



Facilitators



Kevin Bond
Grammy and
Stellar Award
Winning
Producer

Kevin Bond is perhaps the finest producer in the gospel music industry today! In many circles he has been dubbed "The Million Music Maker." Few could argue with that assertion or his credentials, as his name and production credits have thoroughly permeated the most prominent gospel CD and cassette jackets over the past 20 years. A native of Chicago, Illinois, Kevin arrived on the gospel music scene in 1983. That year, as a 19 year-old prodigy he became the organist for the highly acclaimed Edwin Hawkins Music and Arts Seminar Mass Choir. Teaming with gospel pianist extraordinaire Richard Smallwood and a host of other gifted minstrels (including guitarist Jonathan Dubose and drummer/bassist Joel Smith), Kevin formally introduced himself to the gospel nation on the 1984 EHMAS release, *Angels Will Be Singing*.

Proverbs 18:16 states, "A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before great men." Kevin stepped securely into that promise during the years immediately subsequent to his inauguration into the gospel music industry. His fresh approach to music directing coupled with his ultra-clean, innovative, yet sophisticated piano technique won him favor with the renowned Walter and Edwin Hawkins and The Hawkins Family. Serving as music director and keyboardist for the Hawkins music umbrella afforded him the opportunity to hone his skills in a privileged, yet challenging environment. That environment served as a major foundation for his ultimate musical destiny!

Well-established as a keyboardist and music director, Kevin began to exercise his production talents during the early 1990's. He collaborated with a number of artists, including Stephanie Mills, Donald Lawrence and The Tri-City Singers, The Kurt Carr Singers and Trinitee 5:7, among others. His impeccable work with these artists proved him highly competent as a producer and firmly validated the "production" facet of his calling. Kevin has experienced overwhelming success as a producer in recent years! His leadership and production expertise have been vital to the success of some of gospel music's most recognizable artists; including Kirk Franklin, God's Property, Donnie McClurkin, Yolanda Adams, Bishop T.D. Jakes and The Potter's House Mass Choir, Marvin Sapp, and host of others. He was even commissioned by Steven Spielberg to produce a song for the Prince of Egypt soundtrack. His works have garnered an astounding 10 Grammy Awards, 30 Stellar Awards, and numerous other awards!

Most recently Kevin served as Director of Worship and Arts at the New Birth Church in Atlanta, Georgia. In four years at the helm, he transformed the 600-member music department into a nationally recognized standard of excellence! His 2004 production of the 300-voice New Birth Total Praise Choir, entitled "Spirit and Truth," garnered national acclaim, as it received multiple Grammy and Stellar nominations. In February 2006, the choir released its sophomore CD, "New Beginning," which is again produced and written mostly by Kevin Bond.

Kevin is currently serving as CEO of his music production company, *Bonded Music*. He is also founder of *F.L.O.W. (Follow the Leading Of the Wind)*, a band of studio musicians he organized to educate and instruct up and coming artists. Additionally, upon request he works as a worship and arts leadership training consultant for music departments across the country.

Kevin and his beautiful wife Toni reside in Atlanta, Georgia with their children; Alex III, Tayler Alexia, Kiara, and Phillip.

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K. D. Bowe
SGN the Light
Radio
Personality

KD Bowe was born in Norfolk, VA and raised in Currituck Co., NC. During his college years, a casual request for the time from his college radio station's general manager began his highly popular career in radio.

Known nation wide for his comedic, witty, and sometimes controversial radio show, KD Bowe's rich baritone voice has been used on hundreds of commercials, and as the signature voice for radio and TV stations both nationally and abroad. He's been featured on several artists' recording projects and has even recorded his own single that gained national airplay.

A recipient of the 1998 Trailblazer Award for excellence in the arena of mass media, KD Bowe is also the CEO of KDB Productions, a cutting edge audio services production company located in Conyers, GA.

KD accepted his call to the ministry at the age 18 in 1991 and was ordained as an Elder under the Church of God in Christ. He is now a member of Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor E. Dewey Smith of Decatur Georgia.



