

PHYSICIAN SPOTLIGHT



**Joe Metcalf,
MD**

COLUMBUS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
EMERGENCY ROOM

If you played the game “Two Truths and a Lie” with Joe Metcalf, MD, he would likely give you the following statements:

1. I ran the Olympic marathon trials twice.
2. I raise pythons as a side business.
3. I was good friends with Garth Brooks in college.

So, which one is the lie? Trick question—they’re all true! Metcalf, an internal medicine doctor who treats patients in the Columbus Community Hospital emergency room, just happens to have some unusual fun facts about his life.

While Metcalf has been caring for patients in emergency situations for the last nine years, his greatest passion is in treating people who are at the end of their life. **“It is then that they need a provider who understands their concerns and emotional pain,”** he said, **“while at the same time advocating for their comfort and answering the hard questions.”**

He also greatly enjoys working with students and resident doctors. **“It is a privilege to pass on to them what I have learned, just as my professors and attending physicians did for me during my training,”** he said.

For Metcalf, caring for others runs in the family — his father, too, was a doctor, and he quickly became fascinated with biology and human physiology in high school.

Out of everyone in his life, however, Metcalf says that he has been influence most by Jesus. **“He is my mentor and the one to whom I owe my life,”** he said. **“I desire to become more like him as long as he gives me days to live. The Bible is definitely my favorite book.”**

Metcalf and his wife, Lisa, have nine children and eight grandchildren. When he’s not treating patients, he enjoys hiking, fishing, hunting and working on building projects on his farm.

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