

ZION CENTER FOR WORSHIP AND THE ARTS
AND
RESURRECTION DANCE MINISTRY

Fall 2009/Spring 2010
WORSHIP DANCE CLASSES
for
Grades K - 12
(and Adults too!)

CLASSES BEGIN WEEK OF AUGUST 24TH

To Register
please read the following information
and return the completed Enrollment Form
to zioncwa@mindspring.com or mail to
ZCWA, 1938 Dunhill Drive, Charlotte, NC 28205

Thank you.

WORSHIP DANCE CLASSES SPRING 2010

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Dear Parents,

This fall begins our 21st year of Worship Dance Classes at Resurrection and I am looking forward to what the Lord has for us this year. We remain committed to training our students as Worship Dance Ministers in order that we may present our gifts to the Lord in Spirit and in Truth, skillfully and with understanding. Ultimately, we are training Kingdom worshipers.

If you are not familiar with our Worship Dance Classes, I hope the following information will answer your questions. If not, please do not hesitate to contact me. For both new and returning students, please sign and return the Registration Form before your child begins class. Please send the completed Registration Form to zioncwa@mindspring.com or mail to ZCWA, 1938 Dunhill Dr., Charlotte, NC 28205 Thank you.

Weekly Classes will begin the week of August 24. Please note the adjustments in the Class Assignments and Schedule. As always, individual class assignments may also be based upon years of technical experience and ministry training at the Director's discretion.

Again, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please pray for us that in all that we do we will honor the Lord, walk worthy of His calling, and bring pleasure to Him.

May the Lord bless you,

Teresa

Let Them Praise His Name With Dancing! (Psalm 149:3)

What is a "Worship Dance Class"?

Worship Dance Class is a dance class that combines technical dance training (ballet, modern, lyrical, jazz, interpretive, international folk and others) with a Biblical foundation and understanding of using dance as an expression of praise and worship. The classes incorporate floor warm-ups, barre, across the floor and center work at the beginning of class followed by the application of our skills to praise and worship dances, worship sequences, improvisation and choreography. Worship and Dance Vocabulary are taught and all levels are given the opportunity to choreograph and/or offer their creative expressions of worship to the Lord. All is done in an environment set apart unto the Lord. It is a dance class, but it is a dance class with a purpose - to train skilled and biblical worshipers who minister to God and to others in His Name through the art form of dance. Classes are offered for Ages 5 through Adult.

Who can be involved?

Worship Dance Classes are offered for ages K - 12 and meet weekly.

An Adult Beginner Technique and Worship Dance Class is also held on every other Monday evening from 6pm-7pm and 7pm-8:30pm respectively. Please contact us to let us know if you will be participating.

Special Presentations/Ministry Opportunities

An extension of the weekly classes may be carried out in several ways: worship services, school presentations, local and regional conferences and workshops, missions trips (local and international) and special seasonal productions. Based upon the age and level of commitment of the individual student, he or she is invited to participate in these activities as a further expression of their relationship with the Lord and as a witness for Him. Participation in these events may require additional rehearsals. (There is no extra charge for additional rehearsals.) Although all classes minister unto the Lord, Classes 3 and older are given the opportunity to become a Class Ministry Team.

Payment

Payments are on a monthly basis which is requested by the first class of the month. The monthly rate is \$30.00. If you would like to pay by the semester the cost is \$120./\$150. respectively. (1st Semester: August/September through December; 2nd Semester: January through May). For students taking the additional technique class the cost is \$10.00 per month in addition to the \$30.00 shown above. If this payment schedule is not possible for you, please contact me as soon as possible so that we can make other arrangements. If you have three children enrolled, please pay for only two. If you have four children enrolled, please pay for 2 and a half. If you have five children enrolled, please pay for three. Please make checks payable to: ZCWA (Zion Center for Worship and the Arts). Please write your child(ren's) name on the check and the month(s) you are paying for. If sending cash, please put it in an envelope with your child(ren's) name on it so we may properly credit it to you.

