

## MEET THE PASTOR'S FAMILY

Rev. Kerry Bingaman came to serve as Lead Pastor of River of Life in March of 2007, though his connection to the church goes back much further, to some of its earliest years when both he and the church (then First Assembly of God) were still in their youth under the leadership of the founding Pastor, Rev. Benny Ortiz. Raised with three brothers Pastor Kerry grew up in rural Sunbury and graduated from Shikellamy High School in 1986.

Following God's call after High School, Pastor Kerry studied for a life devoted to the plan of God, receiving a Bachelor's degree in Bible from Valley Forge Christian College. During those years he met his wife, best friend, and ministry partner of more than twenty years. Her name is Lily, and like the flower is a beautiful delight in so many ways.

Lily currently serves as the Executive Director of Abundant Blessings Christian Daycare – A ministry of River of Life. Dual certified in Elementary Education and Special Ed., and pursuing a Master's degree as a reading specialist, Lily brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to this ministry role which she assumed in February of 2007. When you visit River of Life on Sundays you will likely find Lily leading the Children's Church ministry with others who share her love for our children.

Pastor Kerry and Lily have raised three sons, Jon, Kevin and Josiah, all of whom have reached the ranks of adulthood going on to college or beyond. In the midst of those child rearing years, God's plan exposed the Bingaman's to a wide and varied range of ministry settings working in every corner of church life, from infants to the elderly. Serving as Youth and Children's Ministers, Senior Pastors, and even itinerant Evangelists has given them exposure to and a sensitivity to, the culturally diverse needs of people from small town, well established churches, to inner-city home missions works.

It was during his years as a traveling Evangelist that the ministry road made it possible for Pastor Kerry and his family to become reconnected to River of Life through a move to the Sunbury area. Since then the plan of God has formed a completed circle, bringing Pastor Kerry back to the church he first launched out from.

With a prophetic anointing and a discontent for the status quo, Pastor Kerry faithfully shares the word of God with conviction as well as compassion. He and Lily have come to River of Life by God's design, for such a time as this. Please come visit us, and get to know them, and all the faces of "the River" better.