



Good Tidings of
Great Joy!

Meet the 2025-2028
Pastoral Students

Highlights from the President

Dear Friends of Faith Bible Seminary,

The good tidings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to bring great joy to all people. Our theme for this year's banquet reminds us of the joy that springs up in the hearts of God's people for the good news of Jesus the Messiah. We are rejoicing in the Lord and His work through your support and partnership. FBS is overflowing with joy for several reasons.

- FBS praises the Lord for its largest class of men preparing for pastoral ministry. Our MDiv cohort has 44 students, representing multiple countries (Brazil, Germany, Dominican Republic, Mexico, USA).
- FBS rejoices that we have currently 132 MABC students, representing 32 states, and 11 countries.
- FBS continues to serve the local church and bless local churches by partnering with 35 local FBS partnering churches.
- FBS is thankful for 17 alumni who have completed or are pursuing further education at the doctoral level for terminal degrees.
- FBS has 3 future faculty in their dissertation phase for long term seminary sustainability.



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Thank you for your partnership in the gospel to glorify God by equipping students with a biblical education for effective Christian ministry through FBS!

As you reflect on all the reasons for rejoicing this year because of God's work through FBS, please consider giving to support this marvelous ministry.



Our fundraising goal for this year's FBS Friends Banquet is \$140,000.

The FBS banquet donations provide about 15% of the total operational support needs for FBS.

Please consider and complete **the giving page on the back of your dinner program** or visit (faithlafayette.org/fbsbanquet) to support FBS in these ways. Your support will continue to bless and bring joy to many FBS students as they are prepared to be more effective Christ-like servants!

May the joy of our Triune God fill your hearts this Christmas season as you remember the incarnation of the Son of God. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man!

With joy and thankfulness,



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Andrew Alberda



Hometown: Livingston, Montana

Spouse: Callie

Children: Evangelynn (10), Delaney (8), Noelle (6), Peter (4), William (2)

Ministry at which you serve: Paradise Valley Community Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastor of a rural church

Two fun facts about you/your family: We love to fold laundry and hear a good book read. We dance and sing most nights doing the dishes!

Why did you choose FBS: I love FBS's focus on Biblical counseling and a staff that are pastors as well as professors.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: I am excited to be pushed to know the scriptures both in their original context and to move the meaning faithfully to today. I am excited to be pushed to hear and do what God would have me do.

Long-term ministry goals: I want to continue serving the church in vocational ministry. I would love to go on to teach the next generation in a seminary or bible college.

How can supporters be praying for you: Please pray that I more and more love the God who has first loved me. I don't want to merely study for information but to study to know my great God more!

Athens Arfaras



Hometown: Land O' Lakes, Florida

Ministry at which you serve: Faith Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Intern under David Mora at the Northend Community Center & Hartford Hub

Two fun facts about you/your family: We are Greek and have had the same home for over 19 years.

Why did you choose FBS: I chose FBS because it was an affordable, high-quality education with a paid residential internship.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: I am most excited to deepen my understanding of God's Word, to obtain training in Biblical counseling, to grow in my walk with the Lord, and to help others do the same.

Long-term ministry goals: Lord willing, I desire to either continue to a ThM at The Master's Seminary or serve in the local church in whatever capacity needed.

How can supporters be praying for you: Please pray for me to have covenant faithfulness engraved on my heart (Prov. 3:3) and for my family (brother & sister) to come to know Christ.

William Baker



Hometown: Horace, North Dakota

Spouse: Sarah

Children: Jennifer, Reagan, Victoria

Ministry at which you serve: Brookdale Baptist Church, Moorhead, MN

Primary Responsibilities: Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Outreach

One fun fact about you/your family: Will and Sarah are fans of rival teams in every sport.

Why did you choose FBS: Because of a combination of quality and affordability, length of program, and online options.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: Growing in my ability to serve my church.

Long-term ministry goals: I will potentially pursue lead pastor positions to build strong elder teams and healthy churches elsewhere.

How can supporters be praying for you: Faithfulness to serve my family and church while completing responsibilities for seminary

Ryan Bame



Hometown: Salisbury, North Carolina

Spouse: Allie

Ministry at which you serve: Trinity Baptist Church in Westfield, Indiana

Primary Responsibilities: Youth Pastor

Two fun facts about you/your family: We enjoy hiking, fishing, and camping.

