



Hearts on FIRE

Story by Sarah Yardley

Photos by Jacob Harman and Eric Lamph

Fourteen years ago, a young surfer stood before a large crowd at Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa about to proclaim his faith in Jesus Christ. Before he spoke, he was terrified by thoughts of condemnation, damnation, and past sins. “God is going to strike me dead!” were among the dreaded thoughts. Nevertheless, world champion surfer, Joey Buran, pressed up to the microphone, and to a large audience, declared the saving power of Jesus Christ. As Joey shared, all the terrible thoughts fled, and God’s presence was manifested that night. Among those who responded to the message of God’s grace was Mike Rozell, founder of Potter’s Field Ministries.



*“One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts” (Psalm 145:4).
Eric Lamph and son Odin (on shoulders) enjoy a moment of worship at a Worship Generation outdoor concert on the grounds of Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa.*

That night has always been a defining one in Joey Buran's life. It was a night of God calling Joey to a ministry of proclaiming His truth. Joey has been in God's ministry ever since.

He began working at Calvary Chapel Vista under Brian Brodersen. From there, he and his wife Jennifer moved to Virginia Beach to found and pastor Calvary Chapel Virginia Beach. The fellowship was being blessed and growing when after four years Joey received another call, to Burlington, Vermont.

Jennifer, Joey, and their growing family moved to Burlington, where amongst various trials (from rats behind the refrigerators, frigid temperatures, and personal upheavals) Calvary Chapel Burlington, Vermont was established.



(right to left) Scott Cunningham, Lindsey Ruiz, and Charlo Brodersen. These three are the vocal core of a well-balanced Worship Generation worship team that has, among other things, ministered to thousands at Easter in the Meadows 2001. Scott is an accomplished songwriter, singer, musician, and pastor. From singing with Psalty in his youth to leading worship for Pastor Chuck, Scott brings a spirit of humility to all that he does, making him a great example to the gifted young musicians in the Worship Generation. Lindsey Ruiz is 15-years old and has become a regular female vocalist among some of the different worship bands, and Charlo Brodersen is the eldest son of Pastor Brian Brodersen.

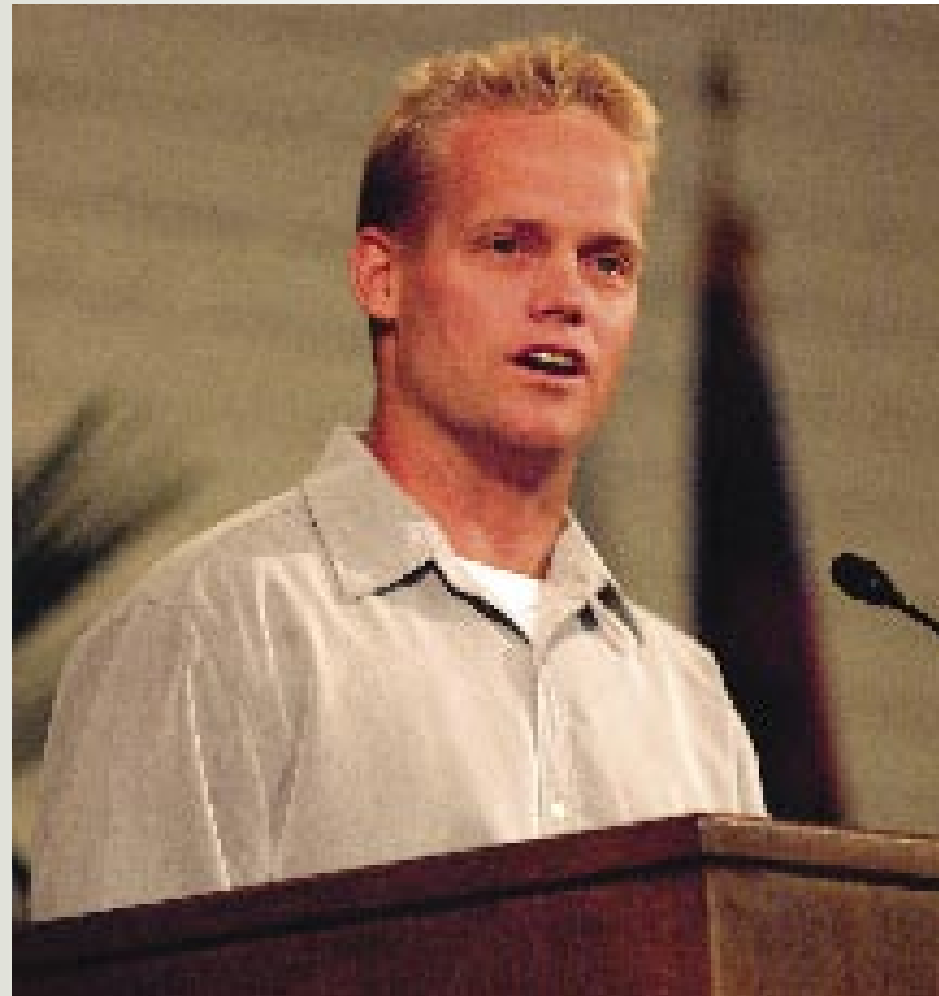
Joey had never felt called to Burlington permanently, so when the Lord led Joey to return to California in 1996, Joey turned the church over to Jim O'Connor, his friend and co-laborer in the faith.

