



Jonathan "Jon" David Davis

May 8, 1967 - March 9, 2026

Jonathan "Jon" David Davis, 58, went to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on March 9, 2026.

Born on May 8, 1967, in Salisbury, North Carolina, Jon was the son of Robert Monroe Davis, Sr. and Mary Anne Austin Davis,. He was committed to serving others in Jesus' name following the example of his parents.

Jon graduated from Catawba College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. Committed to lifelong learning, he went on to earn a Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages and a Master of Theology, both from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he was also a member of the Evangelical Theological Society. As a lifelong learner, he pursued further doctoral studies until his journey with glioblastoma began.

It was during his time at Catawba College that Jon met the love of his life, Lynette Weber. On July 8, 1989, the two were married, beginning a union of nearly 38 years. Lynette walked alongside him through every season of ministry, and together they raised four children: Lauren, J.D., Josh, and Jachin. Above all else, Jon loved his family endlessly.

Before answering the call to ministry, Jon built a career on the football field - beginning as a graduate assistant coach at Temple University and later joining Charleston Southern University in 1991 as an assistant football coach and offensive coordinator. That same year, Jon and Lynette made the move to Charleston, where he would go on to pastor Summit Church in Charleston for nearly three decades, faithfully shepherding a congregation he loved deeply

until his passing. Like Jesus, he met and loved people where they were, sharing the gospel of Christ. Jon dedicated more than 30 years of his life to Charleston Southern University, where he served in a number of academic and ministerial positions to include Campus Minister, Associate Dean of Students, Director of the Whitfield Center for Christian Leadership, and Associate Vice President for Spiritual Life. He devoted himself wholeheartedly to ministering to students and staff.

In June 2021, Jon was diagnosed with multiform glioblastoma (stage 4). For years, he faced his illness with the faith and courage that defined his ministry while undergoing treatment at MUSC Hollings Cancer Center. He continued his ministry throughout his treatment, pointing others to Christ in his most difficult hours. He walked in the light, knowing that Christ triumphs over darkness and the brokenness of this world.

Jon is survived by his beloved wife, Lynette Davis; his father and mother-in-law, Bob and Eileen Weber; his children, Lauren Davis Sibrava (Zach), Jonathan David (J.D.) Davis Jr. (Emma Grace), Joshua (Josh) Davis (Lindsey), and Jachin Davis; his grandchildren, Ashtin Baylee Sibrava, Thaddeus Boaz Sibrava, and Jonathan David (Jon David) Davis III; his siblings, James Davis, Jennifer Davis Hammond (Eric), Robert (Rob) Weber (Jackie), Chris and Jackie Crane, and Robert M. Davis Jr.; his nephews, James (Jimbo) Davis (Erika), Josh Drye, Gray Davis, Bryant Davis, Luke Weber, and Liam Weber; and his nieces, Jordan-Leigh Davis Frank (Ashton), Mary Drye Alkanani (Aimon), Victoria Jeter Mauney (Josh), Janet Hammond, Kyla Winder, Ava Weber, Brooke Weber, and Madelynn Castor. In addition to his parents, Jon was preceded in death by his sister, Janet Davis Jeter, and nieces, Elizabeth Weber and Olivia Weber.

The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to Dr. Nathan Rowland, Dr. Scott Lindhorst, Dr. Charlotte Rivers, and the entire staff at MUSC Hollings Cancer Center. These individuals provided exceptional compassion and care throughout his journey.

His celebration of life service will be held at First Baptist Church of Salisbury

on Friday, March 13, 2026, at 11 AM. A visitation will be held prior to the funeral service at First Baptist Church from 9:30 AM to 11 AM. Immediately following the service will be a committal at Rowan Memorial Park. A second celebration will be held at Charleston Southern University in Lightsey Chapel on March 14, 2026 at 4 PM. A visitation will be held prior to the service from 2-4 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the MUSC Institute for Neuroscience Discovery (MIND) to further support neuroscience education and research in honor of Jon at <https://muschealth.org/medical-services/neurosciences/mind>.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Davis family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Salisbury
223 N. Fulton St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Funeral Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Salisbury
223 N. Fulton St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Visitation

MAR 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Charleston Southern University Lightsey Chapel
101 Alumni Drive
Charleston, SC 29406

Celebration of Life

MAR 14. 4:00 PM (ET)

Charleston Southern University Lightsey Chapel
101 Alumni Drive
North Charleston, SC 29406

Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Lynette my Dad thought the world of you, Jon and your children. So very sorry for Jon's passing. My Dad(Pop) felt like he was part of your family and he loved you. Praying for you all 🙏🙏*

Sharon Hoffman - March 17 at 09:21 PM

SC

“ *Deepest Condolences to the family. Praying for peace and comfort in the days ahead. ❤️ Love In Christ ❤️ Sandra Nuckolls Church*



Sandra N Church - March 12 at 02:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jonathan "Jon" David Davis.*



March 12 at 12:16 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jonathan "Jon" David Davis.*

March 12 at 12:16 PM

TT

“ The CSU Caring Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jonathan "Jon" David Davis.



