



Rev. Gregory L. Turner (Lebanon)

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Rev. Gregory Lee Turner, son of Troy L. and Mabel J. Harmon Turner, was born January 20, 1951 in Joplin, Missouri and went to be with his King on December 14, 2024 at his home in Lebanon, Missouri. He was seventy-three years, ten months and twenty-five days of age. Greg grew up in Duenweg, Missouri and was a graduate of Joplin High School. At the age of seventeen, Greg was called into the ministry. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Ozark Christian College and served as youth pastor in Carthage, Missouri. It was during this time he met Mary Jane Lambeth at church camp and they were married December 21, 1970. They have loved each other and stood firm in their faith to God and devotion to each other for fifty-four years.

Greg faithfully led, impacting countless lives through his unwavering commitment to faith. His fervor extended across the globe through his participation in mission trips to India and Russia. He began his pastoral ministry in Carthage, followed by Springfield, Missouri, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Marshall, Arkansas, and Burke, Virginia. Greg completed his service as pastor of the First Christian Church in Lebanon, Missouri.

Greg's dedication extended beyond the pulpit into the Lebanon Community. He was an active member of several organizations, reflecting his passion for service and giving. He was a member of the Central India Christian Mission Board, the Lebanon Rotary Club, the Lebanon Public Library Board, Project 360 Board, COPE Shelter Board, the Ministerial Alliance, and the Lebanon Area Foundation, among many others. His contributions to such groups exemplified his belief in building stronger communities through kindness and action.

Family was very important to Greg. He is survived by his beloved wife of fifty-four years, Mary Jane Turner; his children, Christia Wolk and her husband Darrel of St. Genevieve, Missouri, Jeremiah Turner and his wife Ashley of Columbia, Missouri,



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Kaycia Turner of Springfield, Missouri, and John Caleb Turner of Springfield, Missouri; eleven grandchildren, Nicholas, Lucy, Ellie, Ezra, Elijah, Kyler, Jackson, Shaelyn, Sage, Elliott and Sadie; and his sister, Donna Hardesty of Nixa, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his son, Jason Gregory Turner. He was a wonderful, loving family man. He loved his children so much and was thrilled to earn the title of grandpa to eleven precious grandchildren.

Greg was an avid reader and loved people. He was gifted with the ability to minister to all walks of life and was one not to judge, but to give sound, Godly advice. He was always willing to help and meet people where they were. He was a very centered and grounded man.

Greg's life was a testament to faith, love, and service. May his memory inspire those who knew him to continue his legacy of compassion and devotion. As Greg always said, "The God Who Is...Loves You Most, Best and Always"!

Funeral service for Rev. Greg Turner will be held Saturday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church in Lebanon. Visitation will be Friday evening, December 20, at Holman-Howe Funeral Home from 5 – 7 p.m. A graveside service will be Saturday, December 21 at 3:30 p.m. in Fasken Cemetery in Avilla, Missouri.

A memorial to the First Christian Church has been established and donations may be left at the funeral home.






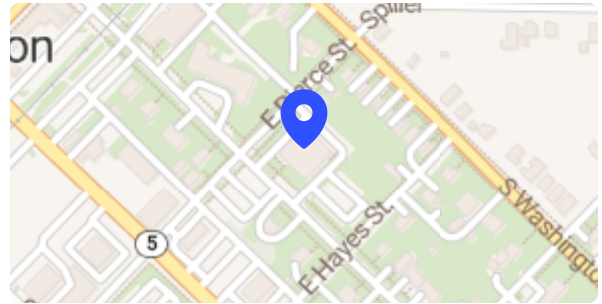
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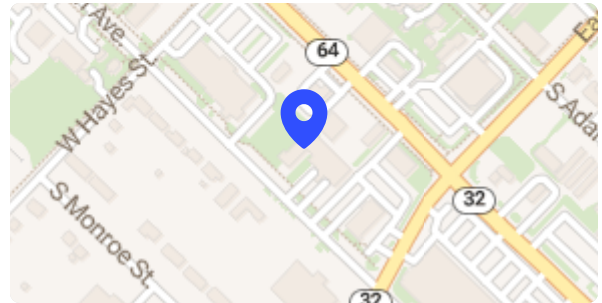
Visitation

-  **Friday**, December 20, 2024
-  5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
-  **Holman Howe Funeral Homes**
320 S Adams Ave, Lebanon MO 65536



Service

-  **Saturday**, December 21, 2024
-  10:00 AM CT
-  **First Christian Church**
500 S. Madison Ave., Lebanon MO 65536





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Brenda Warren posted:

It was my pleasure to be able work with Greg when he served as a chaplain at Mercy Hospital Lebanon. I grew to love our visits talking about God and family. He had such an amazing sense of humor and many times I would come in to my desk with it being arranged differently or a new snake in my drawer. (He loved to joke about me being Pentecostal and that if so, I must be a snake handler). Greg is truly now in the presence of the God who loved him most, best and always. He will be missed for sure, my prayers are for the friends, family and church he left behind.

