

My name is Teresa Caudill Whited, and I am a retired registered nurse with a passion for helping people find the comfort and joy of salvation through Jesus Christ my Savior. I was born and raised in Rockdale, Wisconsin and moved to Chunky, Mississippi when I was sixteen. I graduated with an associate degree in nursing in 1983 from Meridian Junior College in Meridian, Mississippi. Eventually going on to receive my baccalaureate in nursing in 1997, and Master of Science degree in Nursing in 2001, both from the University of Southern Mississippi. Most of my working career was at Rush Foundation Hospital (now Ochsner) in Meridian, Mississippi. I also worked at the Mississippi State Department of Health as a home health nurse and clinic nurse at the local health department. I tried my hand at being a director of nurses at a nursing home but found I missed the hospital environment and went back after 7 months. Part time private duty nursing and weekend supervisor positions were also held by myself. Each line of duty taught me new skills professionally and personally. The last 19 years of employment was as the Infection Prevention and Control Coordinator for Rush Health Systems. As a certified Infection Preventionist, I was able to assist our employees and patients through the pandemic and then retired in April of 2021.

Currently, I am the youth instructor at the Community Seventh Day Adventist Church in Meridian, Mississippi. I love the energy and questions of the youth! I have also been conducting weekly worship services for the adolescents at The Crossings (an adolescent psychiatric facility) since October of 2005. We sing, pray, and have a short Bible study that aims to address their most pressing questions and needs. A women's Bible study group meets at my home each week where I am the facilitator and I go to a local nursing home weekly to give a Bible study, visit, and pray with residents.

I enjoy gardening, bird watching, studying the Bible, cooking/baking, and finding new ways to share the love of God with others. I was married to my late husband for 31 years and currently am married to a retired, disabled army veteran since 2014.

My goal in life is to be more and more like Jesus, to assist others in finding salvation through Jesus Christ, and encourage daily growth in grace and the love of God.