

CHLOE PARKER

Ministry Intern - Surrey Hills, OK

Tell us about your role in your local congregation.

I am blessed to be the Ministry Intern at Grace Communion Surrey Hills in Oklahoma. Through this internship, I have been given the opportunity to spend one-on-one time with our ministry leaders to learn more about the inner workings of our church. The majority of my time is spent with our MTC Coordinator, Ceeja Malmkar, and our wonderful Avenue champions, as I make my way through my Love, Hope, and Faith Avenue rotations.

What skills do you bring to the role?

Being a Ministry Intern requires being teachable, flexible, people oriented, and having a heart of service. There is so much to learn in the ministry internship, both technically and from the wisdom of our ministry leaders, so it is important to be excited about learning.

What excites you about this role?

It is exciting to see how God moves through each of our Avenues and to participate with Jesus in what he is doing in our neighborhood. God has opened so many doors for me through this internship, and I am excited to see what he has planned for me in ministry.

What are the challenges?

I love all the work I get to do with each Avenue champion. It can be challenging to remove myself from that work so that I can move onto the next Avenue rotation.



Get to Know Chloe

1.

How are you learning to be rooted in place?

I will be getting married in March of 2024, and as we get closer and closer to that date, my fiancé and I have been trying to decide where to put down roots. I have been renting my home in Surrey Hills for almost two years and have absolutely fallen in love with, not only our church family, but with our neighborhood. I have never been a part of a neighborhood that is so interconnected, and it is such a blessing. When I first moved here, I was afraid to get involved because I wasn't sure how long I would stay here. I am so thankful that I didn't let fear stand in my way because being a part of our church and neighborhood has made us realize that Surrey Hills is home to us.

2.

What is something people don't know about you?

I grew up down the street from my now fiancé, and we weren't friends. In fact, I was good friends with one of his sisters. We became friends through our youth group and started dating when I was 15. We've been inseparable ever since.

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What else is important for our readers to know?

I am appreciative of all the support I have received from our GCI family during my internship. This has been such a wonderful opportunity, and I am so grateful for all those who have supported me financially or have taken time to pray for me. Thank you all so much!

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My fiancé and me in Scotland.



At the GCSH young adult retreat.



In Mexico on a family vacation.