Marvin Bloomquist was born on April 17, 1930 in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He met Wanda Nesmith while in the Air Force in Texas. They were married in 1956. They have two children, Brenda Drews and Craig Bloomquist, and three grandchildren.

Marvin enrolled as a freshman at NNC in 1948. He received an A.B. degree in Music Theory and a B.Mus. in Vocal Performance. After serving in the Air Force, he earned an M.A. in Music History and Literature from the University of Minnesota. In 1970 he finished a D.M.A. in Vocal Performance from the University of Missouri at Kansas City Conservatory of Music.

Dr. Bloomquist began his teaching career at NNC in 1958 and has directed the Crusader Choir since 1968. The Choir makes an annual tour in the United States and has toured Europe 10 times, singing in Nazarene churches, concert halls, and 16 of Europe's major cathedrals.

As a Bass-Baritone, Dr. Bloomquist has sung a number of leading roles in opera and oratorio, as well as numerous solo recitals. He has sung the bass solos in Handel's Messiah 36 out of the last 41 years at NNC.

Dr. Bloomquist has also served as Minister of Music at Minneapolis First Church, Nampa First Church, and Kansas City Hillcrest.

Dr. Bloomquist is a long time member of MENC (Music Educators National Conference), NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing), and ACDA (American Choral Directors Association). He served five years as State Governor of NATS and as State President of ACDA. He is listed in a number of reference books including Who's Who in the West and Who's Who in Music.

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