

# ANDREW RAKESTRAW

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## Background:

*How do you serve in GCI?* In my local congregation I run the sound system and fill in where needed, reading scriptures aloud during the service and helping with stage set up and take down.

In the larger denomination, I have participated in GCI camps as both a camper and, more recently, as a youth counselor. I also participate in GCI celebrations and events like GCIgnite, in the past, to continue learning and growing in communion with other youth in the Church. It is through some of the relationships built during these events that I was asked to join GCNext as a leader in the Southeast USA Region.

I recently joined the Home Office Team in an internship with GCI Media as the "Communications Assistant". In this role I will be managing the Gospel Reading Challenge page on Facebook leading up to Lent making posts and maintaining the online community. I hope to continue to use my public relations education to further assist with writing and any communications related research with GCI to help engage our communities as we grow in relation with God and each other.



## Get to Know Andrew

**FAVORITE SCRIPTURE?** 1 JOHN 4:18, "THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE. BUT PERFECT LOVE DRIVES OUT FEAR, BECAUSE FEAR HAS TO DO WITH PUNISHMENT. THE ONE WHO FEARS IS NOT MADE PERFECT IN LOVE."



1.

**For what are you most grateful?**

I thank God most for my family, we've been through a lot together and I couldn't imagine us getting through the challenges we each have faced without the support, encouragement, and just the assurance that we don't have to face obstacles in life alone. They've been a real blessing.

2.

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

One of my greatest accomplishments was earning the Eagle Scout Rank Senior year of Highschool back in 2018 since I had been working toward that for most of my life and because I learned so much along the way.

3.

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

Through my relationships with my close friends and that feeling of acceptance and understanding between us since loving human relationships are a reflection of the relationship between the father son and spirit and part of how we are made in the image of God.



**I HEARD A FEW TIMES FROM ANTHONY MULLINS, IF I CAN PARAPHRASE WITH SOME ACCURACY, GOD DOESN'T CALL US TO LIVE A CHRISTIAN LIFE BECAUSE IT IS EASY, BUT BECAUSE IT IS GOOD. THAT STUCK WITH ME AND I THINK ABOUT THE TRUTH IN THOSE WORDS OFTEN. LIVING A LIFE PLEASING IN THE SIGHT OF GOD COMES WITH ITS CHALLENGES. WE FAIL TO ALWAYS DO WHAT WE KNOW WE SHOULD, BUT I TAKE HEART KNOWING THAT IN THE TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS OF LIFE, WHEN IT ISN'T EASY, THAT FOLLOWING CHRIST IS WHAT IS TRULY GOOD.**

