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Crimson Tide is Central Michigan's Christian Rock & Blues band. The band's first studio album entitled "Are You Ready?" was completed in August 2006. Eight original tunes display the varied musical backgrounds and life transitions of the band members.

Crimson Tide members:

Jim Bailey - Lead Vocals, Rhythm Guitar

Jon LaFrier - Lead Guitar

Jim Olson - Bass

Mike Walkowski - Drums

Band Info:

Born and raised in the Central Michigan area, the members of Crimson Tide have varied backgrounds and life experiences. This provides the ingredients for a fresh, unique sound and lyrics that state clearly their mission to spread God's word to as many people as possible. The members have a wide range of experience in music ranging from Rock to Blues to Country to Folk to Bluegrass to Jazz to Gospel and Praise music. All four members contribute to the lyrics and music, combining their individual styles to create a sound all their own.

Crimson Tide is fronted by singer & rhythm guitarist Jim Bailey, who writes:

"I always dreamed of being a rock 'n roll star. With musical influences like Alice Cooper, Led Zeppelin, Queen, Van Halen, Styx, Lynyrd Skynrd, Bob Seger and many more of the early 70's metal bands I tried to play but could not. I loved the lifestyle and lived it to the fullest. In June 2001 I was invited to a Biker Sunday. I know I had been in God's hands since birth but finally on that 23rd day in June 2001 I realized it and surrendered completely. Feeling the call of God on my life I was sent to El Salvador later that year and again the next summer. In the summer of 2002 I was given the gift of music! I love serving God and I want others to have the same incredible feeling."

Lead guitarist Jon LaFrier says this scripture is one of his favorites:

"Proverbs 4:23 - "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life" Jon's influences include many artists within the Jazz, Rock, Southern Rock, Blues and other genres of music. While he spends most of his spare time with his family, Jon is also an avid hunter.

Holding up the foundation of the band's groove is bassist Jim Olson. His message is:

"I believe God gave us the gift of music so we could praise Him with it. I want others to have the same incredible feeling of joy that I feel when I'm praising God with music."

Jim's musical influences are too broad to list. Starting with drums at 12, guitar at 13 and bass at 14 he has played with a wide variety of musicians and styles of music over the years. Influencing his guitar and bass playing were artists like Chet Atkins, Roy Clark, Mike Anthony (Van Halen) and many other Rock and Southern Rock musicians. Motorcycle riding is one of his many hobbies.

Percussion is handled by the band's most off the wall member, Mike Walkowski. Mike has a crazy sense of humor and extensive experience in many different styles of music. Percussion is his forte' and it shows with the wide range of methods he has for keeping a beat.

This group of friends and musicians known as Crimson Tide have but one mission – to serve God by spreading His message through their spirit-given songs. Everyone deserves to know our living God, Crimson Tide will do our best to carry out this vital mission. God Bless!