



MEET THE BAND



Kimberly Altenberg

Alto Saxophone

Joined band - May 2020 - present

Instruments: Piano, Organ, Percussion, Alto Saxophone

Kimberly has a broad music background. She began playing the piano at age 9 and has been playing ever since. She studied Piano Performance in college, graduating from Olivet Nazarene University. Kimberly also played percussion instruments in her grade school band. She has also enjoyed singing in various choirs throughout her life. Kimberly currently plays saxophone in her church orchestra. She teaches piano, saxophone and voice at Silverdale Baptist Academy. Besides AJWD, she also plays for Scenic City Sound, and she plays the keyboard at Dollywood for their musical – Twas the Night Before Christmas.



RubyMarie Altenberg

Tenor, Baritone & Soprano Sax

Joined band - May 2020 - present

Instruments: Piano, Tenor Saxophone, Alto Saxophone, Soprano Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Clarinet

RubyMarie began studying the Piano at the age of 9 and has been playing and taking lessons ever since. She sings in the Silverdale Baptist Academy (SBA) Choir, Bayside Baptist Prayz Choir and the SBA Highschool Praise Band. RubyMarie began playing the saxophone at 11. She plays saxophone in her Church Orchestra, SBA Marching Band, SBA Concert Band and SBA Jazz Band. Besides AJWD, she also plays for Scenic City Sound.



Jim Altenberg

Soprano & Tenor Saxophone
Clarinet

Joined band - May 2020

Instruments: Tenor Saxophone, Alto Saxophone, Soprano Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Clarinet

Jim began taking saxophone lesson at 9 years of age. He played the Alto saxophone in his grade school band. Jim currently plays saxophone in his Church Orchestra. Besides AJWD, he also plays for Scenic City Sound.



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Gordon Willis

Trombone

Joined band - June 2020 - present

Instruments: Trombone

Little Gordon started playing the trombone at the age of 9. He played trombone in his grade school band and then graduated to his high school marching band. Gordon spent many years singing in choirs, a gospel quartet and an ensemble with his wife and children. He also volunteered as the choir director in his church for around 40 years. Gordon currently plays the trombone in his church orchestra.



Velma Willis

Banjolele & Tambourine

Joined band - June 2020 - present

Instruments: Piano, Banjolele, Tambourine

Velma started piano lessons around the age of 9 and by 13 she was the pianist at her church in Gulfport, MS. She has been playing the piano ever since. Velma played piano for her husband's (Gordon) quartet, for various choirs and she played piano and sang with their family ensemble. She began playing the banjolele in June of 2021.



Seane Crews

Percussion & Wash board

Joined band - September 2021 - present

Instruments: Percussion, Wash board, Guitar, Cajon, Dulcimer, Ukulele, Banjolele

Seane started playing the guitar at the age of 12. He has been playing for over 45 years while learning other instruments as well through the years. Seane also enjoys building and playing cigar box guitars. He played guitar in a classic rock band - Greystone Drive, and he plays the guitar and the cajon in his church praise and worship band.



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Barkey Bryant

Trumpet

Joined band - July 2022 - present

Instruments: Trumpet, Piano, Bass, Drums, Guitar

Dr. Barkey Bryant started playing the piano at age 11 and the trumpet at age 12. He studied trumpet performance at TN Technological University. He received a MM in Jazz Studies from Western IL University, and a MM in Classical Studies, and a DMA in Jazz Performance from University of IL. He has held positions thru the years as a worship leader, band director, music professor as well as teaching private lessons. Barkey has kept busy performing in big bands, symphony orchestras, and various ensembles. He has performed with The All-American College Band at Disney World, an 80s cover band - Edison's Medicine, the New Orleans Jazz Machine, The Dexter Thomas Band, The Premier Jazz Orchestra, The Tower of Power, and many others. For more information about Barkey go to www.barkeybryant.com