




Dawson
**Music &
Worship**





**The Lord your God...
will rejoice over you with singing.
- Zephaniah 3:17 -**



why **MUSIC MATTERS**

There are some things that words alone just can't say. For those times, there's music. And when music becomes the servant of faith, it is transformed into a powerful tool for expressing and receiving the redemption found through Jesus Christ. Through music, we are able to be more like our Creator by creating something beautiful. We become unified as a body when we sing shoulder to shoulder and side by side. We remember our mission as we hum songs of faith in our cars, our homes, and our places of business. We become better followers of God as we humble ourselves in service through worship. Music matters.



from the **MUSIC & WORSHIP PASTOR**

There's nothing like autumn in Birmingham. The weather gets cooler, the jackets come out, and the trees are on fire with vibrant colors and deep hues. The rolling hills all over town are a beautiful canvas of warm color. It's the diversity of those colors that makes it truly beautiful.

So it is with the Music & Worship Ministry at Dawson.

Through broad and eclectic expressions of worship through music, people of every age find places of service, ministry, and worship here. Alone, these ministries are certainly beautiful. But together, they combine to form a beautiful and vibrant picture of a church focused on being found faithful as God's people. Join us in this mission and offer your gifts to God!

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Find your place in the
Music & Worship Ministry
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The Music Ministries of Dawson Memorial Baptist Church and Sixth Avenue Baptist Church joined together for A Night of Worship at the historic Lyric Theatre.

SANCTUARY CHOIR



When it's time to celebrate the majesty, power, and sovereignty of God, the Sanctuary Choir leads the way. This 200+ voice adult choir is the heart of the Music & Worship Ministry at Dawson and leads the congregation each week in worship. Outside of the Sanctuary, this diverse ministry group sings around town, across the country, and around the world, sharing the beauty and love of Christ through the best of choral music. Any adult can be a part of the Sanctuary Choir, and there is no audition required.



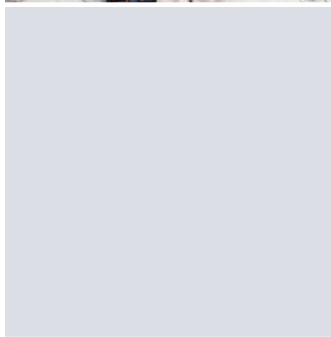
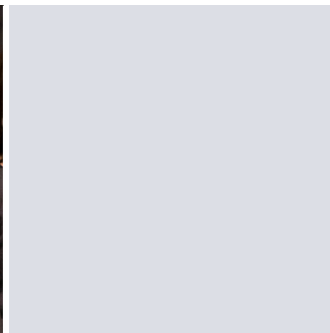


CHAPEL CHOIR & ENSEMBLE



With ample energy and plenty of smiles, the **Chapel Choir** is one of the most dynamic and enduring church choirs for high schoolers in the state. For 60 years, students have been learning how to make meaningful and lasting contributions to worship that will carry them through a lifetime of service to Christ. More than simply a musical group, the Chapel Choir is a place of community, where students can share each other's burdens, enjoy each other's company, and serve the least of these. The highlight of the year is the Chapel Choir Mission Tour, which takes students across the country and around the world, serving and singing in the name of Christ. Any high school student can be a part of the fun of the Chapel Choir, and there is no audition required.

Sometimes, God has something special to tell us. Through the voices of the select **Chapel Ensemble**, that special message is heard. This ensemble of high school students prepares special moments of worship through more demanding and intricate musical expressions. Auditioned from the Chapel Choir, these students lead throughout the year in worship at Dawson, plus special services and ministries.



MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR



Even in times of transition and change, God still has a mission and a ministry for each of us. That's the message of the Middle School Choir at Dawson. This group of young men and women meet each week to plant the truth of the gospel deep in their hearts through music. In addition to leading in worship throughout the year, this rambunctious choir sings around Birmingham, encouraging faith and sharing Christ's love through music and service.



COLLIDE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

It's the best music, no matter the style. It's hands on learning through pottery, sculpture, and oil paint. It's missions, discipleship, and recreation. At Collide, children encounter an interactive experience that is easy to get involved in and will draw them back week after week. The Collide Choir, led by committed and talented adult investors, gives children the tools they need to be capable, lifelong worshippers of Christ, all while teaching the fundamentals of music in an engaging environment. It's time to Collide.

PRESCHOOL CHOIR

You teach them colors, words, rules, and faces. You give them the gifts of confidence, language, and creativity. And through the Preschool Choir, you'll give your child the vital foundation needed to be a lifelong worshipper of Christ. Through fun musical activities, creative instruments, expert teaching, and stories from around the world, Music & Missions at Dawson will start your child off on the right path.





DAWSONAIRES CHOIR

You never outgrow the music of faith. That's why the Dawsonaires are so committed to discipleship through music and ministry. These adults have been around the block once or twice and know the value of music for their spiritual, physical, and mental health. As a close-knit community, this choir rehearses weekly and leads in worship at Dawson. As a ministry-minded ensemble, they are deeply committed to serving outside the walls of the church, bringing the hope of Christ wherever they are heard.



EARLY WORSHIP TEAM

A quick glance around the room or around the world underscores the obvious: our Creator has an eclectic taste. Mirroring the variety in creation, the Early Worship Team leads all genres of music; new hymns, old choruses, folk, bluegrass, jazz, and blues are all welcome tools to offer the fresh and familiar to God in worship. Led by a rhythm band with other orchestral instruments and vocalists, Early Worship is an expansive engagement in the redemptive work of Christ.





DAWSON MUSIC ACADEMY

The best gifts are often those that were crafted with skill and passion. Through the Dawson Music Academy, students of all ages learn from expert instructors in all areas of music, including voice, piano, guitar, strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, and Kindermusik. With over 200 students, DMA is open year-round for music lessons, classes, and even a summer Music Camp, all in a Christ-centered environment.



DAWSON ORCHESTRA

Whether it's the bombast of the timpani, the richness of the oboe, or the lilt of the violin, worship is enhanced and enriched by the Dawson Orchestra. Meeting together weekly, this talented ensemble both supports the congregation's voice and crafts special moments of instrumental praise to God. Special services, concerts, and ministry events provide even more moments of ministry and music through the Dawson Orchestra.





MASTER RINGERS

Crisp and clear, the sounds of praise ring out from the hands of the Master Ringers, Dawson's premier handbell ensemble. It's no wonder that the most majestic and triumphal moments in worship are marked by the sounds of handbells. With a wide variety of music and a commitment to only the best offerings for God, the Master Ringers are an integral part of music and worship at Dawson.



TECHNICAL MINISTRY

Whether it's behind the computer, camera, lighting, or sound console, the Technical Ministry of Dawson is truly a place of service to the church. Providing vital support for every worship service in a variety of ways, the people of Dawson rely on those in this ministry to make the message of Christ clear, focused, and visible.



CANDLELIGHT AT DAWSON



It's not Christmas in Birmingham without *Candlelight at Dawson*. Each year, over 4000 people converge to participate in a celebration of Christ's coming to our world. Led by the Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra, groups of every age unite in a majestic evening of praise to God.





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