

# JAMES R. BENSON

## Youth Pastor

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### PERSONAL SUMMARY

Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry. Desire to use gifts and skills of evangelism to reach unchurched youths and cultivate spiritual growth within the lives of teens.

### EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts  
Columbia International University,  
Columbia, SC, May 2005

- Major: Bible; Minor: Youth Ministry (GPA 3.7)
- Relevant Courses: Church Evangelism, Discipleship,
- Adult Education, Counseling Youth
- Served as resident hall floor leader for 2 years with oversight of 30 men
- Assisted in planning activities and chapel programs for Student Missions Fellowship

### PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Microsoft Office, Pro Presenter.
- Positive thinking and attitude.
- Clear public speaking skills.
- Exceptional problem solver.
- Proficiency in preaching and teaching.
- Result oriented.

### CAREER HISTORY

#### Assistant Pastor of Youth

River Road Bible Church - Columbia, SC, 2002-2005

- Coordinated youth trips, camps, and other special events
- Led Bible Study for Sunday mornings along with other Youth Discipleship classes Sunday nights
- Organized family events, seminars, and other education opportunities to promote Family Ministry
- Planned and promoted various children's ministry events in conjunction with Children's minister: Vacation Bible School, Summer Music Camp, Children's Camp, P.I.T. Crew, Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt, and various special events.
- Assisted church secretary in creating and printing weekly church bulletin and monthly church calendar.

#### Camp Counselor

Camp Joy - Hickory, NC, 2000 - 2002

- Maintained and built supporting relationships with 20 children and youth ranging from ages 5 to 18
- Constructed and taught lessons directed towards younger children Sunday mornings during Children's Church and two Sunday evenings a month for Jr. Youth.
- Planned and organized at least two outings for youth each month.
- Planned and organized community service work for youth
- Kept parents and youth informed of events and programs.
- Served on the Warren Area Ministerial Association to promote ecumenical collaboration
- Created Advent plan which guided direction and participation in worship services