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Scott Bersaglia serves as Worship Pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Somerset, KY where he guides all aspects of the church's music program. Prior to being called to full-time gospel ministry, Bersaglia finished a decade-long tenure as Department Chair of Fine Arts and Director of Bands for Pikeville Independent Schools where he administered all aspects of the instrumental music curriculum.

Bersaglia is also the Founder and Music Director of the Sacred Winds Ensemble and President of Sacred Winds Ministries. Noted ensemble performances include the Baptist Church Music National Conference in New Orleans, LA, and two times at the Kentucky Music Educators Association Conference. In 2019, the ministry completed its second international music and mission outreach to Guayaquil, Ecuador working with the Orquesta Sinfónica Cristiana del Ecuador, the Universidad de las Artes, the Centro Ecuatoriano Norteamericano de Guayaquil, and the Orquesta Sinfónica de Guayaquil.

Bersaglia has commissioned several works for various ensembles including choral, string chamber, wind chamber, and wind ensemble, working with noted composers Donald Grantham, Evan Chambers, John Vander Gheynst, the late Jody Nagel, and the late David Maslanka, in addition to Pulitzer-Prize winning composers William Bolcom, John Corigliano, and the late Steven Stucky. In April 2015, Bersaglia's composition, *Time To Say Goodbye* (for solo trumpet and wind ensemble), premiered in Carnegie Hall.

Bersaglia earned the Doctor and Master of Music degrees, summa cum laude, in conducting from The University of Texas at Austin and the Bachelor of Music Education degree, magna cum laude, from Morehead State University. His principal conducting teachers are Jerry Junkin, Richard Miles, and Greg Detweiler. In addition to public school teaching, Bersaglia was Associate Professor of Conducting at Campbellsville University (2008-2012), Orchestra Director of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (2010-2012), and Assistant Director of Bands at The University of Michigan (2005-2008). In 2008, Bersaglia was Assistant Conductor to H. Robert Reynolds for the Michigan Symphony Band.

Bersaglia was a conducting finalist for the United States Air Force Band in 2001 and, in 2005, participated in the National Band Association's Young Conductor/Mentor Project. Bersaglia was awarded High School Teacher of the Year by the Kentucky Music Educators Association District Nine in 2013 and received the McDonald's Tri-State Teacher of the Year in 2017.

Bersaglia is a member of the Conductors Guild, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and the Kentucky Music Educators Association where he is currently the association's State Band Chair-elect. He also holds honorary memberships in Tau Beta Sigma, Kappa Kappa Psi, and Phi Beta Mu International Band Fraternities for his artistic and scholastic contributions to the field of instrumental music education. Bersaglia has published articles in several volumes of GIA Publications' *Teaching Music Through Performance in Band*. He has appeared as a guest conductor and clinician throughout the Southern United States and Midwest and has presented at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Conference, the Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians National Conference, and four times for the Kentucky Music Educators Association State Conference. In 2019, he made his international conducting debut with the Orquesta Sinfónica de Guayaquil by invitation of Maestro Dante Anzolini. In January 2022, he was appointed Director of the Somerset Big Band

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