

The Spotlight is Off...

OUR BASSES



Seated: Ken Campbell, Don McGhee **Standing**: Norman Lillie, Jack Bell, Mike Sneed, Ray West, Robert Venizelos

Jack Bell... Jack has been singing in our Canterbury Choir for 40 years. He has been singing in choirs for 49 years. Jack played the bass clarinet and bass drum in band from 5th grade through 12th grade. His favorite anthem is actually a cantata, "I Hear the Prophet Calling."

Ken Campbell...Ken has been singing and playing for choirs for 70 years. He has been singing in our Canterbury Choir for 48 years. Ken took music lessons at the age of 8 which was shaped note singing. He started playing the piano at age 13. He took college piano and learned gospel techniques the summer he was 15. He did some quartet work on the piano for two years. He has sung in the Backrow Bunch for 25 plus years. His favorite anthem is "*Majesty*."

Norman Lillie...Norman has sung in choirs for 20 years. He has been singing in our Canterbury Choir for 12 years. Norman grew up in his hometown church choir and high school chorus. He still sings in a folk music group with his high school buddies.

Don McGhee...Don has been singing in choirs off and on since he was six years old. He has been singing in our Canterbury Choir for 25 years or more. Don says his musical influence is whenever he hears Ken Campbell playing the piano. He plays the trumpet and also enjoys playing his guitar. Don's favorite anthem is "*Moses*."

Mike Sneed...Mike has been singing in choirs for 13 years. He has just recently joined our Canterbury Choir. Mike played the sousaphone in the Georgia Southern University Marching Band. He also plays the tuba, guitar, baritone, and didgeridoo (a wind instrument developed by Indigenous Australians of northern Australia about 1,500 years ago.) Mike also sang with the University Singers.

Robert Venizelos...Vinny has been singing in our Canterbury Choir for 15+ years. He has been singing in choirs and playing the trombone for over 40 years, since the 5th grade. Vinny took music theory in college for a couple of semesters. He took piano lessons for 5-6 years—he still plays around on it a bit, but not too much.

Ray West...Ray has been singing in choirs for 40 years. He has been singing in our Canterbury Choir for 2 years. Ray started playing piano at six years old. He was in his high school chorus and band. Ray served as pianist in the U.S. Army for 22 1/2 years. He has served as the Musical Director or Pianist/Organist at Westside Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, FL, First Baptist Church in Port Orange, FL, South Main Baptist in Hinesville, GA and Hinesville Episcopal Church. He also served at the post chapels at Ft. Hamilton, NY, Ft. Stewart, GA and Ft. McPherson, GA Ray currently teaches chorus and piano at Morrow High School.

All seven agree that Bruce is their favorite choir director. Vinny says Bruce is his favorite orchestra director, too.