

Worship Ministry track

Vision and Content

CFC residencies are led by experienced ministry practitioners who embody the CFC core values of loving shepherd leadership, gospel-centered theology and multiplication-minded vision. Residencies run from September-May with a holiday break and include practical ministry experience, group discussion, teaching, applicable reading and assignments.

The residency covers a theology of gospel-centered worship, a pastoral shepherding leadership philosophy and the development and practice of skills related to music ministry.

Part of the second semester of the residency is a planning assignment where every resident prayerfully considers next steps after the residency. If a resident demonstrates calling, gifting and ability for lead church planting or another role in a church plant, further training with the CFC is a possibility. Residents in pursuing training beyond the residency should share this with their leader so next steps can be discussed, including placement in a CFC church.

Schedule

The worship ministry residency meets from 4:30-6 p.m. every Thursday.

Reading

The reading list is updated each year and includes a mix of theological and practical selections. Past books have included *Worship Matters* by Bob Kauflin, *Leading with Love* by Alexander Strauch, *The Shepherd Leader* by Timothy Witmer and *Doxology and Theology: How the Gospel Forms the Worship Leader* by Matt Boswell.

Assignments

Assignments range from reporting back on part or all of a book, preparing a sermon to preach, position papers and developing and executing a ministry strategy plan. Assignments adjust from year to year based on what best fits the situation of the residents.

Practical ministry experience

The experience of doing life in the culture of a CFC church alongside the residency is invaluable. As such, we encourage every resident to pursue membership and meaningful participation in a CFC church working in conjunction with that church's leaders.