Upon returning to California, Joey re-entered the surf world, working for various industries related to surfing. Although, Joey wasn't directly involved in ministry at this time, he still could recall promises God made to him concerning His call upon his life.

Called to a New Generation

One such promise came to Joey while he sat in the nosebleed section of a Harvest Crusade at the Philadelphia Spectrum. **"I am going to move, now, in this generation. For twelve years, I have been preparing you for this ministry. Where it is darkest, you will bring My light."**

Joey's passion for the Lord, for the ministry, and for this new generation of young people is evident every time he opens his mouth to speak. It only takes a few minutes of listening to Joey for that passion and excitement to spread to others.



The Lord continued to give Joey promises concerning reaching this generation for Jesus. On December 6, 1999, Joey took a step of faith by cutting all ties with Billabong and resigning as coach of the national Billabong Surf team. The whole Buran family cast themselves upon the provision of God to take care of them. He did.

Then Brian Brodersen called Joey and invited him to join the ministry at Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa. Joey came to Calvary with **"a total vision and passion for reaching out to the next generation."**

While ministering to the Christian Club at Fallbrook High School, Joey once again felt the prompting of the Lord. Joey was standing at the back of the school's cafeteria looking over at the hundred or so kids lifting their hands in praise as Scott Cunningham led in worship. It was then that the Lord spoke to Joey. **"This is a worship generation."**

I AM GOING TO MOVE, NOW



Brothers Evan and Phil Wickham leading worship at a Thursday night service, which is held at CC Costa Mesa in the main sanctuary. These brothers, along with younger sister Jill, have musical talent beyond measure and are the children of well-known "Jesus People" musicians, John and Lisa Wickham. Evan and his wife Sandy serve together at CC Vista overseeing the Jr. High ministry. Phil, at 17, is an extremely anointed songwriter, singer, and musician. His purity, passion, and focus put him at the forefront of the teen talent in the Worship Generation.

Changing Lives in a New Generation

When Joey was asked to teach on Thursday nights at Calvary, he knew that this was what God wanted to call this fellowship. In the same way that many were drawn to Calvary Costa Mesa in the 1970s by the music, so a new generation is being drawn to the Lord every Thursday night at Calvary. **"Worship is the most intense here of any place I have ever been,"** says one young man. **"It's all-encompassing. I can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in the sanctuary."**

Others have been drawn by various means. April came because she was so upset by comments she heard Joey make. However, the message that night turned into a blessing for her and now she says, **"I respect him so much for his godly counsel and example."**

Ryan's doctor told him to check out the cool surfer speaking at Calvary Costa Mesa on Thursday nights. For the first time in 6

years, Ryan entered a church. During the message, Ryan was completely convicted and rededicated his life to the Lord. **"I used to be living for all the wrong reasons,"** he said. **"Life was all about money and my car, but none of that really matters to me anymore."**

Eric, a successful graphic designer, thought he had life figured out. He thought God was an energy source that could be harnessed by metaphysical powers. But when he came to Worship Generation utterly broken by the death of his child, he knew he had none of the answers. For two weeks, he went home from the Bible Study weeping, ready for a change, but not yet committed. **"I saw my wife being transformed by her salvation,"** he remembers, **"but what really nailed me to the cross was the physiological description of Jesus as He was crucified."** Eric now serves with Joey in the administrative details of Worship Generation.

