

## **James E. Turner, III “3J”**

**Minister James E. Turner, III** is the oldest son and one of the five children of Elders Jay and NaRasha Turner. James is a recent graduate of the Apostolic Lighthouse Christian School, of which he was endowed with the honor of Salutatorian and several awards including the highest grade average for the number of paces completed in the senior class.

James began preaching from the time he could literally talk, even when the words were unclear for anyone to understand. Prior to preaching his first initial message, he readily preached to his siblings, grandparents, and all who would listen on a daily basis. He preached his first message at the ripe age of 8 years old. James has been baptized in the name of Jesus and filled with the precious priceless gift of the Holy Ghost.

Growing up under the tutelage of parents who were actively engaged in the ministry, church was embedded in James. He grew up actively participating in every capacity of the church, some willingly and others (preachers kids you know what I am saying) not so willingly. James began his ministry at Mount Zion Tabernacle Holiness Church in Kingsport, Tennessee under the pastoralship of his great-grandmother, Pastor Lillie R. Turner. After the retirement of his great-grandmother, James served under the pastoralship of his great-uncle, Elder Lester L. Turner, Sr. However, the Lord had his hand all in it. James found his love for ministry within the musician’s corner where he would express his worship through playing of the instruments within the church.

The Lord began to elevate James in more ways than one. He actively worked in the Chapel Ministry at his school until graduation. He occupied majority of his time with Basketball and his love for music. James was recently elected to the office of the Young People’s President of the West Virginia and Eastern Tennessee Council giving him the title of the youngest District youth president of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. James currently serves as a Minister at Kings Chapel Church in Abingdon, Virginia under the leadership of Elder Timothy Starkey.

James has actively worked since a child in the family asphalt paving business, Turner Paving, alongside his father and grandfather.

James states that is vital for the youth of today to “run with the vision and NOT abort the mission” and to remember you are never too young to fulfill your dreams while serving the Lord.

