

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.