

Candidates and Interns: Reports for May 2019

Name	Start Date	Mentor	Church	Intern Report?
Antoon, Martin	05-16	<i>Candidate only</i>		Oral
Antvelink, Reuben	02-18	<i>Candidate only</i>		
Barnes, Nicholas	02-17	<i>Candidate only</i>		
Bjernegard, Sebastian	08-17	Wiley Lowry	1 st Jackson	X
Brooks, Montré	08-18	Elbert McGowan	Redeemer	X
Busching, Wright	11-18	Brian Gault	Redeemer	X
Bynum, Joe	05-17	Ed Hartman	1 st Jackson	Oral
Byrd, Zach	08-18	Wayne Herring	Bethesda, Edwards	X
Davis, Bryce	05-18	Ian Kayser	Providence	Oral
Edburg, Scott	02-17	<i>Candidate only</i>		
Flowers, Henry	11-18	Roger Collins	Grace	X
Forrest, Anthony	11-14	Brian Gault	Redeemer	X
Garcia, Kenneth	11-18	Brian Gault	Redeemer	X
Graeber, Chad	11-16	Charlie Wingard	1 st Yazoo	X
Groendyk, David	05-17	<i>Candidate only</i>		Oral
Jones, Craig	08-16	<i>Candidate only</i>		
Kim, Johan	08-17	Steve Jussley	Lakeland	X
Kowalczyk, Adam	02-19	Jimmy Turner	Madison Heights	X
Logan, James	02-19	Stephen Speaks	Trinity	X
McCallister, Jesse	08-17	Stephen Speaks	Trinity	X
Miller, Scott	11-18	Carl Kalberkamp	Pear Orchard	X
Nicholson, Hunter	02-18	Wiley Lowry	1 st Jackson	X
Odate, Haruaki	08-16	Elbert McGowan	Redeemer	X
Ornelas, Jeremiah	11-18	Caleb Cangelosi	Pear Orchard	X
Owens, Zack	11-11	Elbert McGowan	Redeemer	
Pinckard, Matthew	05-18	David Irving	Raymond	Oral
Rehers, Chris	05-15	Chris Wright	Lebanon	Oral
Revell, John	05-18	Billy Dempsey	1 st Jackson	Oral
Robison, Nick	11-15	Scott Huber	Lexington	
Strawbridge, Machen	02-19	Seth Starkey	Madison Heights	X
Strebeck, Wes	05-18	David Strain	1 st Jackson	Oral
Van Hooser, Wilson	02-18	Carl Kalbercamp	Pear Orchard	X
Vollema, Kevin	02-18	Billy Dempsey	1 st Jackson	X
Yelverton, John	08-17	<i>Candidate only</i>		
Yen, Leo	08-17	Ed Hartman	1 st Jackson	X

Intern Report

Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley

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Name of intern: Sebastian Bjernegård

Name of mentor: Wiley Lowry

Church where you are serving as an intern: First Presbyterian Church of Jackson

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

I have taught Sunday School, led a weekly small group, and managed the church's social media. I have also been able to preach in other churches in Mississippi.

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

We met recently and talked about leading in worship. I have been able to lead worship services on the RTS circuit, and my mentor was able to give me advice on leading well. It is beneficial to hear from his experience. We especially spoke of the various prayers throughout the service and the value of shaping them after Scripture read in the service.

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?

As I have preached on the circuit and met with the people in my small group, I have felt further confirmed in my sense of call to the ministry. Even though it can be tiring to drive four hours on a Sunday to preach at a church, it has been a great blessing and encouragement to me as I am privileged to be able to open the Word with these saints.

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Name of intern: Tré Brooks

Name of mentor: Rev. Elbert McGowan Jr.

Church where you are serving as an intern: Redeemer Church

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

This quarter my duties have consisted of regularly assisting in Sunday morning worship services, attending monthly staff meetings, reading through and discussing United by Faith with our assistant pastor Rev. Brian Gault and the other interns, serving as a Youth Leader for our Wednesday night youth gathering, building relationships with the youth in the church, teaching youth Sunday school, teaching adult Sunday school, attending church committee meetings, and local and neighboring presbytery meetings.