Why did you choose FBS: It's more affordable.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: Learning Biblical geography

Long-term ministry goals: I plan to get a PhD in practical ministry and publish a book on burnout.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray that I balance my new job, classes, family, and house hunting/building!

Caleb Beachy



Hometown: Nappanee, Indiana

Ministry at which you serve: Faith Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Worship Intern

One fun fact about you/your family: My family serves as missionaries in Mexico and have been for the last 15 years.

Why did you choose FBS: The providence of the Lord, the persuasion of Pastor Brent Aucoin, and the opportunity to practice what I was learning.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: To grow in my love for the Lord and shift my desires and my very self to what He has for me.

Long-term ministry goals: I plan on serving the Lord wherever He may send me, for His plans have proven to be better than my own.

How can supporters be praying for you: Please pray that I will faithfully and steadfastly walk day by day to honor God both in jarring chaos and steady monotony.

Zach Berthelot



Hometown: Kincardine, Canada

Spouse: Melissa

Children: Evelyn 8, Charlie 6

Ministry at which you serve: Lighthouse Fellowship Baptist Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Intern

Two fun facts about you/your family: We love adventure and being silly.

Why did you choose FBS: The internship and church partnership that is involved.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: I am excited to grow in my knowledge of the Lord and to better understand His word.

Long-term ministry goals: Pastor a church or have a Biblical counseling ministry.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray that I would grow in my character.

Joseph Bremerour



Hometown: Holmesville, Ohio (wife is from Hackettstown, NJ)

Spouse: Kataryna

Ministry at which you serve: Faith Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Intern in international ministries

Two fun facts about you/your family: My wife is a registered nurse and we both greatly enjoy traveling and the arts.

Why did you choose FBS: I chose FBS because of affordability and the unique model. I wanted to be working in ministry beside others that I could learn from as I was learning in my studies.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: The practical aspect of being able to work out in ministry the things that I am learning is most exciting.

Long-term ministry goals: I want to disciple artists of various different disciplines into using their craft to communicate for the glory of God to the world around them.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray that I would persevere and accept the good that God gives me each day with joy by delighting in Him. We are also expecting a child so pray for wisdom.

Ryan Bristol



Hometown: Ansley, Nebraska

Spouse: Kelley

Children: Micah (10) Luke (8) Joshua (4) Brooke (1)

Ministry at which you serve: Faith Fellowship

Primary Responsibilities: Associate Pastor

Two fun facts about you/your family: We work on a family farm with cows and crops. We like football and volleyball.

Why did you choose FBS: I chose FBS because of my familiarity with ACBC, the accessibility of an online format, the emphasis on original languages, and the commitment to biblical theology.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: I am excited to understand the original context of the Bible more in order to be more accurate and effective in teaching and preaching.

Long-term ministry goals: Preach, counsel, and pastor a church in a role that suits our giftings

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray for Christ's peace for me and all the members of my family. Pray for true Christian unity in the communities in which we live and minister.

Luke Browning



Hometown: Newburgh, Indiana

Spouse: Rebecca

Ministry at which you serve: Faith Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Intern Faith
West Youth Group

One fun fact about you/your family: We love to play pickleball with friends!

Why did you choose FBS: FBS had blessed me already through the ministry of the pastors and interns before me. Through that, I saw the high

value of practical experience in the local church while in biblical studies.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: I am excited to grow in steadfastness, and also in a calm, quiet trust in the goodness of God.

Long-term ministry goals: I hope to become a pastor and devote myself to discipleship and Biblical counseling.

How can supporters be praying for you: Please pray that I would be a good steward of all areas of my life, and lift high the gospel through my heart posture and conduct.

Raphael Campos



Hometown: Pontiac, Illinois

Spouse: Raquel

Children: Ellis (4), Bella (3)

Ministry at which you serve: First Baptist Church of Fairbury, IL

Primary Responsibilities: Youth Pastor

Two fun facts about you/your family: Every birthday, we sing the loudest and most cheerful birthday song (Brazilian style). My wife is great at turning birthdays into a weeklong celebration in our house.

Why did you choose FBS: For its high emphasis in Biblical counseling. After completing track 1 with FBCM, I knew that this is the place I wanted to study.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: I want to be equipped for pastoral ministry. That is the main reason why we came to America, to be trained and serve in full time ministry, and now, after 7 years, God is providing for us to be here!

