

***Vita***  
***John D. Riley***

John David Riley was born May 16, 1974, in Richmond, VA, to his parents, Marriot and David Riley. He lived in the Richmond area for 18 years prior to his graduation from Midlothian High School in 1992. John graduated as valedictorian and also earned the Eagle Scout award. After entering Tech, he set out to pursue a double major in civil engineering and Spanish. As an undergraduate, John co-oped with Danis Environmental Industries, Inc. at three construction projects in Newport News and Suffolk, VA, and in Port Charlotte, FL. In addition, John traveled to Spain with a Virginia Tech study abroad program and for volunteer service, as well as to the Dominican Republic, Belize and Japan for service and evangelical Christian missions. He considers his opportunities to travel abroad as an invaluable part of his education. After completing his undergraduate work in December of 1997, John entered graduate school at Tech to begin work on a Master of Science degree in the Civil Infrastructure Engineering program. As an undergraduate and graduate student, he earned the Charles E. Via Department of Civil Engineering Scholarship.

After returning from a summer in Japan in 1997, John was a Bible study leader for a year and a half with The Navigators, a campus Christian fellowship group. His passion during that time was to help equip other Christian men to develop a desire to know Christ and to make Him known. He considers faith in Christ as the true foundation of life itself. Apart from Christian ministry, his passions include playing a variety of sports and the guitar as well.