



## **Rev. DeAnna Golsan (Pastor Dee)**

Pastor Dee began serving Disciples Christian Church in Plano in 2012 while studying at Brite Divinity School for her Masters of Divinity degree, and continued with them following graduation in 2013. She felt blessed and honored to be ordained into ministry through the Southwest Region, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in February of 2014 with friends, family and members from her church by her side.

Dee grew up in the Methodist church, serving in her adult life as usher, Stephen Minister and Stephen Ministry Leader. After leaving that church for personal reasons, she remained in church limbo for several years. In 2008, she was invited by a friend to visit Midway Hills Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and her life changed. She joined the church two Sundays later. Within 6 months, Dee received her call to Ministry and began Brite Divinity School in August of 2009. Her time at Brite Divinity School opened her mind and heart to the beauty of the Gospels, the importance of Ecumenical partnership and instilled in her a desire to preach, offer meaningful pastoral care and to be of service to God and the church family.

DeAnna lives in the Dallas metroplex since moving here in 1992 with her husband Cory, and her three sons Ryan, Adam and Bradley and she has three grandchildren. Life is pretty great.

During the early years of service at Disciples Christian Church, Dee's faith was tested and made stronger. She looked deep within and found what she was passionate about, to rethink some of her imbedded theologies and be open to change. One of the greatest changes came about as a result of meeting a mother whose son was on death row. After walking with her through his execution, Dee found a passion for speaking out about the death penalty and has worked closely with the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. She was also invited to speak before groups and at congressional hearings. Dee tried to use a terrible experience to make a difference.

She is also excited about helping children in need, the opportunities for ecumenical partnerships, opening the Lords Table for all people and growing the Church for the glory of Christ.