**2019 Suggested Report**

**Worship Leadership and Church Music**

Music plays an important role in the healthy church. It is used as a participatory expression for worship, as a tool for evangelism, and as a teaching aid in discipleship. In both Old Testament and New Testament worship, music was vital for the life of God’s people.

A continued special emphasis this year is on intergenerational worship. In recent years worship has been planned to target specific age groups. There is a renewed emphasis among Alabama churches to have intentional worship experiences that involve all generations.

Our churches should actively involve everyone in using music to encourage believers and strengthen their faith. Every church needs to be identifying and training the worship leaders of tomorrow. There is a chronic shortage of part-time and bi-vocational worship leaders in our churches. The development of worship leaders in the local church can’t be done by just the local church and it can’t be done overnight. Participation in statewide training events and a music camp [mixmusiccamp@shocco.org](mailto:mixmusiccamp@shocco.org) are ways to begin training for future worship leaders. This year we had over 350 students 3rd grade through 10th grade that participated in Mix Music Camp. They received about three months of music, discipleship, and worship training in the week of camp.

A complete listing of statewide training, events, conferences, and honor groups for children and youth can be found on the [www.alsbom.org](http://www.alsbom.org) website. All of these ministry events are designed to complement the work of the association and the local church in the area of worship leadership/music ministry.

(Number of churches) and (Number of individuals) were involved in our associational music/worship ministry events this past year. Our events this coming year include (name of event(s)).

Respectfully submitted,

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