

## ABOUT Mr. E. Dukes Biography

Mr. Ernest Dukes Jr. is married to the former Amy D. Resse. They have one child between them (6) outside and (8) grandchildren. He enjoys teaching Martial Arts, watching action movies, fellowshiping with family and friends.

He is gifted by God as a Drummer with the calling and desire to serve God through music.

A strong supporter and advocate for the young adults and has conducted workshops and seminars.

Mr. Ernest Dukes Jr. is the son of the late Elder Ernest N Dukes Sr. and Minister Doris J Dukes. Born on Oct 14<sup>th</sup> in Opa Locka, FL He was nurtured by his late Father, in strong religious and moral values, along with his (3) sisters.

Mr. Dukes was very young when he first realized his calling into playing music for the church. As one of the top youngest drummers in the state they called him the Kicker. No supernatural acts of God were necessary to compel him to play. "There was no light or anything like that" Mr. Dukes said. "It was just an assurance that I had, that this was what God wanted for me to do."

He is a spiritual motivator, he leads by example and has transformed young Church members throughout the denomination. He is a consummate visionary and knows how to inspire others who share his vision. Mr. Dukes devoted his time in helping as many young people as possible in the Church. His passion is to lead others to a closer relationship with Jesus, he's doing what God wants him to do.

Mr. Dukes said "some people think I should be a minister, but it's not my calling. "We have to be ready to meet the demands of this changing world," said Dukes of the recent events.

"It is imperative for us to advocate for the saints of the denomination during these tough economic times. We must also have an opportunity to voice our concerns about important social issues that test our faith, and we must hold true to traditions that remind us of our sacred covenant with God."

No matter how successful, Mr. Dukes continues to keep his focus on the Lord and keeps his favorite biblical verse in mind at all times.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33 KJV)



# His Professional Career and Background

Mr. Ernest Dukes Jr. is also one of the world's Greatest Martial Arts Masters

Hanshi – 10<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt

48+ Years in the Martial Arts

President / Founder of the KBMA Hall of Honors Awards

Tournament Promoter of the Kuro Bushi Martial Arts Championship

13 consecutive years

Owner / Chief Instructor of Dukes Martial Arts Academy in Charlotte, NC

Won the 1990 World Middle Weight Kick-Boxing title – Pro record (34)-(2)-(32) KO's



Mr. Dukes is one of the most honored men by martial artists and government officials alike. He's a highly respected role model and truly one-of-a-kind!

His Seminars, Demonstrations, Tournaments and fundraisers or any other related Church events.

Mr. Dukes served as a Police officer Defensive Tactics Division for 2 years

Served as a U.S. Bounty Hunter for the Courthouse

Mr. Dukes served in the U.S. Military – Army 1977

Proficient in jungle warfare operations and a Certified instructor who trained hundreds of military personnel, including Special Forces and Military Police

Certified in Tai-Chi for Health

Certified Personal Fitness Trainer



Inducted into: American Martial Arts Alliance Hall of Fame - 2006 Grand Master of the Year

Battle of Atlanta Hall of Fame - 2007 35+ years of Devotion to the Martial Arts

Universal Martial Arts Association Hall of Fame – 2007 Regional Instructor of the Year

World Martial Arts Magazine Hall of Fame – 2008 State Promoter of the Year

Action Martial Arts Hall of Honors – 2009 Exemplary Dedication to the M.A. 37+ Years

The Kuroshi-Do Hall of Fame – 2010 SOKE of the Year

Mr. Dukes has received numerous awards, commendations, including Distinguished leadership award.



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