

Dennis Byrd Singer, songwriter, playwright, musician, vocal coach, choir director and music teacher with numerous recording projects and gospel stage plays to his credit; with an extensive catalog of original music compositions including the Gospel Music Classic, "Genesis". Dennis is no stranger to the Greenforest Community Baptist Church family. During the mid-2000s he worked with the Brotherhood Choir, the Young Ambassadors Choir and served as Worship leader for Morning and Early Morning Worship Services under the leadership of Pastor George O. McCalep Jr. composing songs for two of Pastor McCalep's books, "Praising The Hell Out Of Yourself and "When Black Men Stretch Their Hands To God". He also composed a theme song our "True Love Waits" Youth Convention. Since joining the team at Greenforest-McCalep Christian Academy he has composed several songs for the academy including our "Go Eagles" Fight Song. Professionally writing since his teenage years, his music catalog includes Gospel music, motivational and patriotic school songs, commercial jingles for businesses, personalized wedding songs, anniversary songs, birthday songs, theme songs and songs of tribute and welcome songs for churches. At the age of 13 he organized a Gospel Choir at his High School which became his first recording choir, releasing the original recording of his hit song "Genesis" in 1974. During that same year, Dennis taught his hit composition, "He Saved A Wretch Undone" to the Gospel Music Workshop Of America Convention Mass Choir, and directed the song at the Live Recording Session in Cleveland Ohio. His work as a writer and record producer spans over 5 decades and includes recordings with Woodward High School Afro-American Gospel Choir aka The Toledo Angelic Choir, University Of Toledo Gospel Choir, Bowling Green Gospel Choir, Donald Vails And Voices Of Deliverance Choir of Detroit Michigan, Dr. Mattie Moss Clark And The Church Of God In Christ International Mass Choir, New Home Church Choir Of Toledo, Ohio, Mount Zion Young Adult Choir Of Danville, Illinois and Greenforest Young Ambassador Choir of Decatur, Georgia. In 1989, he and his wife Rosalyn performed his composition, "When Dr. King Came On The Scene" with the King Day Choir in Washington D.C. During that same year Dennis wrote a tribute song honoring Dr. Thomas A. Dorsey and performed it at Thomas A. Dorsey Convention with the Convention Mass Choir.

In 2010 Dennis was honored by the Atlanta Chapter Of The Gospel Music Workshop Of America with the "Unsung Hero Award" for his songwriting and choir training skills. He was also honored at Rock Chapel Elementary School in DeKalb County Georgia, with the "Champ Award" for composing their school Alma Mater Song and for his continued support of their music program. In 2012, the Voices Of Unity Youth Choir of Fort Wayne, Indiana "brought home the gold", as they performed his hit composition "Genesis" at the World Olympic Choir Competition held in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 2015, at Shiloh High School in Gwinnett County Georgia, he pinned the words to their Fight Song and led their Freshman Choir to 1st place winnings at two Choir Competitions. Several more schools in Georgia have included his music into their repertoire including North Metro Academy Of Performing Arts, Brookhaven Innovation Academy and Delta Steam Academy where he composed their school Alma Maters and numerous songs promoting school pride as well as patriotic songs and songs for special events and holidays. Dennis is also a licensed DJ, an audio/video forensic specialist, founder and CEO of FaithWalk Ministries Unlimited, HOUSEOFBYRD RECORDS and MAMA BYRD MUSIC PUBLISHERS. In 2019 Dennis officially retired as a Senior Pastor after 45 long years, and is currently teaching Music at GreenforestMcCalep Christian Academy Decatur, Georgia and also serves as Minister Of Music at the historic Good Hope Baptist Church in Good Hope Georgia. On March 25, 2023 Dennis Byrd was inducted into the Woodward High School Alumni Hall Of Fame back in his hometown of Toledo, Ohio. He and his wife Rosalyn recently celebrated 46 years of marriage. The have raised five children and are currently spoiling nine grandchildren.