



Chris jokingly refers to himself as a “recovering” CPA. He has worked in the banking industry for over 20 years. He grew up in the Brainerd, MN area and was by no means wealthy, but that did not stop them from having quality vacations. We spent many summers camping, hiking and canoeing in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of northeastern Minnesota. Whether it was those summer vacations or winter camping expeditions, I learned the importance of "being prepared." My Dad and Boy Scouts instilled that in me from a young age. Today, I help families "be prepared" for the expected and the unexpected events of life.

I attended colleges in Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN earning a bachelor's degree in business administration. I met my lovely wife, Betty-Jo, during those years. We were married in 1987. In 1994, we moved to Oklahoma with our three kids: Jon, Kate and Caleb. They are all grown and married now. My how the time flew by. We are eagerly looking forward to the day we have grandkids too!

Since moving to Oklahoma, I sat for the CPA Exam (passing all four parts on the first try) and went back to school and earned a Masters of Business Administration (MBA). This has opened additional doors of opportunity in the business arena as well as in education as an adjunct professor. "Educating" people on various aspects of investing, protecting assets and estate planning has become a critical part of what I do here at Edward Jones.

I am a member of Believers Church in Tulsa and help lead a men's group on a weekly basis. Betty-Jo and I love to entertain and host many events for family and friends on our three acres out in the country. Giving back has just become a way of life for us.

Chris will speak on July 22<sup>nd</sup> on Outlook and Opportunities