Sign Up

Please confirm that you intend for your child(ren) to attend Worship Dance Classes. You may mail it to: ZCWA, 1938 Dunhill Drive, Charlotte, NC 28205. You may call 704-332-1757 or Email: zioncwa@mindspring.com to pre-register, but please also make sure that the form is received by the first day of class. You may go to our website: www.zcwa.com and print the registration and liability form as well.

Class Guidelines and Discipline

What is expected of us as Christians - to respect, honor and love one another - is also expected in the Dance Class Environment, which also includes the "waiting time" before and after class. We must also remember that we are in a Church Building where other events are simultaneously taking place. Resurrection Church has very graciously allowed us to use their facilities for our classes and ministry. We should honor and bless them for that. Parents and any other family members waiting for their children are requested to do so quietly in the Foyer. No child is allowed in the hallway without adult supervision. Parents are requested to come inside to the Foyer to pick up their children after class. They are not allowed to leave without parental or otherwise approved supervision.

During class, students are expected not to speak unless recognized to do so or unless it is a time designated for them to work together. Dance is a skill which is learned through both verbal and visual instruction, so it is imperative that students listen and watch throughout the class. If necessary, the student will first be asked to stop talking or otherwise disrupting class, secondly, given another warning, and, thirdly, asked to sit out of class for a short period of time. If the student persists the parent(s) will be contacted. Participation is expected. If there is a reason why any student will not be participating, this should be explained to the teacher prior to class.

Please make sure that your child understands that no gum, candy, food or drink are allowed in class. Food is also not allowed in the hallways. If snacks are eaten during the waiting time, clean up is required.

All cell phones, ipods and all other personal entertainment devices are to be turned off and "out of sight" during class. During longer classes, breaks will be provided to check for important messages.

Please be on time and dressed in proper dance attire for class. (See Dress) Students should arrive early enough to enter class on time and ready to begin. Students should not enter the classroom until their class. Wandering in and out of the classroom is not permitted. (Parents desiring to "sit in" on a class need to request this in advance.)

As with any learned skill, attendance and participation are essential. Please encourage your child to maintain the discipline of attendance. Dance is a very disciplined art form and classes build upon each other. We realize there will be times when attendance is not possible. In these cases we ask that we are notified in advance. We have a responsibility for the children and unexplained absences can cause concern. Your child's absence may also make a difference in the way a particular class is planned for and prepared. After two unexplained absences discontinuation of the student's participation will be considered.

DRESS/COSTUMES

Worship Dance Classes. Dance clothes are requested, but modifications are acceptable. We understand financial limitations and that children can grow out of things very quickly. Dancewear, especially ballet shoes, can be expensive. Please do not let that be a deterrent to your child's attendance. It is very important, however, that we be able to determine if the child's body position, turnout, etc. is developing correctly. This is for their own well being as well as for their desire to dance. Because we are in the house of the Lord it is required that the girls wear more than they normally would in a secular dance studio. Leotards and tights with a T-shirt and long shorts, dance pants or a skirt over them are appropriate. NO JEANS. Remember, we are also in mixed classes with both boys and girls. Try to think functional and modest, but not cumbersome, and in all cases, what would please the Lord. It is also good for the children to get used to the feel of ballet shoes. If that is not possible at this time, please make sure they have some form of flexible covering over their feet for their own protection. Students are not allowed to go barefoot in class unless given permission by the teacher. Morris Costumes, Lebos and sometimes Wal Mart all carry ballet shoes and clothes with varying brands and costs. Morris has the widest selection and usually costs a little more, Lebos is sort of in the middle, and, of course, Wal Mart is a good buy if they have what you need. (If you purchase ballet shoes, any color is fine for class but pink is the color used most often in our church dance offerings. Please make sure they are ballet shoes and NOT ballet slippers.) Grades 6 - 12 wear approved pink.

For boys, loose but not too baggy clothing is fine. Ballet or flexible Jazz shoes are good. They must wear some type of protection over their feet. Thick socks are allowed only for the first month of class.

We do have a supply of "used" dance shoes and clothing that you are welcome to take if your child can use them.

