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I have always had a passion for communicating messages in a creative way. In High School, when that passion was coupled with leadership in my local church, it caused me to decide that I should devote my life to ministry and follow God's call. From then on I knew that God would use me to better his Kingdom and the Church. After graduating from High School I attended Pacific Christian College where I met my future wife, Shelley. After dating for 4 years we were married January 6, 1995. Our lives have been filled with excitement and adventure raising three young girls who love God and love being a part of the Church.

I believe in furthering my education and preparing myself for ministry, so in 2007 I completed a Masters of Arts in Theology degree from Fuller Seminary. My education has helped sharpen my theological foundations and has honed my understanding of the scripture. In addition to understanding the scripture I believe the church must engage the world around us, and so for the past 8 years I have worked closely with a research organization studying conflict around the world. We are continuing to study the role of faith in conflict areas.

I spent the early years of my ministry wondering when I would be ready to lead a church and preach on a regular basis. As I grew in wisdom I realized that God had gifted me not only to preach, but also with tremendous gifts of creativity and leadership. At Palm Valley Church I have had the opportunity to grow in my creativity, in my passion for communicating the Gospel message in a relevant way, and in my leadership abilities. I have learned what it takes to further a vision and lead a team of both staff and volunteers.

I have also come to realize that I will probably never be "ready" to lead a church. In fact I think when we feel the most ready to lead is probably when we are least prepared for leadership. What I have learned is that God will provide an opportunity for me to lead a church when He is ready! Until then I believe my responsibility is to do the work that He has put before me with every passion and with the full intent and desire of pleasing Him.



## INFO

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### PERSONAL

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<b>Name</b>	Sean Smith
<b>Birthday</b>	November 25, 1972 (43)
<b>Spouse</b>	Shelley Smith
<b>Children</b>	Allison (17), Kate (16) Emily (15)

### CONTACT

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# EXPERIENCE

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2006-16

## SENIOR FELLOW

### Artis International

ARTIS is a scientific research group dedicated to improving understanding of collective political and cultural violence, risk assessment, and modelling through field based research. At ARTIS, we believe that multidisciplinary field research is an essential ingredient to scientific research on human cognition and behaviour. I have been involved with ARTIS from its inception in 2006 assisting with communicating research findings in compelling and understandable way.

2008-16

## CREATIVE ARTS PASTOR

### Palm Valley Church, Goodyear AZ

As a member of the Lead Team at Palm Valley, I oversaw the Creative Arts Team which is responsible for all of the creative elements of the four weekend services, including music, audio, video, lighting and overall service production. In this role I oversee 4 full time and 6 part time employees along with multiple interns and volunteers. I also serve as part of the teaching team at Palm Valley Church. Since 2008 the church grew from 1,500 in attendance to nearly 5,000 in attendance.

2012-14

## ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

### Arizona Christian University, Phoenix AZ

I serve as an adjunct professor in the Church Ministry Department. I have developed and taught the curriculum for the Technology in Ministry class that is required for all Church Ministry majors.

2005-06

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR

### Encounter Church, Peoria AZ

At Encounter Church I assisted in planning for and implementing a new church plant. I served as an associate pastor overseeing the student ministries and worship ministries and shared the teaching responsibilities.

1996-04

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR

### Lincoln Heights Christian Church, Phoenix AZ

As the Associate Pastor I was responsible for Jr. High and Sr. High Ministries, along with worship services and many other ministries within the church. I also shared in the teaching.

# ONLINE

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# ENTERPRISE

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## DESIGN INSPIRATIONS

In 2005 I began doing creative design and consultation work. This work evolved into Design Inspirations. A creative design and consultation firm that provides work for clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to small start-up businesses and churches.

# EDUCATION

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## MAT Biblical Studies 2007

Master of Arts in Theology  
Fuller Theological Seminary

## BA Church Growth / Preaching 1995

Hope International University  
Pacific Christian College

# REFERENCES

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