

## Hello! I'm Chris Driesbach!

I'm a member of Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Madison, Alabama and during the last twelve years I've been on many musical tours, playing for worship and concerts at over 775 WELS and ELS churches in 41 states from Fairbanks, Alaska to Cape Coral, Florida. My songs are all original Christian music and I love to tell the story of the Spirit's powerful work in my stubborn and unbelieving heart.

My former church, Crown of Life of New Orleans was almost destroyed August 29, 2005, when flooding caused by hurricane Katrina put 4.5 feet of muddy seawater in our 3 church buildings. I was one of the first to get into our property after the water went down and I have to say I really thought we were finished as a congregation. I was so wrong! God's love poured over us through the overwhelming kindness of individuals, churches, and our church body. WELS Builders for Christ helped restore our church, fellowship hall and parsonage. Our church was rededicated October 29, 2006. 41 of our neighbors' and members' homes were rebuilt by WELS Kingdom Workers - Faith in Action group. In all, 1,300 volunteers have come to help us. Ample funds were generously donated to pay for it all. I wish I could tell you what it's like to have been among the recipients of all this care and love. It's completely amazing! It's awesome and impossible to comprehend!

I've been writing Christian songs for the last 14 years, including a song about my personal experience with hurricane Katrina. I have recorded 7 Christian CDs: ***"Lifted"*** in 2006 and 2007, ***"Feed Your Faith"*** in 2008, ***"Let Christ Be Known"*** 2009, a collection of

hymns also in 2009, ***“Jesus Is the Man!”*** finished in October 2010, ***“One Cross, Three Nails”*** done in July 2012 and my new one ***“Jesus Wins!”*** December 2016.

I played music professionally for 30 years on the west coast. I was an atheist until age 33, and after that sort of a new-age spiritualist. 9 years later I became a Lutheran and a Christian at the same time in 1995. Faith Lutheran Church and Pastor James Oldfield in Anchorage, Alaska were my first church and pastor. We went through a 22-week Bible study course together. Pastor Oldfield read to me out of the Bible when I asked him all of the hardest questions I could think of and after 6 weeks of his class I was given the gift of faith by the Spirit working through God’s Word. My life completely changed, of course!

On November 10, 2012, I was married to a wonderful lady, my wife Cindi. We live in Huntsville Alabama, known as “Rocket City” because of all the NASA-related activity here. My plans are to continue a limited schedule playing music in our churches around the US about 25 weeks per year.

I lost all my musical equipment in the flood following Katrina, but generous WELS members gave money to replace it, and I've got some really wonderful new gear. I have a deep desire to go sing my songs and tell the happy story about Jesus and meet and worship with my brothers and sisters around the USA. This thing God is letting me do is a dream come true for me!