Steve, a pastor's son, says, **"For me, this study is all about revitalizing and renewing my faith and trust in Jesus. It is a continuous reminder that I need to be walking with Him more and more every day."**

The testimonies continue. People are being moved by the Spirit of God and the proclamation of God's Word. Joey is blessed. **"One of the most exciting things about Worship Generation is the way God is raising up worship teams to minister to a new generation,"** shares Joey (see photo collage and sidebar). **"Young men and women with a passionate heart for Jesus are leading this generation in worship."**

Among the worship leaders are Phil Wickham and Jeremy Camp. Phil is only 17 years old, but his devotion to God and passion for music is catching.

Jeremy is a living testimony to God's faithfulness. Jeremy lost his beautiful, young wife to cancer after only 5 months of marriage. Yet with a full heart he sings, **"I will walk by faith, even when I can't see, because this broken road reveals Your will for me."**

Through various outreaches and outdoor concerts, Worship Generation has begun to move throughout Southern California. On Thursday nights, believers come together to worship, be built up by God's Word,

and to fall more in love with Jesus. In looking at what God has for the future, Joey is reminded of God's promise in *Habakkuk 1:5*. ***"Look among the nations and watch, be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told to you."***

Joey is excited about what the Lord is doing through Worship Generation and the prom-

tion...but even so, come quickly Lord Jesus!" Our prayers are with Joey, the Worship Generation, and all those that God is raising up to proclaim to this generation the saving power of Jesus Christ! 🙏



Public worship is still allowed in America!



Singer/songwriter Jeremy Camp shadowed by good friend and guitarist, Dave Vance. There is a deep respect and admiration for Jeremy throughout the ministry. His worshipful lyrics and enduring faith in Christ make him an inspiration and encouragement to many.

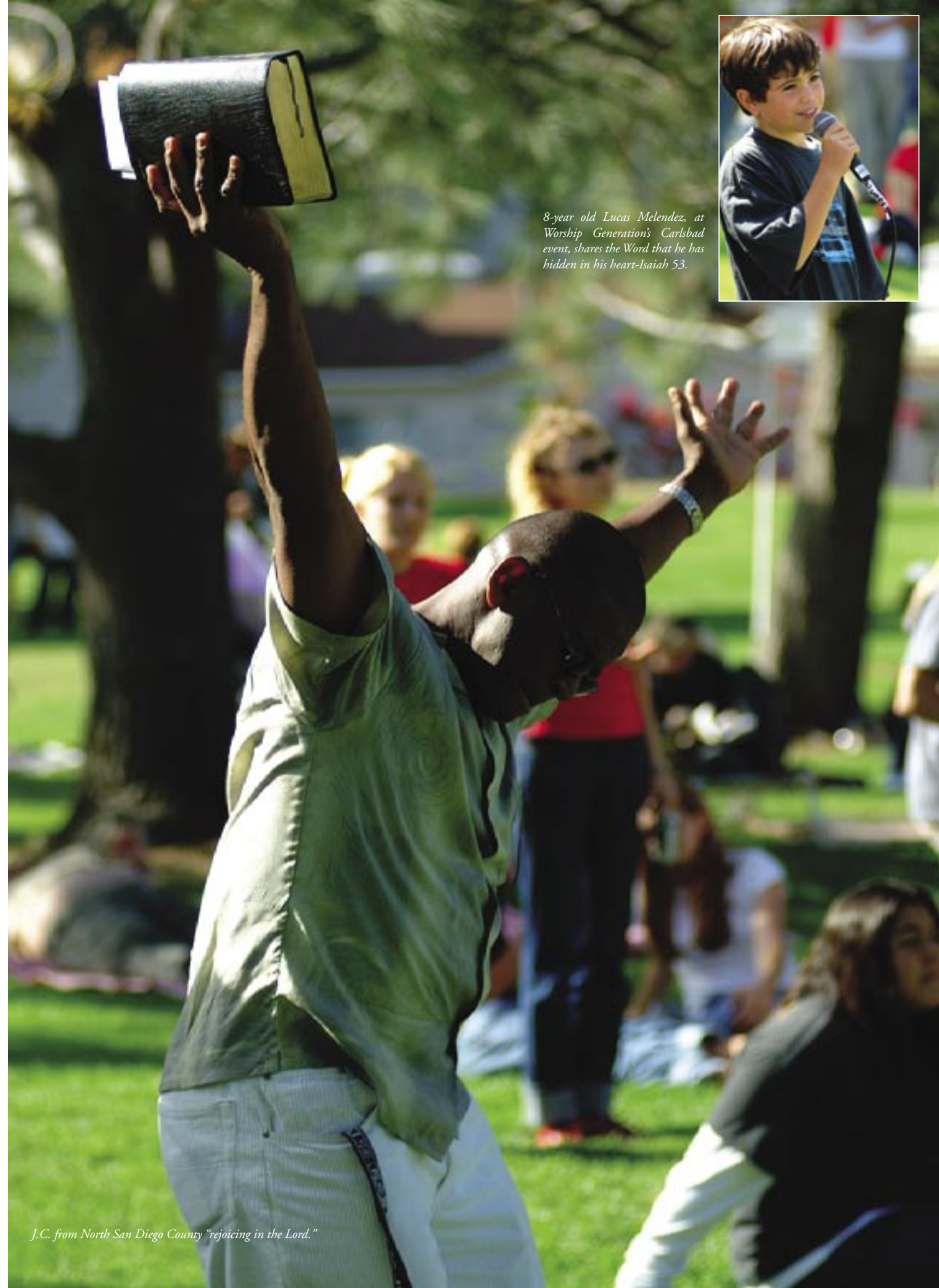
ises of God. ***"The hope of the body of Christ throughout all ages is that God will do a mighty work through the next generation (should the Lord tarry). I want my kids and their generation to do so much for God, more than I have ever done, that someday Joey Buran will be forgotten."***