The CSU Caring Team - March 12 at 12:02 PM

EB

“ Lynette so very sorry to hear of Jon's passing. When Randy called me all the great memories of Jon and his parents came flooding back. I was so happy when you and Jon met, a true blessing for both of you. What a beautiful family you both have created and you will all be in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Eileen Brown

Eileen Brown - March 12 at 11:09 AM

LF

“ My deepest condolences to the family, friends, Summit Church and CSU. Mr. JoN Davis was my best Professor at CSU. He was kind, selfless and God fearing. Thank you for impacting my spiritual walk. You will be missed on this side of Glory, but never forgotten. Rest In the everlasting arms of Jesus!

Lawan Ferguson CSU Alumni c/o 2008

Lawan Ferguson - March 12 at 08:41 AM

KG

“ Krystal G lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Davis



Krystal G - March 12 at 05:40 AM

SP

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of pastor Jon. I was hoping to come back to SC and visit Summit Church again before his passing. He really put up a good fight even until the end. I just watched the last Facebook update before he passed and he seemed to be doing ok despite his slight slur in speech. Pastor Jon will be missed, He really encouraged me in my walk with the Lord during the hardest times as I was raising my children and living through a separation. May he Rest In Peace. Condolences to Lynette and the rest of the family.



Sarah Pearce - March 11 at 09:29 PM



“ I don't know where to start... Jon was more than just a friend when I attended school at CSU. HE was family, a mentor and almost a father figure to the students. He was our rock when we needed a shoulder to cry on and a roof to shield us from the rain. I remember when my own father and brothers ousted me and didn't talk to me for 2 years.... During that time Jon was a rock for me. He gave me some of the best advice and told me, "No matter what family will always find their way back to each other". Whenever I needed to talk about family and needed advice he we would drop everything for me.... As he would do for anyone else that needed guidance from me. He inspired me to be myself and not be afraid to branch out on being more creative in my life... Which lead to me painting my face for CSU sporting events. He also taught me what it means to be loved by God when I got re-baptized in my 3rd year of college at the Grace Awakening Event in Fall of 2011. Thank you Jon for everything and teaching me that no matter how angry you may be with God... He still loves you. Love you brother Jon Davis. Maybe when I see you again I'll be sporting a face paint just for you.... Until then fly high in the sky with God

Benjamin Bausch - March 11 at 09:29 PM

VW

“ Virginia Wilson Little (Chris Wilson) lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Davis



Virginia Wilson Little (Chris Wilson) - March 11 at 07:25 PM

GC

“ I didn't know Jon at all. Boy did I miss out! I've watched every video clip posted on social media and it's crystal clear that God uses his most impactful voices far beyond their own lives. Lesson learned, thanks Jon!

Gary Coggin - March 11 at 05:28 PM



“ Pastor Jon was someone who you couldn't help but gravitate to in any room. If he didn't know how to help you, he would make sure that he would get you in the right direction. If you needed guidance or prayer, he would do it right then and there. I had some battles with demons while I was at CSU and I was constantly in fear. He took the time to meet with me and talk with me about what I was going through and pray with me. He led me to scripture and every time even today I struggle with anything even remotely related to it. I use what he's taught me. He led so many different events at CSU, the first one that he led that I attended was in 2011 when I met my husband. The same event my husband got baptized. Today we live at Christ centered marriage with three beautiful children. Jon helped to make a lot of this possible. I'm so grateful for you, Jonathan. I pray that you are eating all of the yeast rolls you could ever imagine in heaven. Just make sure you save some for us. Love - Monique Moore (Gaboriau)



Monique Moore - March 11 at 02:33 PM



He did love those yeast rolls Mo

Benjamin Bausch - March 11 at 09:30 PM

JD

“ *John Davis lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Davis*



John Davis - March 11 at 01:20 PM

ML

“ *My favorite things about Pastor Jon, where his love of God, his love of Jesus, his love of the lost his love of family and his love of gravy and biscuits, which he always seemed to manage to mention in his sermons. Love you brother. See you soon fly with the angels.*

Marjorie Ladue - March 11 at 12:48 PM

BC

“Ole Jon. I met Jon as a student at CSU in 2009 when he was the chaplain for our baseball team. That relationship led to me attending Summit church where, through his pastoring and discipleship, I was convicted to get baptized during one of his spontaneous, spirit led calls to the congregation. Out to the CSU pool we went, dressed in khakis and a button down. We did a lot of life together from that point forward: he disciplined me while playing baseball, married Christy and I, led the baby dedication for both of our kids, bible studies, book studies, church admin, etc.. A wide variety. He was my chaplain, became my pastor, then a mentor, and finally my friend. The things I would hear most from him in our conversations were simple and clear: that man loved his wife and "out kicked his coverage", he was proud of his kids and thankful for their salvation, he would sacrifice anything for the Church, and above all, Jesus was his Lord and deserved all the glory. Sunday mornings will be different without him.

