

## JAMIE RASMUSSEN VITAE

### History

Prior to his ordination, Jamie served as Pastoral Care Intern at Willow Creek Community Church in Illinois, working with an active singles group and counseling and leading a weekly support group for couples experiencing marital breakdown.

Jamie was ordained in 1991, serving as Associate and Executive Pastor at Grace Community Church in Detroit, Michigan, giving leadership to the adult ministries, oversight of small group ministries, management of internal operations of the church and implementation of the *Grace Counseling Center*, an off-site, mental health outpatient clinic.

He and his family were called to London, Ontario in 1999 as Senior Pastor to transition a historic, traditional church into a contemporary, small-group-based, outreach-focused church. God worked thru this transition to grow the church by 29% in two years.

Previous to his current position as Senior Pastor at Scottsdale Bible Church in Scottsdale, Arizona, Jamie was Senior Pastor at Fellowship Bible Church in Chagrin Falls, Ohio for six years. God used Jamie's giftedness in teaching, management, vision-casting and strategy development to grow the church from 650 to 1400, including the building of a new Worship Center and Youth Ministry Center.

### Current Ministry

Jamie Rasmussen was called to be the Senior Pastor of Scottsdale Bible Church in Scottsdale, AZ in the fall of 2007. As the principal teacher at their five weekend worship services, Jamie also acts as the primary vision-caster for the church of 6,000 adults and is ultimately responsible to the elders for the health and growth of all their ministries and staff.

With God-given gifts in teaching and leadership, Jamie brings a unique combination of well-reasoned research, life experience and authentic application to his teaching. Believing deeply in both reason and biblical revelation, he loves to understand and apply the truths of the Bible to everyday life. Having a driving passion for the local church, Jamie's leadership style is both visionary and strategic. More than all of this however, Jamie loves God and commits every day to helping those around him understand and know God on a deeper level.

### Additional Ministry Activities

In addition to his responsibilities at Scottsdale Bible, he leads a men's community Bible study which targets men in the marketplace and purposes to help them walk with God and also lead other men to a saving knowledge of Christ. He is also actively engaged with a consortium of Valley-wide pastors who meet regularly to strategize and support one another.

Pastor Jamie is on the Board of Directors for Phoenix Seminary—whose goal is to equip students to

think biblically and independently so they can constructively apply biblical truth to vital areas of ministry. Evidenced in his strong advocacy for community involvement, he has also served on the Board of Directors for St. Mary's Food Bank in Phoenix—the second largest food bank in the nation.

Jamie also serves on the Board of Directors of the Communication Institute and is a Network Speaker at its annual European Leadership Forum. Communication Institute exists to teach, equip, and encourage Christian leaders in the US and around the world. They identify critical leadership needs and serve as a catalyst in developing strategies to meet them.

The European Leadership Forum was initiated by Communication Institute's Director Dr. Greg Pritchard in partnership with a number of European leaders. It is a coalition of evangelical Christian groups seeking to do what no single organization could do alone: provide a bridge between God's global resources and local leaders.

Jamie has traveled extensively to Mexico and China, as well as Tanzania, Egypt, Jordan and Israel in order to take a pulse of needs and engage his congregation in meeting them.

## Education and Continuing Studies

### Master of Divinity

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL 1990

### Bachelor of Arts

Religion and Psychology, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI 1986

- *Advanced School of Spiritual Direction*, Dr. Larry Crabb (2006)
- *School of Spiritual Direction*, Dr. Larry Crabb (2004)
- *Church Leadership Conference*, Willow Creek Association (2003)
- *Leadership Summit*, Willow Creek Association (1999, 2001)
- *Executive Pastor's Forum*, Leadership Network (1997)
- *Small Group Pastor's Forum*, Leadership Network (1995, 1996)
- *Breaking the 400 Barrier; Breaking the 800 Barrier*, Fuller Institute of Church Growth (1992, 1994)

## Personal Commitments and Interests

Jamie is married to his wife, Kim, and together they have three adult children: Hannah, Abby and Paul.

Jamie and his family love to hike, explore remote areas (preferably in a rugged 4x4) and are connoisseurs of great action movies and stimulating board games. His hobbies include classic car restoration and computers.

Understanding that “leaders are readers,” Jamie can be found reading books simultaneously in four categories: theology, leadership, cultural/societal trends and history. His current favorite fiction writers are John Grisham and Vince Flynn.

## Languages

English: Maternal

German: Written, oral, reading and aural proficiency

Hebrew: Written, reading and some aural comprehension

Greek: Written, reading and some aural comprehension