Long-term ministry goals: My goals are to serve the Lord and people with the knowledge I get from the seminary. I want to be a good leader, a good pastor and a good counselor for those in need. I want to be equipped to preach His Word and to proclaim His name efficiently until Jesus comes back.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray for me to be organized and disciplined with my time and to thrive in my relationship with the Lord, while taking care of my family, my ministry work, and my seminary studies.

Wesley Crawford



Hometown: Comstock Park, Michigan

Spouse: Lindsey

Children: Levi (8), Sophia (6), Joseph (4)

Ministry at which you serve: West Cannon Baptist Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastor of Family Ministries

Two fun facts about you/your family: We love reading and playing board games together. We love camping.

Why did you choose FBS: I have served alongside two former graduates of FBS and I admire both of those men. I also greatly appreciate the focus on Biblical counseling.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: Sharpening my skills, and learning more about God and His Word

Long-term ministry goals: I want to serve the Lord faithfully for as long as He gives me breath!

How can supporters be praying for you: Be praying for strength to be a godly husband, father, pastor, and student.

Fernando da Silva



Hometown: São José dos Campos, Brazil

Spouse: Milena Júlia Noll da Silva

Ministry at which you serve: Maranatha Baptist Church (in Brazil)

Primary Responsibilities: Youth Ministry and Pastoral Ministry Intern

One fun fact about you/your family: My wife and I had a long-distance relationship that involved a 12-hour drive during our engagement.

Why did you choose FBS: I chose FBS because of its focus on Biblical counseling.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: Learning more about my God who reveals Himself in the Scriptures.

Long-term ministry goals: I want to pass on what I have learned to those whom God places in my life.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray for perseverance in my studies and in the ministry activities of the local church.

Maxwell Dalrymple



Hometown: Federal Way, Washington

Spouse: Katelynn

Ministry at which you serve: Christ's Church
Federal Way

Primary Responsibilities: Director of Student
and Young Adult Ministries

One fun fact about you/your family: We are
expecting our first child in May!

Why did you choose FBS: I like the cohort

model, the community, and the affordable model to help support local churches.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training:
Learning the original languages and being trained in Biblical counseling.

Long-term ministry goals: I want to be a stronger and more equipped minister at my current church (Christ's Church Federal Way). I want to help with counseling issues.

How can supporters be praying for you: Be praying for me as I am going to become a father during my first year. Pray that I'd be able to steward the load the Lord has blessed me with well.

Michael Davidson



Hometown: Casey, Illinois

Spouse: Cheyanna

Children: Corben (12), Michael III (7), Genevieve (7)

Ministry at which you serve: Moriah Church

Primary Responsibilities: Youth and Children's Ministry; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Volunteer Huddle Leader and Chaplin for our High School Football Team

Two fun facts about you/your family: We are a sports family and we love going on adventures.

Why did you choose FBS: The schedule and the ability to partner with my local church to glorify God.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: I am excited to learn more about God's Word and how to be more effective as a leader of the church.

Long-term ministry goals: To share God's word with others in ways that glorify God.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray for me to be more disciplined and effective with my time of balancing personal time with God, family, ministry, and school.

Max Davis



Hometown: Elkhart, Indiana

Spouse: Jenna

Children: Miles

Ministry at which you serve: McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

Primary Responsibilities: Associate Pastor

One fun fact about you/your family: We race dirt bikes regularly.

Why did you choose FBS: The blessing of the ability to graduate with an MDiv with no debt cannot be overstated.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: Opportunity to learn

Long-term ministry goals: I would like to go into a doctoral program once I graduate with my MDiv.

How can supporters be praying for you: That I would value time with family.

Alex Dykstra



Hometown: Lafayette, Indiana

Spouse: Olivia

Ministry at which you serve: Faith Church

Primary Responsibilities: Youth Group Pastoral Intern

Two fun facts about you/your family: We love Biblical counseling. My wife is ACBC certified, and I am almost certified. We were married 3 months before the internship began.

Why did you choose FBS: I chose FBS because of the discipleship, mentorship, and practical application of God's Word during my education.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: I am most excited to grow in a fuller knowledge of who I am as a believer in Christ and to share that wisdom with others.

Long-term ministry goals: We desire to shepherd the local church to treasure Jesus above all else and equip them to make disciples of all nations, with a specific emphasis on Biblical counseling ministry.

How can supporters be praying for you: My wife and I would appreciate prayers that we would grow more fervently in our dependence on the Lord's strength and wisdom as we steward our responsibilities and aspire for full-time ministry.