Bentley Christmas - March 11 at 12:01 PM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jonathan "Jon" David Davis.



March 11 at 11:20 AM

JD

“ I wanted to give my condolences to Lynette, the children and the rest of Jon’s family. He was a friend, I attended his services, we worked out together and he officiated funeral services that I was a part of. He was always solid and never waived in his faith. I don’t think the family knows how many lives that Jon positively impacted. Lynette, if y’all need anything, call me.

James Dyal
Summerville, SC

James Dyal - March 11 at 10:52 AM

JR

“ My sweet friend. He will be missed. He was brave, kind and loved everyone he met. I am so thankful for his friendship.

Jan Reed - March 11 at 09:33 AM

DZ

“ On behalf of the Zink family we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Jon. Our condolences to the Davis family and "The Lord is Close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

David Zink - March 11 at 09:17 AM

C8

“ College Football Team Class of 84-89 purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Jonathan "Jon" David Davis.



College Football Team Class of 84-89 - March 10 at 03:45 PM

AB

“ I can't express how much Pastor Jon means to me and my family in a single message, but I can try! I've known him since I was born, he has been praying for me since I was in the womb. Him and his family have been taking care of me and my family since I was in the church nursery as a newborn, to when I needed a prayer for high school exams. Every time I talked to him I was full on cackling. He is the funniest guy, truly one of a kind. He has so much kindness and thankfulness for the Lord. Even when he was dealing with one of the hardest cancers, he made sure to praise the Lord every second. As much as it stings for him not being here, I know he is dancing with the Lord in a place I can't even imagine! We are so thankful for him and his family and we are so sorry for your loss.

Ariel Baldwin - March 10 at 10:04 AM

TC

“ I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time!



Taylor Conner - March 10 at 09:31 AM

JS

“ Jon that's one of the finest followers of Jesus I've ever met in my life. The first time we met it was like we've known each other all of our lives. Well, done to this good and faithful servant who is now with the Lord!

James Merritt Sr. - March 10 at 08:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jonathan "Jon" David Davis.*



March 10 at 08:31 AM



“ *Alexa Lister & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jonathan "Jon" David Davis.*



Alexa Lister & Family - March 10 at 01:51 AM



“ *JON DAVIS I started CSU 2012 I met him in 2013. He was my Old Testament teacher. If I'm not mistaken he was the best and I'm not just saying this I mean this he was the best professor I've ever had. He cared about all of his students his teaching style was down to earth. You can always come and talk to him about anything, and he always left class and began class with a prayer. He has introduced me to so many people that helped in my prayer life as a student when I was asking Csu he also opened his family up to his students, letting us know that his daughter was at school with us. His family was everything to him and he also treated us like family. His family are very sweet people. I started going to summit church when I was a student and I never missed a Sunday. God has truly gain and Angel he would tell you he was nothing special, but he was very special to each and every one of us as a student he will really be missed by so many. Thank you for every thing Rhea Ball*

Rhea Hope Ball - March 10 at 12:29 AM

AN

“ *What an incredible human. I believe his two goals in life were to put a smile on your face and Jesus in your heart.*



anonymous - March 09 at 08:46 PM

ZF

“ *My condolences to the family. Jon, you always welcomed me with open arms whenever I came back to visit CSU. You will truly be missed.*

Zeni Freeman - March 09 at 06:23 PM

LO

“ *Jon was a very supportive and wonderful person with joy in his heart. He always had a smile on his face. He will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to Lynette and family.*



Lorraine - March 09 at 06:20 PM

ES

“ *Eltiana M., Jen W., and the Way siblings purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jonathan "Jon" David Davis.*



Eltiana M., Jen W., and the Way siblings - March 09 at 06:08 PM

RG

“ Jon there is no words to be said,you will be missed so much, our love and Condolences to the family love Ronald and Elizabeth and Elizabeth Glover 💔

Ronald and Elizabeth Glover - March 09 at 06:01 PM

DB

“ I graduated from CSU in May 2022, a short while after Jon’s diagnosis. I walked across the stage and received my diploma and as I was heading down the steps I saw Pastor Jon Davis handing out Bibles to graduates. What a testimony of his faith. He could have been off somewhere feeling sorry for himself, but he chose to be there for graduation and hand out Bibles. I hugged him and told him I loved him and that he didn’t fight alone. The world is a lesser place without him. I pray God raises up more Jon Davis’s for this world.

