



## A little about Jon Bricker

### **When did you become a Christian?**

Jon: *I became a Christian when I was 22 and finishing up my time at ISU.*

### **Tell us about your family background?**

Jon: *I married my college sweetheart, Beth, in 2001. In '04, God gave us Noah, who'll be 4 in August. And we are excitedly awaiting our second child this coming August!*

### **What did you do before helping to plant Charis Community Church?**

Jon: *I led a college ministry at Illinois State for 6 years, and before that I was a 6th grade teacher for two years.*

### **What is your educational background?**

Jon: *I have a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Illinois State and a Master of Theological Studies from Columbia Evangelical Seminary.*

### **What are some of your favorite movies/TV shows?**

Jon: *What About Bob? and Groundhog Day are both definitely up there. More recently, I've loved Crash and the Bourne trilogy. As for TV – 24 and The Office are about it for me. Oh, and Seinfeld re-runs when I catch them.*

### **What are some of your favorite books and authors?**

Jon: *I love to read! Most of my reading is on the Bible, the Church, and spiritual formation. John Piper has certainly had the greatest impact on me as far as any one author goes. Particularly Desiring God and The Pleasures of God. When I get the opportunity, I like to read everything else: fiction, historical biographies, current events, etc.*

### **What kind of music are you into?**

Jon: *I like quite a variety of styles. Some bands I like right now include The White Stripes, Foo Fighters, Shane and Shane, Derek Webb, Wilco, and the 116 Clique.*

### **Do you like any sports teams?**

Jon: *I'm a straight-up Chicago fan – Cubs, Bulls, Bears.*

### **What's your favorite passage from the Bible?**

Jon: *"It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death" –Philippians 1:21*

### **Where do you like to hang-out in Bloomington/Normal?**

Jon: *Coffeehound (downtown Normal location), Borders, Red Lobster (my wife's favorite restaurant), the homes of good friends, the pool with Noah, going to the movies with my wife, and an occasional ISU Redbirds basketball game.*

### **Do you have any hobbies or other interests?**

Jon: *Dating my wife, playing Thomas the Tank Engine with Noah, jogging (thanks to my sister), reading, and playing basketball.*