Students (from left to right) Josh Seale, Carlo Guadardo, and Johnny Feidler from Fallbrook High School's "Warriors for Christ" Christian Club. Josh and Carlo were leaders of the club during their senior year. Shown here during the Worship Generation Carlsbad event. Both of these public high school students went on short-term mission trips before graduating. Not surprising since all public high schools are mission fields!

We hope that this is also the prayer of every reader, ***"Lord, do a work in this genera-***

DO YOU KNOW YOUR GOD'S WILL



J.C. from North San Diego County "rejoicing in the Lord."



8-year old Lucas Melendez, at Worship Generation's Carlsbad event, shares the Word that he has hidden in his heart-Isaiah 53.

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Coming Saturday,
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from 7pm to 10pm

Worship Generation
at the Anaheim Convention Center

This event will follow the Calvary Chapel Men's Conference. This special night of worship will include many of the musicians mentioned in this article.

You can find more information about this event and about Worship Generation by logging on to their website @ <http://www.worshipgeneration.com>.

If you live in the Southern California area, you can listen to Worship Generation live every Thursday night at 7.30pm PST on KWVE, 107.9FM. You can also listen live on the Internet by logging on to the Calvary Satellite Network (CSN) website @ <http://calvarychapel.com/csn/index.htm> and clicking "Listen Live!"

Other helpful websites are:

Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa:
<http://www.calvarychapel.com/costamesa>
Calvary Chapel Home Page:
<http://calvarychapel.com>
Calvary Chapel Bible College:
<http://calvarychapel.com/ccbc/index.htm>

Tim Chaddick, songwriter, lead singer, and guitarist of Scarlet Thread, with the help of his '61 Gretsch guitar. Tim directs Scarlet Thread with a music and worship style that is unique, fresh, and anointed.



I CAN FEEL THE PRESENCE



Charlo Brodersen is a good friend to Phil Wickham and Scott Cunningham. Charlo is also a songwriter, singer, and guitarist who can lead or support. Whatever part he plays, Charlo brings a youthful edge with his electric guitar. Grandson to Pastor Chuck, and eldest son to Pastor Brian Brodersen, he once said, "They have their fruit, and I want mine." At 18, the blossoms are already on the tree.

Scarlet Thread—Like all the Worship Generation bands, sincere devotion, and intercessory prayer are the backbone of their ministry. Tim Chaddick, bassist Cico Gonzales, and drummer Matt Headley spend time with the Lord moments before a concert.

Charlo Brodersen—Edgy voice that captures the heart of worship in a new generation.

