## **CHRIS BENDER**

Born in Stoughton, Massachusetts and raised by his mother in Brockton, Massachusetts, Christopher

Bender was surrounded by a loving and God-fearing environment. With a foundation built on the love of

God, Chris grew up watching his family serve and operate in ministry. At the age of seven, Chris felt

compelled to know Christ as his personal savior.

At the age of thirteen, it was revealed to Chris that his purpose was to minister through worship, leading Chris to where he is today, sharing the love and gospel of Christ to the world. Chris has been privileged to minister alongside some of Gospel's most influential such as Shirley Caesar, Donnie McClurkin, JJ Hairston, Fred Hammond, and Israel Houghton just to name a few. He has also been favored to work with Rashad McPherson (Featured on "You'll Live, Not Die", 2015), Ayana McDonald, David Altenor (Featured on "We Praise You", 2015), Amante Lacey (Featured on "Alive", 2016), and Matthew Greaves (featured on "Great is Yahweh", 2017). He was also recognized for winning the 2014 "Artist of the Year" Angelic Award in the winter of 2014 and "Best New Single" Eddy Award in the winter of 2019 for his first single, "More of You". Chris has since released his sophomore single, "The Blood Song" which debuted at #22 on the Billboard charts.

Under the leadership of Bishop Robert C. Perry II, pastor of Mt. Olive Kingdom Builders Worship Center (Boston, Massachusetts), Chris serves as the International Youth and Young Adult (YYA) Music Director for the Mount Calvary Holy Churches Of America Inc. under the leadership of Arch Bishop Alfred A. Owens. Chris is a firm believer in service to the local assembly. Chris's desire is to see to it that the believers of God are instructed on the essence of vertical worship & ultimately placed before the presence of our Almighty King.

