

Chris McCombs is best known for his years at Oldham Country High School in Buckner, Kentucky as the class president for the class of 1988 (sophomore, junior and senior years). Chris was known for his faith in Christ Jesus and his leadership ability.

After High School Chris went on to serve our country in the U.S. Army as an enlisted soldier in the U.S. Reserves earning the rank of Specialist (E-4). At College he became an Army R.O.T.C. Cadet at the University of Kentucky. As a Cadet he achieved the rank Cadet LTC and was the Commander of the Pershing Rifles Battalion. He graduated second in his class and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and earned his B.A. in psychology May 1992.

Upon being commissioned as an officer in the branch of Aviation, he went on Active Duty. He was an honor graduate of his officer basic course and flight school class where he learned to fly UH-60 *Blackhawks*. During his career he served as a platoon leader and company executive officer in the 82d Airborne Division. During his tour in Japan he served as a company commander of D Company, 78th Aviation Battalion and served as the Adjutant for the installation commander of the 17th Area Support Group, Camp Zama, Japan.

During his successful career Chris logged nearly 900 flight hours in the UH – 1 *Huey* and UH- 60 *Blackhawk*. He had the honor of flying the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Army, the CNO, other high-ranking civilians and officers, and served on the flight team escorting the Vice President of the United States of America during a visit to Japan.

With completion of his active duty commitment Chris joined the Louisiana National Guard as a Chaplain while attending Seminary at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Chris' highest rank was Captain and he was due promotion to Major upon his resignation in March 2003. Upon resigning his commission Chris departed the military to fulfill his calling to serve in the ministry of Jesus Christ! Chris currently resides in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio with his wife Shawnetta and three children.

During his military career Chris attended numerous courses, the most prestigious courses attended were: Aviation Officer Basic and Advanced courses (Honor Graduate), Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course (Flight School), Airborne School, Air Assault School and CAS3.

Christopher Joseph McCombs
OCHS Graduating Class 1988
U.S. Army, January 1988 – March 2003



Stationed:
Louisville, KY (U.S. Reserves)
1988-1989
R.O.T.C, U of K 1990 - 1992
Fort Rucker, AL 1992-1993
Fort Bragg, NC 1993 – 1996
Fort Rucker, AL 1996
Camp Zama, Japan 1997 – 1999
Louisiana National Guard, 2000 - 2003

Currently:
Senior Pastor, Broadman Baptist Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44223

His medals include MSM, ARCOM, AAM, Aviator badge, Airborne wings, Air Assault wings, British Jump Wings and many other medals and ribbons. He also received a Bronze Medal from the order of St. Michael AAAA.



Chris on the flight line in Japan



Chris and his wife Shawnetta

Chris and Samuel



Chris and Samuel in Cockpit (UH-60)



CPT McCombs, Shawnetta and Samuel

