

## **“ Profile Story “**

***This week’s feature : Chip DiFiore “***



**Chip was born in Cleveland and grew up in Fairview Park and Rocky River. He attended Lutheran West High School and went on to receive degrees at Kent State University and 3 years at Baldwin Wallace College. He was majoring in Business. He has one sister named Ianne.**

**Chip met his wife, Meg, on a blind date and they have been married 43 years! They have raised 3 children that reside in Avon Lake. Son Eddie, who is 42, is married to Stacy with 3 of the grandchildren. Daughter Emily is 36 and is married to Matt with 1 grandchild. Daughter Elizabeth is 31 and is married to Ryan.**

**He has owned his own companies, DiFiore's Music on the west side of Cleveland with his father Ed DiFiore Sr. that was open for 53 years! Chip's current company is Salem Music Wholesale that imports musical products and distributes them wholesale to a network of music retailers.**

**Chip has been involved with the music ministry at POP since March and serves as the Music Director at the 9 am contemporary service. While the band is using a full drum kit at our services, he performs with his Congas and other percussion and rhythm instruments as well. The Latin and African heritage of these instruments offers a vision of the far reaching world we seek to serve. He loves to play percussion, and is also the music director at the Annotated Church of Jesus Christ in Elyria. Chip also plays percussion at Messiah Lutheran Church in Fairview Park for the Saturday evening service.**

**As we look forward to the upcoming Worship in the Woods services, music will be a significant contribution. Lifting up our hearts with celebrations of God's Love will be a focus as Chip leads the contemporary band.**

**People might not know that while a student at Baldwin Wallace, Chip played #1 doubles 3 years on the Varsity Tennis Team. His passion now is concentrated on music, performing and leading groups that lift up the Christian Message to all in attendance. His connections with fellow musicians will be an asset in continuing the solid foundation of the Crossfire Band!**

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