

Choir and Instrumental Ensemble

Tuesdays 9:35-11:00

Grade Level 9-12

Teacher: Geoff Sawyer

Student Fee: \$30 (payable to Geoff Sawyer)

Copy Fee: \$10 per class (payable to RGC)

Class Size: 6 to 12

Course Description:

This class is designed to teach students to effectively use their instrument or voice to play or sing with others in church or in other contexts, using classical as well as more contemporary styles. Elements of basic musicianship will be included (e.g., ear training, sight reading, music theory, church music history). Guest musicians may be brought into classes to demonstrate musical ideas or to play along with students. Biblical perspectives on music and worship will also be included during class lectures. Musical scores will be determined or developed to allow the group to play and sing together. The course will begin with classroom lectures and demonstrations, so the students will not need their instruments for the first few classes.

Note: The group will plan to perform two or three times during the year, to include the Year End Event

Required:

1. Completed a year or more of learning on an instrument or voice, either by formal instruction or self-motivated learning on his/her own.
2. Familiarization with the music staff, to include note names and basic rhythms. These can easily be learned or reviewed by using online resources such as:
 - tonesavvy.com
 - alison.com
 - musictheory.net
3. Materials:
 - three-ring binder in which to keep music or other handouts
 - paper for taking notes in class
 - pencil(s)
 - Bible
 - instrument (only needed 3-5 times during group application sessions)

Grading: Grading will be based on class participation and short in-class quizzes.

Helper Information: A helper or two may be needed to help facilitate setup and tear down of musical equipment during application sessions (TBD).