

Meet Rachel Craddock

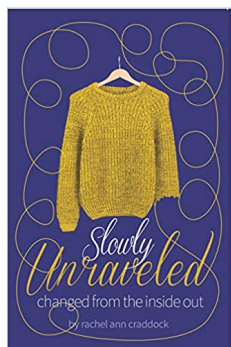
Rachel is a PCA pastor's wife and currently serves as CDM's Regional Advisor to Women's Ministries in Mid America. She and Michael have four children: Ezra James (12), Asher (11), Caleb (9), and Lydia Jane (7).



Rachel has lived most of her life in Ohio. She and her family moved to the Dayton area when she was six years old, she graduated from Springboro High School, and spent a few quarters at Wright State University.

Rachel left Ohio in 2002 to pursue a bachelor's degree in education at Eastern Kentucky University. In 2005, she met her husband through her involvement in Campus Outreach, and less than a year after Rachel and Michael met, they were married and off to St. Louis where Michael attended Covenant Theological Seminary and Rachel taught first grade in the public school system.

After three years in St. Louis, Rachel boomeranged back to Ohio. God called Michael and Rachel to serve at North Cincinnati Community Church in Mason, Ohio in 2009. They served at NCCC in various roles for twelve and a half years. Currently, Michael is searching for a new call, but she and her family still reside in Mason where they enjoy Kings Island, Graeter's Ice Cream, rooting for the Reds, and are waiting with great hope for a season to cheer on the Bengals without lingering disappointment over their Bengaly-ness.



Though she never aspired to write professionally, Rachel's passion for sharing her life while a stay-at-home mom to four-children-under-four led her to blog in 2012. As Rachel began to vulnerably share her life through her rusty writing gifts, she found a new way to encourage others with the gospel. This stumbled upon gift turned into her first book *Slowly Unraveled* (CDM 2019), she recently was a contributor to *Hinged: Vitally Connected to Christ and His Church*, an Ephesians Bible Study (December 2019), and is a regular contributor to the enCourage Blog. Her next project will be co-authored with her husband. *His Name is Great* (CDM, 2022) will be a twelve-week study on the names of God, with a complementing Children's Book, and the possibility of a youth version.

As a Regional Advisor to Women's Ministry, a Women's Retreat Teacher, and National Conference Speaker, it gives Rachel so much joy to get back to her passion for teaching. Rachel's heart is to come alongside women as they think about a life transformed by the gospel, encourage women to share their lives by teaching the next generation, and challenge women to embrace their unique, God-given giftedness for the growth and building up of the church. Rachel also desires to be a lead learner as she listens and learns from those she serves.

In her spare time, Rachel enjoys reading, dark coffee, red wine, bacon cheeseburgers, freezer-meal-making, running, and writing. She and her husband, Michael, enjoy walking together, traveling, date nights, discipling their kiddos, and serving the church alongside one another.