

## **Jamal R. Vann –Biography**

### **Church**

Jamal R. Vann is a native of Philadelphia Pennsylvania. He was called to his first ministry assignment in 2004 as Youth Pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Ardmore PA. from 2004 -2006. Later he served as outreach coordinator for Brighter Day Ministries and Minister at the Greater Exodus Baptist Church from 2006-2010. Currently he serves as founder of V.I.S.I.E.N. Ministries, dedicated to "Helping Ears Hear, Minds Think, and Hearts Love".

### **Education**

Vann has completed a Master s of Arts in Ministry Leadership at Lancaster Bible College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Bible and Ministry from The Center for Urban Theological Studies of Geneva College. . Jamal feels as though his greatest educational accomplishment has come through the grace of God and began with the postponement of pursuing his own degree for a season to take advantage of a unique opportunity to help hundreds of minority youth attend college. Since then he has counseled hundreds of Christians of all ages into pursuing their call and studying to show themselves approved in some of the finest Christian Institutions of Higher Education. He has worked in various capacities as liaison between the persons whom God has called and the communities that prepare them, including Eastern University, St. David’s PA., Campolo School for Social Change, Philadelphia PA., Palmer Theological Seminary, Wynnewood PA., and the Center for Urban Theological Studies of Geneva College, Philadelphia PA.

### **Founder and CEO of V.I.S.I.E.N. Ministries LLC.**

Just as it is impossible for someone with a broken foot to run, so it is for a person with a broken heart to love. Therefore VISIEN MINISTRIES is dedicated to helping Ears Hear, Minds Think, and Hearts Heal. So that we as a people can live out the great commission to love the Lord God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We do so through Evangelism, Discipleship, Research, Writing, and the Marketing, and Distribution of our Media Productions. Recently the organization has been awarded by the City of Philadelphia a contract to provide faith based recovery services to men and women in recovery from drugs and alcohol.

Vann has remained dedicated to helping people accomplish their God given potential. In this effort he is the author of the book entitled Peasant Kings; An Anthropological and Sociological look at the Plight, Privilege, and Promise of Afro American Men. In conjunction he meets weekly with at risk minority teenage boys through his Peasant King Mentoring and Education Initiative. Not only has Mr. Vann worked tirelessly to empower minority youth through higher education, relevant sermons, and keynote speeches. He also performs as Gospel Rap artist affectionately known as “Lion of Judah” creatively communicating the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His energetic and soulful performances leave audiences wanting more. In 2011 Jamal released his first music project entitled “Peasant Kings” performing throughout the Delaware Valley and opening up for Gospel Artist such as Kiki Sheared and Ty Tribbet.

### **Family**

Jamal is the proud father of three lovely girls Journee, Jamai, and Justess Vann.