Josiah Hayden

Hometown: Plainwell, Michigan

Ministry at which you serve: Orangeville Baptist Church

Primary Responsibilities: Worship Director and Pastoral Resident

Two fun facts about you/your family: We are a musical family. We enjoy writing and performing together and I get to do that weekly with two of my siblings at church.



Why did you choose FBS: The FBS program is folded into the real-life ministry of the local church. It is also affordable.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: I am excited to know God more and to be equipped to share more of Him with others. I am also excited to grow as a leader.

Long-term ministry goals: I would like to serve the Lord in pastoral, music-oriented ministry, with increasing conviction and skill.

How can supporters be praying for you: Please ask God to make me a better steward of my time. I struggle saying “no” to people that I love and to things I enjoy. I also tend to let urgent matters crowd out what is more important. I want Christ’s priorities to shape my own.

Chase Hesson



Hometown: Westerville, Ohio

Ministry at which you serve: Rock Point Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Resident

One fun fact about you/your family: I am currently engaged to my lovely fiancé Hannah and we will be getting married this summer.

Why did you choose FBS: Hearing testimonies of how it has grow faithful leaders.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: Growing as a man .

Long-term ministry goals: Pastoring or Missions Work

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray that I grow in dependency on the Lord and in humility.

Ariel Hildago



Hometown: Pottersville, New York

Spouse: Lauren

Children: Luca (2) & one on the way

Ministry at which you serve: Word of Life Center for Biblical Counseling

Primary Responsibilities: Internship

Coordinator

One fun fact about you/your family: We love spending time outside.

Why did you choose FBS: I think very highly of the professors and their background in counseling and theology.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: Knowing God and His Word deeper.

Long-term ministry goals: We want to do missionary work in a hispanic speaking country with a local church.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray for a wise use of our time in school, work, church, and home life as we expect a new baby in November.

Klayson Hoepfner



Hometown: Columbia City, Indiana

Ministry at which you serve: Trinity Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Intern

One fun fact about you/your family: I love Apologetics and I love Evangelism.

Why did you choose FBS: It was recommended by one of my Elders because of the price and online option.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: Learning new things about the King of Kings that I will get to take with me in life

Long-term ministry goals: Pastoral Ministry in some capacity

How can supporters be praying for you: Guidance for my life

Luke Kjergaard



Hometown: Fort Wayne, Indiana

Spouse: Shelby

Children: Augustine (3) and Selah (1)

Ministry at which you serve: North Park Community Church

Primary Responsibilities: Associate Pastor

One fun fact about you/your family: We are very musical and love singing loudly in our home!

Why did you choose FBS: I heard great things about the program, and was able to attend while continuing to serve my church.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: Being able to serve my church family better.

Long-term ministry goals: Lifelong pastoral ministry

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray that I would continue to grow in being a faithful husband and father.

Waldemar Lawrenz



Hometown: Achim, Germany

Spouse: Rahel

Children: Susannah

Ministry at which you serve: Faith Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Intern

One fun fact about you/your family: I

have a 10-year age gap with my wife.

Why did you choose FBS: I heard a lot of good things about the church and the ministry.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: Counseling training

Long-term ministry goals: Serve at my church in Germany with what I learn.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray that I can handle the seminary workload and that my wife and daughter feel comfortable here during the 3 years.

Joseph Leon



Hometown: Harker Heights, Texas

Spouse: Audrey

Children: Brittney 25, Katie 21

Ministry at which you serve: The Journey Church in Killeen, Texas

Primary Responsibilities: Discipleship Pastor

Two fun facts about you/your family: We went on a mission trip to Guatemala in 2019 to minister to the indigenous people in the remote regions, offering medical supplies and prayer. We take annual, themed family photos for Christmas that we started in 2015.

Why did you choose FBS: I chose FBS because of the quality of the teachers and overall price. My senior pastor was impressed by the faculty and price.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: I am excited about getting trained properly in exegesis and sermon planning. As well as learning as much as I can about the most important book & person in history.

Long-term ministry goals: I want to serve the Lord wherever He sends me, to the best of my ability. I don't care if it's in the pulpit or behind the scenes, as long as it's where He wants me.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray for my daughters as they navigate early adulthood, my wife as she adapts to seminary and for me that I can successfully manage work, church ministry, seminary & family.

