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Brent Anderson: Man on a Mission for God

At the age of three, Brent Anderson sat down for the first time at his parents' piano. With a child's playfulness and determination, he began exploring the sounds he could produce with the newly discovered instrument. From the moment the first note rang out, Anderson became captivated by music. Little did Anderson know, this experience was the first step on a journey of ministry that God had laid out for him. At the time, it would have been hard for him to believe that this path would lead him from such a humble beginning to becoming the leader of Cape First Worship, one of the most popular worship groups in the country.

As a down to earth Christian from Hemet, CA, Anderson flourished as a musician during his teen years, mastering the piano, guitar, trumpet, bass and drums, all without formal training. Throughout the years, he would spend most of his time memorizing songs he had heard on the radio and creating musical arrangements for each instrument he played.

Raised in a supportive Christian family, Anderson always knew that his music was meant to serve the Lord. Full of love for God, Anderson became heavily involved in music and ministry. Recognizing his ability, Anderson's pastor invited him to join the worship team at their church at the tender age of 13, eventually becoming the church's music director only three years later.

"At the age of 16, being that I had been on the worship team for over three years, I just kind of fell into the roll of writing out lead sheets, setting the tempo of songs, and just fulfilling the overall duties of the worship director," said Anderson.

It was during his time at the church that Anderson met his future wife, Sharon, who was also the pastor's daughter. After years of leading ministries together in California, Anderson and his wife



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set out looking for new ways to serve God. During a visit to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, the town's close-knit community captivated the young couple. After hearing many good things about Cape First church, they quickly set up a meeting with its pastor, Gary Brothers. He was so impressed with their abilities that he offered them positions as worship pastors during their very first meeting. Feeling as if this was where they were meant to be, the two accepted the worship pastor position at Cape First. Settling into their new town, Anderson began forming the Cape First Worship team.

“No matter how talented you are, your passion will always speak louder than your talent,” said Anderson. Putting his faith in God, he quickly found many special people of all ages and backgrounds, whose musical abilities were as profound as their passion to worship.

Setting forth on their mission for God, Cape First Worship ministered to thousands of people every week. The power of their music to reach people from all walks of life was incredible and word quickly spread about the worship team that was making a positive impact on their community.

Cape First's pastor, Gary Brothers, was one of the first to realize how much the music had affected people. With the support of the church's congregation behind him, Brothers encouraged Anderson to use their popularity to spread God's word beyond the physical walls of their church.

The accomplishments of Cape First Worship's ministry did not go unnoticed. Record producer Billy Smiley, formerly of the highly successful Christian group White Heart, heard a sample of their music and was moved by its power and sincerity. Impressed by Anderson's musical talent and the limitless passion present in the group's work, Smiley signed the group to Christian record label Devotion Music on the spot.

“I wanted to create an album that would be relevant to the lives of people today. There is so much distraction in the world that sometimes we just have to step back and take a moment to remember what really matters, our relationship with God,” said Anderson.



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With excitement filling the air, the group drove to Devotion Music's studio in Nashville, Tennessee. After many heart-felt recording sessions and a live recording of a performance at Cape First, 12 inspirational tracks came together to form Cape First Worship's debut album, entitled "To Know Your Heart." Each song was beautifully crafted from the experiences of the members to share a message to which any Christian could relate.

"We are very excited to share our music with people across the country and help them walk closer with God. I consider it one of the highest honors to lead a congregation into the presence of God through praise and worship. Not many groups get the chance help people worship on such a large scale," commented Anderson.

The album, distributed by Universal Music Group, will be available in stores nationwide on September 16, 2008. As an added bonus, a DVD with a full-length music video for the album's first single, "To Know Your Heart," will be included with each album, along with live performance footage and interviews with band members. The album and information about the group is also available at www.devotionmusic.com.