

# Rev. Derek Parson

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## EDUCATION/CREDENTIALS

Mount Vernon Nazarene University Bachelor of Arts in Youth Ministry with a Minor in Broadcasting	Graduated in 2007
Messiah College Master of Arts in Youth and Young Adult Ministry	Graduated in 2014
Ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene Mid-Atlantic District	Ordained in 2013

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<b>Youth Pastor</b> Lakeholm Church of the Nazarene 16001 Glen Rd. Mount Vernon, OH 43050 (740)397-1105	March 2021-Current
<b>Associate Pastor of Youth and Media</b>	August 2014-March 2021
<b>Interim Lead Pastor</b> Laurel Nazarene Church 94 Walnut St. Laurel, DE 19956 (302)875-7873	August 2015-May 2016
<b>Youth Pastor</b>	June 2007-August 2014
<b>Worship Pastor/Website Administrator</b>	2010-August 2014
<b>Summer Youth Pastor</b> Shippensburg Church of the Nazarene 415 E. Orange St. Shippensburg, PA 17257 (717)532-7450	June-August 2005 May-August 2006

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## OTHER MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

### District NYI (Nazarene Youth International) President

Mid-Atlantic District April 2018-March 2021

In this role I oversaw and coordinated district youth ministries and events, as well as oversee our district youth leadership team (NYI Council).

### Author

I create youth ministry resources for [www.downloadyouthministry.com](http://www.downloadyouthministry.com).

### Speaker

I have spoken at many different youth retreats, church services, camps, conferences, etc.

## **Worship Leader**

I have led worship at many different retreats, camps, churches, conferences, and district events.

## **YES (Youth Equipped to Serve) Coordinator**

YES is a Nazarene district event that I ran for high school junior and seniors who sense a call to ministry.

### **On Air DJ**

WNZR  
800 Martinsburg Rd. Mount Vernon, OH 43050

January 2005-May 2007

### **Youth Ministry Internship**

Fredricktown United Methodist Youth Group  
123 Columbus Rd. Fredericktown, OH 43019

September 2006-May 2007

### **Volunteer Youth Leader**

Sherrodsville Wesleyan Church:  
73 N. Church St. Sherrodsville, OH 44675

May 2002-August 2003

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## **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Manager** (August 2005-May 2007)

### **Food Service Worker** (August 2003-May 2005)

Pioneer Food Service  
800 Martinsburg Rd.  
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

### **Nanny** (August 2005-May 2007)

Clyde and Sarah Karhl  
6 S. Edgewood Dr.  
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

### **Server** (November 2001-May 2006)

Guess Food Service  
1117 Canton Rd.  
Carrollton, OH 44615

### **Server** (April 2000-November 2001)

Lighthouse Restaurant  
Atwood Lake, OH

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## **REFERENCES**

### **Rev. Todd Risser**

Pastor (former boss)  
Mount Vernon First Church of the Nazarene

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toddrisser@comcast.net

### **Dr. Kenneth Mills**

Former District Superintendent  
Mid-Atlantic Nazarene District

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### **Rachel Hill**

Former Co-Worker (Children's Director)  
Laurel Nazarene Church

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### **Sarah Donohoe**

Former Youth Ministry Volunteer  
Laurel Nazarene Church

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