

About Sovereign Grace Church Oakland, TN:

SGC is in a somewhat rural area on about 5 beautiful acres 30 minutes east of Memphis and maybe 25 minutes south of the now-being-built Ford manufacturing plant called Blue Oval City in Stanton, TN, which will be hiring 1,000's of employees.

When my family came to SGC, so that I could preach for 2 weeks in June of 2020, there were 4 families, totaling 13 people. The Lord has blessed the expositional preaching of His Word (along with a birth or two) so that we now have about 43 if everyone is there. In His mercy, I was asked to pastor the church in Sept. 2020.

We are reformed in the sense of Calvinistic. We are non-Charismatic. We are baptistic – we baptize believers only. I am a “leaky-Dispensationalist” along the lines of John MacArthur.

The church was a part of the SBC; but the other elder (Tom Metcalf) and I (Jay Cothren) led us to leave due to ongoing ethical and liberalizing issues in that denomination.

The church is debt-free and financially-sound. While SGC went through some conflict several years ago, before we came, the church is in a VERY blessed time now. Love abounds.

Our website is about to receive a much-needed remodel.

About me:

I'm a graduate of Liberty University and The Master's Seminary. I am 60 years old. Our older son lives in Nashville and works for the TN Titans. Our younger son lives at home. While my wife, Julie, and I do not know what the Lord has planned, it might be that we would be moving in a couple of years, possibly to the Nashville area. So, I want to leave the church in good hands. Hopefully, I would be close enough to help if needed. Also, I have an extensive library I would like to leave with that man as well.

About our new Associate Pastor (maybe you):

He would meet the qualifications of an elder. This includes being light & easy-going, not heavy-handed or sour, since he must manage his family well. He must radiate love, affection, and humility.

He would be part-time. Details can be discussed. Inexpensive or even free living arrangements might be possible!

His primary focus for now would be the youth, teaching and leading them, with occasional preaching opportunities. Being apt to teach, he must be able to give a carefully and logically crafted sermon in the expositional manner which should be well-received by the people.

His intent & hope must be to become the Senior Pastor of SGC when the Lord's timing opens that door.

*If you might be this man, please contact Jay Cothren by phone or text at 901-497-6069 or email at jaycothren@yahoo.com