

Out of the Box United, Inc. Presents... Worship on the Square

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HOW: Help us by believing in the Lord’s vision and coming aboard. Contact Debra Black to make Worship on the Square possible in your community, and assist in building a ripple effect across our nation. 770.833.7520; dblack@outoftheboxunited.com; please visit our website at www.worshiponthesquare.com.

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About Out of the Box United, Inc.

Our **MISSION** is to redefine the socialized interpretation of worship to its intended meaning. The priorities and beliefs that shape our direction stem directly from our foundation and core conviction: The Trinity.

Our **PURPOSE** is to impact people with the transforming Truth; its Power, will vividly ignite an active life of worship in our communities. The need for authenticity is our calling and our action is denoted in our search for unity, consistency, and the fundamentals of love.

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WHY: This act shows believers and the community at large that although we have many denominations and doctrinal differences, Christ is our common bond. This is both an outreach opportunity, and an encouragement for the Body of Christ to see everyone join together for ONE cause. The event provides a catalyst for churches and community leaders to unite and re-define worship as a way of life, not an event, emotion, or ritual.

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Our Beliefs

"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of **His** pasture, the flock under His care." Psalm 95:6-7

"Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. All the **nations** you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God." Psalm 86:8-10

"Yet he saved them for his name's sake, to make his mighty power known."
Psalm 106:8

The definition of **WORSHIP** is "the reverent love and devotion of a sacred object." To show "ardent love or devotion to." To regard with great awe, and devotion, to feel deep devoted love for."

"If there is one **characteristic** more than others that contemporary public worship needs to recapture it is this, awe before a surpassingly great and gracious God."
- Henry Sloan Coffin

"Worship is first and foremost for His benefit, not ours, though it is marvelous to discover that in giving Him pleasure, we ourselves **enter** into what can become our richest and most wholesome experience in life." - Graham Kendrick

"The time has come for a **revival** of public worship as the finest of fine arts...While there is a call for strong preaching there is even a greater need for uplifting worship."
- Andrew Blackwood

"Our lives should be an absolute hymn of praise **resulting** from perfect, impressible, triumphant belief!" -Oswald Chambers

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Our Core Convictions

There is one God, one Creator, one Redeemer, one active Ruler of the universe, and one Lord tribunal existent in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Bible is the record of the revelation of God to man. It is the Word of God written by men divinely inspired.

Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of this revelation, the Word of God become flesh. He was born by a virgin, lived a sinless life, allowed Himself to be crucified, was resurrected to physical life again, ascended into heaven, and now is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Salvation comes by grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ. There is no other way to salvation. One must recognize his sin and separation from God, believe in Jesus as God Incarnate, believe that He is the ultimate atoning sacrifice for sin, ask forgiveness in repentance, and follow Him.

The Holy Spirit has come as our Helper to carry out the ministry of God on earth and in man. He lives within and leads the Christian who is a new creation, baptized by the Holy Spirit, and sealed in Him for assurance of salvation and redemption.

The world will end in Jesus Christ returning in glory to earth. The dead will be raised and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous (those not spiritually covered by the blood of Christ) will be lost unto Hell, the place of eternal punishment. The righteous (those spiritually covered by the blood of Christ) will be saved unto Heaven and the resurrection of life.

In this life, we as Christians are able to approach the throne of grace with confidence due to the blood covering of Christ, our High Priest. We worship, pray, and experience Him in spirit and in truth.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is your vision for this event? Our vision is to see a gathering of people, of all ages, races, and economic classes to worship for an evening. Our hope is to bridge the gap between denominations and fellowships in order to give honor and adornment to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We want to be the facilitators of unity in your community, for the sake of making God known, and worshipping together as ONE BODY, for ONE NAME.

When is WOTS held? Depending on the availability of the venue, and time of year, will depend on the time.

