

JD Weathers



I was born and raised outside of Fayetteville, AR. I was blessed to grow up in a Christian family who attended a small Southern Baptist Church. As early as I can remember, we were learning Bible stories on felt boards every Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night. However, it was not until the summer of '92, when I was eight years old that the stories became real to me. And soon, I realized the overarching story of the Bible was not just **a** story, it was **my** story. I understood I was a sinner destined for Hell, and there was nothing I could do about it. My only hope was to put my faith in what Christ accomplished on the cross. And one night during VBS, I did just that. I prayed to accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I was soon baptized at that same church.

Looking back, I now see that much of who I am today was formed in those early years. Growing up on a farm, I learned the value of hard work. Seeing my parents open their home to the community instilled in me a passion for hospitality. Going on road trips and camping around the country is now something our kids look forward to each year. We love being active in nature; anything involving sports, hunting, fishing, mountain biking, backpacking, running, canoeing, disc golf, etc.

In a similar fashion, I can see God's hand in shaping my career from an early age. I loved taking things apart and figuring out how they worked. This led me to pursue a mechanical engineering degree and an MBA from the University of Arkansas. This is where I fell in love with my beautiful bride of 18 years, Mariann. Enjoying both the technical and business worlds, I have found joy in project engineering and project management of large capital projects in the oil and gas and power industries.

Fortunately, this career has been able to support another passion of ours, traveling. Mariann and I have gone on mission trips from Alaska to South America, backpacked across Europe and lived in Southeast Asia and Australia. All along the way, we have seen God's Spirit at work through faithful Christian communities. The latest being Houston's First Baptist Church here in Cypress. Mariann and I have typically served where our kids are and now is no exception. We both teach sixth-grade Sunday school, as well as serve in other areas of "pathmaking" at our church.

No matter where we have been called to serve in each stage of life, we understand that the discipleship of our family must come first. Part of doing the best we can for our children is partnering with the other positive influences in their lives. Both Mariann and I attended similar sized private Christian schools as CCS, and we look back on those teachers and coaches as playing critical roles in our walks with Christ. In the past two years since Logan (10th grade), Jackson (eighth grade) and Hadlie (sixth grade) started attending CCS, we have seen similar bonds being formed between our kids and those in leadership.

It is a great honor to be considered for service on the board of directors of CCS. If selected, I look forward to humbly serving this community with the primary focus on glorifying God.