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

We have discussed a wide range of things in our meetings. We have discussed the similarities and dissimilarities between local church work and campus ministry, how to facilitate and promote community among members, ministering to the older demographic, challenges that the church face, job placement and other things that pertain to daily living. Elbert continues to be a big brother and a source of wisdom to me. It's been good to be able to watch his 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?

My call to the ministry has steadily been confirmed throughout this internship. I've been enjoying growing in my ability to connect with and teach both the older and younger demographics present in our church.

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Name of intern: Wright Busching

Name of mentor: Brian Gault

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

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

I am teaching Ecclesiastes to middle school and high school students on Wednesday and Sunday nights this semester. I am also teaching Romans in our High School Sunday School with one of our elders. I have had opportunities to visit members in homes and have been able to pray with them in the midst of suffering. I have attended every Session meeting and will attend an officer retreat on February 15-16.

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 willing to sit with me and answer questions about preaching and teaching on a regular basis. His wealth of knowledge and experience has proved very helpful as I develop my gifts.

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?

As I have added more seminary courses to my full-time work at Redeemer, my time management has been tested. I am having to learn how to better schedule and prioritize all of the tasks I have to accomplish. I am also working hard to set aside family time and time for rest. I have continued to receive positive feedback when I teach. My sense of call to the ministry has continued to be confirmed.

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Date: February 6, 2019

Name of intern: Zachery Byrd

Name of mentor: Wayne Herring

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

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

I have been preaching through Luke 6 until 2019, and I switched to Genesis for the next few months. Along side of this, I started a Sunday school class on The Lord's Prayer. I have had several members either homebound or in the hospital. I have either visited or corresponded via letter every week since December. For one member unable to attend, I have been visiting and reading sections from Genesis aloud to her every Sunday afternoon. I have had to counsel a young lady debating divorce, but now her husband has started attending this week. He is hearing the gospel for the first time, and we plan on meeting together over the next few weeks. Finally, I have been able to help decipher and learn a church budget.

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

Wayne and I have met monthly, and he is a joy and a pleasure. He has been invaluable in helping me navigate pastoral visits, the balance between work and family, and how to promote healthy habits within the church herself.

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 has been the most spiritually grueling season thus far. I have sat by the beds of individuals wanting to die, individuals asking if God is mad at them, individuals quaking under the fear that their faith won't last. When I felt most inadequate, God in his tender mercy and kindness has strengthened me in the most dear ways, growing my love for both his Son and his people. In turn, this has helped me point individuals to the Word, to ask them hard questions in love, and to preach the Word in faith that God continues to show tender mercy and kindness to his people. By seeing the great need and hope of the gospel through the lens of pastoral ministry, my sense of calling has never been stronger.

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Date: 2/15/18

Name of intern: Henry Charles Flowers III

Name of mentor: Roger C. Collins

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

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

- Develop and teach Sunday school curriculum
- Assist in leading Lord's day order of worship
- Pulpit supply on the rare occasion that the pastor is absent
- Visit with and pray for church members
- Church web site design

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

We meet on Fridays to review the work I've done the week prior and to discuss what work must be done in the week to come. We then discuss personal and spiritual matters, church business, and commence with prayer. I believe our relationship helps me understand the nature of pastoring a church and how to pastor in smaller churches

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?

Little has changed since my last report, which is a good thing. I have become more comfortable teaching and preaching and continuing to improve in efficiency. I've also realized how important prayer and the Holy Spirit are in ministry. My reliance upon God's power has helped shape me as a preacher and candidate.

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Name of intern: Anthony Forrest

Name of mentor: Brian Gault

Church where you are serving as an intern: (formally) Redeemer Church, PCA

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

My last quarter as an intern at Redeemer was mostly spent in an endeavor to begin a Bible study at Tougaloo College - as reported verbally at the November presbytery meeting. This was a shift from my previous internship focus of Broadmoor and Broadmeadow, the two combined communities surrounding Redeemer. The time spent at Tougaloo was focused on meeting students and staff and some evangelism. I also continued to help with Wednesday night youth ministry and co-lead a growth group in the Broadmoor neighborhood.

