

## Kari Heyworth Bio

Kari Heyworth was born and raised in Flint, Michigan. She grew up as the youngest of four in a family that was raised by loving parents who believed in hard work, helping others, and the value of friends and family. Kari was involved in music and sports growing up, and when she wasn't at school, she could be found with her church youth group at outings, completing service projects, or serving on mission trips.

After high school, Kari left Michigan to begin her higher education at Clarks Summit University. In Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, she completed her Bachelor's of Science degree in Bible and Elementary Education. After college graduation, Kari began her teaching career in Cleveland, Ohio, at an inner city Christian school followed by her first tenure at Grace Baptist Academy. While Kari was a fifth grade teacher at GBA, she completed her Masters of Education at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. She moved to serve as the administrator of Grace's Middle School after serving for ten years as a teacher in the Lower School. After twenty years at Grace, she and her family moved to Ohio and then on to the Atlanta area. While in Georgia, Kari served on the administrative team at a college preparatory private Christian School as the Lower School Director of Teaching and Learning.

Kari has four children, all who started as infants in the Grace Children's Center. Tori is a graduate from the class of 2016. She is a board certified music therapist and Life Enrichment Director of a local senior living facility. She is married to Eli Rogers, also an alumni from the class of 2016. Eli serves the city of Chattanooga as a police officer. Ella, her second oldest, is studying counseling at Clarks Summit University on a path to becoming a child life specialist. The youngest of the four are twins, Piper and Shepherd. They are returning to Grace as seventh graders and are ready to jump back into all that Grace has to offer from the academics to the athletics and all that is in between. Kari will be starting her twenty-first year at Grace and her twenty-eighth year in Christian education. She and her children have spent many years growing with the Grace family and are excited to be home!