



Cece Jones-Davis

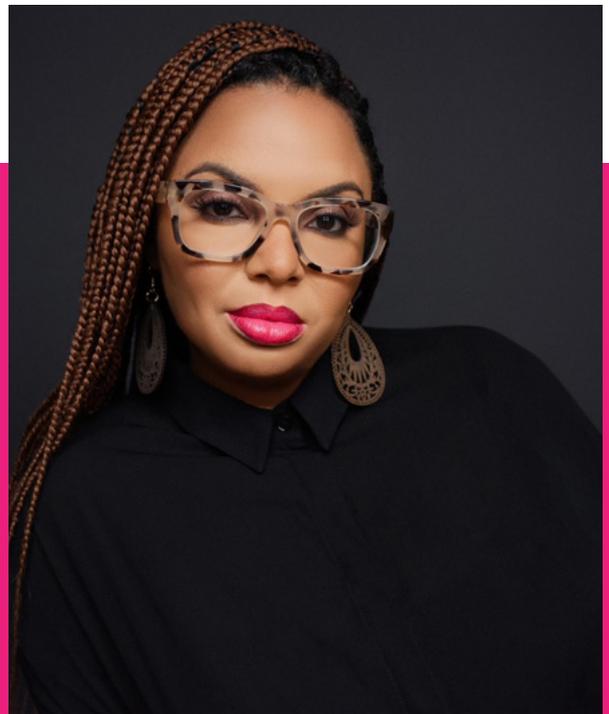
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ABOUT

Cece Jones-Davis

Award-winning faith leader, facilitator, public speaker and impact strategist

Cece Jones-Davis works at the intersections of faith, art and social justice as an award-winning faith leader, facilitator, public speaker and impact strategist to point people to the All-Powerful and the least powerful.

For the past 20 years, Cece has partnered with national organizations and brands such as Levi's and Tampax, organized and led dynamic grassroots movements and used her voice to address a range of social issues. Her activism ranges from fighting to abolish the death penalty to advocating for menstrual equity—work that she does both on the ground to create immediate impact and in high-level rooms to drive policy changes, awareness and education. She served in the historic Obama Administration under Ambassador Ron Kirk, the first African American U.S. Trade Representative, with a particular interest in global fair trade practices for indigenous communities. She is known most recently for her work in creating the #JusticeforJulius campaign that saved Julius Jones in Oklahoma just hours before his scheduled execution in 2021.

Born and raised in Halifax County, VA—the home of the legendary Henrietta Lacks and the once-largest slaveholding county in the state—Cece's life experiences have given her a unique perspective in the work she does everyday to combat racism and advocate for people living on the margins of society. Her impact has been recognized and celebrated throughout the United States, including an Emmy nomination for a KFOR News conversation on racial (re)conciliation, receiving the 2021 Change.org Changemaker of the Year Award and Special Congressional Recognition for her efforts in civil rights and social justice.

When Cece's not advocating or speaking, she's creating worship music. As a professional vocalist, she has performed across the country and is featured on Stephen Hurd's "The Overflow" and "Times of Refreshing" as well as Grace Covenant Worship albums. Her latest album, *Alive*, is available on all digital platforms.

Cece is an ordained minister in the Disciples of Christ denomination, a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and Yale Divinity School Alumni Board. She is also a wife and mother to two children whom she is raising in Washington, DC.

As Seen On:



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THE BLACK WALL STREET TIMES
Access is the New Civil Right

INTERVIEW TOPICS

Cece is an authoritative voice on

- ▶ How to Fight for Justice Authentically
- ▶ The First Step of Advocacy: Finding Your Passion
- ▶ The Privileges and Pressures of a Career in Advocacy
- ▶ What the Lord Requires: Finding a Balance in Self-Care and Justice Work
- ▶ Why the Death Penalty Must Be Abolished
- ▶ Mending the Wounds: Moving Toward Racial Healing from a Faith Perspective
- ▶ How to Find Common Ground and Work With Anybody
- ▶ Choosing to Worship While You're Winning, Waiting or Weeping

PRAISE FOR CECE JONES-DAVIS

In a world full of either/or people, Cece Jones-Davis is both/and. Bringing together the tenderness of pastoral wisdom with the fierceness of prophetic witness, Cece's gift is to navigate impossible intersections. She speaks the truth of the world as it is, but calls out the hope of the world as it can and must become. On a personal level, I would trust her with anything and don't value anything more than friendship. But on a professional level, nothing makes me more giddy than for people to experience Cece do her thing for the first time-because 100% of the time, she is going to bring the house down.

— **Jonathan Martin, author, speaker, Pastor of The Table OKC**

"Many people hear God's call to serve. Fewer have the courage to act in what they hear. Rev. Cece Jones-Davis is among the few courageous enough to resist the forces that threaten to strip us of our humanity with the ever-present power of love. We are all healed and helped by her leadership."

— **Rev. Traci Blackmon**

"Cece Jones-Davis is a powerhouse. She's got the magic combination of tender pastoral love and wild prophetic fire. And there are people who are passionate but not organized and others that are organized but not passionate...Cece is both, and that's why she's dangerous in the best sort of way. She is a history-maker."

— **Shane Claiborne**

What sets Cece Jones-Davis apart from the many other wonderful Christ-followers 'desiring to be used by God' is how God entrusts her. It is truly something to behold. Her character and integrity has been tried and tested over and over, and she has been found faithful, even in great sacrifice. I have seen it with my own eyes, CeCe is entrusted with influence, authority, ministry, and public standing beyond her massive gifting, I believe, because she will not crumble under the weight. The foundation is firm. She offers her faithful 'Yes' to her King and Savior Jesus, to any end. This is true witness. This is something generations behind her are desperate to see and follow, and yet Christ will be the center of her story when it is told.

— **Marcy Priest Jackson, Worship Artist**

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About *Alive*

Alive, the newest Christian contemporary album from singer and songwriter Cece Jones-Davis, is a compilation of contemplations. Speaking to the cultural and social moment we're in, these original songs were written first as personal contemplations and soon took on a life of their own when set to music. Streaming on all digital platforms, *Alive* offers a balm of spiritual healing in a time when the world so desperately needs it. To learn more visit <https://cecejonesdavis.hearnow.com/>.



SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. You talk about the importance of figuring out what you hate and using that to fuel action. Why does that have the potential to be more powerful than being motivated by love?
2. You have a history of jumping right in, head first, when you learn about a new issue and want to see it changed. Why is it so important to you to not just speak on issues but to actually do something about them?
3. You're known for saying-we can't do everything but we can do something about some things. How do people get started doing something about some things?
4. What's the number one mistake that people make once they begin to move beyond learning about an issue and finally doing something about it?
5. You just released a new album and have a pretty unique story of battling thyroid cancer during that time? Can you tell us more about that journey?
6. You create and lead worship music. What's exciting or compelling to you about this genre of music?
7. Can you tell us more about your work in menstrual advocacy? Why is it so important to you and why should other people care?
8. What's something that most people would be surprised to learn about menstrual equity or the lack thereof?
9. You're the woman behind the Justice for Julius campaign. What drew you to this work?
10. Why is abolishing the death penalty critical to criminal justice reform work?
11. Finding the intersection of faith and justice is hard for some - what's so powerful about it and how can people find their own intersection?
12. With your hand in so many different projects, what's next for you?
13. Where can people find out more about you?