

# CAMP MUSIC

Dear Pastors, Youth Leaders, and Campers of 2019:

As camp at SSBYC will soon be upon us, I was reminded of one very important definition I gave last year in the class on music:

## MUSIC

1. The science of ordering sounds or tones in succession, in combination, and in temporal relationship to produce a composition having unity and continuity.
2. Vocal or Instrumental sounds with rhythm, melody, and harmony.
- 3. *An agreeable sound.***

Notice the last simple definition. I am so glad that the music of recent years more than meets this qualification. So many young people are coming to camp with the understanding of what it means to minister with music and to use the talents God has blessed them with for His glory. It certainly is an *agreeable sound* when we hear someone play or sing with the right spirit and focus. I have been especially pleased with the many churches who bring ensembles that have obviously taken the time to work hard and practice the piece they have prepared to be a part of their week's music program.

As we approach the camp season at SSBYC, I want to commend all who will be a part of each week's music schedule. I also want to exhort everyone to continue to make the Lord the focus of your music. Whether singing or playing an instrument, I want all to think on something a very wise, old preacher told me. He said, "Whatever you do, do it with excellence, to the best of your ability, and for His Glory--for He deserves honor and glory."

I've often made the point that the right person, singing the right song, at the right time, with the right attitude, can be used of the Lord in unbelievable ways to minister to the hearts of people.

Let's have another great year of music at SSBYC!

In His service,

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Psalms 104:33