

DEFEND CONFERENCE WORSHIP LETTER

QUINT ADKINS AND LIGHTHOUSE MUSIC

My name is Quint Adkins and I will be serving as your conference worship leader. I count it a privilege to serve you in this capacity and I would like to take a few moments to introduce myself and offer some background regarding my philosophy of ministry. The local gathering of the Body of Christ is where I ultimately feel called, but I have always thoroughly enjoyed leading in mixed settings when people from different theological traditions are able to gather for a time to worship and grow in a unique setting. I've come to identify that my heart for the local church is what fuels my passion for leading at special events such as conferences, camps, d-nows, & revivals. The individuals who gather for the Defend Conference each year are not a group of random people who accidentally wandered onto the New Orleans Seminary campus; rather, they are people from different local congregations who have deliberately stepped out of their normal routines for a few days to focus on who God is and how to best defend our faith; against our own doubt as well as to a world who desperately needs to hear the message of Jesus. In these sorts of settings we are able to gather, widen our perspectives, refine and strengthen our convictions, and become even more resolved to make Christ known.



To that end, my goal is to lead our time together in a way which helps facilitate your awareness of God, His presence among us and the hope of Christ's life, death and resurrection. While my "intended audience" are the believers in the room, the odds are high unbelievers are among our number this week and my prayer is that the gospel would be so evident in our time together that those who do not know Christ would be exposed to the glorious hope of the Gospel and to trust Christ with their lives. Please pray with me to that end.

A QUICK WORD ABOUT ME

By way of introduction, I am a professional musician from New Orleans and a 4th generation ordained Baptist Minister. I hold a Bachelor of Music Degree from Loyola University in New Orleans specializing in Jazz and am currently working on dual Master degrees from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in Philosophy (MA Philosophy) and in Music (MM Church Music). I intend to continue on into doctoral work if God allows. I lead worship at my home church and serve other churches when possible. As mentioned previously, I also lead d-now's, revivals,

camps, and a myriad of other events for churches and ministries across the country. In this process I've become surrounded with people who are "running the same race at the same pace." This larger collective of worship leaders, musicians and song/hymn writers is called **Lighthouse Music**. For more information please consider visiting lighthousemusic.online

PHILOSOPHY AND VISION OF MINISTRY

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

Psalm 96:7-10

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

Colossians 3:13-16

Song Selection

When building set-lists I filter every song through this question: "Does it ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name?" We are broken and fallen people with broken and fallen languages and we will fall short in expressing God's glory perfectly. Therefore, my goal is to help the body use what little we might have to offer, humanly speaking, to glorify the Lord as best as we can in three particular areas: truth, love and unity. I like to incorporate hymns and other songs I think will spiritually nurture those in attendance and strengthen the unity of this temporarily gathered body. Although some of the more popular worship songs might have meaningful content, some also come with a bit of baggage in our current evangelical climate and I hope to move us toward greater unity in worship rather than allow any sort of stumbling block that might impede our time together. Ultimately, there are so many substantive and theologically rich worship songs that we could never run out of wonderful words to sing to our Lord. I want you to know that this decision is one I've made out of prayer and abundance of caution and with a *1 Corinthians 10* attitude.

To that end, I've chosen a variety of songs (some of which you may know and some that may be new to you) which I believe will spiritually nourish your group from artists such as CityAlight, Shane and Shane, Phil Wickham, myself and others! In addition to the contemporary songs we'll be singing, we will also be singing a number of classic hymns which I've arranged for this week. Because we will be singing *some* songs that I expect to be newer and/or unfamiliar, we will be utilizing our time of singing in the morning in a slightly different way...

Morning Sessions and Bold Singing

I will be leading from either acoustic guitar or piano in our morning sessions and will be using this time to introduce some of the newer songs we'll be singing during the week. I am excited to sing together each morning without the bells and whistles; Just melodies, harmonies and the people of God lifting our voices together for His glory.

On a related note, I have somewhat of a challenge for you. Many of you reading this letter are functioning as "group leaders" this week. With that leadership comes an opportunity to set the example of what it means to sing loud and bold to the Glory of God. I'd like to challenge YOU to set that example. When we sing songs you know, SING loudly and with joy. When we sing songs you might not be as familiar with, SING as soon as you feel comfortable! Sing confidently! Your group needs to hear you proclaiming God's Word and they will follow you in that action.

SONG LIST AND PLAYLISTS

As we get closer to the Defend Conference, I will send out a master song list as well as Spotify and Apple Music Playlists links so that your group might better familiarize yourselves with our music for the week. That list is subject to change, but once updated, it should accurately represent what our worship time will resemble!

CONTACT INFO

If you have any questions or would like to consider booking me or Lighthouse Music for an event you can contact us in any of the following ways...

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