Minister John Ray
Light of the World
Christian Church

Minister John Ray Jr. is a native of Louisville, Ky. He began playing the piano at the age of five. At the age of nine John began playing piano and directing the youth choir at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Louisville. God richly blessed John with musical abilities and he studied both the trumpet and piano at the University of Louisville during his teenage years. John also attended summer music institutes where he studied privately with members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, The Louisville Orchestra, and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

In 1986 John graduated with honors from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education degree. He has performed in Europe on several occasions including the cities of London, England and Paris, France as well as all over the country of Switzerland. John has performed with some of gospel music's greats including Yolanda Adams, and Kim Burrell.

John currently serves as the Minister of Worship & Media at Light of The World Christian Church, Indianapolis Indiana. He is happily married to Elizabeth Ray and they have two sons John and Matthew. Most of all John loves the Lord.



Sherri Garrison
Eastern Star Church

Sherri L. Garrison is the Minister of Music of Eastern Star Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, where Jeffrey A. Johnson Sr. is the pastor. Sherri has served as the Minister of Music there for the last 16 years. As the Minister of Music, Sherri oversees 6 choirs, of which she directs 4, 2 praise teams, both of which she leads as Worship Leader, and 13 musicians. Under her leadership, Eastern Star Church released their first CD on June 19, 1999. This project prompted several engagements throughout the United States for the Eastern Star Recording Choir.

Some of Sherri's other accomplishments include, Fox 59's Unsung Hero 2003, Gospel Festival honoree for IUPUI in 1996, Board of Directors for Gospel Meets Symphony, musical director of such plays as Mahalia, Black Nativity and Calvary. She was also selected to be the choral conductor of "Oh Freedom", a tribute to Martin Luther King, with the National Symphony of Nashville Tennessee. Currently, Sherri serves as The Gospel Music Workshop of America director for Women of Worship. She was named to the Music Board for the Full Gospel Fellowship, as well as one of the Assistant Ministers of Music, by its founder and leader, Bishop Paul S. Morton.



Tiffany Johnson
Eastern Star Church

Architect - A2SO4 Architecture
Choreographer, Artistic Director; Eastern Star Church, Sacred Dance Ministries,
Greater Vision Productions, Upon This Rock Productions

Tiffany Johnson affectionately known as the "**Dancing Architect**" has been blessed to pursue the many gifts and talents God has given her. As a young child she knew she had a passion for many things, including Architecture and Dance. Little did she know that God would open the door to opportunities to make contributions to her community, and impact the lives of others, by successfully pursuing them all.

As a member of **A2SO4 Architecture**, Tiffany enjoys a full portfolio of projects ranging in Architecture design, Interior design, Project management, Urban Planning, and Business Development. As a **Choreographer, Artistic Director, Producer** and wearer of many hats, Tiffany engages in several local productions and boasts a large repertoire of original works performed by Companies and groups under her Artistic Direction.

While the above proves to be demanding, it is her prayer that God will continue to keep her and strengthen her in her desire to equip and facilitate the empowerment of God's people in their purpose, and that her work not be in vain. Tiffany truly believes that God has purpose for everyone's life and that obedience and diligence is necessary. "To whom much is given, much is required." She feels that God gives us grace and provision to walk in that purpose as long as we are willing to follow His lead.

Recently awarded the "**Breakthrough Woman of the Year Award**" for her contributions to Art and Culture, and **featured as the subject of a recent documentary**, Tiffany is humbled that she is recognized for her engaging passion for God, life and the contributions that He can derive from us. If you have had the opportunity to walk through her designs, see her dance, hear her voice, experience her giving, humble spirit and taste her passion for life, you have had the chance to be appreciated, respected and given unto.



Pastor Brian Anderson-Payne
Salt of the Earth Christian
Ministries

At the tender age of seven, Pastor Brian Anderson-Payne stood in a chair during a Sunday evening service and preached his first sermon. A few short years later, he was appointed youth music director for the Universal Church of Truth (now known as Universal Ministries Worldwide).

Anointed for ministry, Pastor Brian was writing, accompanying and performing publicly at an age when peers were simply discovering multiplication tables. Attracted by the glow of secularism, he began writing and performing R&B and popular music. He formed a secular group and wrote and produced their first record when he was only 14 years old. He later recorded his own solo project while simultaneously completing an associate's degree in junior college. Following the painful loss of his brother, God refocused Brian on his call to ministry.

