

Riley Pickett



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My name is Riley Pickett, I'm 24 years old, and I'm coming to YAV after a year of teaching middle school English in Pensacola, Florida. I graduated from the University of Mississippi in 2014 with my degree in English Education and moved back to my childhood home to teach in an inner-city public school. The past year stretched me in difficult ways, but reaffirmed my desire for a life of service. Therefore, I'm walking into my YAV year with an open mind and heart, ready to discover what God has in store for the rest of my life.

I attend First Presbyterian Church in Downtown Pensacola and credit this church, the church where I grew up and have now returned to as an adult, for the maturing of my faith and newfound passion for ministry. Being back at First Pres played a huge role in my decision to embark on this year of service. With their support and love, I am bravely stepping out into the unknown.

I can't wait to return to my birthplace of New Orleans and give back to the city that has already given me so much. Please join me on this journey!