

## Alumni Spotlight: David Senters (M.Div. '15—Jacksonville)



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**Current title:** Senior Pastor, New Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)

**Family:** Married for 15 years to GinaMarie. Our children are Cecelia, Hannah, and Noah.

**Favorite professors:** Dr. Tom Petter and Dr. Ryan Reeves

**Favorite class:** Biblical Theology taught by Dr. Tom Petter

**Favorite memory:** Enjoying lunch with classmates and professor at 4 Rivers Smokehouse

### What have you been doing since you left Gordon-Conwell?

I served as a pastor in Waycross, GA for two years in a previous denomination. Then I worked a secular job while I completed an internship with a PCA church in Fort Walton Beach, FL. After receiving a call to a church and completing the ordination exams, I was ordained in the PCA in June 2020.

### What are you doing now?

I have the joy of pastoring New Covenant Presbyterian Church. It is a small and young PCA church in Richmond Hill, GA, which is in the Savannah area. I do all things pastors of small churches do—preaching, teaching, sacraments, visiting, etc.—and I love it!

### How has God woven together your Gordon-Conwell education with other life events to bring you to where you are now?

I have not had a straight line from graduation to ordination in the PCA. After I finished up at Gordon-Conwell I was uncertain if I belonged in the denomination of my youth or in a different denomination. While I wrestled with this, I worked a secular job, my family grew, and I learned to be a faithful layman in the church. Gordon-Conwell gave me a biblical and theological foundation to trust in God’s sovereignty and providence, grow in my discipleship, and critically examine my beliefs with Scripture.



**What has been Gordon-Conwell's biggest impact/influence?**

Two words: tenacity and confidence. Like many others, I worked a full-time job while I attended Gordon-Conwell. I remember feeling intimidated by all of the classes I would need to complete to earn my degree, but my confidence grew each semester. Gordon-Conwell developed in me the confidence to take on a new challenge, or a change, and have the tenacity to stick with the commitment.

**What piece of advice would you give to young alumni who are just entering the working world?**

Find other ministers who are older than you and spend time with them. Ask them to mentor you and receive their help.