

# NICOLE CULLMAN

## Background:

**How do you serve in GCI? What is your role in your local congregation or the denomination as a whole?** I am a Young Adult Member serving in whatever capacity is needed (helping with renovations, Sunday Church groups, etc). I attend CenterPointe in Grove City, OH.

**What are some of your reasons for choosing to participate with GCI in ministry?** Since I was raised in this church, my generation has always been lacking. Once I returned from college at BGSU, only one other of my aged peers returned as well (when he can). That being said, as I've grown up, I've realized the importance in having all ages represented in a healthy church. I also recognize that the younger generation is the future of the church. I am excited to join GCNext so that I may be equipped and then lead and equip others in my church so that we may grow together.

**Who has invested in you to support you in your ministry?** We have a smaller sized congregation at CenterPointe. Therefore, I feel most of the older generations have supported me in my journey through life in one way or another. If I were to focus on one individual, I would say Jeff Broadnax due to his constant encouragement, guidance in my life and marriage, as well as holding me responsible and accountable for my actions in every capacity. He's a leader. **Who are you teaching and equipping to help with this ministry?** I hope to start by returning to my local congregation and equipping the other two Young Adults in our church (there are four of us total on any given week). From there, I hope to encourage other Young Adults and children to attend CenterPointe from the community.

**If you could describe your congregation in one sentence, what would you say?** A family that has growing pains as all children of God do, once started as nothing and became something great with the help of God. **What is something in your local congregation that you're excited about?** At this point, I am most excited to return to "in person" services. On a regular basis, I am most excited about the updates and remodeling being done to make the building feel modern and inviting!

**Is there something unique about your church services that connects with your community?** We have a HUGE yard on the side of our Church. With this opportunity, we have had the opportunity to bless our community with "ACTS of Kindness", "Easter Egg Hunts", "Fall Harvest", and others during my years growing up here. We get out games and are able to provide a place for everyone to come together and fellowship! **Are you involved in any unique ministry opportunities in your community?** I help out wherever I am needed and often find myself taking ownership or leading a small group to provide ideas in the community services I mentioned above.



## Get to Know Nicole

My calling is to lead. I believe that God has given me the ability to understand the full value of leadership. To not just guide and rally others, but to listen and project optimism so that all voices are heard and everyone reaches far beyond expectations in meeting a goal. I want to be this, for my church.



1.

**For what are you most grateful?**

How blessed my Husband and I are financially and with all of our many blessings that lead us to be financially stable (I did not come from a financially stable home).

2.

**What energizes you?**

Workout out/weightlifting at the gym.

3.

**How do you experience/feel close to God?**

Singing/worship!

4.

**Everyone who knows you knows you love:**

To teach. Be with kids/help kids. Without a doubt.

5.

**What is one of your greatest accomplishments?**

College. Graduating from BGSU with my Bachelors of Science for Inclusive Early Childhood Education, in just three years (by starting dual-enrollment with college while in my junior and senior year of high school). Graduating BGSU with my PreK-3 General Education License, PreK-3 Special Education License, as well as completing my 4/5 Endorsement in said three years of college. Attending BGSU debt free with the help of various scholarships awarded to me my senior year of high school. Doing all of that while my Fiance (at the time) was in the United States Marine Corps. Deployed twice and was stationed in Camp Lejeune, NC. Long distance!



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