
Daily using the power of music to change lives

Paul Turner

Owner, Encourage Music



Paul Turner has been playing music professionally since 1973. A self-taught musician, Paul's many musical talents and unique style of teaching have earned him the highest praise from students, parents, music stores, churches, and audiences for decades.

In 2008 Paul founded **Encourage Music**, a company whose focus is developing projects that harness the power of music to change lives, primarily through **teaching, consultation, songwriting, production, and performance.**

Teaching: Turner began teaching privately over 20 years ago, and currently teaches music to 50-60 students per week out of his home in New Albany, Indiana. At the most basic level, Paul teaches guitar, drums, bass guitar, keyboards, banjo, ukulele, and other instruments to students of all skill levels and walks of life, from ages 6 to 86. Each lesson is unique to the student. *"Some students are here to learn their instrument, and by the end of the first lesson almost everyone goes home able to play at least one song. Others are here for different reasons. Some children struggling with depression, autism, poor self-esteem, undeveloped social skills, or issues with attention find relief during lesson time. Some adults need a creative outlet to relieve stress or get themselves out of the house or office. Some students need a fun, positive experience that supports their academic curriculum,"* he says. He engages students by letting them pick their own songs to learn, but gives strong advice about what they put into their minds. Paul refuses to teach songs with violent, disrespectful, or unhealthy lyrics.

Consultation: Paul has served for many years helping a number of churches in the area with short and long-term worship-leading assignments and worship leader coaching. In the mid-90s, Paul founded *Heads Up Christian Resource Alliance*, which sponsored monthly concerts, songwriting seminars, compilation CDs and competitions, and **Music and Video Review**, a high energy student workshop that taught students the importance of selective listening and viewing. Turner emphasizes the extremely important role that song choice plays in our lives.

Songwriting: Turner has written hundreds of songs, including jingles, pop, country, rock, jazz, worship, and teaching songs, and is a noted expert in the genre popularized by the *Beatles*. He has a passion for writing songs that move the listener toward a specific change, action, or state of health, and writes songs for both private and commercial use.

Production: Paul has produced numerous music projects for other artists as well as his own, detailed in his discography. Current projects include:

- **Paulie's Playground:** Resources, tips and curriculum for other music instructors. Spring 2019.
- **Griefsongs:** Helping the grief-stricken move forward through positive music. September 2019.

Performance: In addition to his solo performances, Paul has been a member of Louisville's own **Monarchs** since 2008. He has been on several national tours: with acclaimed Christian artist **Ray Boltz** on his *Seasons Change* tour in the 90s, with Christian artist **Dennis Litchfield** in the 80s, and with **Woodwork, Young American Showcase, and Selah** in the 70s. He has also used his unique talents through prison, hospital, and community ministries.

Paul Turner has an inspiring story to tell about the power of music to change lives, a phenomenon he has experienced firsthand on countless occasions. He believes each of us is capable of using music to shape and direct our emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual health, and knows music has long been proven to aid academics and concentration, and to reach deep into the brain where other stimuli are unable to break through. He enjoys the perfect career, in which he uses music daily to change lives. Paul is originally from Sacramento, California. He and his wife of almost 40 years, Leslie, live in New Albany, Indiana. They have three children and a growing number of grandchildren.

Paul Turner Discography:

Albums:

- *Face to the Son*, 1982, LP, Produced by Dennis Litchfield (*Ezra*): drummer & vocalist
- *Something for Everyone* (various artists), 1992, cassette, Louisville Recording Arts, Louisville, Kentucky /Zoo West Studio, Atlanta, Indiana: Producer, composer, multiple instruments, vocals
- *Song Search* (various artists), 1993, cassette, Louisville Recording Arts, Louisville, Kentucky: Producer, composer, multiple instruments, vocals
- *Building Together* (various artists), 1994, cassette, Louisville, Kentucky: Producer, multiple instruments, vocals
- *Over the Rainbow* (Percy Metcalf), 2003, CD, Lions Mane Studios, Louisville, Kentucky: Drummer
- *Love Outside the Lines* (various artists), 2008, CD, Louisville Recording Arts, Louisville, Kentucky: Producer, composer, multiple instruments, vocals
- *Appearing Here Tonight* (The Monarchs), 2009, CD, Downtown Recording, Louisville, Kentucky: Composer, guitar, vocals
- *New Christmas Oldies* (Monarchs), 2012, CD, Downtown Recording, Louisville, Kentucky: Composer, multiple instruments, vocals
- *Somewhere in Time* (Lonnie Bryant), 2015, CD, Louisville Recording Arts, Louisville, Kentucky: Producer, multiple instruments
- *Live at Jelly's Jamroom* (The Monarchs), 2016, CD, Raise the Roof Recording, Louisville, Kentucky: Guitar, vocals

DVDs:

Look Homeward Angel (The Monarchs), 2014, DVD, Cyber-Acoustics Lab, Louisville, Kentucky: Guitar, vocals

Singles:

- *Happy Feet* commercial jingle (featured on Shark Tank), 2001, Clover Studios, Louisville, Kentucky: Composer, multiple instruments, vocals
- *Doug Smith* political jingle, 2004, Clover Studios, Louisville, Kentucky: Composer, multiple instruments, vocals
- *Jeffersonville Fire Engine Museum* commercial jingle, 2007, Jet Lag Studios, Jeffersonville, Indiana: Composer, multiple instruments, vocals
- *New Albany Bicentennial Park* jingle, 2012, Louisville Recording Arts, Louisville, Kentucky: Composer, multiple instruments, vocals

To arrange for interviews, speaking engagements, consultation, writing, producing, performance, or worship leading, contact Paul directly at 812-989-6604 or paul@encouragemusic.com. . This press release and related media photos available online at:

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