

Bio

Jay Cothren

- Born in Mississippi (1962) and born again at age 9.
- Moved to Memphis in the early 70's, attended ECS, then graduated Northpoint (SBEC).
- Graduated college, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA, Business Admin.
- Returned to Memphis, owned a couple of small businesses and also worked in sales, including as a Real Estate Broker.
- Married Julie Long, 1992. She's a long-time pharmacist, now working as a clinical specialist, consulting oncology clinics.
- Son, Corbin, is at Ole Miss & son, Aidan, is in middle school.
- Attended and then a member of Bellevue Baptist Church late 1980's till mid-90's.
- Shortly after marriage, attended, then a member of First Evangelical Church, 1994-2009.
- 2005-2008 seminary at The Master's Seminary, Sun Valley, CA.
 - Attended and then a member Grace Community Church while there.
 - Graduated with a Master of Divinity (MDiv).
- Returned to Collierville.
- Ordained by First Evangelical Church, 2009.
- Pastored a small group in Iuka, MS, 2008-2009.
- Attended and served Collierville First Baptist Church, 2009-2014.
- Attended and then a member of Collierville Bible Church Dec. 2014-present.
 - Presently serving as an elder at CBC since 2016.
- Loves:
 - My family of course.
 - Travel: I've been to all or nearly all 50 states, Israel, Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Canada, Mexico, Bahamas, various Caribbean islands, New Zealand, Tahiti, and Australia (where I spent a total of about a year). Yes, it was awesome.
 - Our family loves going on cruises. We often go with Julie's mom & dad.
 - We're Ole Miss fans. Well, Aidan loves LSU for some inexplicable reason.
 - Reading good books, usually about church history or theology.
 - Studying God's Word.
 - Writing: I have written an unpublished book on Calvinism. I'm thinking of publishing on Amazon. I have just begun writing a second book.
 - Shooting, hunting, and working on our 200 + acre pine tree farm in MS.
 - Exercise: weight lifting and my elliptical. I struggle with my weight.
 - Sadly, I love chocolate, great salsa, chili cheese fries, lots of other stuff, and Julie is a great cook. No, really, she is...and a great hostess!