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

The content of meetings with Brian was mostly focused on planning for the future, regardless of where that would be, and reading through a book by Dr. Carl Ellis, Jr. This book was focused on some of the realities within the history of race in the United States, and we discussed mostly how this affected church, evangelism, fellowship, and other faith-involved questions. I think the time was very beneficial. There was much honesty and commitment. And to pray about our time together each time was an encouragement, meaning that it was not merely conversation, but spoke of with hope for the future.

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Particularly, this last stretch of the internship challenged me in the gift of evangelism. I spent many days on the campus of Tougaloo College speaking about the things of the (Reformed) faith with students that I could get time with. It was also a good way to personally grasp the need for pivotal, considerate listening. I counted it a wonderful grace from God to be in a position with some to hear their thoughts and understanding of the gospel of Christ. This deeply touched me, because I felt the call of God to be prayerful in more than just a general way concerning these. I did not teach, but I was allowed to preach once in the chapel service at Tougaloo and received numerous encouragements and words of strength.

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Name of intern: Kenneth Franklin "Franky" Garcia

Name of mentor: Rev. Brian Gault

Church where you are serving as an intern: Redeemer

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

My duties over the winter quarter were 1) assisting in finishing the semester for our children's ministry, 2) assisting in worship, 3) planning our Spring semester Sunday School on the Book of Hebrews, 4) going on a mission trip to Moose Factory, Ontario, to assist an ARP missionary with his children's ministry on the reservation as well as preach to the natives in their chapel, and 5) preparing for and beginning our Spring children's ministry on Wednesday nights.

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

The content of the meetings depends on the people present at the meetings. If it is just the two of us we are likely going to talk about marriage and future plans. I think I'm being ministered to in those meetings primarily, so I'm benefiting in that way. But also he's my role model in this. I want to minister to others like he ministers to me. If we are in a group with other interns, we'll do more intern-y based content, e.g. He asked us this morning how the church can better take care of us interns, then we had a discussion about our involvement with the elders and various committees of the church.

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 of teaching are being tested regularly, with plenty of informal teaching during the week with the children. Conversational teaching is being tested, but perhaps not witnessed by people who could critique. What I mean is that I have lots of soft-spoken moments with children where I use the drama of the day to explain things such as forgiveness and redemption from sin. I definitely want to serve the church. I was wrestling over the thought of further education for a long time, but thanks to my internship at Redeemer I think I'm more excited to jump straight back into ministry than do anything else.

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Name of intern: Charles Lewis Graeber, III

Name of mentor: Charlie Wingard

Church where you are serving as an intern: First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City

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

I have continued to serve as the Adult Sunday school teacher at First Presbyterian Church this quarter, continuing to teach through the book of 2 Kings as we have been looking at the lives and ministries of Elijah and Elisha in the divided kingdom. Additionally, I tag-team teach with Charlie Wingard on Wednesday nights for our adults as we have been studying the book of I Timothy. I will go through the explication of the text, while Charlie makes the applications from it. Also, I preach and/or lead the worship services (normally morning ones) when Charlie is gone or unavailable to preach (usually at least once every two months). When I preach, I have been going through the Heidelberg Catechism with the congregation, and drawing my sermons from explicating and applying the q/a's from there.

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

Charlie and I meet on a regular basis and discuss my progress as a teacher/preacher/visitor of the congregation, as well as any adjustments/improvements that need to be made. We also discuss the content of our quiet times, as well as the spiritual books we have been reading on the side, not to mention what we have been reading in literature or history for pleasure. We are both avid readers. Of all things, Charlie has taught me how to use my time wisely as I navigate several jobs, and how to preach economically and yet powerfully within the time constraints we have to observe.

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 have definitely been tested as far as having to use my time discerningly and well within busy schedules, and making decisions about what is most important as I seek to please God. I have also learned how to relate better to ALL members of the body of Christ, instead of only to those who have similar personalities or interests as I do. Getting to know the entire body of Christ is so enriching! As a result of these things and my continued joy and grace in preaching, I feel even more called to the ministry now than I did when I began this internship, and look forward to serving as an ordained pastor soon.

