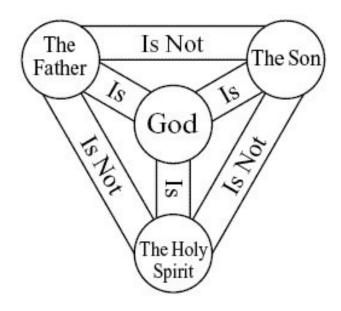
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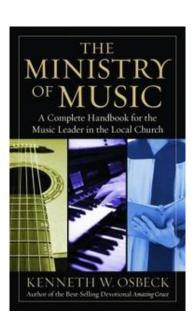


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Course Study for **Music 474** – <u>Music Ministry Overview</u>

Text: "The Ministry of Music" by Kenneth W. Osbeck, Published by Kregel publications, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49501.



- 1. Explain the term "evangelical church."
- 2. Discuss the Egyptians and music.
- 3. Explain what the author has to say about the Greeks and music.
- 4. Summarize the authors viewpoints on the Hebrews and their Music.
- 5. How many times are music related words used in the Bible? How many books of the Bible contain references to music?
- 6. Give Chapter and Verse of examples of music used in the early church.
- 7. What was the chief source of Christian Music? Give examples.
- 8. What was most important in the middle ages? Explain.
- 9. On page 21, discuss the mass and its sections.
- 10. The medieval period saw the growth of what? Explain.
- 11. Congregational singing was a powerful force. Did it help gain converts? Discuss.
- 12. On page 24, discuss what the author has to say about the anthem.
- 13. According to the author, what was the 18th Century ready for?
- 14. Give Isaac Watts ideas on songs. Name three of his more famous works.
- 15. Discuss the Wesleyan movement as found on page 25.
- 16. List (12) twelve other well-known 18th Century composers and one hymn for each.
- 17. The oratorio came into existence in the 18th Century. Name three important composers and their works.
- 18. Who were some of the important hymn writers of the 19th Century and give an example of their work?
- 19. List the (6) six types of Hymn writers of the Victorian Era.
- 20. Explain "High Church Hymn Writers of the Victorian Era".
- 21. Discuss "The Evangelical or Low Church Hymn Writers of the Victorian Era".

- 22. Summarize, "The Broad Church Hymn Writers of the Victorian Era".
- 23. What does the author have to say about "The Dissenting Church Hymn Writers of the Victorian Era"?
- 24. Explain, "The Post-Victorian Church Hymn Writers".
- 25. Summarize the authors views on "Russian Choral Music".
- 26. What did the early settlers use for music in their churches?
- 27. Define "Gospel Music" according to Edmund Lorenz.
- 28. List five (5) important Gospel Song writers of the past and five (5) present day ones.
- 29. List twelve (12) important American Song writers of the 19th and 20th Centuries.
- 30. What three (3) things did 19th and 20th Century hymn writers express in their works?
- 31. Looking to the present and future, what promising things are taking place?
- 32. What should be the ultimate objectives of the church music program?
- 33. What must a church have to have an effective total music program?
- 34. What three (3) main areas must a church music director be qualified in?
- 35. What spiritual characteristics must the music director have?
- 36. List the personal traits needed for a music director.
- 37. A music director must not only lead his organizations but he must also do what?
- 38. A director must have a factual and thorough grasp of music fundamentals. These should include what three (3) things?
- 39. A church music director must be trained in spiritual and musical discernment for choosing appropriate music for each type service and program. List and define the different types of sacred music.
- 40. The mark of a good conductor is what?
- 41. Define the church year calendar.

- 42. A director needs the basic beat pattern as shown on pages 42 through 46. He also needs to give clear attacks and cues. How can this be obtained?
- 43. Explain the wrist action in cues on page 49.
- 44. List the four (4) types of singing voices and the sub classes within each.
- 45. What is the two-fold responsibility of a church music director?
- 46. What should be the spiritual objectives of a song service?
- 47. John Wesley had good directions for congregational singing. List and discuss each suggestion.
- 48. Who is to blame for a lack of enthusiastic congregational singing and why?
- 49. In a formal service, what influence should the music director exhibit over the congregation?
- 50. Name one other important music person in the church. Discuss his/her importance.
- 51. List and briefly explain the specific suggestions offered to song leaders to encourage better congregational singing.
- 52. List ten (10) ways a song leader can begin a service.
- 53. Explain why it is important for a song leader to maintain interest.
- 54. List some helps in maintaining interest in a song service.
- 55. Give five (5) suggestions for choosing and teaching new gospel choruses.
- 56. List the seven (7) procedures for teaching a short chorus.
- 57. Discuss ways of teaching a longer chorus.
- 58. Briefly summarize the conclusion.
- 59. What is the starting point for building a strong music program in the church?
- 60. What are the prerequisites that are basic for a director of a children's choir?
- 61. At what age should a beginner's choir begin?