Dr. W. Travis Boyd - March 09 at 05:59 PM

AS

“ I’ve attended Summit Church off and on for years. And he was the most influential person I’ve ever met. Always hugged me, always prayed for me, and always told me I love you. My heart is heavy today. Sending my sincerest condolences to his beautiful family 💖

Arnedra Simpson - March 09 at 05:44 PM

JF

“ Today I learned that my former campus pastor at Charleston Southern University, Jon Davis, passed away at the age of 58 after a long and courageous battle with a brain tumor. He had been fighting this illness for many years, even dating back to when I was a student at CSU.

John was truly the heart and spirit of the CSU community. He had an incredible ability to connect with people—so much so that he knew my name before I had ever even formally met him. He was always smiling, always laughing, and consistently brought a sense of positivity and encouragement to everyone around him.

Over the past several months, I had been following his journey on Facebook as he continued to share updates, Bible readings, and devotionals through his church. Despite the tremendous challenges he faced with his health, he never stopped serving others or sharing his faith. Even while battling cancer, he remained active—working with the men’s basketball team, spending time in the gym, and continuing his ministry.

Last week I saw one of his final videos, and it was heartbreaking to see how much the disease had taken a physical toll on him. Yet even in that condition, his determination and faith were still evident. He never tried to hide his struggle, and his perseverance through suffering was truly inspirational.

Jon Davis was the kind of person who leaves a lasting impression on those he encounters. His life was a testament to resilience, faith, and genuine care for others. I plan to attend his visitation this Saturday to pay my respects, as he was someone who made a meaningful impact on my life and on so many others within the CSU community.

His strength, character, and unwavering faith will not be forgotten.

James R Floyd - March 09 at 05:09 PM

PA

“ You were an Amazing person. Coaching soccer with you was great. Till we meet again.

*You will be missed dearly,
Coach Pina*

Pina Arrington - March 09 at 04:36 PM

PA

“ You were a Amazing person Jon. Coaching soccer with you was was great. Till me meet again.

*You will be missed dearly,
Coach Pina*

Pina Arrington - March 09 at 04:34 PM

CR

“ I graduated from CSU in 2024 and Jon is in all of my fondest memories. I was a campus ambassador and would always look forward to incoming students meeting him on my tours. He honestly was the most Godly man I had ever been around. Jon, thank you for painting the perfect picture of Christ and pushing us to pursue Christ whole heartedly in everything we do. You will be greatly missed!

Caselyhn Rhodes - March 09 at 04:19 PM

BT

“ Billy Tison lit a candle in memory of Jonathan "Jon" Davis



Billy Tison - March 09 at 03:38 PM

BT

“ *Jon was one of favorite professors at CSU. He really drove home what the Book of Job means what God is telling us*

Billy Tison - March 09 at 03:36 PM

JG

“ *There are no words to express the loss we feel here on this earth but we are rejoicing that you are with our Heavenly Father and no longer in pain. Jon you were a true warrior for Christ and you received your rewards today! I can only imagine the smile that came across your face today. Thank you for all of the love, support, encouragement, and teaching you gave to me over the 30 plus years I have known you and your sweet family. I will be praying for your family daily.*

Jennifer Glick - March 09 at 03:26 PM

SM

Hello my name is Shirlene I had the opportunity to meet John many years ago he allways would come in cafeteria and speak encouraging words in my life on the days I felt down he would always say this is a real woman of god my condolences to the family he in a better now I be praying for yall love Shirlene.

Shirlene Mazyck - March 09 at 04:26 PM

AB

“ Everyone in Charleston knew of Jon, but recently I got to know Jon more personally as our churches cooperated in ministry to students at CSU. When I walked around campus and Jon would see me it was like having someone trumpet my arrival. He was so encouraging to me and kind in introducing me to students and anyone within the sound of his (loud) voice. Jon embodied the love of Jesus and the boldness of Peter. I'm grateful to have known him and my only desire is to have a mustard seed portion of his faith in the LORD. I am praying for his family during their time of grief with his loss and celebration that Jon is now healed and in the presence of Jesus. Heaven got a little more lively with Jon's arrival; I know that.

Andrew Blalock - March 09 at 02:56 PM



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SW

“ I was a student at CSU and graduated in 2014. Pastor Jon was the best campus pastor. He was a great encouragement to me. His love for Jesus and people was so obvious. I am praying for Lynette and his family, friends and loved ones.

Sarah Williams - March 09 at 02:37 PM

MH

“ Morgan and Hunter Huff purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jonathan "Jon" David Davis.



Morgan and Hunter Huff - March 09 at 02:34 PM