

# Biography **TINA MASON**

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Tina Mason is a "4 11" energetic, creative, loving young lady. She is happily married and mother of one lovely daughter. She was born in Memphis, Tennessee but grew up on the Westside of Chicago. She graduated from Westinghouse High School and went on to Illinois State University. At ISU she received a Bachelor of Science Degree with a concentration in Photography. Tina loves the arts, beside photography she also can draw, paint and dance. After working for years as a photographer, she discovered a new love through her church which was teaching children. She attended Triton College where she received an Administration Certification for Early Childhood Education.

Tina was an early childhood teacher for 15 years within those years she also ran her own in home daycare. Tina loves for children and the arts lead her to form the churches first praise dance team. Over the many years of teaching praise dance Tina has been a choreographer for well over 60 dynamic praise and worship routines. Her skills have been recognized by several churches throughout the Chicago land area. She has offered guidance and choreography assistance to the masses. She has also taught an all boys mime team. Besides teaching dance, she was a bible study teacher and a mentor for Rock of Ages Baptist Church Youth Ministry in Maywood, IL. She is still an active member of Rock of Ages Baptist Church and teaches youth Sunday School.

Tina has returned back to her first love of photography and now runs her own photography business, Mason Photography. She uses her skills with mentor programs by offering photos shoot to encourage girls to see the true beauty within them. She is also a Zumba instructor, she teaches not only adults but children as well to get up and get moving. Tina has begun a community inspirational dance team. This program not only teaches young girls the art of dance and mime, it enriches their lives with a positive message of faith. Encouraging them to live the best life possible and seek to work their passion.

Tina's motto to young girls is " This too shall pass", you got your whole life ahead of you...don't let life one moment distract you from your goals.