Preston Little



Hometown: Crawfordsville, Indiana

Ministry at which you serve: Faith Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Intern College Ministry

Two fun facts about you/your family:
All my brothers and I are boilermakers, and our favorite family activity is euchre.

Why did you choose FBS: I chose FBS because of its ability to serve and give back to the local church throughout the duration of the seminary. By consistently serving in ministry alongside my classes, I hope to better learn how to take what I am learning in class and apply it to day-to-day conversations.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: I am most excited about growing to be a more faithful disciple and learning to better equip others.

Long-term ministry goals: I would like to serve as a pastor in college ministry, young adult ministry, and/or counseling ministry.

How can supporters be praying for you: I would love prayer that I will fix my eyes on Christ during this time, and that I would love and follow Him more and more.

Samuel Naugle



Hometown: Fleetwood, Pennsylvania

Ministry at which you serve: Faith Church North

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Intern

Two fun facts about you/your family: My mother is first generation American; her parents were from the Ukraine and Brazil. I do not speak either of those languages.

Why did you choose FBS: Word of mouth reference by past intern.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: Excited to grow spiritually, and grow deeper in my relationship with God.

Long-term ministry goals: I am open for anything at this point. I believe the Lord will make that more clear by the three year mark.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray that I would choose each day to grow deeper in my relationship with Christ by growing in maturity and godliness.

Matthew Nicewonger



Hometown: Syracuse, New York

Spouse: Dani

Children: Theo (4) and Holland (1)

Ministry at which you serve: Faith Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Intern with Childrens Ministry

Two fun facts about you/your family: We

love taking walks, going on hikes, camping, or anything outdoors. Our extended families live in TX and ME and we thoroughly enjoy spending time with both!

Why did you choose FBS: I chose FBS because of the opportunity to be trained by qualified pastors AND teachers who have been in the ministry for quite some time, the opportunity to receive training in a timely fashion at a low cost, and the opportunity to learn (seminary), put into practice (ministry focus), grow (attending church), and be involved in the community (community center shifts).

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: I am excited to learn at a level that will deepen my love and worship of God, for the opportunity to take what I am learning and pour that back into Faith Church, and that finishing my training means that I am prepared for years of faithful pastoral ministry.

Long-term ministry goals: As of now, it is my heart to return to youth ministry after Seminary Training. However, my wife and I are open to wherever the Lord may lead.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray for Matt to be able to manage responsibilities and priorities well (Child of God, Husband, Father, Intern, School, Friend). Pray for all of us to grow closer to the Lord and closer to each other. Pray for Dani as she takes care of the boys and starts schooling with them.

Anthony Ochoa



Hometown: Saint Peters, Missouri

Spouse: Emily

Children: Jack (8), George (6), Charlie (2), and Tommy (6 weeks)

Ministry at which you serve: Grace Community Chapel

Primary Responsibilities: Youth Pastor

Two fun facts about you/your family: We love to fish together. We love to do family worship.

Why did you choose FBS: FBS' theology lines up with what I believe Scripture emphasizes. The connection to Biblical counseling is a massive plus!

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: Strengthening my understanding of the Word in a way that helps me strengthen the body.

Long-term ministry goals: Continue to serve wherever the Lord calls me, and to do it faithfully with what I learned.

How can supporters be praying for you: Be praying for me to manage my time well in this busy season so that I can love my wife and children well. Be praying for us as we have our fourth son on the way in October!

Ruben Rincon



Hometown: Santo Domingo

Spouse: Yuliana Pineiro

Children: Yulliet (4) and Yulliam (2)

Ministry at which you serve: Grace Baptist church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Intern

One fun fact about you/your family: We call our son el gombre. He has a strong character and he is like an old man.

Why did you choose FBS: It is pastoral based training with a high academic level. I am learning to become a pastor for a church.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: To learn biblical languages

Long-term ministry goals: I want to become part of a local church as a pastor. I desire the opportunity to apply what I am learning and help plant more churches, and train other pastors.

How can supporters be praying for you: I want us to grow as a family. I want you to pray for my wife and kids so that they can learn English. I want to pray for provision during this time and contentment.

Jim Roberts



Hometown: Gardiner, Montana

Spouse: Joni

Children: Emma (26), Bennett (24), Preston (20), Fiona (18), Matilda (14), Levi (12), Ruby (5)

Ministry at which you serve: Paradise Valley Community Church

Primary Responsibilities: Elder in local church

Two fun facts about you/your family: We traveled across the country in an RV for six months. All of us love to play pickleball together.

