# **Chris Ames**

A unifying leader, strategic thinker, and champion of clarity

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#### **EXPERIENCE**

# **Director of Digital Environments**

North Point Ministries · Alpharetta, GA · 8 Years

Identified macro-level business needs and worked with organizational leaders to define outcomes and prioritize, launch, and support technology solutions within a diverse platform ecosystem.

- Led departments through mergers, a CRM migration, and agile adoption
- Grew products and platforms from 12 to 120 with a 99.9% uptime
- Grew annual budget from \$400,000 to **\$1,200,000**
- Grew annual email campaigns from 800 to 2,100 resulting in 12 million deliveries in 2020 with a 30% open rate and <1% unsubscribe rate</li>

# Chief Product Officer, Operations, Co-founder

8BIT · Atlanta, GA · 4 Years

Led the product creation process, brand and marketing efforts, corporate finances, and ongoing product support for a fun, bootstrapped startup.

- Maintained **positive cash flow** with no LoC or debt from start to finish
- Grew core **products from 1 to 6** while leading marketing campaigns
- Flagship product **acquired by the market leader**; all other IP acquired

## **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

# Leadership Mentor

Hired to provide weekly mentoring and consulting in the areas of leadership, technology management, and organizational change.

#### **Conference Speaker & Panelist**

Hired to deliver breakout sessions and participate in Q&A panels to share expertise in the areas of leadership, technology, and marketing.

## **Venture Industry Advisor**

Hired to advise fund managers on industry trends for opportunities.

#### **PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

System Architect Full-Stack Developer Technical Support

UX Designer Quality Assurance Entrepreneur

#### **SKILLS**

Leadership

**Business Strategy** 

Digital Transformation

**Technology Decisions** 

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### DIRECTION TEAM

Appointed by a C-suite officer to advise on decisions of high impact and significance

#### DIGITAL DISRUPTION TEAM

Advisor to a cross-functional team that explored disruptive innovation opportunities

#### **LEADERSHIP 360**

Identified as intentional, affirming, and energizing by direct reports, peers, & management

# STARTUP INCUBATION

Part of a pitch team awarded incubation and angel funding

## **CUSTOMER SATISFACTION**

Led department to achieve a 90% very satisfied and satisfied rating with internal customers

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Computer Information Systems 1998 · Valdosta State University

#### FIRST CODE WRITTEN

In BASIC on a Radioshack TRS-80 at age 10