

# Jay Bruner

## Lead/Founding Pastor

### Started: Oct. 1998



## *Jay's Bio:*

Born: Fort Worth Texas, 2/21/61. He married his wife Regina in December of 1982, they have two children; Desiree and Cole.

Jay received his Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M in 1983. He has also received a Masters of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1997.

Jay worked in the construction and development industry for fourteen years before surrendering to the ministry. It was actually in Detroit Michigan while working for the Kmart Corporation in its corporate headquarters that Jay first heard the calling of God on his life. While in upper management for the corporation Jay noticed numerous people within his work environment that were in need of a personal relationship with God. Jay continued to ask himself why so many hurting and searching people were not turning to God and His church. It was at that time that Jay began to research why people were not going to church. He discovered that God was still very relevant to the needs of people yet the modern day church was not. "It had appeared that the church was stuck in the past, the same stories told the same way with little to no relevance for a new day". With that in mind Jay felt God's call on his life to leave his career and start on a journey to help God's church become more relevant.

In 1992 Jay walked away from his secular career plans to pursue God's plan. He and his family would move to Fort Worth for him to attend seminary. The corporation actually allowed Jay to move to Texas with no cut in compensation and take on less responsibility while also allowing Jay to attend seminary. Jay would stay with the corporation for two more years when God would again move. Another small construction company in Fort Worth that was actually located by the seminary offered Jay a job. Within just a brief year Jay would become one of two vice presidents for the company. In 1996 however the Spirit of God moved again. Jay would be contacted by a church in the Northeast Tarrant County area and asked to join its' staff. Jay again walked away from his secular position to enter into full time ministerial work.

When Jay left the secular industry he went on staff at a main-line denominational church. It was well established and was very traditional in its approach to ministry. Although the area Jay lead did see growth he was still uneasy about his place in God's service. Then in 1998 God's Spirit moved upon Jay again. This time it was in the form of a book called "The Purpose Driven Church". Upon reading this work Jay's life was profoundly changed. The new church this work proposed was exactly what God had been laying upon Jay's heart. A Church for the un-churched. With this in mind Jay and his wife began praying for God's leadership regarding planting a new church. And in the fall of 1998 Center Point Church was born.

Yet, Jay and his family see this as only the beginning of what God desires him to do. As he puts it "It is not about building buildings and organizations, it is about reaching people. It is about helping people find a personal relationship with God not another man-made religion. It is about helping people live a life on purpose, God's purpose. And when they do they find a life, a life they were made for, a life truly worth living."

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## *Get to know Jay:*

### FAVORITE

Book: The Bible, The Purpose Driven Life, Love life for every Married Couple

Food: A really good burger

Snack Food: Peanuts

Movies: Saving Private Ryan

TV Shows: Duck Dynasty

Musical Artists: Kenny Chesney, Ray Charles, Johnny Cash, Current; To Many to List

Time of Day: Early Morning

Season: Spring

Place in the World: Home with Regina

Place to Pray: The Mountains. . . Durango, Colorado.

Recreational Activities/Hobbies: Running

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:58

Sports Team: Texas A&M Football Team

Sports: Football

### LEAST FAVORITE

Food: Spinach, turnip greens, or asparagus

Snack food: Raw vegetables

Time of Day: 2PM-4PM

Season: Winter

Best Thing Someone Said to You: "You are a modern day Joseph, everyone around you seems to get blessed". I so hope that is true. . . .

Life Motto: Someway, somehow, leave people and situations better than the way I found them.

Favorite quote: "There is only two choices on who will lead your life, it will either be you, or the Lord. So who has been leading it, and how has that working for you?"

Hero: Jesus, I know it sounds obvious, but the truth is He is the only one who has never, never disappointed.

People I'd like to Meet: Nehemiah, Truitt Cathy, Tony Dungey

Most People Don't Know This About Me: by nature I am an introvert.