

Contemporary Service

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Other Discussion of Significance

- ◆ What is a contemporary service?
 - Might be projected on wall or TV
 - VCR, DVD's
 - Musical instruments: keyboard, guitar, drums
 - Singers
 - Praise Band/Worship Team
 - Takes commitment
- ◆ How do you get it passed the elderly?
 - It took me 11 years to get it to Sunday 10 a.m.; regular service is 8 a.m. and Saturday service.
- ◆ What if some clap (applaud)?
- ◆ New mission statement – to reach out to others – send out mailer to everyone in the district, not just congregation, letting them know about the new form.

Recommendations

- ◆ The bottom line is – we are trying to reach others. You might do blended – traditional and contemporary. Maybe traditional service and contemporary music.
- ◆ Keep service no more than 1 hour.
- ◆ Don't let it turn into entertainment! Keep it Christ focused! Don't perform – Lead!
- ◆ Generally you need to slowly transition into contemporary mode. The Lord may bring it along in his own way. Don't force.

Recommendations (cont.)

- ◆ A contemporary service takes commitment – to have a praise/worship team work on the music, etc. every week.
- ◆ Maybe a contemporary service once a month.
- ◆ Send out letter explaining the change.
- ◆ Remember – It's OK if you just like the traditional.
- ◆ Worship leaders and pastor need to connect the songs and the sermon with a common theme, if possible.
- ◆ If the hearts are ablaze (no matter what worship you are doing) it will happen.
- ◆ Dave Anderson checklist (seminar)(planning to do)
- ◆ There needs to be a reason to have a (or start) contemporary service.
- ◆ It can't happen with the minister alone.