Accountant, pastor, author, mom: meet Mary

I AM PLEASED to continue the “Getting to Know Us” theme. This month we will travel back into the office to meet Mary Pinckney.

Mary is an Accounting Specialist of Job & Cost Accounting and has been at Santee Electric for a little over 23 years. Her position is responsible for plant accounting, depreciation, invoicing contractors, taking care of property damage invoices, maintaining substation records, processing highway relocation projects and managing loan programs. Mary doesn’t get the opportunity to interact with our members very much, but I can assure you she is working hard behind the scenes to help you just the same.

Mary married Patrick Pinckney 25 years ago this month. Together they have three children. James is the oldest child. He is 23 and currently studying Accounting at Winthrop University in Rock Hill. Daniel is 22. He is the recent winner of the Greater Lake City Community Foundation’s Lake City Launchpad competition. This year he will take the year off from studying Marketing at Coastal Carolina to focus on his business, Top Notch Boutique. Mary’s youngest child is 18-year-old Ambria. She attends Florence Darlington Technical College and studies marketing.

Mary was born and raised in the Mouzon community and is a graduate of Kingstree Senior High School. She now lives in Lake City where she and her husband pastor the Life Changing World Outreach Ministry together. In addition to the duties of pastoring a church, Patrick is the Social/Emotional Counselor at Lake City High School. This dynamic duo also speaks at conferences, and both have authored a book or two. Mary writes devotionals which can be found at thelife.com or in Thoughts About God and Alive magazines.

I asked Mary what she likes best about her job here at Santee Electric. “Variety—I don’t have to do the same thing all the time.” Working in the accounting department gives Mary the opportunity to work on many different tasks, which keeps her day interesting.

When asked what she likes best about Santee Electric, Mary stated, “Benefits are a plus. You don’t find that in many places, but I also really like the family environment here.” One thing Mary would like everyone to know about the cooperative is that there is “a very good summer intern program. It is how I and many others began our cooperative careers. The professional development opportunities provided are a great way to learn more about the cooperative world and to acquire skills that help us to maintain balance in our everyday lives as well.”

I hope I have given you a peek into one more of the many folks we have working here at the co-op. If you see Mary out and about in the community let her know how much her hard work is appreciated.

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