

Jamie Rasmussen

Jamie Rasmussen is the Senior Pastor of Scottsdale Bible Church, one of the prevailing congregations in Arizona and the United States. For the past 11 years, SBC has been regularly listed on Outreach Magazine's Top 100 lists of largest and fastest-growing churches. Since the commencement of his leadership, the 56-year-old church has experienced steady growth by being a community of Christ-followers marked by unwavering faith and unconditional love. The church now welcomes more people to its weekend services than at any time in its storied history. Under Pastor Jamie's leadership, the church has grown from one campus with five weekend service offerings to two campuses with 10 worship services. Offering a range of worship styles in multiple venues across its multisite campuses and the Internet, Scottsdale Bible reaches an estimated 12,000-15,000 people each month with Pastor Jamie's transformational messages, and average weekly worship attendance exceeds 6,000 adults. The church flourishes in both ministry and missions, offering its congregation more than 400 small group opportunities, a full discipleship program tailored to each person's journey with God, 15 local ministry partnerships, support of more than 48 international missionaries, and a missions footprint in regions around the world including North America, Central and South America, Western and Central Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Pacific Asia.

Pastor Jamie's influence is seen in his hands-on approach to ministry. He annually participates in international missions efforts and has invested several years of leadership development with pastors through the European Leadership Forum (ELF). He is actively involved in local and national pastor leadership consortiums designed to strengthen the pastor as leader and benefit the congregations they serve. Pastor Jamie sits on the boards of Phoenix Seminary and the Forum of Christian Leaders. He has also served on the board of St. Mary's Food Bank, the largest food bank in the nation.

Jamie is an in-demand communicator who has spoken to crowds and congregations in venues around the country and the world. As his full schedule permits, he preaches chapel and graduation keynotes at respected institutions, and is a guest speaker in esteemed pulpits. He is also a respected authority on church leadership and current Christian thoughts and trends, addressing groups like the Center for Arizona Policy and Alliance Defending Freedom. He averages about one speaking engagement per month outside of his local church speaking.

Jamie's writing has been published in *Nelson's Annual Preacher's Sourcebook, Volume 4, by O. S. Hawkins (Editor)*. Published in 2014, this resource book includes two of his most popular message series which are offered as sources for preaching and teaching. His first book, *How Joyful People Think*, published by Baker Books, releases nationwide July 31, 2018. He has begun initial drafts of his second book, due for publication in 2020.

Jamie holds an earned Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Psychology from Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan, and an earned Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. He has been an ordained pastor for more than 25 years and has served growing churches in Detroit, Michigan; London, Ontario (Canada); and Cleveland, Ohio.

Jamie was raised in Chagrin Falls, a small town outside of Cleveland, Ohio. He regularly speaks fondly of his beloved hometown. The son of a Harvard-educated attorney, Jamie was not raised in an evangelical Christian home, but learned to think critically and passionately from a young age and accepted Christ as Savior at the age of seventeen.

Jamie is married to his wife, Kim (also from his home town), and together they have three adult children. He and his family enjoy hiking, exploring remote areas (preferably in a rugged 4x4), and viewing great action movies. Jamie is an avid reader, continually exploring a range of subjects in the areas of history, theology, philosophy, leadership, and culture/church trends.