



WELCOME

JUSTIN SMITH & HIS FAMILY!

Testimony

Justin has spent all his life as a part of Cielo Vista Church. During a Youth Camp worship service in 7th Grade, he came to know Christ as Lord and Savior. He knew in that very moment that God wanted him in worship ministry of some kind. In March 2009, he completed a one-year training program at New Life School of Worship in Colorado Springs Colorado, where God began to grow his understanding of worship in multiple church settings. Since that time, he has served in various ministry roles at Cielo Vista. He and Aimee were married in 2013, and God has given them three active boys, Hudson, Kyle and Graham.

Ministry Experience

- **Worship Pastor & Communications Director / Cielo Vista Church - 11/2016 to Present**

Current Ministry Roles:

Worship Pastor- Facilitate the worship of the church through music ministry. This includes shepherding the worship and tech team members and developing the team members to be excellent in their faith walk, teamwork, and levels of performance. Oversee the church's technical team for video streaming and production for the various ministries. The team includes a staff of 7 individuals and 75 volunteers.

School of Worship (SOW)- SOW was formed as a process to develop, recruit, and assimilate volunteers for the worship ministry. It is an 8-week program to develop spiritually and musically persons for work in the ministry. Training consists of biblically defining worship and instrument lessons, with the desire to develop personal worshippers who use their gifts for the glory of God.

Communications Team- The role of the team is to effectively, accurately, and quickly communicate information. This team is also the creative arts team staffed by three people and several volunteers. This team helps plans for special services such as Easter and Christmas and handles the website and social media presence for the church. They also produce the weekly online worship services.

The Porch- A ministry to young adults. Partnered with Watermark Church in Dallas, where sound and relevant teaching is live-streamed every Tuesday night. Reaches app. 150 young adults each week. This role is to shepherd, equip and resource the volunteer leadership teams.

- **Assistant Worship Leader /Cielo Vista Church - 10/2012 to 11/2016**
- **Youth Worship Leader /Cielo Vista Church - 7/2009 to 10/12**

Education

Grand Canyon University – BA; Christian Studies with Worship Emphasis. Anticipated completion 06/2021



Joint Statement from the Personnel and Finance Committees:

We, the Personnel and Finance Committees, would like to bring this prayerful and enthusiastic recommendation to the church family: that GraceLife extend a "call" to Justin Smith to serve our church family in the role of Worship Pastor. It is our sense that the Lord is providing in Justin and his family the pastor that God has chosen to lead and nurture us both spiritually and musically as we continue to exalt Christ and bring others to Him. In so doing, we express our deep gratitude to the Lord for His faithful provision, and we extend to Justin, Aimee and the boys our sincere blessing in this new endeavor.

Personnel - David Broaddus, Chairman; Buddy Bane, Rhonda Phillips

Finance - Tod Campbell, Chairman, Chad Bolding, Rolfe Grubb, Jerry Waddy



Comments from our Worship team and our Production team:

I truly enjoyed interacting with and getting to know Justin and Aimee. Justin is very talented, vocally and musically. I felt his approach to leading both our band and congregation in worship was from a very humble and genuine place. He was very attentive to everyone in the band during practices. I appreciated his desire to hear our thoughts and feedback. For it being his first time playing and singing with us, everything went exceptionally well! Also, his wife Aimee seemed very genuinely sweet and approachable. I enjoyed the conversations I had with her and felt it was evident that she has a heart to follow after the Lord.

I thoroughly enjoyed the past weekend getting to work with Justin Smith. You could really see his heart for worship during rehearsal and in the service. He was very professional at all times and was very knowledgeable. He was open to hearing about how we did things and was very polite about offering new ideas to tweak details. It was also great to speak with him about just life in these days and his experiences in Texas in general. I feel he would be a good fit for GraceLife if he is called to be here. It's exciting to see what God is doing in the circumstances and I'm looking forward to future worship opportunities with Justin should The Lord move in that direction.