- 62. Discuss behavior patterns and characteristics of this age group.
- 63. Briefly discuss beginning choir music and the ideal leaders voice.
- 64. List the ten (10) steps in the suggested procedure for teaching rote songs to beginners.
- 65. Discuss the problem of children who cannot sing on pitch.
- 66. Explain the use of rhythm and bodily responses in the beginner choir.
- 67. Briefly summarize the choosing of songs for the beginners choir.
- 68. Explain the age limits of the primary choir and the behavior patterns of the students involved.
- 69. Should the primary choir sing songs with more variety? Summarize head tones and diction.
- 70. On page 75 through 78, summarize rhythm and the use of rhythmic activities.
- 71. Briefly describe ways of teaching letter names of notes to primary choir children.
- 72. In listening for appreciation, what suggestions would be of importance to the music director?
- 73. For what age group is the Junior Choir? Briefly discuss what to do with the boys with changed voices.
- 74. Discuss the ten (10) points in teaching a new songs by note rather than by rote.
- 75. What other musical areas can a director develop at this age group?
- 76. What theory work should be continued in junior choir?
- 77. Summarize what further theory training for the junior choir should include.
- 78. List the more complicated rhythm patterns that should be introduced to the junior choir.
- 79. From pages 84 and 85, explain various ways of teaching the complex rhythms shown.
- 80. A good activity for the students is a notebook containing the things they have and are learning. List ten (10) things this might include.
- 81. A good way to encourage enthusiasm is to have a point system to earn an award. List ten (10) things that can be used in such a point system.

- 82. Using the techniques and activities discussed in this chapter, arrange a junior choir rehearsal.
- 83. From page 87 and 88, summarize the suggestions for having a successful rehearsal.
- 84. List some ways of reward for a good year and to build enthusiasm.
- 85. Discuss the importance of the spiritual content of the songs a director chooses.
- 86. List some suggested names for the Junior Choir. Include some of your own choosing.
- 87. From the "Materials and Helps" on page 89, list some of the collections that can be of assistance to the Junior Choir director.
- 88. Briefly summarize part singing.
- 89. On pages 91 and 93 the author discusses "Monotonism". Explain what it is and what the director can do to help the child.
- 90. Give suggestions for starting and promoting a new children's choir in a church.
- 91. What causes discipline problems in children's choirs?
- 92. What suggestions are offered by the author regarding discipline of the children's choir?
- 93. Briefly discuss choir Mothers and Sponsors.
- 94. What are the benefits of having robes?
- 95. The author gives suggestions for making your own robes. List them.
- 96. What other considerations should be kept in mind regarding robes?
- 97. Summarize the miscellaneous suggestions that the author gives regarding children's choirs.
- 98. Discuss why it is best to have just one choir for the thirteen through high school age. If necessary, however, where should you divide the group?
- 99. Discuss the physical and emotional changes in the junior high school age student.
- 100. Summarize the directors choice of songs. Why is his choice so important?

- 101. Discuss what happens when a boys voice changes. Give three (3) signs a director can look for to characterize this change.
- 102. The children's voices have a difficult time singing regular SAD arrangements. The author has written his own collection of arrangements. List the features of his collections that can help you.
- 103. Discuss the senior high level choir.
- 104. What suggestions are offered with respect to conducting a successful rehearsal for a teen-age choir?
- 105. List the definite don't's that should be headed!
- 106. Summarize from pages 106 and 107, a sample rehearsal.
- 107. What officers and policies should the teen-age choir have?
- 108. List some possible distinctive names for the senior high choir.
- 109. Briefly summarize the handbell choir.
- 110. What two things must a director continually remind himself of with this particular group? Explain.
- 111. What are some of the collections and individual numbers suggested by the author.
- 112. The Senior choir should epitomize the efforts of the entire music program. What characteristics should
- 113. List the problems of administration of the Senior choir.
- 114. Under "Recruiting and selecting new members", discuss age and the recruiting of new members.
- 115. Since the spiritual effectiveness of any church choir is directly proportionate to its loyalty and morale, a director must work constantly against the factors that can undermine this. List some of these factors.
- 116. From page 114, discuss the social chairman and some of the functions that can help maintain interest.
- 117. Discuss what officers are needed and the organizational structure of the Senior choir.

