

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE PLAN

## BFUMC 2018

Approved by the Board of Stewards

Your Contemporary Worship Design Team has worked very hard over an extended period of time to study, research, and dream about what a new contemporary worship service would look like for Bullard FUMC. They have sought to faithfully fulfill the mission our church has given them to help us grow the church by reaching new people for Jesus Christ through the creation of a contemporary worship service. Through their hard work and dedication a Contemporary Worship Service Proposal was created and presented to the Board of Stewards, which they approved in a recent meeting. We are now excited to share the plans for our new Contemporary Worship Service which will help us reach new people for Christ and fulfill our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

### In the creation of a new worship service we considered the following:

#### **We looked at “Why?” - *why start a new contemporary worship service?***

- This is by far the most important question we, as the church, must ask ourselves in the creation of a new contemporary worship service. Here are the answers we came up with:
  1. A new service will reach the unchurched.
  2. A new service will minister to more people.
  3. A new service will reach new kinds of people.
- Bottom line: Starting a new service can't be about us. It must be about reaching new people for Jesus Christ.

#### **We looked “Who?” - *who could we hope to reach with a new service?***

- Who we currently reach - *Reaching baby-boomers and busters who are all within a set cultural group which is reflective of the community and surrounding area in which we live with a believer's focused service.*
- Who can we reasonably hope our new service to reach based upon our mission field - *Reaching busters and millennials who are either seekers or believers within a set cultural group which is reflective of the community and surrounding area in which we live.*

#### **We looked at “What?” - *what would be the key elements of our new service?***

- Location - First Choice: Family Life Center.
  - “Non-churchy” feel which will be less threatening to non-believers.
  - Customizable set up for tables and chairs.
  - Large welcome area (front room).
  - Better hospitality set up connected to both welcome area (front room) and worship area (gym).
  - Food and drink friendly.

- Location - Second Choice: Sanctuary.
  - Technology already in place.
- Location choice depends on possible grant money - see below.
- Service elements we found important based upon visits to other church worship services.
  - Welcome hospitality area with food and drinks.
  - Radio play Contemporary Christian worship music for worship.
  - Flow of service is important.
  - Balance of standing and sitting during the service.
  - Worship leader matters - this is huge - they must relate to audience well.
  - Announcements at end of service.
  - Offering during music/singing.
  - Music upbeat to begin with and then softer as the service goes on depending on mood of message.
  - Practical response at end of service - Answer the question: "So what?"
  - Teach the faith as part of the service - "Why do we do what we do?"
  - Communion monthly.
- Time:
  - The experts say, the later in the morning for the start time of contemporary service, the better it is for reaching younger audiences - especially young families with children.
  - The Sunday morning time schedule will require a 30 minute adjustment to our current Sunday schedule.
    - 9:00-9:50 am                      Contemporary Worship Service (FLC or Sanctuary)
    - 9:30-10:00 am                    Fellowship Coffee and Donuts (Harper Hall)
    - 10:00-10:50 am                  Sunday School (Classrooms)
    - 11:00am-12:00 pm                Blended Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### **Staffing Considerations.**

- We believe that a good part-time paid worship leader is key to the success of this new worship service.
  - A financial gift has been given to the church which has been designated for this position and will serve as seed money to help us create this new position.
  - This new contemporary worship leader will focus on putting together a band, weekly practice sessions, and Sunday morning worship.
  - The rest of the band members will be volunteer positions.

### **Getting prepared to launch.**

- According to the experts the two best times to launch are in the Spring, around Easter, and in the Fall, as school is starting.
  - We recommend a Fall start so that we can get everything prepared to advertise, promote and launch the service well.
- **Moody Permanent Endowment Grant:** To be able to have this service in the Family Life Center there are some things we're going to need to do in order to prepare the space for a contemporary worship service. As part of our preparations we are in the process of seeking a grant from the

Moody Permanent Endowment Fund to cover the cost of what will be needed to successfully launch the service. Some of the updates include:

- Repaint blue walls/doors.
  - Building a back wall for stage and screen
  - Moveable Welcome Booth
  - Additional round tables for worship
  - Acoustic panels and curtain for gym
  - Lighting needs for front part of FLC
  - Additional chairs
  - Lighting and sound needs including moveable sound booth for gym
- Moody Permanent Endowment Fund grants are announced in June. Please join us in praying for God's provision for this service.
  - Note: If used for our new service, the Family Life Center will still remain fully functional for all our regular events.

**The name.**

- The name of the new contemporary worship service will be **ENCOUNTER**.
  - **Encounter** will be, *“a place for you to encounter the transforming love of Jesus in an inviting worship experience.”*

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