Why did you choose FBS: My experience in the MABC program exposed me to the heart of the

seminary leaders and their desire to glorify God and trust in the sufficiency of the Bible. I appreciate the flexible, distance learning model coupled with affordability. I am a small business owner and contractor and this program allows me to train for whatever ministry God has prepared for me.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: Learning from faithful men alongside men who cherish Christ

Long-term ministry goals: I would like to see a gospel grounded, Biblical church here in my hometown of 800 people. Currently, there are four “churches” and a large international cult. I have done construction work for the cult and have seen inside their buildings and homes and have seen the bondage and darkness that enslaves their members. I desire to see a church planted that will minister and proclaim the gospel. I want to preach in one of these contexts.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray that I would not get discouraged when the workload seems too much; that I would just do what needs to be done today and not to get worked up about tomorrow; that I would be faithful.

Caleb Robison



Hometown: Peru, Indiana

Spouse: Kenzie Robison

Children: Jesse (2), Esther (9 months)

Ministry at which you serve: EastPointe Bible Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Assistant

Two fun facts about you/your family: We love anything outdoors and anything that involves food.

Why did you choose FBS: Local. Church-focused. Biblical language emphasis.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: I'm excited about developing robust habits and gaining impactful knowledge that assists my ministerial effectiveness for God's glory.

Long-term ministry goals: I desire to become an elder at my local church and pursue whatever the Lord has for me locally or internationally.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray for time management and seminary/family balance.

Israel Roldan



Hometown: Mexico City, Mexico

Spouse: Samantha Alejandra Nuñez Chacón

Ministry at which you serve: Faith Church

Primary Responsibilities: Hispanic Ministry Intern

Two fun facts about you/your family:

In some photos, my wife and I look so similar that some of our friends have actually thought we were siblings. Grocery shopping together is always an adventure. She's all about vegetables while I'm looking for the fun food!

Why did you choose FBS: God guided me here by His grace.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: I am most excited about the entire adventure that this experience represents for my family as we come as international students. I am confident that through this, God will be working in our lives as we grow in learning how to serve Him better and deepen our knowledge of Him through the M.Div. program.

Long-term ministry goals: I want to be able to serve God full time wherever He desires me to be with my family.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray for my wife's English experience, and that God open my mind to be able to catch the most I can when I study, because I want to learn the most possible.

Jan Schaefer



Hometown: Großglattbach, Germany

Spouse: Mirjam

Ministry at which you serve: Faith Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Intern Children's ministry

One fun fact about you/your family: We feel guilty when we throw organic waste in the same trash can as other stuff. It is worse if we throw away a battery.

Why did you choose FBS: I had the privilege to be part of Faith Church for 6 months and in doing so I got to know the uniqueness of FBS which I did not find in Germany.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: I'm excited about spiritual growth, getting to know people, and overall being able to be part of Faith Church and this particular program as a German.

Long-term ministry goals: Ministering and eventually pastoring to the people in Germany who are in need of Bible-grounded, grace-filled care and leadership.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray for deep relationships with people of Faith Church, and perseverance in the difficulty of living in another culture with another language.

Kevin Schenmann



Hometown: Vancouver, BC, Canada

Spouse: Andrea

Children: Benjamin (2.5 years), Maria (6 months)

Ministry at which you serve: Christ City Church

Primary Responsibilities: I serve in my church's biblical counseling ministry

Two fun facts about you/your family: Our son Benjamin is great grandchild #100 (of 115) on my wife's side, and #1 on mine.

Why did you choose FBS: A dear friend, Dave Nannery, is a grad from the first cohort. He's living proof that FBS offers excellent equipping and heartily recommends you!

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: I'm excited about increasing my knowledge of God, love for God, and gaining tools to faithfully minister the Word of God to others.

Long-term ministry goals: One day I would like to plant a church in Vancouver through the Christ City Network.

How can supporters be praying for you: (1) That I would keep myself in the love of God. (2) Love my family wholeheartedly. (3) Serve my church with zeal. (4) Steward my time, resources and opportunities faithfully. (5) Grow in opportunities to and effectiveness in ministering the Word through preaching, teaching, counseling. (6) Evangelize the lost in my workplace. (7) Move into fulltime ministry.

