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Background:

How many years have you been part of GCI? I count it a blessing to have been in GCI since birth. My years of fellowship in GCI congregations have had a vital impact on my faith and formed me into who I am today.

/ What are some stand out memories from your time in GCI? My stand out memories with GCI are from participating in ministry with my brothers and sisters in Christ. It is so cool to see how God uniquely made each of us and forms us together to support and serve one another! For five years I co-lead the youth group in our Jacksonville congregation. I have more fond memories of deep conversations, exciting group outings, and community outreach activities with the teens than I can count. I also served on the leadership team in GCI Orlando, where we started a Saturday night worship service to engage with a younger demographic. We combined our passions and dreamed together to create a service that pointed to Jesus. I remember these seasons of my life with joy and gratitude for how God formed me through these relationships and experiences. */ How has your ministry had an impact on who you are? On who God is to you?* Being loved by Jesus has changed my life in such a deep way, that I can't imagine not sharing his love with the people he has put in my life. Even before I worked in ministry full time, my jobs involved service and support, helping people live out who they were made to be. My last job prior to working for GCI was teaching middle school Math. During my last year teaching I felt God calling me to transition to a new vocation. I prayerfully explored my options and felt strongly that working for GCI was my next right step. Taking the position required moving away from all I knew. It was leap of faith and God has carried me every step of the way. I have developed a deeper dependence on him and seen his faithfulness to me in numerous ways over the past year and half. I know he has so much more in store for me to learn and experience in the years ahead, and I am excited to discover it together with him!



Get to Know Michelle



1.

5 things I can't live without: grace, friendship, FaceTime with family, my library card, and coffee

2.

I love exploring God's creation. My perfect day would be lounging at the beach or hiking the mountains. The day would wrap up cheers-ing with a loved one watching the sunset.

3.

Everyone who knows you knows you love... a good book and a glass of red wine.

4.

I am grateful for the family that God chose to place me in and bless me with. I treasure our time together. There is never a dull moment or a short supply of love and laughter.

THEME SONG FOR YOUR LIFE?

Come Thou Fount is my favorite hymn. The verse, "Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it. Seal it for Thy courts above", is a daily prayer.

HOW DO YOU EXPERIENCE GOD?

I love that God is so personal that I get to experience him in so many different ways throughout my day. From reading his Word, pouring out my heart in prayer, running at the end of the day and processing with Jesus, to celebrating his blessings with friends - I feel his presence deeply in all of these moments.



Throughout GCI there is a **CONTAGIOUS PASSION** for growing deeper in **RELATIONSHIP** with God and one another. The **PERVASIVE LOVE** and devotion for God and people creates a **CARING SPACE** where I have been nurtured by my **GCI FAMILY** and transformed by the Spirit.