

MUSIC STYLE



Music style. There is, perhaps, no more divisive item in the life of the modern church. It is a generational divide, but it is a divide that can be bridged. Downing Ministries is no stranger to this struggle. Extensive travel and participation in multiple churches of every denomination prove that the real battle is against perception, and in many cases, it is a perception based on assumption rather than personal, factual experience.

Time and again, Downing Ministries receives correspondence from pastors who are shocked to hear from the youth and young adults of their church following an event. What are the most common remarks? "We really enjoyed Ann Downing. That's not what we thought she would do. We've never heard music like that before." Did you catch the main themes of their comments? "We've never heard music like that before." "Not what we thought."

Downing Ministries will not satisfy an ear in search of rock-n-roll, rap, or heavy metal, and while those styles may not be this ministry's specialty, it would be disingenuous to claim they have no place in worship. For some people and circumstances, they absolutely do. Will Downing Ministries bring lighting and smoke machines for effect? No. Do we disagree with those who do? No. Why? Because the Holy Spirit will move wherever He sees fit, whenever He sees fit, and some people may hear better through those means. Ministry and worship have no set format neither do they have only one sound.

If your church is comprised of hearts in search of encouragement, wives and mothers in search of hope, young people starved for attention or a kind gesture that says they matter, men and women desperate to know that life can be joyful again after the loss of a spouse, Downing Ministries is a strong ministry fit for your congregation.

What will Downing Ministries bring to your event? You can expect uptempo rally cries and songs of affirmation. You can expect mellow contemplative songs that call us all to a higher plain of living out our faith. You can expect transparent honesty presented in a personal, professional, not overly produced style. You can expect laughter. Downing Ministries is comprised of real people who live real lives dealing with the same fallen traits of humanity that everyone encounters on a daily basis. People want to know that we struggle just like they do, but beyond that, they want to know how God helps us face the challenges of each new day. This is exactly what Downing Ministries will bring to your event.

Downing Ministries believes the effectiveness of worship is determined by the message and presentation of the music, not the style. We have our preferences, but we realize that preferences do not equate to right and wrong. In light of eternity, it is interesting to ponder exactly where music style will rank on Jesus' list of things that should have consumed our time on Earth. We happen to believe it may not rank at all.

