

Ed Girling

Ed Girling is a retired music educator.

Mr. Girling taught band and music in Mississippi for 38 years. His last official job was as Director of Bands at East Central community College. Before that he served as director at 8 different schools from 1982 -2010. he received STAR Teacher honors in 1998 while working at Scott Central. Mr. Girling also served two years as the director for the Scott County Honor Band.

Girling has served as a festival judge, as a band clinician, and as a guest conductor. He is experienced in organizing and administering clinics and contests. He is also a music arranger and composer.

He is a former president of the East Central Mississippi Band Directors' Association and the Mississippi Private School Association. Girling is also a Past President for the Mississippi Junior and Community College Band Association (MJCCBA). He is a longtime member of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia (Theta Upsilon Chapter) and the Percussive Arts society.

A graduate of Pass Christian High School, Girling holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Music Education and a bachelor's degree in Percussion Performance from Delta State University.

Currently Mr. Girling resides in Carthage, MS, with his wife Karen, who is also a retired music educator. Their daughter Anna is currently the Band Director in Sebastopol, MS. All three are proud graduates of Delta State.

Mr. Girling currently consults as a percussion instructor for several schools in the area and enjoys playing in the band County Road 757 on the weekends.

Karen Girling

Karen Girling is a retired music educator. For 32 years, Mrs. Girling taught music to students in grades pre-k to 12; Twenty-four of those years were as a band director. While teaching in the Leake County school district, Mrs.Girling was chosen twice as the Teacher of the year and once as a Star Teacher. She also is a past president of the East Central Mississippi Band Directors Association and the Gamma Zeta chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon.

Mrs.Girling holds Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music Education degrees from Delta State University. She resides in Carthage, MS., Where she is a member of the Carthage Presbyterian Church. Karen and Ed will be married 30 years this July and are the proud parents of Anna Girling, who is continuing the family trade as a band director at Sebastopol MS