

# Nelani Kunish

## Youth Pastor

Enthusiastic Youth Pastor with one year of experience dedicated to fostering the spiritual growth of young people through engaging activities, mentorship, and guidance. Highly skilled in creating a welcoming and nurturing environment while promoting a strong understanding of Christian values. Adept at building strong relationships with youths, their families, and the church community to ensure ongoing support and commitment to spiritual development.

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## Education

### Bachelor of Arts in Youth Ministry at Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

Aug 2017 - May 2022

Relevant Coursework:  
Youth Ministry Foundations, Biblical Studies, Adolescent Development, Christian Education, Pastoral Care and Counseling, Missions and Evangelism, Church Administration, Worship Leadership, and Practical Ministry Experience.

## Links

[linkedin.com/in/nelanikunish](https://www.linkedin.com/in/nelanikunish)

## Skills

Counseling



Mentoring



Discipleship



Event Planning



Social Media Management



Public Speaking



Conflict Resolution



## Employment History

### Youth Pastor at Elevation Church, NC

Mar 2023 - Present

- Successfully developed and implemented a comprehensive youth ministry program, resulting in a 50% increase in youth participation and engagement within the first year.
- Established a mentorship program, connecting more than 100 young people with adult mentors from the congregation, leading to stronger relationships and spiritual growth among the youth.
- Organized and led multiple mission trips and service projects, involving over 200 youth participants, contributing to local and international community development and fostering a sense of purpose and unity among the youth group.
- Spearheaded a successful fundraising campaign for youth ministry activities, raising over \$25,000 through various events and initiatives, ensuring financial accessibility for all youth members to participate in church activities and events.

### Associate Youth Pastor at Forest Hill Church, NC

Sep 2022 - Feb 2023

- Successfully implemented a youth mentorship program, resulting in a 50% increase in youth engagement and participation within six months.
- Developed and executed an annual youth retreat, attracting over 200 attendees and fostering spiritual growth among participants.
- Expanded the youth volunteer program by 30%, leading to increased community service involvement and greater impact on local organizations.
- Coordinated and led four international mission trips with over 100 youth participants, contributing to the improvement of living conditions and access to education for underprivileged communities abroad.

## Certificates

### Certified Youth Ministry Specialist (CYMS)

Jan 2022

### Certified Pastoral Counselor (CPC)

Aug 2020