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Background:

How do you serve in GCI? What is your role in your local congregation or the denomination as a whole? I have been the Youth Praise and Worship team leader for Grace Communion Richardson since 2016. My role is to lead the people in our Youth Praise Team in providing music and leading the congregation in worship every first Sunday of the month.

How did you connect with GCI? I was born into this church, so I grew up going to a GCI church all my life. I am a third-generation GCI member.

What are some of your reasons for choosing to participate with GCI in ministry? My congregation was in need of someone to fill the Youth Praise team leader position, and I did accept the position. At first, I participated because I was fulfilling a vacancy, but over time as I grew into the position, I realized that I have a much greater purpose in the role. I took the position because I love God, and I wanted to bring Him to people who haven't gotten to know Him through the music that we are making.

What is your ministry or calling? What is the legacy you hope to leave? My ministry is definitely music. I love music and have been surrounded by it all my life. I am able to play five separate instruments (I play the Euphonium and Trombone in band) and that has allowed me to fit into the worship ministry at my church. Throughout the years, the members of my church have watched me run around the instruments on stage. One Sunday, I will be playing drums; the next Sunday, I will be leading on guitar. Sometimes, I will take a service on the keyboard. The message I hope to send is that God gave you talents, so find them, develop them, and use them for His glory!

Who has invested in you to support you in your ministry? I would like to thank my mom, dad, and sister for helping me and supporting me through my journey as a worship leader. They've been there for me since the start of my worship Ministry journey.

Who are you teaching and equipping to help with this ministry? I will be leaving for college within the coming months, and I have been teaching my younger sister how to be a worship leader and how to lead people in this role. I have been teaching many younger kids how to play some of the instruments on stage to see if they develop a passion for music just as I did.



Get to Know Josh

1.

Where do you go to have fun where you live? I go to the airport for fun. I enjoy taking pictures of airplanes.

2.

For what are you most grateful? I'm grateful for accepting God as my Savior. Without him, my life is meaningless.

3.

What energizes you? Helping someone sort some of their problems out or going out to the airport to catch a rare airplane.

4.

What is one of your greatest accomplishments? My greatest accomplishment is making it to the 2021 Texas All-State Band on Euphonium. The Texas All-State Band is the top of the All-State process in the state of Texas, with over 70,000 Texas high school musicians going through the audition process every year. Out of those 70,000 individuals, only 1% make the All-State Band.

5.

What are 5 things you can't live without? God, Family, Friends, Planes, Music.

6.

Describe your perfect day: Wake up, read my Bible, go to the gym, go spotting for a couple of hours (and don't miss any of the planes I want to catch), no homework, and a time where I can focus on myself and God instead of always constantly catching up with schoolwork.

7.

Favorite scripture? Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths."

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Everyone who knows you knows you love: Planes. I absolutely love modern aviation and the passion has led me to pursue aviation photography. I like to take photos of those amazing machines that fly through the sky, and I share them through my Instagram.

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