



## Intern Report

### Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley

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Date: 09/01/2022

Name of intern: Joshua Beck

Name of mentor: Carl Kalberkamp

Church where you are serving as an intern: Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

This quarter I will be continuing my studies at RTS while also beginning the initial steps to become a chaplain candidate. We are excited about this new step in ministry and are looking forward to supporting and ministering to that community. At POPC I am teaching an adult Sunday School class on the book of Judges which is sobering but also very rewarding as a teacher and student.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

Pastor Carl continues to provide wise counsel as my wife and I begin exploring chaplaincy. He continually asks questions that highlight his experience while also guiding me to think deeper in areas I had not explored before.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

With every new season in seminary there are new expectations and demands and this semester is no different. I am natural problem solver to the point where I often try and make my own plan or solution without considering how the LORD might be using a situation to grow me or keep me from something. I think walking diligently in His grace and not chomping at the bit at every turn is something the LORD is growing in my heart. However, I do feel a strong call to ministry and I am excited for how the LORD might use our family in chaplaincy.

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**Date:** 9/28/2022

**Name of intern:** Stephen Biggs

**Name of mentor:** David Felker

**Church where you are serving as an intern:** First Presbyterian Church, Jackson **Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:**

-I am regularly teaching small groups, large groups, and Sunday school for youth at FPC. In our large group meetings this summer, we have been teaching on worldview and apologetics (senior high) and the book of 1 Samuel (junior high). For Sunday school, I have been teaching on systematic theology.

-I regularly meet with students in a one on one capacity to disciple them.

-I regularly assist at evening worship or teach the children's devotional.

-I preached at the Rankin County jail this quarter.

-Committee meetings, budget oversight, summer retreats, teaching adult SS.

**Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:** David and I meet regularly, whether formally or informally, to discuss youth ministry, the broader ministries of the church, and family/marriage. David has helped me this quarter in wisely thinking through hiring other staff for our youth ministry.

**In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?**

Other than the ways noted last quarter, I have been tested in my understanding of preaching this quarter. Because I am on a slow track for seminary, I am just now taking Communications 1 (homiletics) and preaching lab. I was also able to teach at the Rankin County jail. In both preaching lab and various other teaching opportunities, I have been encouraged for future ministry. My sense of call remains strong.

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Name of intern: Matthew Carter

Name of mentor: Dr. Mark Spellman

Church where you are serving as an intern: Wynndale Presbyterian Church

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

My duties this quarter are to prepare and teach adult Sunday school, lead in morning worship to assist the quest preacher, and I am preparing for a small group Bible study.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

The majority of our meeting have been about exams, and about how my schooling is coming to an end sooner than latter. The relationship has been a blessing to me in learning, preaching, and many more ways.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

I am being tested by the questions that arise when the end of something dawns. The internship has been a great assurance being able to look back and see the changes God has made, and it strengthens my call to the ministry.

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Date: 8/25/2022

Name of intern: Tony Doggett

Name of mentor: Rev. Dr. David Strain

Church where you are serving as an intern: First Presbyterian Church - Jackson, MS

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

During the past quarter, God continued to bless me with various ministry opportunities and experiences. For example, I taught lessons on several occasions to a variety of groups (e.g., Foundations class, Prayer Meeting, Mission First Summer Program), and I preached at Pickens Presbyterian Church three times. I also served as a VBS volunteer, and I attended pastoral visits with FPC ministers. Additionally, I attended the Banner of Truth Conference and General Assembly this summer. Finally, I continued to assist with other administrative responsibilities and ministry efforts (e.g., serving on various ministry committees, editing the weekly bulletin, uploading sermons or other media to the church website).

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

I met with David during the past quarter to discuss various ministry questions, potential ministry calls, ministry to family, or progress in seminary and the internship. During our meetings, David has provided helpful and direct feedback regarding areas of spiritual and personal growth. He has also provided guidance in relation to sermon preparation and delivery, provision of pastoral care to others particularly in regard to illness and loss, premarital counseling, time management, and completion of internship requirements.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

I am truly thankful for the opportunity to complete an internship at FPC Jackson. God has graciously provided opportunities for spiritual growth and the development of my God-given gifts through diverse ministry experiences over the summer quarter. These experiences have provided opportunities for growth in the areas of teaching and provision of pastoral care. My desire to minister to God's people in a Christ-like manner continues to grow. Furthermore, my sense of call to the ministry has continued to be strengthened and confirmed during this season both internally and externally.

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Date: September 29, 2022

Name of intern: Wilson Jamison

Name of mentor: Brian Gault

Church where you are serving as an intern: Redeemer PCA, Jackson

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

This quarter I am serving as the Interim Youth Director and as a Pastoral Intern. As the Interim Youth Director, I teach regularly, meet with students, and give oversight for the structure of the ministry. As a Pastoral Intern, I am serving under my mentor, Brian, and giving leadership to our Young Adult Ministry in the church. I plan events, meet with young adults, and teach occasionally.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

Brian has been very helpful, and it has been fun to serve alongside him in Shepherding and Discipleship. We have mostly discussed ministry logistics and big picture planning, and we have also discussed calling since I graduate in May 2023.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

Teaching regularly has been a great opportunity for me to see the Lord provide and learn so much. I have also been stretched regarding time management, but I have seen the Lord give me rest in the midst of a busy season.

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Name of intern: Erick J. Kruger

Name of mentor: Allen Stanton

Church where you are serving as an intern: Pinehaven Presbyterian Church

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

This quarter I have engaged in duties in both preaching and teaching. I have been preaching through the seven letters to the churches in Revelation. As far as teaching, I concluded a Sunday school class giving an overview of the book of Deuteronomy. In August, I was licensed by the Presbytery to preach.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

I have been encouraged from Allen's feedback concerning my preaching. He continues to set a good example of a faithful pastor diligently laboring in the church. I appreciate his accessibility and willingness to answer any practical questions concerning the ministry.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

This past quarter I felt the weight of preparing to be licensed by the Presbytery. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve Pinehaven on a more "regular" basis. My call to the ministry remains strong, and I will, Lord willing, continue to prepare well for service.

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Name of intern: Jermaine Van Buren Jr.

Name of mentor: Brian Gault

Church where you are serving as an intern: Redeemer Church PCA @ Jackson

Give a description of your duties as an intern this quarter:

My duties this quarter include teaching Adult Sunday School, teaching Youth Sunday School, preaching periodically at our Youth Ministry gatherings, Chaperoning youth events throughout the semester, participating in a bi-weekly book study with Brian Gault, and assisting in Worship once every month.

Describe the content of your meetings with your mentor and the ways you believe you are benefiting from your relationship with him:

Within our meetings, we eat and share what is going on in our lives for a section of the meeting. After that, Brian gives counsel when appropriate. Then, we discuss our book for the remainder of the time (At Present, it is Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson.) I believe Brian is helping me to develop theologically and practically as a pastor.

In what ways do you see your gifts and graces being tested through this internship, and as a result of this period of trial and self-examination what is your sense of your call to the ministry?

My gifts and graces are being tested through this internship through my service in the Youth Ministry. Inwardly, I sense a joy for preaching the Word and walking with students 1-1 to apply the Word to their lives. As a result, I feel strongly called to a ministry where I can publicly proclaim the Word, administer the sacraments, lead 1-1 and small group ministry, and lead a staff team, either with college students or youth students.

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