Hadriel Silva



Hometown: Brazil

Spouse: Anna G H Sales da Silva

Children: Elizabeth (7 months)

Ministry at which you serve: Faith Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Intern at Restoration Ministry

One fun fact about you/your family: A lot of people think that Anna and I are siblings.

Why did you choose FBS: 1- The quality of the teaching 2- The internship (being able to be in ministry) 3- My wife having other women who she can count on 4- Focus on Biblical counseling 5- Price and affordability.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: To grow in my skills to divide the word of God and to do ministry at the same time under godly men.

Long-term ministry goals: Pastor/Teacher/Biblical Counselor

How can supporters be praying for you: 1- Stewardship in all the areas of my life 2- Endurance through life's trials (present and future) 3-Fruitfulness (John 15:8) 4- Integrity (hearer and a doer of the word) 5- A teachable heart.

Trevor Vestey



Hometown: Monticello, Indiana

Spouse: Kylie

Children: Silas (9) and Judah (7)

Ministry at which you serve: Zion Bethel Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Intern

Two fun facts about you/your family: We have silly nicknames for each other (Dear Old Dad, Princess Pea, Bideon, and Jeeves), and we enjoy hiking, camping, and playing creative games.

Why did you choose FBS: The church-based model for ministry training

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: How does one articulate a dream come true? Hope deferred makes the heart grow sick! Oh, but to finally be here, is like the sweet longing of a satisfied soul.

Long-term ministry goals: To pastor well

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray that I be a wise steward of my time and treasure, faithfully love my wife and sons, pastor well at Zion Bethel Church, and aim for faithfulness and a growing delight in Jesus Christ on my seminary journey.

Kawon Warfield



Hometown: South Bend, Indiana

Spouse: Ashley

Children: Elliana Warfield (1)

Ministry at which you serve: Lifeway Baptist Church

Primary Responsibilities: Bible study teacher and counselor in training

Two fun facts about you/your family: My wife and I are foodies who enjoy trying new restaurants and my wife is a Registered Nurse.

Why did you choose FBS: I was familiar with the phenomenal teachers, my pastors were students, and it is affordable.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: Gaining the tools and resources to understand scripture in a deeper and more intimate fashion.

Long-term ministry goals: I desire to teach and equip people with the gospel and a robust understanding of how to read God's Word with passion and discipline.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray that I can grow as a husband and servant leader. Pray that I can glorify God in my family more and more.

Carson Woody



Hometown: Crawfordsville, Indiana

Ministry at which you serve: Rock Point Church

Primary Responsibilities: Pastoral Resident

Two fun facts about you/your family: When I am ordained, I will become a third generation pastor. I grew up in the same hometown church and Christian school that my mom grew up in.

Why did you choose FBS: FBS seemed to be intentional in training pastors, not just men of academia.

What are you most excited about as you begin your seminary training: To grow in my understanding of God's Word while getting real church ministry experience in my residency.

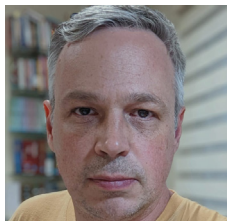
Long-term ministry goals: I desire to become a faithful pastor at a church with potentially focusing on youth and family ministry and ministry/leadership development.

How can supporters be praying for you: Pray for God to grow me out of my comfort zone to become well equipped to be a faithful pastor and man of God.

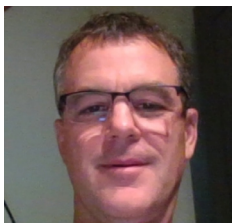
MABC New Students



Name: Julia Dubovoy
Location: Shakopee, MN



Name: Juliano Mezomo
Location: Curitiba, Brazil



Name: Matthew Funk
Location: Mifflinburg, PA



Name: Amy Rasmussen
Location: Shakopee, MN



Name: Kathryn Holsteen
Location: Altoona, IA



Name: Christina Hope Reed
Location: Madison, WI



Name: Daniela Horch
Location: Bolzano, Italy



Name: Melinda Von Bokern
Location: Ellettsville, IN

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EastPointe Bible Church in Peru, IN
East Side Baptist Church in Crawfordsville, IN
Faith Bible Church in Chestertown, NY
Faith Church in Lafayette, IN
Gospel Life Church
Grace Baptist Church in Saint Charles, MO
Grace Chapel in Englewood, CO
Grace Community Chapel in St. Peters, MO
Harvest Church in Carmel, IN
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