

Renee Rowell

Daybreak Devotionals Leader



My husband, David, and I have lived in Elgin, South Carolina since 1998. We have two sons, a lovely daughter-in-law, and two very special grandchildren. We have been attending Awaken Church in Columbia since 2017. Currently, David is the Program/Tech Director for the worship team and Sunday services. I have served on the worship team and currently lead our women's ministry. I made Jesus the Lord of my life when I was nine years old.

It was Easter Sunday April 6, 1969 at Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, which is where I grew up. The memory of that moment is still so fresh in my mind and heart, and each time I talk about it, it's as if it just happened. I will never forget it as long as I live.

I met **Lori Baker**, Daybreak's Director of Client Care, at Awaken, and one Sunday after service, I approached her with something the Lord had been speaking to my heart regarding a possible opportunity at Daybreak to begin a bible study or devotional time with their clients. I'll never forget the look on her face as she shared with me that they had been praying about doing something like that. We both knew in that moment what was happening ... God had answered both of our prayers, and it was a moment filled with emotion and awe as we each took it in. To God Be The Glory!

Shortly after my conversation with Lori, I met with **Eddie Benton**, Daybreak's Executive Director, and the three of us began planning the Daybreak Devotionals hour. We decided that each week the devotional time would include: hearing from God's Word, singing unto the Lord with hymns and psalms, praying for one another, fellowshiping together and concluding with a brief time of Q/A. During special holidays, like Christmas and Easter, the devotional time will be paired with social time.

I am genuinely excited about this new venture with Daybreak Devotionals, and I am in much anticipation over all our God will do in the hearts and minds of those He is sending to us.

FUN FACT: One of my favorite places to visit is **Pretty Place Chapel at Camp Greenville** in Greenville, South Carolina. It's absolutely one of the most beautiful places I've ever seen. It's a covered, outdoor chapel with concrete seating that slopes down toward an altar, where there is a very tall, wooden cross. Just behind that cross is a concrete wall, roughly about 2 feet high, with plaques spaced out along its top. As you look beyond the cross, you can see three states: North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. I see that cross and those mountains behind it, and I'm reminded of how Jesus died for the sins of the whole world, and I am overwhelmed with the emotion of how great a love the Father has for every human soul. I have been in ministry since I was 18 years old, and it's that love that compels me to teach God's word and share the good news of His Gospel.



*Renee is leading Daybreak Devotionals every Tuesday from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm at Daybreak. Our clients, community and friends are welcome to attend. For more information, call **803-771-6634**.*