

STACEY MEADE

Love Avenue Champion - Charlotte, NC

How did you connect with GCI?

In 1985, at the age of 21, I joined GCI. Never one to be a spectator, I took an active role. I engaged in various acts of kindness, emphasizing hospitality, meals for those in need, and genuine connections. I also taught children's church. I later attended Ambassador College, eventually graduating from the Pasadena campus in 1990.

Tell us about your current role in GCI.

As the Love Avenue Champion for the congregation in Charlotte, I'm excited about the opportunity to share God's love within the congregation and the broader community. My focus is on fostering relationships and creating a welcoming environment through various activities like game nights, small groups, themed parties, and community events.

What makes you a good fit?

One significant experience was my involvement in summer camp, particularly with SEP SoCal, where I served on staff. My role evolved into the "A-Team," emphasizing affirmation, affection, attention, appreciation, and Agape-style love. This experience shaped my future role in the church plant. Over the years, my love extended beyond the walls of my denomination, evolving into a deep commitment to share God's love with everyone, as instructed by him.

What is something people might not know about you?

For more than four years now, we've used our home to be Airbnb hosts. My physical home is a blessing and if it can bless others, then all the better! Hosting really feels like a ministry! We treat everyone with love and compassion, just like Jesus would do.



Get to Know Stacey

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What's a life lesson you would like to share? One of the highlights in my life has been in understanding that, as human beings, we are imperfect, and as such, I will make mistakes. I know that God loves me no matter what. However, learning to love myself has been a lifetime journey. Through my experience as a beloved child of God and as a member of the 12-step programs, Overeaters Anonymous and Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families, I am learning how to grow up. I hope it will never stop.

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What else is important for our readers to know? In 1995, it was an amazing blessing to marry my best friend and the most awesome godly man in the whole wide world, Robert Meade. And with that marriage came a set of amazing parents, Jim and Kim Meade, who show unconditional love to everyone they meet. God blessed our marriage with two beautiful children. Chris (25) is thriving in his walk with the Lord in South Korea as an ESL teacher. Kelly (23) is enjoying life at work, home, and church with her husband, Andrew Rakestraw, in Tallahassee, FL. I am grateful every day for my family.

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Everyone who knows you, knows...

Everyone knows that our 14-year-old siblings, Butters and Midnite, are part of the family. They have added lots of joy to our home.

Though, grooming them myself takes work! Sometimes I only finish one before calling it quits, as is apparent in the photo.

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My family together on vacation.



My wonderful husband Robert.



Some of my church family.



Butters and Midnite mid grooming.



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