

TONY DONILE

Lead vocals, rhythm guitar



MUSIC EXPERIENCE

- Started playing guitar at age 8
- First electric guitar at age 12 (SG copy)
- Played in several church folk groups as a teen
- Joined HS choir, sang lead in Sound of Music
- Started contemporary church music group at St. Theresa, Palatine, where he met Vince (1994)
- Joined OS in 1999, first played out in Dec. '99

PREVIOUS/OTHER BANDS

- New Creation (St. Theresa)
- Cornerstone (St. Theresa)
- Old School



INFLUENCES & PREFERENCES, ROCK HEROES, ETC

- Acoustic guitar influences
 - James Taylor, Cat Stevens, Leo Kottke, Peter Frampton, Joni Mitchell, Stephen Stills, Neil Young, Andres Segovia, Tommy Emmanuel, Jimmy Page
- Rock influences
 - Humble Pie, The Who, Rolling Stones, Allman Brothers, Cream, Derek & the Dominoes, Lynyrd Skynyrd, E Street Band, David Bowie, Jimi Hendrix, Deep Purple, The Beatles, Pink Floyd
- Tony's influences are a blend of folk, rock, jazz, country, bluegrass and even big band music which he was introduced to at an early age from his parents. His father played acoustic guitar and stand-up bass and was his biggest influence, teaching him to play on his own 1940 custom made Regal Milord dreadnought made in Chicago (which has been rebuilt and is still his favorite). He grew up singing to Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett albums as a kid, and that, along with this father's lessons, was pretty much how it started. Vince pulled him into OS in 2000 after playing together in the church band, for which he is eternally grateful.