

Charisse Lane-Magdaleno was born November 17, 1978, in Chicago, Illinois. While growing up, Charisse always had the passion and patience to take care of others. It was at an early age when both her parents fell ill to different health struggles. Her mother, Annette Lane, lost her battle to Ovarian Cancer when Charisse was only thirteen years old. Now, charged with taking care of her younger brother and still ill father, she became a mother of two beautiful children. At the age of fifteen, Charisse had her first child, Khamyra Lane, a beautiful baby girl; and at the age seventeen, her handsome son, Corey Jackson Jr. Only a year later, she was faced with another tragedy with the loss of her father, Michael Lane, to diabetes. While being a young mother was difficult, she now had to adopt her younger brother. Charisse was determined not to be a part of the statistic that society labels young black teen mothers. Charisse graduated high school on time in 1996 from Academy of Our Lady. She always fell back onto one of her already instilled values and did nothing but work hard to provide for her family.

After graduating high school, she attended College of Office Technology where she earned her Certification in Microsoft Business which put her in the world of Accounting. After working several years in her career, while raising 2 children and her brother wanted more for herself and her family. Which lead her to pursue higher education by obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Business Management with a concentration in Accounting and Finance from DeVry University. She obtained this degree while working a full-time job and attending classes full-time in the evenings. From her past experiences and tribulations, that shaped the woman she had become, it was in her nature to care for others.

After choosing First Paradise Missionary Baptist Church to be her place of worship, she was chosen to be the Pastor's Care Ministry President which she proudly served for 4 years. Her vision of helping others especially young girls grew stronger wanting to mentor and provide knowledge to our young girls. This passion led her to reach out to a childhood friend, Victor Junious, who already started his own non-profit organization that mentored young men under the P.E.N. Pals Male Mentoring Program. With the help the of JaShawn Hill, Co-Chair of Imago Dei Ministries, in October 2014, we were able to launch I.D.M. first female mentoring program D.O.V. (Daughters of Virtue). Today, Charisse is blessed to serve as President of the Board and Director of Programing of Imago Dei Ministries.

Charisse married her best friend Jose Magdaleno in November 2018.