(Justin) came across as humble and really wanting to be who God wants him to be. He is extremely talented both as an instrumentalist and as a vocalist. He understands the limitations we have with our technical side, but he also knows where we want to go and seems willing to help us work to get there. He understands the true purpose of worship, and I really feel like he knows it's not about him. When we talked about GraceLife's core values, he was already familiar with them. Regarding excellence, he said that his view was that excellence was not the end product, but rather the process we would use to achieve the end product. I thought that was a good perspective. Aimee was so sweet and genuine in our conversations and I see her as someone that would fit well with the staff wives. I think Justin represents where we think God is taking us. With the background, skillset, and time that Justin has, we could continue on the path to become the church God wants us to be. I would be glad to work with Justin, and I think he and his family would be a blessing to GraceLife.

The gifts Justin shared in the moment he was here - his musicianship, and the heart to be in the center of the ministering presence of the Holy Spirit, complements the heart of our current worship pastor and those of the church's past. Praise God for the Gifts he has gathered in this location - for His purpose of reaching the Lost. I would hope that Gods will be done in Justin and Aimee's life, and that they can call GraceLife home for as long as God Desires.



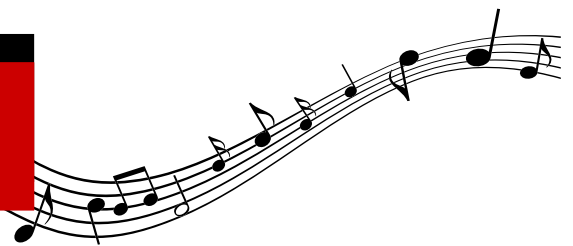
Continued Comments from our Worship team and our Production team:

Justin prayed at the beginning of rehearsal that we would worship in Spirit and in truth with nothing of the flesh. The LORD answered abundantly. Justin's musical ability was shown by his ability to hear all instruments and make adjustments that needed to be made. He did the corrections or "tweaking" in a gentle way and with understanding, stopping after each song and giving time to rehearse for confidence in playing. Justin's ability to play both guitar and keyboard is an asset for leading musicians. Justin's musical knowledge and his knowledge about both types of instruments as well as being able to play and give instruction on both instruments is an advantage. Rehearsal time was made comfortable with his leading. Justin listened and responded appropriately during rehearsal and ended rehearsal when he had made sure all of us were confident in what we were playing.

Morning worship was inspiring. The three songs he chose brought my heart to the wonder of what our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ has done for me and who I am in Christ—amazing love and worthy of our worship! During worship, Justin led us with confidence, musical ability and gentleness through his singing and playing to the glory of our LORD! From my first impression of Justin, I believe that Justin is a gifted musician who has the ability and heart to lead us to worship God in Spirit and in truth. His selection of music confirmed he understands the elements that should be in our worship time. His first song, "All To Him" is my new favorite. This song was exciting and brought about sounds for rejoicing in our LORD Jesus Christ. A good heart preparation for the sermon.

My interactions with Justin over the past weekend were nothing short of exceptional. First and foremost, it was very apparent to me that Justin possesses a genuine heart for God and a heart for serving God's people. Throughout our worship band rehearsals, I appreciated and thought highly of Justin's organization and communication skills. It was obvious to me that Justin has taken the Lord's command "to play skillfully unto the Lord" seriously, as his ability to play the guitar and knowledge of music theory was phenomenal and inspiring. I admired Justin's demonstration of a humble and cooperative spirit, as he was easy to work with, helpful, positive, and encouraging. I firmly believe that Justin would be an excellent addition to our church's ministry team.

**From Dr. Stephen Müller, Interim Dean,
School of Music, Liberty University:**



Hello GraceLife family, I understand that you are considering Justin Smith to fill the role of Worship Leader at GraceLife. I think this is a wonderful idea. I have known Justin since he was a small child and have watched him grow and mature as a man, a believer, and as a worship leader. I am most impressed by his desire to serve the Body of Christ and lead God's people in corporate worship. His heart is to equip those doing ministry and not just to be in the spotlight. This humility is genuine and evident in how he carries himself on and off the platform. I believe that Justin, Aimee, and their kids will not only fit in at GraceLife, but also become co-laborers with you as you minister to your community and the world.