

Alumni Spotlight: David Beavers (ThM '12, DMin '21)



Current Title & Military Branch: AMCOM Command Chaplain, US Army

Family: Wife: Rocklan

Favorite professors: Dr. Donald Gill

Favorite class: The entire DMin Program

Favorite memory: The spiritual connectedness of the students

What have you been doing since you left Gordon-Conwell and what are you doing now?

Following my ThM, I taught at The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. After my DMin, I have been at US Army Aviation and Missile Command.

What do you love about your work as a military chaplain?

Being able to help people, quite often on their worst day.

What are the particular challenges of serving as a military chaplain in general and/or in your specific context?

In my particular context, the most challenging part is the separation from my family. While the ministry has been fantastic, being apart from my loved ones for eighty months during my career has been challenging.

How has God woven together your Gordon-Conwell education with other life events to bring you to where you are now? How did you come to be doing your current work?

God's impact on my life has allowed me to go forward with God in confidence that He is with me at every moment and with every step to help others.

How has your Gordon-Conwell education served you in your past and current work?

I was and am blessed to be able to use my DMin project to continue to assist soldiers and their spouses. The project was a joint Bible Study for couples who are separated by deployment and has been a success in helping others.

What piece of advice would you give to young alumni who are considering serving as a military chaplain?

Trust and rely on God; Prioritize your spiritual growth; Practice what you preach with regard to care for others and their well-being; Ensure you focus on your family as well as others.

Do you have any publications or links to share?

[The Bible Project](#) has been helpful as a starting point regarding Christian Education for many of our personnel who are not familiar with the Bible.