Chris Jenkins —Rapper for Ambassadors for Christ. In his term paper, Chris said his gift from God was singing rap. Joey agrees. A handy gift in this new generation. Chris serves as a Jr. High pastor for CC Monterey, which is in Northern California.



Phil Wickham—Meticulous and focused in his music ministry, Phil always has a great band to back him up.

The Fry Sisters—Crystal-18, Breanna-16, and Alishia-15 make up the talented team of The Girls Next Door. They do worship, pop, and country. Breanna is seen singing while Crystal supports playing her acoustic guitar.

Jeremy Camp—Not only an exceptional musician, Jeremy is also an anointed evangelist. He presents the gospel clearly in every concert.



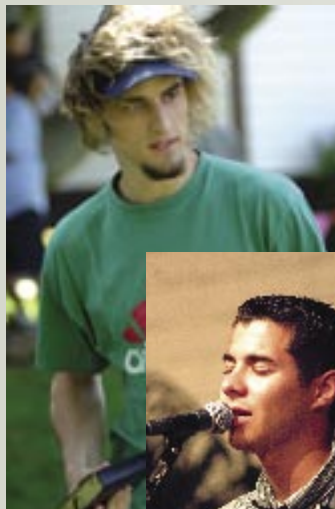
“Musicianaries” of Worship Generation

by Joey Buran

While God is moving in thousands of teens throughout this nation, within and without the Calvary Chapel movement, these four Calvary Chapel Bible College students represent, in their unique personalities and gifts, the hope of God’s faithfulness to all generations.

Steven Andersen

A gifted worship leader with a guitar, but better known as the drummer of *Ambassadors for Christ*. Steven has strong zeal, deep insights into the Word of God, and a calling to lead. Attended CC Bible College, Murrieta, 2000; Attended CC Bible College, York, England, 2001; Mission Trip to Kauai, 2000.



Bobby Brown

“Afterglow” specialist. Bobby is always on the cutting edge with the best new songs, which he intermixes with Calvary classics. Bobby prefers to play his acoustic guitar with a female vocalist accompanying. He is currently an intern pastor at CC Pacific Coast. Attended CC Bible College, Murrieta, 2000; Attended CC Bible College, Millstatt, Austria, 2000/01; Mission Trip to the Ukraine, 2001.

Dominic Balli

Songwriter, guitarist, and lead singer of *Ambassadors for Christ*. Dominic’s enthusiasm for Jesus is contagious. He has a very strong stage presence and preaches the Gospel with authority and boldness. Attended CC Bible College, Murrieta, 2000; Mission Trip to Russia, 2001.

Jason Wright

Singer and acoustic guitarist. Jason has a strong presence of the Lord surrounding his music and worship. Another year at CC Bible College, Murrieta will greatly benefit his gifts. Jason is headed to Caneberra, Australia, after graduation to help run the new CCBC extension campus. Attended CC Bible College, Murrieta, 2001; Mission Trip to Australia, 2001.

As the Worship Generation ministry began to grow in the autumn of 2000, so did its relationship with the student body of CC Bible College in Murrieta, California. By January of 2001, God had opened a direct link between the new generation of gifted servants, future pastors and musicians to the sanctuary where it all began—Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa. Since that time, a number of these students have gone on to become the servant-leaders in the Worship Generation ministry.

Passionate and sold out for Jesus and in the prime of their youth, their commitment is a throw-back to the Jesus People of the late 60s and early 70s. Back then, under the guidance of Pastor Chuck and Mike MacIntosh, God raised up these young musicians who combined their music with ministry and eventually referred to themselves as “Musicianaries.”

Now, 30 years later and with the benefit of CC Bible College, a strong Calvary movement, and direct access to the sanctuary of CC Costa Mesa, a new generation is emerging to follow the example of the original CC Musicianaries. These new school Musicianaries are learning from the past, focused on the present, and have a vision for the future. They are the Worship Generation.

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Jeremy Camp is a great friend to Joey, and they love to serve the Lord together. Jeremy is leading worship before a Worship Generation beach baptism. Joey says, “I think we were both totally oblivious to everything except the presence of the Lord!”



The baptism of Christian Lee. Assisting in the baptism is Shawn Black, who went from Joey’s Acts class of CC Bible College, Murrieta, to being an intern pastor with Worship Generation.