

PROFILE

I am a pastoral leader with experience in family ministry, discipleship, pastoral care, church mergers, and church-wide ministry.

As our church has grown from a small church plant meeting in a school cafeteria, through becoming an independent congregation, and eventually merging with another church and becoming an established church of 350, I have served in a variety of leadership roles as the needs of the church, staff, and congregation have evolved.

In 2025, I transitioned to a full-time pastoral leadership role that combines shepherding and discipleship with organizational leadership and ministry strategy. My wife, who serves as the Kids Ministry Director, and I share a passion for partnering with families to raise kids who love Jesus.

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JARED NELSON

Associate Pastor | Discipleship Director

PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Mission Valley Church **October 2020 – Present**

Associate Pastor **September 2025 – Present**

- Provide pastoral leadership across discipleship, community groups, pastoral care, children's ministry, preaching and teaching, missions, and ministry development.
- Lead discipleship and group ministry by recruiting and developing leaders, strengthening group engagement, coordinating curriculum and spiritual formation initiatives, and leading the church toward membership.
- Develop and coordinate ministry initiatives across multiple areas, including children's ministry, men's ministry, family ministry and church-wide programs, translating strategic priorities into effective ministry execution.
- Build mentoring and discipleship relationships with the men of the church.
- Regular preaching/teaching responsibilities; curriculum development; sermon-based discipleship curriculum; participation in the preaching collective.

Previous Co-vocational Staff Roles at Mission Valley Church

Director of Family Ministries

- Oversaw Kids Ministry and Youth Ministry directors representing 70 children and students. Provided vision, leadership, and strategic direction for the ministries.
- Equipped parents and ministry leaders to view children's ministry as a partnership with the home in the spiritual formation of children.
- Partnered with ministry directors and their team leaders to evaluate and strengthen children's and youth programs, volunteer leadership, and discipleship opportunities.
- Created and implemented child protection policies and procedures for all adults serving with children and youth.

Church Merger Coordinator

- Coordinated the successful integration of two congregations in partnership with the elders and leadership of both churches, with responsibility for merger feasibility, budget coordination, bylaws, and liaison with legal counsel.

Executive Director

- Offered strategic counsel on vision alignment, discipleship, leadership development, and church health.
- Created ministry systems to support organizational effectiveness.
- Responsible for the church's annual budget process and accountability.
- Advised the Lead Pastor while supporting and leading staff members under his direction

EDUCATION

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary - 2012 - 2016
Master of Theological Studies

Grand Canyon University – 2021 - 2023
Master of Business Administration
Master of Science in Leadership

Arizona State University – 2008 - 2011
Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies

MINISTRY VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Mission Valley Church
(in addition to professional duties)
- Community group leader
- Worship team member

Valley Life Church - 2016-2020
- Leadership Team Member
- Finance Team Leader
- Finance Team Member
- Preaching Collective Member
- Discipleship Training Coordinator
- Leadership Pipeline Leader

Northern Hills Community Church – 2004-2016
- Young Adult Ministry Director
- Youth Leader
- Youth Worship Leader

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

iVisions Software Support Specialist
Paradise Valley Unified School District July 2024 -June 2025
- Administer and manage the district's ERP software, ensuring data integrity, user access, and system optimization.
- Perform advanced troubleshooting and root-cause analysis of technical issues related to ERP functionality, integrations, and data discrepancies.

Director of Operations
Davis Demographics - MGT March 2017- May 2024
- Provided consulting, training, and strategic support to clients and stakeholders across North America for demographic research and analysis.
- Mentored and supervised staff, supporting professional development, training, and team effectiveness.
- Led strategic initiatives focused on organizational growth, relationship development, and organizational effectiveness.