

# CHRISTOPHER CLIFTON

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**SUMMARY** | Experienced worship leader who directed and led all aspects of a growing worship, creative arts and technical ministry. Highly skilled musician, rich and diverse creative artist, strong organizational skills, strong interpersonal and communication skills, extensive experience developing teams and leaders, deeply committed Christian with a flourishing personal faith.

## **SKILLS & ABILITIES**

### Worship Leadership

- Proficient on the piano/keyboard, acoustic guitar, and vocals
- Planned and led weekly services, music, creative arts, and media
- Arranged and charted weekly worship music
- Organized an effective infrastructure of volunteers and leaders
- Created ensembles, choirs, and orchestras to compliment worship
- Created pathways to connect prospective volunteers
- Created family “Night of Worship” events
- Implemented Planning Center, Loops, and ProPresenter in ministry
- Contributed weekly to a sermon teaching and planning team
- Directed annual calendar planning, ministry action plans, worship and A/V budgets, quarterly progress reports, and annual reviews
- Provided training and appreciation events for ministry volunteers

### Media and Communications

- Created weekly slide lyrics, sermon series artwork, announcement graphics and multi-media presentations
- Directed sound, lighting, and computer operations in worship
- Highly experienced using audio/visual software including: Logic Pro, Final Cut Pro X, Sibelius, Finale, Garageband, Apple MainStage, Photoshop, ProPresenter, Loop Community, and Mac/PC platforms
- Developed communications strategy for print and electronic media
- Updated websites and social media weekly

### Additional Accomplishments

- Developed and re-launched First Impressions Ministry
- Provided teaching, worship, and A/V needs for Celebrate Recovery
- Actively participated in developing a Family Ministry at South Park Church including family dedication events, family VBS experiences, and employed the “Orange” method for age-level ministries.

**EXPERIENCE | MUSIC DIRECTOR AND KEYBOARDIST**

REAL LIFE CHURCH

[REAL.LIFE](http://REAL.LIFE)

JULY 2022 – PRESENT

Chris is contracted to lead and give direction to the musicians in the band, as well as play keyboards for the band at Real Life Church. This church has multiple campuses and serves thousands of people weekly in person and online throughout central Florida and beyond.

**MUSIC DIRECTOR AND KEYBOARDIST**

DISCOVERY CHURCH

[DISCOVERYCHURCH.ORG](http://DISCOVERYCHURCH.ORG)

JULY 2021 – PRESENT

Chris is contracted to lead and give direction to the musicians in the band, as well as play keyboards for the band at Discovery Church. This church has multiple campuses and serves thousands of people weekly in person and online throughout central Florida and beyond.

**WORSHIP ARTS DIRECTOR**

HEARTCRY CHAPEL

[HEARTCRYCHAPEL.ORG](http://HEARTCRYCHAPEL.ORG)

JULY 2013 – AUGUST 2020

Heartcry Chapel is a small church that serves Kissimmee, Saint Cloud, and Harmony, Florida. I was instrumental in helping Heartcry navigate through a difficult transition and grow from 100 people to almost 400 people. During this time, we also transitioned from a rental space and purchased our permanent home. I led all aspects of the Worship Arts Ministry.

**DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP AND CREATIVE ARTS**

SOUTH PARK CHURCH

[SOUTHPARKCHURCH.ORG](http://SOUTHPARKCHURCH.ORG)

AUGUST 2010 – DECEMBER 2012

South Park Church is located in the northwest suburbs of Chicago and has a weekly attendance of around 1000 people. I directed all aspects of the music, creative arts, and technical ministries. I developed an infrastructure and relaunched a Communications Ministry and First Impressions Ministry.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP**

COMMUNITY OF HOPE

[COMMUNITYOFHOPE.CHURCH](http://COMMUNITYOFHOPE.CHURCH)

MARCH 1997 – DECEMBER 2009

Community of Hope is a church located in the suburbs of West Palm Beach. I helped to plant a church, raised leaders, built teams, and led all aspects of worship, creative arts, and media ministries. The church grew from 30 to 800 people during my tenure and now serves 3000 people with four campuses.

**EDUCATION** | **VALENCIA COLLEGE**, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA  
EDUCATOR PREPARATION INSTITUTE (EPI)  
2017-2018. 4.0 GPA. <https://valenciacollege.edu/>

**BALL STATE UNIVERSITY**, MUNCIE, INDIANA  
MASTERS OF MUSIC IN THEORY AND COMPOSITION  
1994-1997. 3.8 GPA. <https://cms.bsu.edu/>

**ANDERSON UNIVERSITY**, ANDERSON, INDIANA  
BACHELOR OF ARTS  
1989-1993. 3.7 GPA. <https://www.anderson.edu/>

**REFERENCES** | On Request.

**WEBSITE** | Please visit [www.chrisclifton.us](http://www.chrisclifton.us) for more information and video/audio clips.