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Background:

How did you connect with GCI? My parents began attending this fellowship in 1967. You could say I was born in and grew up in this fellowship, and when old enough to make a choice for myself, I chose GCI. / **What are some of your reasons for choosing to participate with GCI in ministry?** It was truly a calling I could no longer ignore. Others including my former and current pastor saw the calling in me before I did. I always had a passion for serving and was comfortable serving in every capacity except the label of “ministry.” When I came to realize that my serving was ministry, I became more comfortable with being uncomfortable. It was then that I was fully willing to walk in complete obedience to God in service to Him and others without the label of what it should look like that I unknowingly adopted. / **What is your ministry or calling?** Working with women to develop an intimate relationship with Jesus. / **Who are you teaching and equipping to help with this ministry?** Mostly the women I am privileged to serve in my church family. I am particularly focused on a group of young women in our fellowship, between ages 19-35, called “The Sisterhood.” I try to invest as much time and effort into this incredible group of young women as possible so that they can grow to have an intimate relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. My desire is for them to live their very best life. / **If you could describe your congregation in one sentence, what would you say?** My congregation is a friendly, kind, loving, Holy-Spirit-filled fellowship of people who love the Lord with all their hearts, minds, and souls. / **What is something in your local congregation that you’re excited about?** Our community involvement and development of relationships “outside of our walls.” We have a food ministry where we prepare meals for the senior citizens in our community each week. We are also developing relationships through our men, women, and youth ministries. As a result, we are able to serve our community, meeting their needs, through events like Vacation Bible School, free back to school haircuts, back to school supply giveaways, and community picnics. / **Is there something unique about your church services that connects with your community?** Our visitors always mention two things about our congregation: (1) The friendliness of the congregation. (2) The music in our service (the choir, the diverse choice in music, etc.)



Get to Know Rose

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE?

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

It is my go-to scripture me FOCUS. It reminds me to keep my focus on God no matter what is going on around me. It helps to remind me that God is large, in charge, and on His throne. He is who he says he is and will do what he says he will do. It reminds me that he is my peace. It has carried me through the most challenging times in my life from the loss of my oldest son and mother to transitioning from a career of 20 years to no full-time job for almost 3 years. Faith Walk, my first book, was born out of the latter challenge.



Book Signing



My Sisters

1.

For what are you most grateful? God pursuing me, my family, and my friends.

2.

What is one of your greatest accomplishments? I became a published author last year. Faith Walk was birthed out of a transitional time in my life that lasted for years. I was transformed through the transition and became more grounded in both my trust and faith in God.

3.

Describe your perfect day: Any day with my family is the perfect day.

4.

Theme song for my life? “Falling in Love with Jesus” by Jonathan Butler. The first stanza says it all. “.....Falling in love with Jesus was the best thing I’ve ever done.”

5.

Everyone who knows you knows you love: I love God, my family, and friends.

STRUGGLE OR LIFE LESSON YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE:

My greatest struggle was the loss of my oldest son. I couldn’t understand why God would allow this to happen. It shook me to the core and I felt the greatest pain that I’ve felt in my life. It would be a very long time before I could even talk about how I felt.

Even in my pain, I never felt alone. I would encourage anyone who is going through a period of life’s struggles to know two things for sure: (1) You are never alone. God pursues us endlessly. He will never leave you or forsake you. (2) This, too, shall pass. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. God never wastes anything. My loss has helped me to minister more effectively to those that have experienced loss.



My Son...



...and my Daughter.

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