

Greg Smith

*Band Director*



I'm excited to begin my 3<sup>rd</sup> year as Band Director here at Unity Christian School!

I grew up in Rome, played drums in marching concert and jazz band until graduating from West Rome High School in 1981 and Berry College (BA Music Performance) 1987.

I met my wife Kelly, also a Rome native, became a born again Christian and was both baptized (1992) and married in her childhood church in 1993.

We settled in Nashville because *Southern Living* described it as the best town for music industry and healthcare industry households. I taught drum lessons as a private instructor and played professionally throughout the United States. The Lord blessed us with two sons; Thomas will be a tenth grader, Brandon will be a seventh grader here at UCS.

I returned to Berry College for my teaching certification and a second diploma (BM Music Education) in 2005.

Leading UCS Pan Drums is the coolest job I've ever had because we create music with our hands-just like playing a drum set. 2011 was the most exciting season in my career as an educator! The "*Lions of Steel*" performed at numerous venues in our community and presented a concert at Disney World in March. We were also proud to implement a traditional **6<sup>th</sup> grade Concert Band** and have begun rehearsals for the "*Roaring Lions*" **PEP Band**, which will include middle/high school brass & woodwind instrumentalists as well as drummers, guitarists, keyboard players and vocalists.

I am so proud of UCS! You are training children of faith to defend their faith. You are such a blessing to my family!

"Praise the Lord...Praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, praise him with the clash of cymbals..." Psalm 150 NIV