

CHRIS BYRD

"It's always the right time to praise the Lord!" That's the life-governing philosophy of recording artist/producer/songwriter/singer/preacher/author Chris Byrd. With a music ministry background dating back to his piano and organ church debut at age 5, Chris knows the power of praise...and has learned how to praise the Lord in all situations. Chris accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the age of 12 years old. He received his call to the ministry of preaching the gospel in 1990 under the leadership of Pastor Rance Allen, and served as a Lay Minister and Minister of Music at the New Bethel COGIC.

Chris has traveled nationally and internationally preaching the gospel and ministering in music. In the ministry of music Chris has had the opportunity to travel many places, and meet many people, such as John P. Kee, who he traveled with and worked as music director for approximately two years, and currently serves as music director and producer for The Rance Allen Group. Working and traveling with Kee, and Allen has taught him a lot about the music business and production.

Chris has been growing strong in the area of production, and has to his credit, his First Debut Release Attitude of Praise, (House of Byrd/Tyscot Records), Chris Byrd & True Victory Releases titled: Glory, Glory, Hallelujah,(Tyscot Records), Feel Him Movin', Shower Down, and Chris Byrd & True Victory "Live", Next Level, (Pulse Records), Great & Mighty (Minstrel House Music), Vertical Worship (Minstrel House Music), 'Tis' The Season (Minstrel House Music), and From Chris Byrd's Collection Of: Songs In The Key Of Love (Volume I) "Between The Sheets", (Minstrel House Music), The Minstrel's Journey (Minstrel House Music), "Vessel" (Minstrel House Music). Chris has also written and published his first book titled: "Vertical Worship" A Guide To Becoming More Effective Musicians,

Singers and Worship Leaders, and the latest CD titled: "Diversified" which marks the "Silver Anniversary Recording" celebrating 25 years of music and ministry, and features collaborations with artists such as: Bishop Rance Allen, Bishop Pat McKinstry, Journey, The Heavens, and True Victory, single release "How Good It Is" single release "Holding On To You", and single release "Supernatural Harvest" featuring: Tom & Steve Allen. Chris's most recent single & video release is a collaboration with Nikki D titled "Passing Lane" which fits in the Country/Blues music genre.

Chris has also produced other artists such as Tressa Boles, Paul Porter, Cornell Burton, Jr. & The Holyghost Posse, "Salathiel" Saxophonist, Nikki De' & The Browns, "Priscilla", Pastor Juanita Crump, Mic Sav, Brian Hurst, Myrna Allen-Austin, DK. DRU (Stellar Award Nominated) single release Man From Galilee - featuring Chris Byrd & True Victory, Paul Porter and Bishop Rance Allen, and also "Praisebreak", and "It's In The Praise", featuring: Dr. Pat McKinstry, Chris Byrd & Davidic Praise released on Tyscot records, and Dr. Pat McKinstry "It's A New Day", "In The Prayer Garden" and "A Prayer Of A Preacher For The Preacher". Produced with Keith Dobbins & RMC titled "Fill Me", produced with Dr. Rance Allen and The Rance Allen Group titled: "You Make Me Wanna Dance", (Stellar Award Nominated) "All The Way", and (Grammy Nominated) "The Live Experience", and the (Stellar Award Winning CD) "Closest Friend", and "The Live Experience II", (which has won multiple Stellar Awards), "Amazing Grace", "Celebrate", (which has also won multiple Stellar Awards), and the Stellar Award Winning CD titled: "Live From San Francisco", Christmas single release "So Glad It's Christmas", and latest single release "Love Makes The World Go Around". Chris has also written many songs for many gospel recording artists such as: Rance Allen, Dennis Byrd, Keith Dobbins, Albertina Walker, Beverly Crawford, Dr. Leonard Scott, Byron Cage, Bishop Eddie Long & New Birth, Donald Malloy, Paul Porter, Elaine Norwood, Genita Pugh, Brian Hurst, Brian Wilson, Steve Middleton, T.M. Mass Choir, Brian Courtney Wilson, GMWA Women Of Worship Choir, Gospel Heritage, GMWA "Tampa Experience",

Bishop Paul Morton, Freedom, and many more. Written, Composed and Produced the official fight song for Dr. Romules Durant and the Toledo Public School District "TPS Proud". Chris is also very active in the corporate industry in which he has written and produced jingles for radio stations such as WAMO (Pittsburg), businesses such as Shoppers World, and Cousins (Detroit), Owens Community College (Perrysburg), House of Day Funeral Home (Toledo), and many more. Chris currently serves on the Board of Directors for Toledo Metro Federal Credit Union. Chris is the Founder and CEO of the Creative Arts & Music Production Program "aka" (C.A.M.P.) which is a program and curriculum designed to prepare high school students for a career in music, and Chris has presently partnered with TPS and has initially launched this program at Woodward High School and now Rogers High School currently teaching a selected group of students basic songwriting, music programming, studio and live sound engineering, music production, mixing and mastering, and music business.

After the release of Chris Byrd & True Victory's 'Feel Him Movin', many new doors were opened. With the hit songs 'I'll Go' and 'Feel Him Movin', and video was recorded and aired on Dr. Bobby Jones Video Gospel in heavy rotation. As a result, Chris and the Choir has performed at numerous places across the country. Chris has learned to be humble (much like his Mentor, Pastor Rance Allen). With all that God has given to him, he chooses to use his gifts to glorify God.

Chris has received a Masters Degree of Biblical Studies from McKinstry Midwest College of Theology. Chris is currently the Minister of Music at Worship Center Church where Dr. Pat McKinstry is Pastor. Chris is one of God's chosen modern day Minstrels/Worship Leaders, who has been anointed to impart, to build up, to strengthen, and revive music ministries in our churches, to teach skillfulness in playing instruments in the church and leading worship services, and how to flow in the prophetic anointing, and how to strengthen relationships between Pastor and Min. of Music.

Chris serves as the G.I.N. “Gospel Industry Network” leader for the Toledo, Ohio region.

Chris's current standing in the Gospel industry which includes top ten hits, national radio airplay and a full tour itinerary.

Chris has also established his own radio show titled: “Inside Chris Byrd’s Music Box” which was formerly on 102.3 Proclaim FM.

Chris was married to his wife Bridgette at the age of 17, and they have two wonderful children Brionna and Brittney. He is the founder of True Victory Ministries, Mr. Que Publishing, and Minstrel House Music, a record label/production company, which includes The Minstrel’s Lab Studio, and Virtual Radio Show “Inside Chris Byrd’s Music Box”.

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