



College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

Jim Johanik

CANDIDATE FOR PASTOR OF EVANGELISM

Jim Johanik grew up just six miles east of College Church in Lombard, IL in an unbelieving, blue collar family. It was through the efforts of a Wheaton College football player who befriended Jim in high school at a church youth group flag football tournament that Jim was introduced to Jesus Christ. This man would disciple Jim throughout his high school years, regularly holding Bible study in Jim's home with others from Jim's high school, Willowbrook.

Jim would go on to attend Wheaton College where he played football and met his wife, Heidi, as they studied mathematics together. Jim and Heidi were married shortly after their time at Wheaton, and Jim began a career in the trading industry in the Eurodollar options pit at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Jim eventually worked for the exchange in its rollout of their electronic trading systems and then moved to the London International Financial Futures Exchange (LIFFE) to head up its US Technology division. During this time, Jim completed his Masters of Business Administration from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Business.

Over time, Jim heeded God's call to transition from trading technologies to enter into full time ministry, working part-time as the chief marketing officer in a small technology company, and at the same time co-founding a media-based outreach ministry, OneWay/Prayercast. Jim's ministry involvement since then has been through leadership roles with Fellowship of Christian Athletes and currently as an Executive Director for Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU), heading up Cru's marketplace leaders' ministry called Leaderimpact (leaderimpact.com).

Jim is also the head football coach at Wheaton Academy in West Chicago.

Jim and Heidi have five children: Jake, Derek, Peter, Jeremiah, Ruth and two grandchildren. Jim and Heidi have been attending College Church since 2014 and have been members since 2016.

