

I was born in the coastal town of Winthrop, Massachusetts, just outside of Boston, we lived in East Boston for 3 years, and then moved up the coast to where we live now, Revere, a few miles north of downtown Boston, on the Atlantic Ocean. A little boasting, if I may. A few notable people from Winthrop: Chuck Colson, author of Born Again and many other books, Steven Van Zandt, musician for Bruce Springsteen's E Street band and actor on The Sopranos, and Mike Eruzione, captain of the 1980 Winter Olympics United States national team famous for the miracle on ice game.

And from my hometown of Revere: Horatio Alger Jr, author, John Cazale, actor (Fredo, from the Godfather), and Tony Conigliaro, professional baseball player with the Boston Red Sox. And our biggest claim to fame—Revere Beach, the oldest public beach in the United States!

On May 31 of this year, I will be celebrating a life-changing event that took place 50 years ago. I gave my heart to Jesus!

At the time I was a Roman Catholic and God blessed as He directed me to a charismatic community that I fellowshiped with for a few years.

A couple of years later I felt a calling to pastoral ministry and many of my Christian friends confirmed the calling. I am still both grateful and amazed that the Lord anointed me to preach and teach the gospel to His people.

After staying in the catholic church for approximately three years the Lord uprooted me and planted me in an African-American holiness church in Boston. It was there that I built a solid spiritual foundation and it was one of the greatest times of my life! I received my license to preach and in 1981 my pastor, my spiritual father, The Reverend Levia Davis Jr, ordained me and installed me as pastor of my first pastorate.

In 1978 I met my wife Judy and we were married the following year. The Lord has blessed with two wonderful daughters, Coralie and Sarah.

Judy has been the best help-meet that a man can have in life and ministry. She has supported and encouraged me throughout the good and difficult times that we all experience. She is a gift from God!

Presently I am the senior pastor of Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church, Everett, Massachusetts, where I have been serving since February, 2017.

I have been blessed to be in fellowship with the AECC for over 10 years; serving as the Regional Director for the New England region, and for my recent appointment to the executive board.

Soli Deo Gloria!
Rev. Larry Russi