

Joe Markley recently retired from Chapman High School after 31 years of teaching vocal music, piano and organ. He received his Bachelor's in Music Education and Masters in Music from Emporia State University. In his retirement Joe has directs the Chancel Choir at the First Presbyterian Church in Junction City for over 25 years (where he also teaches the high school Sunday School class). He continues to be active as a music director (and actor) for numerous productions at the Great Plains Theater in Abilene (a professional, Equity theater). Joe also teaches piano, organ and voice privately.

Together with his wife, Sheila, they perform for numerous groups throughout the area. Joe is an ASCAP composer with choral works published by Alliance Music. Recently Joe conducted the Emporia Community Chorus in one of his works to benefit the Habitat for Humanity.

Joe has three children who are also professional musicians. He also enjoys woodworking, gardening and reading. Joe loves the opportunity to work with talented students in the creative process of making music. In short loves to share his love of music, performance and life.