
REV. RUSS' BIO

Youth Ministry Leader



Born in Brooklyn, New York to a single mother and loving family, Russell knew he wanted something different in his life. He moved to Maryland to attend Morgan State University, where he, before finding Christ, was a well-known party promoter. Now his mission and vision is to promote Jesus to everyone he meets.

Serving students,
families, and leaders
for over 10 years!

Russell received his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Morgan and his Master's of Divinity degree from Howard University. He was licensed and ordained in the AME Church under Dr. Jamal Bryant at the Empowerment Temple AME Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

While at the Empowerment Temple, Russell was blessed to serve as the

Minister to Teens, where he led the teen service “Teen Temple,” which allowed students to worship God in their own way through Step, Rap, Dance, Drama, and other styles of youth focused worship. Over 150 students attended each service.

Russell also served as the Pastor of Students and Young Professionals at The Fountain Ministries, in Florida. There he was able to create a new name, focus, and vision for the ministry. The H2 (HYDRO) ministry is focused on “being a relevant light” for students. While at the Fountain Ministries, Russell started several new ministries and improved/enhanced other ministries so that students became more involved in Church and more importantly more committed and connected to Christ. During Russell’s time at The Fountain hundreds of students connected with the ministry and Jesus Christ.



“Your youth ministry should and can lead the growth of your overall Church.”

- RUSSELL ST. BERNARD

highlighted Russell’s Eleven 22 Youth Ministry with a feature profile in it’s 2012 issue of the 100 Fastest and Largest Growing Churches in America. Russell was also honored to be interviewed on TBN (Trinity Broadcast Network) as an expert in youth ministry.

Russell’s desire is to assist churches and youth ministries in doing ministry more effectively, thereby providing students the opportunity to grow in every area of their lives. Russell is the founder of After The Music Stops LLC, which is a full-service youth ministry resource company with the goal of creating youth ministry resources and tools to assist leaders and parents as they serve their students. Current releases under After The Music Stops LLC can be

Rev. Russ leads out in ministry with a sense of compassion and fearlessness. There are few leaders in student ministry who are capable of connecting students to Christ with such relevant approaches to teaching God’s Word.

Pastor Matt Boone

found and purchased through the online bookstore. Titles currently include “Fresh, What is Love?, Devoted, The Proverbial Girl, After The Music Stops, and Wild Ones Wanted”. Russell is currently the Youth Minister at Reid Temple AME Church’s North Campus in Maryland, over the Eleven 22 Youth Ministry, where students Learn their faith, Live their faith, and Lead with their faith. The Eleven 22 Youth Ministry has a student service on Saturday Night’s called “The Remix”, where hundreds of students have received and committed their lives to Christ since the service began.

Russell is the proud husband of Erica St. Bernard and the proud father to Karis Olivia St. Bernard. They currently reside in Maryland.

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