

Biographical Sketch-Gabriel and Kari Turner

Growing up in the United Methodist Church, Gabriel Turner accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior on April 26th, 1994, during a week of revival services. Two years following his salvation, he preached his first sermon at the age of 17 for a Youth Sunday and soon after sensed that God was calling him to surrender his life to preaching the gospel. Opportunities to preach pulpit supply and revival services began to arise throughout the community of Louisa County quickly spreading to surrounding communities and across many different denominational lines.

In July 2002, Gabe was ordained through New Life Community Church, where he served as an associate pastor and worship leader for five years. It was during this time that he met his beautiful wife, Kari, and they continued to lead worship together at New Life for the first three years of their marriage. Gabe and Kari also taught at Louisa County High School, where he coached football, basketball, and baseball and she coached cheerleading.

Last spring the Lord led Gabe and Kari to resign from their teaching and coaching careers and from their positions at a growing church in Louisa and move to Lynchburg where they are both full time students at Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. Kari is currently pursuing the Master of Arts in Worship Studies and will graduate in the spring of 2009. This spring Gabe earned the Master of Arts in Religion and will earn the Master of Religious Education this summer. He is also currently pursuing the Master of Divinity and will graduate in the spring of 2009. Gabe is also working as a teaching assistant for Dr. Dave Earley and as the Church Placement Coordinator for the Center for Ministry Training in the seminary. Kari is currently working for the Center for Worship at Liberty University.