December 21 at 3:17 AM



David Embree posted:

I was privileged to know Greg as a friend and respected colleague during his time in Springfield. Greg lived his life with kindness and compassion and always with an exceptional level of personal candor! He challenged people to think bigger and wider than they previously had. I regret that I fell out of touch with him when he moved to Lebanon--Greg always made me think deeply, and made me laugh out loud. May the God of peace be with the rest of the Turner family as you adjust to life without Greg's nourishing presence. I also regret that I will miss his memorial service due to a family Christmas gathering. I know it will be a celebration of a life well-lived.

December 20 at 5:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Turner (Lebanon) family.



December 19 at 9:08 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gregory.



December 19 at 9:08 AM



Christina Hale posted:

Kaycia, I'm so sorry about the loss of your dad. I have been thinking about you. Christina Hale

December 19 at 7:29 AM



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Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Turner (Lebanon) family.



December 18 at 5:34 PM



Ann Woods sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Turner (Lebanon) family.



December 18 at 6:19 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Turner (Lebanon) family.



December 17 at 4:26 PM



The Group sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Turner (Lebanon) family.



December 17 at 2:41 PM



The Group planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gregory.



December 17 at 2:41 PM



Lakeland Behavioral Health System sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Turner (Lebanon) family.



December 17 at 9:45 AM



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Anonymous sent a Small Garden Dish to the Turner (Lebanon) family.

December 16 at 3:55 PM



John, Sierra, Jb, & Emery Boyd sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Turner (Lebanon) family.

December 16 at 2:47 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Turner (Lebanon) family.

December 16 at 12:07 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gregory.

December 16 at 12:07 PM



Sandy Linthicum Wade posted:

Greg was the youth pastor at First Christian Church in Carthage - when I first met him, funny, caring and always took time with his youth group. I am in shock he has passed away, but he is with the Lord and I will miss him. Mary Jane, we were so young then, you are in my prayers. God will comfort you!!

December 16 at 12:04 PM



The O'brien Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Turner (Lebanon) family.

December 16 at 6:16 AM





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Anonymous sent a Small Garden Dish to the Turner (Lebanon) family.



December 16 at 6:02 AM



Dana Hicks posted:

Greg will be missed by so many. Prayers for Mary Jane and the family. Sending love to all.

December 15 at 5:39 PM



Billy Mieir posted:

Greg is part of my memory going way back. CYOKAMO, our family trip to DC, the wedding. Through so many things in life Greg (and Mary Jane) have been there to support, encourage, care.....My heart is so full. So many lives touched to never be the same. You are gone from here but will always be alive in memories. You have received your reward. Sing and dance praising Him! Mom and DeGee are surly thrilled to see you again. Thank you for all you gave to this world and all you have given to me and my life. I truly love you!

December 15 at 4:11 PM



Wayne Roberts posted:

Mary Jane, so sorry to hear about your husband. May the Lord comfort, lead and guide you and your family now and days to come. If you still have that winning attitude like you had at Jasper High School you will make it just fine! Love you. Wayne & Andrea Roberts

December 15 at 1:05 PM



Joe And Sherrill Hardcastle posted:

Greg was our pastor and dear dear friend. He loved to visit and sit on our porch that overlooks the Gasconade River. Had many a Sunday lunch after church. Going to miss you buddy 🧑🧑🧑🧑❤️
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December 15 at 11:07 AM



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Doug Mcculley posted:

****Tribute to Greg**** There are certain rare individuals who, the more you come to know them, the deeper your respect grows for their compassion and wisdom. Greg was one of those remarkable people. It was said of Jesus that He would not quench a smoldering wick—that any faint spark of hope or faith, He would gently nurture until it burned brighter. Greg carried that same spirit. He had a unique gift for encouraging others, tenderly fanning the flames of hope and faith in those around him. His life was a reflection of God's grace in action.

December 15 at 4:18 AM



Judy Lambeth December 16 at 12:14 PM

Greg & I go back to school days in Duenweg Mo.. Years later he became not only a friend , but my nephew, we always said, "Who would have Thought!", well God knew! I Loved him from the day we first met! ❤️ 👤 Greg was a dynamic speaker for The Lords tasks & any task given! He was truly a man of God! So Gregg, Go High on that mountain, God has called you to 👤 👤 ❤️ ❤️ Mary and Family, so sorry for your loss! We will see him again! Hugs & Love to you at this sorrowful time. 😊 😊 ❤️ ❤️



Patti Brayfield posted:

Greg was my faithful friend and supporter of Project 360 as a board member for many years which included three years as a wonderful leader as board president .I will miss his delightful humor and warm heart. His deep faith has been rewarded now, I'm sure. He is with the Lord and is blessed. We are the only ones suffering now.

December 14 at 8:55 PM



John Hunter posted:

What an awesome man! I'm honored to have known him, he was a great listener and conversationalist. We had many interesting conversations when he would come do ride time at the fire station. Thank you for sharing him with us. God bless you and the family during this time.

December 14 at 5:33 PM



Brad Reed posted:

What a great man. He had a way of making you feel accepted and the you mattered. He was a great encourager! Our community has lost a good man. Prayers for his family.

December 14 at 11:48 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gregory by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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