

## THE SONG SERVICE

**PURPOSE:** positive, constructive contribution to the meeting or activity.

In a fellowship meeting the song service sets the stage for the teaching.

Be aware of the reaction of your group - stay "on top" of the situation spiritually as well as with the senses.

There is no "special" music in a service. Soloists or groups participating are contributing to that build-up for the teaching. The message SHOULD be in the song. Any comments should be brief and not personalized. Many times the comments are not necessary.

### **THE SONG LEADER:**

There is much more to successful song leading than the motions of the hands.

Some personal qualities:

Genuine joy in leading - not a sense of duty or assignment.

Friendliness - genuinely like people.

Flexibility - be "adaptable" to situations and changes.

Sincerity - service above self - the group does not exist for the leader. Don't be a show-off.

Confidence and poise - win the respect and hold the attention of the group. Cope with the unexpected.

Sense of humor - use joke telling with EXTREME WISDOM.

Vitality - good health and spirits - sense of power in reserve - strength - magnetism.

Rhythmic sense - "feel" the accent - lift the group into singing.

Musical ear - accurate pitch (not necessarily "perfect" pitch) - GOOD MUSICAL TASTE - passable singing voice.

Be dressed properly for the occasion - ALWAYS BE WELL GROOMED. Wear clothing that fits properly.

### **THE ACCOMPANIST:**

A poor accompanist is worse than NONE.

Webster defines accompaniment as "an instrumental part or parts designed to support or enrich a voice or instrument or a melody."

An accompanist must be willing and able to follow the song leader. This means knowing the music well enough to not have to keep her eyes "glued" to the music.

Choose and work with your accompanist in advance - know her ability. If she is inexperienced, give her a list of songs to practice.

**THE SONG LEADER:**

Arrive well ahead of starting time. The fellowship leader should have the room set, song books handed out, etc. If not, YOU take care of what concerns you, as much as you can. Check the position of the instrument - turn it so the accompanist can see the leader.

**AVOID TOO MUCH TALKING!!!**

Do not alibi; no excuses. If there is need for an explanation, make it brief.

Make each person feel individually included. Concentrate attention on areas - not people --- near center and back row. Include the front part of the room as you look at the others.

Be tactful - cover for others.

YOU know all the songs WELL.

Have the songs chosen that you will use - be ready with an extra or two.

Start the service with a song the group knows.

Choose songs that fit with the teaching.

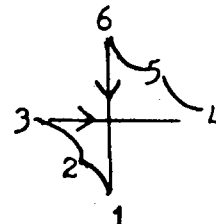
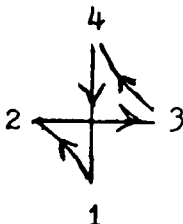
Speak the announcement of the song clearly - repeat, with name of song so that everyone knows the selection.

If you are leading the same group frequently, introduce new songs from time to time. Once in a while have a "song fest" where the purpose is to learn new songs as well as enjoy old favorites. "Timing" is important - too much can wear people out - have MUCH group participation.

ALWAYS STAY IN CONTROL OF YOUR GROUP!

START ON TIME!!!

**BASIC HAND MOTIONS FOR LEADING SONGS. PRACTICE! PRACTICE!! PRACTICE!!!**  
IN FRONT OF A MIRROR - - - - - IN SMALL GROUPS  
WITH RECORDINGS, etc.



Start on the first word - give a strong down beat on count 1.

Give strong definite "cut-off" at end of verse, chorus or where needed.

BE HAPPY (not "giddy") - SMILE (not grin)

## ACCOMPANIMENT

The accompanist watches the song leader at all times. You are always aware of what is taking place on the platform. You pray and speak in tongues with your eyes open. The song leader will signal the accompanist when he is ready for the introduction to be played.

The introduction is to give the congregation an idea of how the song starts, thus the introduction starts in the beginning of the song and not at the end. The introduction must end on the home chord of the key the song is written in, thus letting the song leader and congregation know you are ready for them to start singing.

There are times when the song leader will want an interlude played. The interlude is made up of the last four measures of the song. It is used in songs having three or more verses. If the song has three verses, you use the interlude after the second verse. If the song has four verses, you use an interlude following the third verse. The use of the interlude is up to the discretion of the song leader.

