

CHURCH ORGANIST

Job Description

Principal Function

The Church Organist is a committed Christian who provides organ music and accompaniment for scheduled worship services and other activities in support of the church's music ministry. In a pivotal role in the musical life of the church, this individual is a strong team player, serving as a full partner with the ministerial staff and the Church Pianist at Shades Crest Baptist Church.

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This year-round part-time position requires attendance at Sunday worship services, rehearsals with the Sanctuary Choir and the Orchestra, and other special services, including (but not limited to) Christmas and Easter. The work is done cooperatively, especially with the Associate Pastor of Worship and Music and the Church Pianist. As part of the church's musical leadership team, the Organist is expected to advocate for the music program.

Job Requirements

1. A disciple of Jesus Christ committed to growing in faith through practicing the spiritual disciplines of prayer, Scripture study, worship participation, and service at and beyond Shades Crest Baptist Church.
2. Experience in church worship, with both organ and other music and hymnody (understanding and familiarity with blended worship preferred).
3. Flexibility to play in blended style worship services (incorporating both traditional and contemporary music).
4. Knowledge of the instrument and keyboard ability sufficient to play hymns, more modern songs and anthem accompaniments. Ability to sight-read and improvise is desired.
5. High degree of competence on organ, and the ability to accompany groups and individuals.
6. Knowledge of basic music theory and ability to perform simple transpositions.
7. Willingness to rehearse sufficiently to maintain a high quality of music.
8. Sensitivity and the ability to interact with a variety of people.
9. Ability to take direction and work as a team member.
10. Ability to communicate well and in a friendly manner with the church leadership, church choir and orchestra, and members of the congregation.
11. Desire to maintain a constant program of self-improvement.

Accountability

The Organist is accountable to the Associate Pastor of Worship and Music, who serves as head of the church's Worship and Music Ministry. This individual will need to notify the Associate Pastor of Worship and Music at least 3 weeks prior to planned absences (preferably as soon as known) to allow for the scheduling of a substitute organist.

The applicant will be required to sign forms authorizing Shades Crest Baptist Church to conduct a background check; all results must be favorable.

Responsibilities:

1. Support the church's worship environment through the well-prepared execution of music presented by the choir, orchestra, and other musicians.
2. Serve as accompanist for the Sanctuary Choir
3. Facilitate congregational singing and worship through the excellent execution of hymns and other songs.
4. Be a part of the orchestra, attending its rehearsals and performing with other players.
5. Plan, select, and prepare preludes, postludes, and offertories, according to the needs of the worship services.
6. Serve as accompanist for other choirs, ensembles, and soloists, when needed.
7. Play for weddings and funerals, as requested (and upon availability), being permitted to receive additional compensation from the parties involved.
8. Maintain an accurate account of organ needs and maintenance and notify the Associate Pastor of Worship and Music.
9. Assist in finding a substitute for Sundays when not available.

Salary

Negotiable, consistent with the candidate's education, experience, and skill level.

How to Apply for the Job

Please send your résumé to cshaffer@shadescrest.org