- 118. Explain the two (20) main methods of storing music and the importance of a card file.
- 119. What are the various ways of introducing new music to a choir?
- 120. List the seven (7) typical problem places where average singers will make mistakes.
- 121. Give a brief outline of a sample rehearsal.
- 122. Discuss briefly the miscellaneous suggestions regarding rehearsals.
- 123. Explain briefly "Matters of Performance
- 124. List seven (7) other basic concepts regarding performance that a director must try to impress upon each member of the choir.
- 125. Under "Group Musicianship" list seven (7) areas that need further development.
- 126. What three (3) principles should the director keep in mind when working out various problems?
- 127. There are several basic concepts regarding sight reading that the director should try to develop with his singers. Name and briefly discuss each.
- 128. What is the first step of teaching sight singing technique?
- 129. Briefly discuss the eight (8) sections of the second stage in teaching sight singing.
- 130. What are the seven (7) characteristics of a non-confident choir?
- 131. List the seven (7) basic fears that most beginning singers have.
- 132. Discuss briefly several fundamental concepts that a director must teach his choir regarding looking and sounding more confident.
- 133. How can the section on "Lack of Confident Singing" be summarized?
- 134. Proper vocal technique for tone production, whether for choir or solo singing, is dependant upon what three (3) main factors?
- 135. Summarize some factors that effect intonation. Also give some ways of improving intonation.
- 136. List the seven (7) characteristics that a good tone possesses.

- 137. There are several important factors that specifically contribute to poor blend. List all seven (7).
- 138. Discuss vibrato.
- 139. The problem of good diction can be generalized for volunteer singers with two fundamental concepts. Name them.
- 140. Good diction is dependent upon what?
- 141. There are several basic concepts regarding good diction that choir members should be taught. List and discuss each briefly.
- 142. Theoretically, what should the proportion of voices be in an adult choir?
- 143. List the basic concepts regarding meaningful interpretation.
- 144. There are several general considerations that should be noted for the director himself. List and discuss each.
- 145. Summarize the section on "Materials".
- 146. Briefly explain the criteria for choosing new music. List ten (10) things to look for.
- 147. What are five (5) suggestions offered for preparing special music programs?
- 148. The list on pages 148 through 150 is an excellent list of music for the Senior choir. The collections are good if you have a limited budget. List the ones you are familiar with.
- 149. Summarize the instrumental program.
- 150. Briefly discuss each of the string instruments as to range, clef, and transposition.
- 151. Summarize each of the woodwind instruments as the clef, range, and transposing or non-transposing.
- 152. Explain briefly about each brass instrument.
- 153. List the percussion instruments and briefly summarize the section on percussion.
- 154. A church music director should be acquainted with the various terms and expressions used by instrumentalists. What are some of these terms? Explain.
- 155. What are some of the ways the author suggests for beginning an instrumental program?

- 156. For congregational singing, how can the four parts of a hymn be distributed among the instruments?
- 157. A good balance for a medium-sized church orchestra should consist of what instruments? Also how many of each?
- 158. Explain ways of dealing with an over balance, in for example, the brasses.
- 159. Briefly summarize the section on "Rehearsal Suggestions".
- 160. What important considerations regarding the instrumental program should a director know?
- 161. Instruments can be used in many interesting ways in a church music program. Name seven different ways.
- 162. Discuss the Materials that are available to the director for instruments.
- 163. What people should be included on an active music committee?
- 164. What are the four (4) main responsibilities of this committee?
- 165. In addition to its various graded choirs and instrumental organizations, a church music program should also include what other types of groups?
- 166. Summarize men's groups. Include three (3) collections for men's voices.
- 167. Discuss the use of various ladies groups in the church.
- 168. List some of the various combinations of instruments to make instrumental ensembles.
- 169. List five (5) benefits of a radio ministry.
- 170. What should be considered when making plans for a church service broadcast?
- 171. A church planning to embark upon a studio broadcast ministry to its local community should first consider six (6) factors. What are they?
- 172. Define the spiritual objectives for the broadcast.
- 173. In choosing the type of program, what questions need to be addressed?
- 174. Summarize the Facilities for the Broadcast.

- 175. With regard to choosing music and developing musical talent for the radio broadcast, what suggestions are offered by the author?
- 176. Summarize "Writing the Script".
- 177. Briefly discuss announcing and speaking. Include the authors eight (8) suggestions for effective radio speaking.
- 178. What two-fold function does the church have to perform?
- 179. Summarize "Old Testament Worship".
- 180. Explain "New Testament Worship".
- 181. What is "Corporate Worship? Define and explain.
- 182. An individual's general attitude of worship is largely determined by his concept of the Godhead he is worshiping. Explain.
- 183. There are several basic truths regarding a proper attitude for worship that a leader should try to teach a congregation. List and explain.
- 184. According to Ilion T. Jones in his book, "A Historical Approach to Evangelical Worship", list the basic needs of worshipers to be satisfied by the service.
- 185. Discuss briefly the seven (7) suggestions offered by the author on choice and use of congregational songs.
- 186. Good ushering is important to a service. Ushers should be instructed in what four (4) areas?
- 187. Summarize the conclusion.
- 188. Briefly tell how this book and course can help you in your work in the church.