



Darrell Smith

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## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas**

**Mar 2000 – Present**

#### *Worship Director – New Heights Community*

- Founded the New Heights Worship Ministry as a volunteer in March 2000
- Promoted to part-time staff in January of 2001 and full-time director in September of 2007
- Recruit, lead and develop volunteer musicians and vocalists for service in the ministry, the church and the community.
- Provide regular teaching and spiritual development opportunities for ministry members.
- Craft and provide congregational worship for two Sunday morning services each week.
- Write and arrange praise and worship music for congregational use.
- Created and continue to administer a secure, online ministry archive for the ministry members including sheet music, charts and audio reference files.
- Developed and maintain the audio equipment inventory used by the ministry.
- Serving as a leader and member of the New Heights Production team - which provides for the set-up and take down of all audio-visual equipment each week.
- Serving as a member of the New Heights Programming Team - which designs, crafts and implements each worship service.
- Served in the New Heights Audio/Visual Ministry from 1999 to 2001
- Served on the New Heights Pastor's Council from 2001-2005
- Served as the Worship Director for the 2002 Guyana Mission Trip
- Served on the AHUMC Joshua Committee from 2004-2005
- Created and administered the first two New Heights websites and serving as an administrator for the current site.
- Provided for the writing, arranging, performance, production and publication of the New Heights *Reach Up* CD containing both praise and worship music and enhanced CD-ROM content for the promotion of the Gospel and church.

### **Chapter Three Ministries, San Antonio, Texas**

**Jan 2006 – Present**

#### *Director*

- Provide training, teaching, spiritual development, resource development and prayer support for ministries teams, churches, communities and spiritual or charity events.
- Lead classes and small groups in conflict resolution, leadership and ministry and spiritual development.
- Organize and administrate ministry participation in outreach and mission opportunities
- Perform and lead worship in varying venues, churches, communities and settings.
- Singer-songwriter and recording artist with four published full length projects and 33 original works.
- Accomplished rhythm guitar player, vocalist, and songwriter.
- 2007 Great American Song Honor Award recipient
- Featured performer at the 2008 and 2009 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo
- Featured performer for the nationally televised, 2009 Ford Holiday River Parade
- Worship Leader for the 2009 International Renovaré Conference
- Licensed artist, songwriter and publisher through:
  - American Society of Composers Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) – Chapter 3 Music & Darrell Smith
  - Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI) – Chapter 3 Music
  - Gospel Music Association – Darrell Smith

### **Walk to Emmaus, Austin, Boerne, Kerrville and San Antonio, Texas**

**Oct 1996 – Present**

#### *Worship Leader and team member*

- Recruit, lead and coordinate volunteer musicians and vocalists for service in Emmaus Christian renewal retreats.
- Craft and provide congregational worship for numerous 4-day retreats.
- Serve as worship leader for numerous Emmaus Community Candlelight and reunion events.

**Alpha Bible Study, San Antonio, Texas** **Sep 2000 – Present**  
*Worship Leader and team member*

- Serve as worship leader and team member for occasional Alpha Bible Study Courses.
- Provide worship and music for semi-annual Holy Spirit Weekend retreats.

**Chrysalis Youth Retreats, Boerne, Kerrville and San Antonio, Texas** **May 1997 – Dec 2001**  
*Worship Leader and team member*

- Recruited, led and coordinated volunteer musicians and vocalists for service in Chrysalis youth retreats.
- Crafted and provided congregational worship for numerous 4-day retreats.

**Kairos Prison Ministry, Ferguson Unit, Huntsville, Texas** **Jul 1996 – Jul 1999**  
*Worship Leader and team member*

- Led and coordinated the integration of free-world musicians and inmate musicians for worship on several 4-day prison retreats.
- Crafted and provided congregational worship for numerous prison retreats, team meeting and reunion events.
- Served as one of the retreat speakers on 2 prison retreat events.

## **EDUCATION**

**Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas** **Sep 1992 – May 1996**  
*Bachelor of Arts in English*  
*Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication*

**Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas** **Aug 2006 – Aug 2007**  
*Completed one year within the Master's of Church Ministry Program at the SMU San Antonio Campus*

- Transferred with a GPA of 3.5.

**Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas** **Aug 2007 – Present**  
*Currently pursuing a Master's in Christian Ministry at the WBU San Antonio Campus*

- Current GPA of 3.75.

## **TRAINING**

**Willow Creek Association, Chicago, Illinois** **Oct 2001 – Jun 2006**

<i>Prevailing Church Conference and Seminar</i>	<i>Oct 2001</i>
<i>Prevailing Church Conference and Seminar</i>	<i>Oct 2002</i>
<i>Arts Conference and Seminar</i>	<i>May 2003</i>
<i>Arts Conference and Seminar</i>	<i>Jun 2004</i>
<i>Leadership Conference and Seminar</i>	<i>Aug 2004</i>
<i>Arts Conference and Seminar</i>	<i>Jun 2006</i>

**Fermi Project** **April 2008 – Present**

<i>Q Conference, New York, New York</i>	<i>Apr 2008</i>
<i>Q Conference, Austin, Texas</i>	<i>Apr 2009</i>
<i>Q Conference, Chicago, Illinois</i>	<i>Apr 2010</i>

**Texas A&M University Singing Cadets, College Station, Texas** **Sep 1992 – May 1995**

- Touring member of the all-male military choir
- Participated in a strenuous vocal exercise and performance regimen touring within the United States
- Fulfilled the role of Vice-President cadet officer (Sep 1994 – May 1995)

## **Formal Musical performance and theory training**

<i>Piano</i>	<i>9 years</i>
<i>Percussion</i>	<i>3 years</i>
<i>Vocal and choral performance</i>	<i>3 years</i>