

GCI MEMBER PROFILE

Calvin Porterfield

Tell us about your role in GCI.

I currently serve at GC Surrey Hills and the Ministry Training Center (MTC) in Oklahoma as one of the pastoral residents and one of the youth leaders.

What skills do you bring to the role that make you a good fit?

I have been in ministry for the last 20+ years or so, only three of those years here with GC Surrey Hills. I graduated from Southern Nazarene University with a theology degree and a specific calling to ministry. I am currently enrolled at Grace Communion Seminary (GCS).

What do you want people to know about working here?

Serving at GC Surrey Hills is always an adventure. There is always something happening. But I am surrounded by people that are passionate about serving Jesus and willing to do anything to bring people to know him.

What excites you about this role?

I love teenagers! They have a hunger for the Lord. And when they get the taste of what the Lord can do for them, they are very quick to be on fire for him. To be a part of their story of how they came to know and live in the Lord is a great honor.

What are the challenges?

Teenagers come with many of their own challenges. It's challenging to teaching them how to face those challenges by leaning on the Lord to help guide and direct them.



Pastoral Resident
Oklahoma, US

What are some core values that guide your life and influence your approach to ministry?

Jesus is always first. Let go and let God.

Can you share a memorable experience or testimony from your time in this role?

I took our youth group to a Christian concert, and many of them had never been to one. But when they heard songs played that we sing at church and then saw others their own age lifting their hands in praise, they began to follow suit. It was such a great experience to watch them worship the Lord in such an expressive way.

What is something people don't know about you?

I really enjoy baking. I love listening to rap music, and I even rap at GC Surrey Hills. I thoroughly enjoy board game night, fishing, being outdoors, and video games.

What's a simple blessing you're grateful for recently?

My wife has been very sick this year. We don't know why, and the doctors are unsure why. But the Lord opened an opportunity to get us into the Mayo Clinic. We were approved within 48 hours, and the Lord truly blessed us with housing and other means.

What else is important for our readers to know?

I may have been doing ministry for the last 20+ years, but it hasn't always been in church. I have had the opportunity to serve as a pastor in the workplace, in the school system, and anywhere or to anyone else that the Lord led me to. My wife and I have a saying, "Bring it Lord." In the good times and when the trials of life come and things seem to get too hard, we look at him and say, "Bring it, show us what you got." God always "shows up and shows off" in the best way! Maybe not in the way that we imagine, but he is always there to "bring it."

Get to know Calvin



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