"Sing Along the Way"  
Chart for song leading - time "pattern" and down beat

PAGE #		# cts	Verses				Chorus
			1	2	3	4	
1	Joy to the World	2	Joy	Joy	He		
2	O Come, All Ye Faithful	4	come	Yea	Speak		come
3	The Blood That Stained the Old Rugged Cross	6	cross	cross			blood
4	Glory to His Name	4	I	Oh			Glo--
5	The Old Rugged Cross	6	hill	old			cher--
6	He Lifted Me	3	lov--	called	on		sink--
7	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	2	When	See	Were		
8	Christ Arose	4	Low	Vain--	Death		Up
9	Christ the Lord is Risen Today	4	Christ	Love's	Lives		
10	He Lives	2	serve	--joice			lives
11	Just Over In the Glory Land	4	home	blood			O----
12	One Day	3	One	One	One	One	Liv---
13	O That Will Be Glory	6	When	When			O---
14	What If It Were Today	6/2	Je---	Sa---	Faith---		Glo---
15	When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder	4	trum-pet	bright	la-bor		roll
16	When We All Get to Heaven	4	Sing	While	Let		all
17	He's A Wonderful Savior To Me	4	lost	Friend	Al---	grows	Won---
18	Beloved, Now Are We	4	Sons	Bless--	By		--lov---
19	Make Me A Blessing	6/2	Out	Give			I'll
20	My Anchor Holds	4	an---	tides	feel	al---	holds
21	Peace Be Still	6	Mas---	Mas---			winds
22	Wonderful Grace of Jesus	4	Won---	Won---	Won---		Wonder---
23	Saved	2	Saved	Saved	Saved		Saved
24	A Child of the King (A Son of God)	3	Fa---	once			Son
25	At Calvary	4	Years	By	Oh		Mer---
26	Amazing Grace	3	-maz---	grace	ma--	we've	
27	Blessed Assurance	3	-sur---	-is---	-is---		sto---
28	Faith Unlocke the Door	3	-liev---				
29	Camping In Canaan's Land	4	I	Yes			Ev---
30	Complete In Thee	3	Thee	Thee			--fied
31	Constantly Abiding	3/4	Peace	world			Con---

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32	Do You Know My Jesus?	3	Have	Who			know
33	Down Deep In My Heart	2	- on	- ev			got
34	The Family of God	3	notice	depth			glad
35	Farther Along	3	tried	Je---			- long
36	Complete In Him	2	fullness	not by	nothing		- plete
37	God Gave Me Life	3	God	God			
38	Grace Greater Than Our Sin	3	Mar---	Dark	Mar---		Grace
39	Heavenly Sunlight	3	Sun---	-round	sun---		sun---
40	He Keeps Me Singing	4	There's	All my	Feasting	Soon He's	Je---
41	He Is The Way	3	He				
42	He's the Healer of Broken Hearts	3	heal---				
43	Higher Ground	3	on	no	live		up
44	How Great Thou Art	4	God	think	come		soul
45	How Long Has It Been	3	long	long			call
46	Hymn of Cannes	3	wan---	read	heart		- lieve
47	I AM Resolved	4	I	I	I		I
48	I Know He Cares For Me	3	found	come	all		know
49	I Know Who Holds Tomorrow	2	know	step			things
50	I Know Whom I Have Believed	4	know	know	know	know	know
51	I Saw the Light	4	wandered	Just like			I saw
52	I'll Be List'ning	4	Sav---	robe			somewhere
53	I Shall Not Be Moved	4	On my	Trusting			I
54	I Will Sing the Wondrous Story	ch 3/4	sing	lost	bruised		sing
55	In His Own Quiet Way	4	Thank				
56	In the Garden	2	come	speaks			walks
57	In the Shadow of the Cross	6	As	There			Are
58	In Times Like These	4	these	these			Chri---
59	It Is Glory Just to Walk With Him	4	glory	glory			glory
60	It Took A Miracle	4	Bi---	mys---			mir-a---
61	Jesus I Come	6	Out	Out	Out		

