

John Whitsett

Name	Consulting Specialties
John Whitsett	TIPs Pastor

John Whitsett is the son of a mom and dad who met in a Sunday School class and established a family where local church involvement was highly valued and consistently modeled. During his teenage years he felt the call of God to pastoral ministry. Upon graduation from high school, he went to Bethany Nazarene College (now Southern Nazarene University) where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion. It was there he met his wife Angie, and they were married in 1980.

They went to Kansas City after graduation to attend Nazarene Theological Seminary where John earned his Master of Divinity degree. They then entered the vocational ministry, serving churches over the course of almost four decades ranging in size from five to 500 in such diverse areas as the heart of Silicon Valley, the provincial south, major metropolitan areas in the Heartland, and a town of 25000 in the middle of farm country. In addition to planting a church and overseeing the birth and development of three daughter congregations, John also worked in ministry partnership/shared facility arrangements with Korean, Vietnamese, French African, Arabic, and Spanish speaking groups. He has served on numerous boards and committees and taught online undergraduate courses in religion for his alma mater. He also currently serves on the Alumni Board of Southern Nazarene University.

Sensing the incredible cultural change happening in North America and the need to retool for a changing world so he could finish strong, John returned to school while continuing to serve in pastoral ministry and graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary in 2013 with his Doctor of Ministry degree. His dissertation was on the topic of corporate prayer.

John and Angie, who teaches sixth grade, are parents to two adult married sons. Their oldest lives in Nashville and is a freelance musician, and their youngest lives in metro Pittsburgh and works as a Geographical Information Systems specialist for an energy firm. Each of them has given them the blessing of a grandchild.

At this stage, John longs to leverage his gifts and life experience by shepherding and serving congregations during seasons of transition. Having followed three pastors with decade-plus tenures during the course of his ministry and sensing the difference in responsiveness of those congregations that had the bridge of a transitional pastor and those that didn't, he wants to lead congregations to be effective and spare incoming pastors the pain that often results when a congregation hasn't moved on emotionally from the predecessor and worked through some of the necessary transitional issues.

John is an occasional blogger, an avid reader, a faithful friend, a committed husband, an enthusiastic father and grandfather, and a caring and loving son to his parents who are now in their nineties. He loves to watch a good ball game and enthusiastically follows the Kansas City Royals, the Kansas City Chiefs, and the Oklahoma City Thunder. He and Angie enjoy traveling and have made it a practice of collecting Christmas ornaments from the various places they've visited over the years. They are also caregivers to an approximately five-year old German Shepherd/Rottweiler mix rescue dog named Molly.