



Pastor Raimon “Rai” Jackson

Raimon “Rai” Jackson (Ra-moan / Ray), is a visionary leader, artist, and innovator whose life’s work bridges ministry, music, and creative expression. Born and raised in the DMV area, Rai’s unorthodox approach to faith and artistry has earned him recognition as a Spiritual Entrepreneur and multifaceted communicator known for building bridges across communities, cultures, and generations.

Pastor Rai is the founder of *The Well*, a creative arts and conscious awareness faith community designed to reach those seeking authentic spiritual growth and genuine community through the integration of the arts. He has also provided pastoral leadership at The Bridge, a community-based outreach ministry of Asbury UMC in Washington DC and the Table, a multi-cultural, multi-generational ministry in the DMV.

With a passion for Jesus and people, Pastor Rai has dedicated his life to crossing traditional barriers as a pastor, church planter, spiritual life coach, nonprofit leader, public speaker, social justice facilitator, and creative artist. Often referred to as “the community pastor,” Rai’s influence extends across cross-denominational, multi-ethnic, multi-generational, and multi-economical spaces. His journey includes planting and growing youth and young adult-focused ministries, leading nonprofit initiatives, and facilitating meaningful dialogue that fosters connection, healing, and understanding.

Considered a pioneer in his areas of ministry, he travels the country as both a leader and lifelong student—attending, leading worship or speaking at conferences to teach, train, and continue learning about modern expressions of faith, worship, and leadership. His work emphasizes authenticity, inclusivity, creativity, and meaningful engagement with both church and community. Rai is currently receiving formal theological training from Wesley Theological Seminary

Rai’s artistry is central to his identity. Beginning his musical journey at age four, he mastered classical, jazz, and gospel music, laying the foundation for his career as an award-winning pianist, songwriter, producer, and smooth baritone vocalist.

On stage, Rai delivers dynamic performances that weave together music, inspiration, storytelling, and authentic connection—earning him the title of *The R&B Pastor*. His creative work also extends into acting, including performances at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and roles in award-winning short films.

Rai’s ministry is deeply personal. At just 22 years old, he extended his family through foster care, becoming the father to a 14-year-old boy. Later, in his late 20s, he took in a 15-year-old. Through his sons, Rai became one of the youngest “pop-pops” (grandfathers) by age 25. He now has 11 grandchildren and a great-grandson who continue to inspire his heart for family, faith, and legacy.

Whether preaching, mentoring, composing, producing, or performing, Rai Jackson’s mission remains clear: to live authentically, inspire others, and create spaces where faith, creativity, leadership, and human connection can thrive together.