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Tune My Heart To Sing Thy Grace

Copyright Needs in the Digital Age Beyond CCLI

For many churches all you need is a CCLI License (Christian Copyright Licensing Incorporated). This allows your church to legally project or print lyrics for worship. Did you know that projects such as copying CDs, DVDs and rehearsal tracks also require copyright permission? Other examples of needed permissions are when recorded music is played for events outside of worship (camps, outreach, etc.) and when attaching copyrighted music to a video project. Is your church considering moving to a web-cast? A special license is required. Because it is a question of basic integrity and honesty, churches must lead the way in doing what is right when it comes to copyright issues. The step beyond CCLI in obtaining copyright permissions and licensing is **Christian Copyright Solutions**. Visit their website at www.copyrightsolver.com to see all of the options they offer to help churches remain compliant when ministering in this digital age.

Children's Music Ministry in Your Church

The BCM/D Children's Leaders' Conference Saturday February 5, 2011 at Covenant Church, Ellicott City will have a breakout session featuring three ministries in MD that are having huge success with the music aspect of their children's ministry. If you want to get details on some options that are working in our convention you might want to check this out. Details of the conference at <http://bcmd.org/get-the-picture>.

Transformational Worship in a Transformational Church

If you missed it, view this very engaging conversation between Mike Harland and Ed Stetzer on various worship topics in "The Choir Room" at LifeWay Worship. Also view previous episodes of "The Choir Room" at <http://vimeo.com/16091441>.

The Voice New Testament

This translation of the Bible is written as narrative to capture the story as a whole. The screen play-like format is great for worship and public reading. This is a collaborative effort between scholars, writers, musicians, and other artists. Purchase the entire New Testament or individual books. Published by Thomas Nelson, see a brief video introduction and get a free download of the Book of John at www.hearthevoice.com.

A Word on Worship

ELMER TOWNS from his book *"Putting an End to Worship Wars"*

The effectiveness of worship is not measured by atmosphere, or by how fast the songs are sung, or how deeply we meditate on solitude. It is not measured by a new Plexiglas pulpit, or using no pulpit at all. It is not measured by raising hands, by affirming the Apostles' Creed, or by congregational applause. It is not measured by responsive readings, or by listening to an expositional sermon based on a proper interpretation of the text.

- True worship is always measured by the response of the believer's heart to God.
- True worship is measured by the transformation of worshipers because they have been in the presence of God.
- True worship is measured by repentance because worshipers have faced their sins and asked for forgiveness.
- True worship is measured by new insights about God that deepen their daily walk with God.

New Year's Prayer for the Elderly

God, grant me the senility to forget
the people I never liked anyway,
The good fortune to run into the ones that I do,
And the eyesight to tell the difference.

Quotable Quote

*When under pressure and you
need a break remember...
stressed spelled backwards in
desserts.*

- Anonymous

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