

# JOHN CHISUM

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Nashville Christian Songwriters**, Nashville, TN — Managing Partner 10/2015-Present

- Provides coaching and resources to empower Christian songwriters worldwide.
- Aspires to become the premiere Christian song writer's professional association predicated on 30 years of songwriting and publishing expertise.

**Fair Haven Church**, Hudsonville, MI — Worship Pastor 01/2010-12/2014

- Called in to revitalize a failing worship and creative arts program in a flagship mega- church.
- Transitioned the worship life of Fair Haven Church from stoic to expressive praise and worship.
- Revolutionized a performance-based ministry to a vitally experiential one for platform personnel and congregation.
- Developed a greater sensibility to equip and train worship leaders and musicians at FHC, creating immersive environments through scenic design and building improvements.
- Instilled the value of using media and current communication styles to reach the surrounding community.
- Maintained weekly rehearsals and services while concurrently transforming a culture in its values and expressions of worship.
- Participated on leadership team to transition FHC from a mega-church to a multi-site model, offering insight and experience into the development of worship leaders, teams, and systems for the new campuses.

**Westside Church**, Omaha, NE — Interim Worship Pastor 09/2009- 12/2009

- Employed to step into a distressed situation to maintain current programs and to help Westside through their large-scale Christmas program while they conducted their search for their new Worship Pastor.
- Flew from Mobile, AL to Omaha, NE weekly for rehearsals and services while managing the Music Department of Westside online from his home office.
- Managed employees, recruited and led volunteers, including choirs and all musicians, and planned and led services with the Senior Pastor.

**Compass Church**, Naperville, FL — Interim Worship Pastor 09/2008- 04/2009

- Traveled weekly to conduct rehearsals and 3 weekend services for a distressed worship ministry.
- Responsible for planning and leading all music and creative elements and maintained program needs during search for new Pastor.
- Planned and directed Compass' large-scale Christmas and Easter celebrations with over 4,000 in attendance.

**Adventure Church**, Roseville, CA — Interim Worship Pastor 02/2008-08/2008

- Flew to the Sacramento area each week to conduct rehearsals and lead services.
- Adventure had grown to 6,800 members, then experienced an unfortunate congregational split.
- Assisted this church through that difficult time and maintained daily operations over 6 month tenure.

**Christ Church**, Mobile, AL —Worship Pastor 10/1999-09/2005

- Served as volunteer and interim worship leader in the early years, but joined the staff full-time in 1999.

- Transitioned this highly conservative and stoic congregation into an expressive and worshipful one by modernizing and introducing them to more current expressions of worship.
- Assisted in the transition from the historic property they held since 1826 through a building program into a modern facility when this congregation joined with The Anglican Mission in America in 2000.

**Firm Foundation Worship Ministries**, Nashville, TN, Mobile, AL —Pastor 1995-2009

- Established and maintained a non-profit ministry that focused on the renewal of local church worship practices based on guiding principles to further wholeness and worship renewal in the Body of Christ.
- Traveled to disseminate ministry message to dozens of churches, national conferences, articles and recordings.
- Ascertained skills related to the non-profit sector, fundraising practices, marketing, and product development.

**Integrity Media**, Mobile, AL —Director of Song Development & Copyright 1992-1995

- Hired by popular worship leader and then VP of Integrity Media, Don Moen, to recruit and manage songwriters for the Hosanna! Music Series.
- Recruited and managed 18 full-time songwriters and created over 200 pieces of product including recordings and print.
- He also managed over 20 employees and many arrangers, producers, and others who contributed to the system.

**Star Song Media**, Nashville, TN —VP of Publishing 1988-1991

- Managed roster of songwriters and represented all publishing interests to the Nashville recording industry.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**Liberty University Center for Worship**, Lynchburg, VA — Guest Instructor

**Regent University**, Virginia Beach, VA — Guest Instructor

**Integrity Worship Institute**, City, ST — Core Instructor

**Muskegon County Prison**, City, ST — Volunteer Chaplain

**Wedgwood Christian Services**, City, ST — Minister for abused and abandoned boys

## EDUCATION

**Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary**, Lynchburg, VA — Masters of Art: Worship Studies 2010

**The University of South Alabama**, Mobile, AL — Bachelor of Arts: Liberal Studies 2006

**Rhema Bible Training Center**, Broken Arrow, AL — Certificate in Ministry 1978-1980

**The University of Memphis**, Memphis, TN — Major: Classical Voice 1976-1977