What will the event look like? The event takes place outside, in a public square, or similar setting. The difference and specific vision of this event is that it be outside the walls of the church. That it be in public, as a demonstration of lives of worship, worshipping the Lord. Too many times we as the body tend to get comfortable in our churches. We must remember the urgency to spread the Word of God, and the Hope found in His saving grace. We take for granted that many people have never, nor will ever step inside the walls of a church building. Therefore, we must be the church outside the church, as an example to the unbeliever.

How long is the event? We are anticipating about 2 hours for the evening celebration, and 2-3 hours for the community-wide service projects.

What can I expect when I come to WOTS? The event has had the following set up in the past: We gather worship leaders, whether a few with one band, or a few different worship bands to lead worship through music. We know that worship is not just singing, so our desire is to incorporate music with scripture reading and prayer. As we have done in previous events, we ask pastors and leaders of the community to attend and create prayer teams to pray over a specific topic throughout the evening onstage. We also incorporate prayer teams throughout the crowd to offer people a place to come and receive prayer whether in general or specific needs.

In addition to worship, scripture reading and prayer, we desire to fill needs in the community we enter, whether through teaming up with local ministries, asking attendees to bring material goods for a local shelter, or donating to a specific organization. For example, we have partnered with Dry Tears to raise money to build wells in Africa and we have sold jewelry from Nightlight, a ministry that rescues women enslaved in human trafficking. Ultimately, we intend to bring unity to ministries of the area, whether local or global. We want people who come out to come for free, but if their desire is to give we present opportunities for them to give financially. Our desire is to see believers get involved in the community and in the body of Christ by participating in the Kingdom locally and around the world.

How much does it cost to the general public? Our desire is to offer this event to be absolutely free. The Word of God is free. We ask for donations and sponsorships, but no cost for the people attending.

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What are we asking from churches? First and foremost we are asking for prayer; commit to praying for this event and asking the Lord what type of role He would have your group take. We would love for our volunteer team to grow. However, ultimately we are asking that you would consider this event for your church's calendar. Offer this event to your students/ young adults or every age group as a place to go for an evening spent "at the feet of Jesus." We are asking you to encourage your "flock" to be a part of this with us. We would love for your church to show up for His Namesake and make Him known in your community.

How can corporate sponsors get involved? Our hope is that corporations interested in WOTS will consider partnering with us financially. With corporate support we are able to organize the event at no cost for the general public. Furthermore, your contribution as a corporation reflects your desire to participate in positive change and renewed unity in your city.

How can I help? We know this takes a team, and with new locations, we realize that we do not know everything about the problems, needs, and desires of a city. If there are any ideas or input you feel would be helpful as pastors or leaders, we eagerly accept it. Also, we hope you could be the voice of this event as a promoter and networker. Encourage fellow pastors and leaders to be a part of the event; also encourage your students/adults to spread the word and invite their friends and family. We want everyone to spread the word.

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BIO

DEBRA BLACK

Debra Black is the visionary of Worship on the Square, which functions under the non-profit organization, Out of the Box United, Inc. Lover of worship and what it means to worship as one's life purpose, is the foundation and the vision that birthed Worship on the Square. Having graduated from Kennesaw State University with a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice, concentrating in Forensic Behavioral Science, she is currently working as an office manager for a physician's office, where she was employed part-time for the previous seven years. She is prayerfully considering focusing on her ministry full-time, and waiting on the Lord to direct her path. Her ultimate goal is to take Worship on the Square to cities and parks across the nation and world.

Born in Northwest Georgia, Black grew up in a Christian home, with loving parents and an older brother who now pastors a church in Ohio. She has spent the last six years singing and leading worship over the metro Atlanta area, and is presently becoming known for her speaking engagements on the topic of worship.

Her ultimate desire is *not* to lead people to worship for the moment through songs, but to encourage believers to believe *it is* their purpose. Black promotes believers to be bold and proclaim the name of Jesus in the center of the city, with no walls, and speak of His name with the freedom we have in our country. Her prayer is to see Out of the Box United be a hub for believers to allow Jesus Christ the freedom to use their lives in "Out of the Box" ways for His Kingdom purpose.

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