

TRACY WINBORNE

Background:

How do you serve in GCI? I serve as a missional leader influencing people to embrace their calling as “sending” people. **What is your role in your local congregation or the denomination as a whole?** I’m the pastor of Grace Communion Charlotte. **What are some of your reasons for choosing to participate with GCI in ministry?** I was called through various opportunities to serve Christ with such roles and responsibilities in the military.

What is your ministry or calling? My calling is to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Joining Christ in embracing the lost, disobedient and disinterested so they may embrace His love for life. **What is the legacy you hope to leave?** I hope to leave a legacy of missional ministry where people participate in long-term outreach.

Who has invested in you to support you in your ministry? Pastor Keith Brittain and Pastor Martin Manuel and various professors from Regent University.

If you could describe your congregation in one sentence, what would you say? A congregation with an abundance of love and an appetite for Christ. **What is something in your local congregation that you’re excited about?** I’m excited about their love for Christ and their ability to witness without hiding their faith. **Is there something unique about your church services that connects with your community?** The emphasis placed on caring for the lost and helping those in financial need.

Are you involved in any unique ministry opportunities in your community? I’ve been invited to support the Veterans Association at the YMCA to assist the disabled and homeless. **What does your community look like?** A diversified people in need of knowing one another in the life of Christ. **What makes your region different than other places in the world?** The compilation of diverse groups of people. **Where do you go to have fun where you live?** My wife and I have dinner with friends and family at the Piedmont Social House Restaurant.

Pastor
Charlotte, NC



Get to Know Tracy

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: JESUS ANSWERED, “IT IS WRITTEN: ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.’” - MATTHEW 4:4



1.
For what are you most grateful? For the peace and patience bestowed on my family.

2.
What energizes you? Learning more about Christ, His life and our inclusion.

3.
What is one of your greatest accomplishments? Completing a Doctorate in Ministry

4.
What are 5 things you can't live without? Jesus, Chocolate, traveling, my family and peace.

5.
Describe your perfect day: Prayer, music, conversation and resilience.

6.
Theme song for your life? Rhett Walker - Believer

Bio:

Pastor, Dr. Tracy L. Winborne was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1966 and raised in Ahoskie, North Carolina. He graduated from high school in 1984 and attended Elizabeth City State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Arts from 1984 - 1988.

He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant from the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course in 1989 and branch detailed to Adjutant General (Human Resources) in 1992. His assignments include Fort Benning, Ga, Fort Hood, Texas, Desert Storm in Doha, Kuwait, Fort Ben Harrison, Indiana, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, 2nd Infantry Division, Uijeonbu, South Korea, Fort Leonardwood, Missouri, Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Virginia, The Pentagon, Washington, DC, The Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, G1, V Corps, Wiesbaden, Germany, J1, United States Forces - Afghanistan and culminating as the Forces Command, Adjutant General, Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he retired as a Colonel in October 2015.

Tracy holds a Masters in Human Resources from Towson University, Maryland, a Master of Pastoral Studies from Grace Communion Seminary, a Masters of Strategic Studies from the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and a Doctorate of Ministry from Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Tracy was ordained as a pastor in 2016 and served as senior pastor in Shelby, NC until 2017. Tracy and Rita relocated to Charlotte, North Carolina in August 2017 where he serves as senior pastor at Grace Communion Charlotte.