

NBF 2022 MUSIC MINISTRY



March 2022

1 Corinthians 10:31 "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God".

Dear Musician,

Thank you for your willingness to consider labouring with us in this important ministry. Our desire is that in serving others and our Lord Jesus Christ, you would likewise be exhorted and blessed through the ministry of music during these NBF meetings.

We firmly believe that the National Baptist Fellowship is the most important fellowship meeting for God's people in our nation. Over many years, the Lord has worked through meetings such as these in the lives and hearts of His people, leading them to greater service and Christ-likeness. Brethren, please join with us in prayer for this year's NBF, that the Holy Spirit will grant to us a renewed passion for holiness, a renewed hatred of sin, and a fervent love for Christ and the Gospel. We especially covet your prayers concerning this year's theme for the meetings, Jude 3, that God's people would '*Earnestly contend for the faith*' in this day of growing apostasy.

I would like to request those who will be singing or playing for these meetings to be dressed in a modest and appropriate way. This is important as we do not want to draw attention to ourselves. Ladies, as the platform will be about 4 feet off the ground, please wear skirts or dresses that cover the knee when seated, and tops/blouses that are modest. Gentlemen, please wear an appropriate shirt and tie, dress pants and shoes. Please view and adhere to '**Standards for Musicianship NBF 2022**', also available on the website <https://www.nbf.org.au> and is attached to the email this was sent out with.

Songleaders: Please report for ministry at the front stage **20 minutes before** the service starts in order to liaise with the musicians and to review the program for the session.

Special Items: Please be at the venue **45 minutes before** the service starts to have a run-through of the song and a final sound check. Groups should be gathered and ready to rehearse before using the piano. Generally, groups that are assembled first will get priority for rehearsal and we would greatly appreciate a spirit of cooperation and teamwork.

Orchestra: Please be at the venue **30 minutes before** the service starts to tune up. If possible, please bring a music stand in addition to your instrument. If it is unpractical to bring one, please let me know as spares may be limited. At present we are **not** planning to hold a formal rehearsal the day before (on the Monday), although if that changes you will be notified via email, or by the website.

Please ensure your pastor supports your involvement in this ministry and let me know (via text or email) if you would like to be included in further communications so that I can put you on the mailing list.

Lastly, we reserve the right to decline an individual / group from being involved if there is any cause for concern. Our earnest desire is to be consistent and above reproach. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

In Christ,

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