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63	Jesus Saves	3	heard	-bove	winds		
64	Jesus, Our Saviour	3	Je---	Je---	The		Oh
65	Kneel At the Cross	4	Kneel	Kneel			Kneel
66	Known Only to Him	3	eyes	world			on---
67	Leaning On the Everlasting Arms	4	What	O	What		Lean---
68	The Lily of the Valley	4	found	never			
69	My Redeemer	3	sing	tell	praise	sing	sing
70	My Sins Are Blotted Out	4	won---	stand			sins
71	Oh, How I Love Jesus	2	is	tells			Oh
72	Redeemed	2	-deemed	-deemed			-deemed
73	Since I Have Been Redeemed	4	have	have	have	have	I
74	Since Jesus Came Into My Heart	4	won---	go			Je-sus
75	The Solid Rock	3	hope is	love, His	He shall		Christ, the
76	Standing On the Promises	4	Standing	Standing	Standing		Stan---
77	Someone Walks Beside Me	2	Some---				
78	Still Sweeter Every Day	4	Jesus	glory			half
79	Sunshine In the Soul	4	sun---	mu---	glad---		sun---
80	Tenderly He Watches	3	Ten---	days	Ten---		
81	There Is Power In the Blood	4	Would	Would	Would		pow'r
82 ***	There's No Two Ways About It	2	(rest)				
83	This World Is Not My Home	4	world is	up in			Lord
84	Unworthy	6	-wor---	sick---	-wor---		-wor---
85	Victory In Jesus	4	heard an	heard a			vic-to---
86	When the Saints Go Marching In	4	just	there			saints
87	The Banner of the Cross	4	roy---	foe	land		on
88	I Love To Tell the Story	4	love	love	love		love
89	Let the Lower Lights Be Burning	3	beams	night	fee---		low---
90	Onward Christian Soldiers	4	On---	Like	On---		On---
91	Rise Up, O Men Of God	4	up	up	high		
92	Stand Up For Jesus	4	up	up	up		

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93	Send the Light	4	call	pray			light
94	Tell Me the Old, Old Story	4	Tell	Tell			Tell
95	Tell Me the Story of Jesus	4	Tell	Fast---	Tell		Tell
96	We've A Story to Tell to the Nations	4	sto---	song	mes---		dark---
97	Are You Living Where God Answers Prayer?	6	liv---				
98	Can Others See Jesus In Me?	6	oth---				
99	Following Jesus	2	Fol---				
100	Every Moment of the Day	4	day				
101	More Abundant Life	4	come				
102	For God So Loved the World	3	God				
103	Lead Me To Some Soul	4	Lead				
104	God Is Still On The Throne	2	God				
105	Got Any Rivers	6	Got				
106	Peace Is Flooding My Soul	2 or 6	Peace				
107	Glory, Hallelujah, Praise God, Amen	2	Glory				
108	If You Know the Lord	4	Lord				
109	Isn't He Wonderful	4	He				
110	Keeping Touch With Jesus	4	keep				
111	Peace of the River	4	Peace				
112	The Lord Knows the Way	4	Lord				
113	Sons of God	4	God				Sons
114	We've Got a Great Big Wonderful God	4	Great				
115	Tell It Again	4	-gain				
116	We Never Knew Real Peace	3	nev---				
117	Only Believe	6	On---				
118	We're Standing On God's Word	4	We're				
119	There's Room At the Cross	6	Room				
120	Wonderful Peace	6	Peace				
121	Christ In Me	3	Christ				

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122	I Have Christ In My Heart	4	What				
123	He Touched Me	3	touched				
124	What A Day	3	day				
125	Spirit of the Living God	4	Spir---				
126	Yes It Is Jesus	3	Je---				
127	Breathe On Me, Breath of God	3	Breathe	Breathe			
128	I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus	3	I	I	I		
129	What A Friend	4	What	Have			
130	O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee	3	O	Teach	In		
131	Open My Eyes	6	O---	O---	O---		
132	Take My Hand, Precious Lord	3	way	Lord			
133	'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus	4	'Tis	Yes	I'm		Je---
134	My Jesus, I Love Thee	4	Je---	love---	man---		
135	America	3	My	My	Let	Our	
136	America The Beautiful	4	beau---	beau---			
137	Battle Hymn of the Republic	4	eyes	sound---			Glo---
138	God Bless America	2/A	God				
139	God of Our Fathers	4	God	Thy	Re---		
140	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	4	might---	we	word		
141	All Hail the Power	4	hail	ev---	that		
142	O For A Thousand Tongues	3	for	gra---	breaks	Him	
143	Come, Ye Thankful People, Come	4	Come	All	For		
144	Count Your Blessings	2	When	So			Count
145	Fairest Lord Jesus	4	Fair	Fair	Fair		
146	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	3	Great	Sum---	Par---		Great
147	How Firm A Foundation	4	firm	not	soul		
148	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	4	Joy---	All	Thou		
149	Love Divine	4	Love	Breathe	Thank		
150	Now Thank We All Our God	4	thank	may	praise		
151	Blessed Be the Name	4	praise	name	-deem---		Blessed
152	O Word of God Incarnate	4	word	church			
153	Praise Him! Praise Him!	2	Praise	Praise	Praise		Praise
154	To God Be the Glory	3	God	per---	things		Praise