other events. Selection mix of contemporary, gospel, and traditional music, and their organized materials, for cohesive thematic setlists that engage congregants of all various ethnic and generational differences. Managing the planning and layout audio-visual support for these services. Recruitment, vetting, and equipment of band members for professional accompaniment. Selected mix of contemporary and traditional music to meet expectations of congregation.

Once such event is the annual Mardi Gras Outreach that SUM facilitates. I have served and lead with the worship department for this event for the past 10 years. It is one of the highlights of my year to plan, build, lead, and serve for this event that touches thousands of people each year.

**RELATED SKILLS**

* Music Software such as Ableton and Reason
* Musical and Instrumental Talents
* Piano, Clarinet, Saxophone, drums, Organ
* Leadership skill development
* Technique practice
* Performance planning
* Team building

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Licensed with the Assemblies of God

**Personal Information**

I am a husband to a great wife, LeQuitsha, and father of two beautiful children, Ezra and Noelle. I love education; both the process of learning something new for myself and the transmission of that knowledge to someone else. I am currently in my Master of Arts in Biblical Studies program with an emphasis on Biblical Languages. After graduation I hope to then pursue a Doctorate in ancient Near Eastern Studies.