Dress for Presentations Often when the Dance Ministry brings their special offerings before the Lord in a Worship Service or other ministry occasion we wear white dance costumes. We have a limited number of skirts available for the girls on a temporary basis, but we ask that you make plans to provide your daughter's own white circle skirt, approximately calf-length for Grades K-6. Half slips for K-2nd and culottes for 3rd and up are also required. There may even be one available from someone who has outgrown hers from an older class. Most mothers have sewn their own and made a simple waistband with elastic in the waist for growth. Each girl is responsible for her own white tights and a long sleeved white leotard underneath the costume and a long sleeved white blouse. Boys will usually need dark pants (not jeans) and a long-sleeved white shirt. More specific Dance Costumes are required for grades 6 - 12. Grades 9 and above will be required to obtain a "White Silk Dance Costume". We do have an order form available if you would like someone to make the costume for you.

CLASS TIMES – SPRING 2010

Additional rehearsals for special ministry opportunities are usually held on Saturdays. Classes will meet in the Center For New Life at Resurrection Church unless noted. Students are expected to notify the Teacher/Director in advance if they will not be in class. Please understand that it is not acceptable to have another student inform the teacher the day of class.

Weekly Schedule

K - 2nd Grades	Monday	3:45 – 4:40
3rd –5 th Grades	Monday	4:45 – 5:45
6 th – 8 th Grades	Wednesday	3:30 – 5:00
9 th – 12 th Grades (Vessels of Fire)	Tuesday	3:30 – 6:30

Adult Beginning Ballet Technique and Worship Dance Classes meet every other **Monday evenings of the month beginning February 8, 2010.**

- An offering of \$10.00/\$15.00 per month is requested for the Adult Classes

Students are asked to be ready to enter class five minutes before class actually begins. Please also use the restroom before class begins. Class guidelines and expectations will be explained to the students during the first class. If you, as the parent, have questions or need clarification as to what these guidelines are, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support you as a parent and work together with you to raise our children in a manner honoring to our Lord. Our highest goal is that everything we do be pleasing to the Lord and that our students grow in strong Godly spiritual stature in Jesus Christ. We will try to help each student attain his or her own highest capability in spirit and in skill. We strongly discourage competitiveness and comparisons but try to help each student see his or her own incomparable worth in the eyes of our Lord and to offer his/her own personal best unto Him. Thank you for your assistance.

2010 SPRING SCHEDULE

CLASS 1 & 2; CLASS 3; VESSELS; ADULTS

<u>JANUARY</u>	M	T	W	T	F
	18	19	20		22
	25				
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	1	2	3		5
	8/8	9	10		12
	15	16	17		19
	22/22	23	24		26

2010 SPRING SCHEDULE (continued)

CLASS 1 & 2; CLASS 3; VESSELS; ADULTS

MARCH

M	T	W	T	F
1	2/2	3		5
8	9	10		12
15	16/16	17		19
22	23/23	24		26 *Palm Sun 3/28
29	30/30	31		

APRIL

				2 *Easter Sun 4/4
5	6	7		9
12/12	13	14		15
19	20	21		23
26/26	27	28		30

MAY

3	4	5		7 *EOY 5/8
10/	11	12		14
17	18	19		20

Preparation for the END OF THE YEAR DANCE PROGRAM Dinner/Concert will be posted as well as other ministry opportunities as they are confirmed.

I have read the Worship Dance Class Information and understand that I and my child(ren) are responsible for the information included therein. Please sign below:

Parent's Name

Date

WORSHIP DANCE CLASS ENROLLMENT – SPRING

1) STUDENT'S NAME: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE: _____

CLASS/TIME: _____

2) STUDENT'S NAME: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE: _____

CLASS/TIME: _____

3) STUDENT'S NAME: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE: _____

CLASS/TIME: _____

4) STUDENT'S NAME: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE: _____

CLASS/TIME: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: HOME: _____ CELL: _____
(Please include both)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Is there any specific information we need to know about your child? (medicines taken, shyness, etc)?

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: