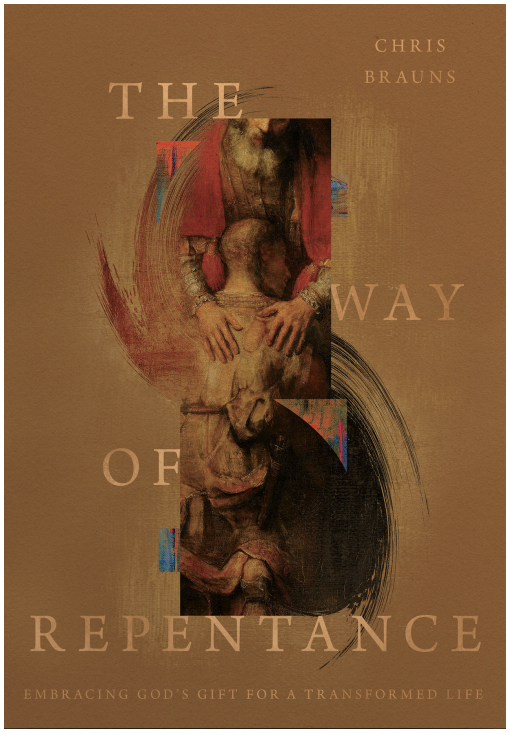
Chris Brauns Bio 2026

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Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns is a pastor, author, and ministry consultant. He has been in pastoral ministry for over 33 years. He has served over 21 years as the lead pastor at the Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley, an independent evangelical church in Illinois. He loves local churches and shepherding people of all ages (20th Anniversary Video).

Chris is the author of *Unpacking Forgiveness: Biblical Answers for Complex Questions and Deep Wounds* (Crossway, 2008), *When the Word Leads Your Pastoral Search: Biblical Principles and Practices to Guide Your Search* (Moody, 2011), and *Bound Together: How We are Tied to Others, in Good and Bad Choices* (Zondervan, 2013). He is the author of numerous articles and reviews.



Chris's book, *The Way of Repentance: Embracing God's Gift for a Transformed Life* (Crossway) was released March 31, 2026. (Various podcast interviews available here).

In 2023, *Unpacking Forgiveness* was named by World Magazine as a classic book of the month. Chris has worked with victims in Northern Ireland, Africa, England, and throughout North America. (See A sermon on forgiveness preached at Spring Creek Church in Pewaukee, WI.)

The focus of Chris's speaking and writing ministry is to take deep theological truth and show its relevance for life. Chris's writings have been endorsed by Jerry Bridges, Albert Mohler, John MacArthur, Michael Horton, and many others.

Chris frequently speaks and preaches in a wide variety of settings including with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and he serves on the board of WordPartners.

Chris has an undergraduate degree in chemistry, an MBA, and an MDIV. He earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary studying under Dr. Haddon Robinson.

In 2019, Chris was named the **Grand Rapids Theological Seminary Alumnus of the Year**.

Chris and his wife, Jamie (married 8/12/89), are thankful for four children and three grandchildren. Allison Brauns Spors (Alex) is a lawyer in St. Louis, Christopher Brauns (Meredith) is a software engineer and lives in Columbus, OH, Benjamin Brauns (Beca) is a software developer in Loves Park, IL, and Mary Beth Hamilton (Kendale) is a data scientist in Alexandria, Virginia.



In 2023-2024, Jamie battled neuroendocrine cancer and had surgery at the Mayo Clinic. Jamie gave this video update a few weeks after surgery to remove tumors. She was later also diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia.

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Chris Brauns picture 2025 -

Chris Brauns giving the benediction at the Red Brick Church, Chris Brauns at the Red Brick Church, Chris Brauns giving a pastoral hug

Chris Brauns speaking

Brauns Family Picture 5/31/2025, Chris giving charge at his daughter's wedding, Chris and Jamie Brauns, Chris and Jamie Brauns 5/31/2025

Chris and granddaughter, Chris with grandchildren 1 - Chris with grandchildren 2

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