

## Where has all the music gone? By Doug Nichols

Or should I say, where has all of the *beautiful* music gone? I speak in many churches and have really noticed the decline of effective music for worship. For example, just this month I have been in several large and small churches and the music, especially in the larger churches, has been absolutely terrible!

What do I mean by this? Music should be that which glorifies God, magnifies the Lord Jesus, and is “singable”. But it isn’t and it is so boring!

One of the churches I recently attended had an excellent band with drums, a clarinet, saxophone, several singers, and guitars, and yet the only people singing were the people on the platform. Everybody else was just standing looking at the words on the screen, which were not singable and were not biblical.

“Worship teams” are to lead the congregation in worship, not simply performing. Maybe that is what the problem is these days, the music is written for the performance of the band, and not for the corporate worship of God’s people.