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# DR. RODNEY C. GRIFFIN, JR.

UNDERSHEPHERD OF GREATER GRACE CHURCH (MERRILLVILLE, IN)

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Dr. Rodney Curtis Griffin, Jr. a native of Chicago, Illinois was born on April 22. He began his Christian experience at an early age, and was baptized at High Mountain M.B. Church where Rev. Earlie Johnson serves as pastor. He is now a member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Johnny L. Miller. He has served on the Audio/Visual Ministry, Youth Ministry, a teacher on the Sunday School & Bible Class staff and Event Coordinator for Mount Vernon's JLM Abundant Life Community Center.

Reverend Griffin's work extended far beyond his church home. He gave leadership to the Youth Department of the Sunlight Baptist District Association and Youth Department President, Correspondence Secretary and Editor of the Baptist Herald for the United Baptist State Convention of Illinois, Incorporated. He was also a weekly Christian Education columnist for The Windy City Word, a local Chicago newspaper. He is currently the Youth Administrator for the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education and President of the Northern Indiana Missionary Baptist Educational District Congress of Christian Education. In addition, he is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Knowing that secular education is just as important as Christian education, he excelled in his studies and graduated from the H. McNelly Elementary School and graduated from Lane Technical College Preparatory High School. In 2010, he graduated from Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies and Business. On October 12, 2012 he graduated with his Master of Arts degree in Theological Studies from Faith Evangelical Seminary in Tacoma, Washington. In May 2019, Pastor Griffin was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Ministry.

Reverend Griffin accepted his call into the Gospel Ministry on December 22, 2006 and on August 11, 2007 at the age of twenty, he began his preaching journey at Mount Vernon Baptist Church making him the fifth generation of preachers in the Griffin Family. He was also ordained in August of 2012. It is evident that God's favor and hand is upon his life. Reverend Griffin has been carrying out this calling by traveling throughout the city and various states as a guest preacher, teacher, panelist, and motivational speaker. He has been blessed to preach in pulpits across the nation.

In October of 2012, Reverend Griffin accepted the call to become the 8th pastor the Saint John Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana making him the youngest pastor in the church's history. Under his leadership, Saint John experienced new growth spiritually and numerically. With nothing but his faith in God to guide him, Dr. Griffin organized Greater Grace Church in July 2014. And under his leadership, Greater Grace continues to experience a "fresh" approach to ministry.

Being a youthful preacher, he seeks to bridge the gap between older and younger generations through the teaching and preaching of God's Word.

As Dr. Griffin remains humble and loyal to the task, he earnestly desires to "Minister to the Masses with a Message from the Master".



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