

Hi, I'm Jay Perez the Associate Pastor/Education at Southside Baptist Church. I began serving at Southside in July of 2002. I love it here and I call Florence, SC my home. I came through Florence several times growing up to go to the beach. I never thought this is where God would place me, but I am glad He did.

**BASIC STUFF:** I married my wife, Caroline, on August 1, 1998. We both grew up in Charlotte, NC. We served at other churches in North Carolina and Texas before coming to Southside. We have two children: Hannah Moriah and Elim

During the summer following my freshman year of college at summer camp God changed the direction of my life from a computer science career to a ministerial career. I've never looked back since.

**Birthday:** December 26, 1974

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Communications from Liberty University; Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages from Southwestern Seminary.

### **INTEREST AND FAVORITES**

**Favorite Place:** On top of a mountain on a clear day looking out into the horizon.

**What's on your IPOD:** Nothing yet. Still working on getting one.

**Favorite Books:** [The Grace Awakening](#) by Chuck Swindoll, [Secrets of the Vine](#) by Bruce Wilkinson, [The Purpose Driven Life](#) by Rick Warren

**What do you TiVo:** The Amazing Race and Monk.

**Sport Teams:** Carolina Panthers, Texas Rangers

**Favorite Movies:** The Fugitive, The Back to the Future Trilogy, The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, The Chronicles of Narnia

**Favorite Website:** [www.rbc.org/odb/odb.shtml](http://www.rbc.org/odb/odb.shtml), [www.airliners.net](http://www.airliners.net)

**Hobbies:** Collecting airline memorabilia, Reading travel magazines.

**Dislikes:** Cranberry Sauce, Not getting enough sleep, Being late to a movie or missing the end credits.

**Odd Fact:** Billy Graham was the commencement speaker for my graduation from college.

**Life Scripture:** Philippians 4:6-9

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."