

# Fundamentals of Music and Song Leading

## Course Syllabus

### FALL SEMESTER 2013

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**Class Hours:** Thursday Evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM

**TEXT:** KJV of the Bible

**Supporting Texts:** See list of recommended books

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

**This course is a BASIC introduction to reading music, learning music terminology, and principles of song leading.**

**COURSE GOALS:** Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

- 1. To have a basic understanding of music reading**
- 2. To have a general knowledge of music terms**
- 3. To have some basic principles in how to lead singing (i.e. congregational singing, choir, etc.)**

#### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Personal attendance and class participation in discussions.
2. Any type of notebook for class notes (notebook that has lines)
3. Personal handwritten notes must be taken on all class lectures. These notes will be in addition to any printed notes and/or handouts provided during the course. Both the handwritten notes and the handouts must be turned in at the end of the semester for grading.
4. Each student will complete 4 assignments during the semester course (assignments will be given out the first week of school)
5. A final exam will be given at the end of the semester

## **COURSE SCHEDULE:**

August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction of the Course
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Lines, Lines, and More Lines
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bar Lines and Double Bar Lines
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Basic Note Reading/Music Terms 1
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Basic Note Reading Part 2/Music Terms 2
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Basic Note Reading Part 3/Music Terms 3
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Basic Note Reading Part 4/Music Terms 4
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Basic Note Reading Part 5/Review Music Reading
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Intro to Song Leading
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	The Role of the Song Leader
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Voice Principles/Hand Motions
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Working w/Your Pastor
<b>November 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break (no classes)</b>
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Leading a Choir
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Choosing Music for Special Services/Review for Exam
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Final Exam

## **COURSE EXAMINATION:**

There will be 4 assignments due on November 28<sup>th</sup>. A final exam will be given on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Each assignment will be 20% of your final grade. Final exam will be 20% of your final grade. A total of 100%

## **GRADING SCALE:**

A=100%-95%  
B=94%-85%  
C=84%-78%  
D=77%-68%  
F=below 68%

## **TESTING:**

Pop tests -- Be prepared at any time.  
Assignments Due – December 5<sup>th</sup>  
Final – December 12<sup>th</sup>