

Michael A. Bond is a member of Valley Brook Outreach Church. He is a native of Asbury Park, NJ. He attended Glassboro State College and majored in Accounting and Juvenile Justice. Michael is married to Paula Bond and he is father of four children.

At his church, Michael is a licensed minister and serves as the Community Services Department Director. As the director, he ensures that the community partnerships are managed and that the team is trained to meet the needs of the community. Michael coordinates the development and efforts of the Outreach Ministry, Social Action and Foreign Mission. With the Foreign Mission Ministry, Michael has traveled to Nigeria, West Africa where he served by overseeing the building of a school, working with national organizations to coordinate and speak for evangelism crusades, and sharing the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

Michael is currently the recruitment coordinator for the Building Dreams/Millennium Bike Clubs Mentoring Program. Michael brings to the Building Dreams Mentoring Program the experience of building a team who has passion, compassion and love for youth and their education, along with his ability to work with national, state, and local agencies to increase the awareness and effectiveness of the Mentoring Children of Prisoners. His out of the box approach will stimulate those who may have an interest in mentoring, while his passion and loving heart will endear him to the Mentors, Mentees and their Caregivers. Michael's favorite quote is, "Equipping our youth today, for their success tomorrow!"

Michael was the Executive Director of We Stand For Kids, a nonprofit organization designed to serve children of incarcerated parents and their families. During his tenure, he built a team of persons who worked one on one with the WSKF participants and their families. He solidified community partnerships both for mentor recruitment and training and the sustainability of WSKF through partnerships with community and state level agencies along with the Mayor of Anderson, SC. He strengthened partnerships with the Salvation Army, Anderson Recreation Department and Behavioral Health Services to assist in providing summer camp and the after school activities. Michael also ensured that along with love, that education was at the forefront at WSKF.

Prior to We Stand for KIDS, Michael was the Director/Job Coach for the Greenville Housing Authority Second Chance Program. The program was developed to break the cycle of subpar education & illiteracy, unemployment, and incarceration in Greenville youth. Michael led a team of persons with an annual \$250,000 grant. He developed a GED/education program, mentors for youth and job readiness program.