In 1995, fueled by an insatiable desire to know God better, he enrolled in Baptist Bible College where he received a foundation for exegetical, expository preaching. He was ordained in 1999 by the Metropolitan Spiritual Churches of Christ. Immediately, his uncle, Bishop William M. Payne, began placing him on platforms around the country as his substitute speaker.

In 1999, Brian began an eight year stay as an as a fulltime assisting Pastor for Rev. Charles R. Harrison and the Barnes Methodist Church family.

2001 was the year God birthed Brian Anderson-Payne Ministries. BAPM serves as an umbrella for their community ministry. Driven by the compass slogan, "*Don't complain about a world YOU won't attempt to change*", the direction for the ministries involvement was clear. BAPM houses their "Out Tha' Box Ministry" which host unusual fellowship events. Other events covered under BAPM include **Hagar's Heart** (single mother's ministry), **Body of Christ Family Reunion** (fellowship of Christian churches) and **A Shepherds Song** (musical featuring senior pastors).

In 2005, God called Brian and his wife Ruby to the highest calling possible. Pastors Brian & Ruby founded **SOTECM** (Salt of the Earth Christian Ministries). With a somewhat psychological theology, the two pastor with the focus of "*Transforming Lives by Renewing Minds*". During any sermon, class or workshop, *expect to be challenged!* Songs from a refocused Pastor Brian have been recorded by JDI Records, Rodnie Bryant, GMWA Youth, Milton Biggum & The Georgia Mass Choir, Edwin Hawkins and The Music & Arts Seminar. This is only the beginning.....



**The Apostle, Suffragan
Bishop Randall M.
Sheppard**

**Guiding Light Church
Assembly, Inc**

It has been 17 years since **Pastor Randell Sheppard** heard God's call to ministry and responded. In January 1999, Pastor Sheppard founded Guiding Light Church Assembly, Inc. with 6 members in Indianapolis, Indiana. To date, the congregation numbers approximately 80 members. In September 1999, Pastor Sheppard was appointed as Suffragan Bishop, serving as the Chief of Staff of the United Body of Christ Fellowship, Inc. under its Presiding Prelate, Bishop Anthony Pippens.

Pastor Sheppard serves the youth of the Free Will Baptist Western Division General Conference as Minister of Music. Pastor Sheppard's most recent accomplishment with the General Youth Conference is the live recording of the 2002 Youth Conference Mass Choir in Jackson, Mississippi. Pastor Sheppard presently serves Vice Moderator of the Free Will Baptist Greater Indianapolis Circle City District and Moderator of the Free Will Baptist Kentucky Annual Ministers' Conference.

Just this past year, a degree of "*Bachelor of Arts*" in Divinity was conferred upon him by Rochville University and a "*Doctor of Arts*" in Theology by Belford University. He also remains a student of the Muskegon Bible Institute with the intent of obtaining an another doctorate degree.

Pastor Sheppard is also a loving father to his two beautiful daughters: Rachel Marie-Shaeron (15 years old) and Raquel Monique (14 years old).

Pastor Sheppard has received numerous awards and recognitions. He has also had the privilege of appearing and performing with some of gospeldom's greatest recording artists, pastors and ministers such as Pastor Donnie McClurkin, Rev. Rance Allen, Kurt Carr, West Angeles COGIC Mass Choir, Judith Christie-McAllister, Bishop Charles E. Blake, Dorinda Clark-Cole, the Steve Coleman Concert Choir, Billy Lester & Anointed Women of Praise, Rodnie Bryant and CCMC, "the late" Robert Turner and the Silver Hearts, Lamar Campbell & Spirit of Praise, the legendary Pentecostal Ambassadors, Maestro Richard Smallwood, Ethan Burnett & VOJ, Bishop Leonard S. Scott and Rev. Richard "Mr. Clean" White.

He is well known for being a singer with a better than $2\frac{1}{2}$ *octave range*, choral director, actor, musician, producer, author, preacher, teacher, evangelist and psalmist that is in great demand.

In the midst of all that Pastor Sheppard does, he remains an humble student of the Word of God.