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Name of intern: Johan Kim

Name of mentor: Steve Jussley

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

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

Since I finished my work at Lakeland, I've not worked there. I've took another position in Delaware and began my work at this church for youth and young adult ministries.

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

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 growth in a number of aspects as a minister of the gospel never ends. I'm thankful to our Lord for His faithfulness and His work He has entrusted in me. And more and more the Lord has grown me to see loving His people is just as important as loving Himself. I continue to grasp the weight of my calling and how I can better serve others and the Lord.

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Name of intern: Adam Kowalczyk

Name of mentor: Jimmy Turner

Church where you are serving as an intern: Madison Heights Church PCA

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

This quarter my duties have been weekly preparation for Middle School large groups, planning the logistics of our Spring Break Retreat for the Middle School Youth, and giving the children's sermon on Sunday Mornings.

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

The content of our meetings consists of him asking about my marriage and how my wife and I are doing, how my responsibilities as a Youth Coordinator are doing, asking about my personal Spiritual Life, and talking about how Seminary is going and what all I've been learning. Every time we meet it's as if I am catching up with an old friend who generously imparts the wisdom he has gained through a long and fruitful ministry and advice concerning my daily spiritual life and my marriage.

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 see my gifts for teaching tested every large group. Teaching middle schoolers is tough because you have to always take the material and bring it down to their level of comprehension. The testing comes through both the preparation and the teaching of the material and learning how to be creative with illustrations and examples so that they are better able to understand the Bible and its doctrines. Another area that is tested continually is that of patience and love. After long days studying and attending classes my threshold for patience with the kids is low. Learning to persevere and push, and have the grace to do so, through those difficult times where I don't feel like loving them has been a great learning experience. I feel that my call to ministry is continually confirmed through large groups, meeting with the kids, working with the staff, and through the trials that come with all of it.

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Name of intern: James Logan

Name of mentor: Stephen Speaks

Church where you are serving as an intern: Trinity Presbyterian

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

This quarter I have been responsible for leading the family and youth discipleship team, organizing Wednesday night children and youth activities, which includes planning and purchasing meals for Wednesday evenings and leading the youth on this evening. I have had the opportunity to teach, along with a deacon in the church, in our senior high Sunday school class. We have are currently teaching through the first eleven chapters of Genesis. Prior to that we taught on different millennial view. Serving as an elder in my church I have recently had the priveledge of interviewing individuals for membership and meeting with members to provide council.

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

Meetings with Stephen have very helpful and revealing. His years of experience give him a wealth of wisdom. I am benefitting fom seeing how he approaches ministry through established frameworks. I have a lot to learn in this area. I believe our meetings will futher help me develop a biblical philosophy of ministry that I will be able to articulate to others.

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 period of trial forces self-examination. Serving at Trinity, attending classes, working, and being a husband with four kids has me constantly aware of my limitations. Over the last year I have grown in my realization that God is gracious to use me, but he doesn't need me. This helps me properly frame the work he has called me to. I must not try to accomplish this work in my own strength, but daily ask for God's grace to provide me everything I need to accomplish what is set before me.

During this time I have had opportunities to us the gifts God has given me in various settings. When this happens I grow in my feeling of confirmation that I am where the Lord has called me to be, doing what he has called me to do.

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Name of intern: Jesse McCallister

Name of mentor: Stephen Speaks

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

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

I have been in charge of coordinating small groups and planning Wednesday Night Fellowship this quarter in both an administrative capacity and in a pastoral capacity.

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

I have benefitted from his pastoral care a lot this quarter as he ministers to me personally and as I have been looking at different calls. He has encouraged me with pursuit of my call and helped me be at peace with the process.

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 feel more called to a shepherding side of the pastoral ministry in a counseling form. I think that my small group and one on one ministry has fed that sense of call and helped me to realize my areas of gifting.

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Name of intern: Scott Miller

Name of mentor: Carl Kalbercamp

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

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

I teach Sunday School Weekly, attend youth events, lead Bible studies and meet with students on a weekly basis. I preach 3 times a semester to the youth and once per semester at the evening service.

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

We generally discuss questions in regard to my current and future ministry. It can be about anything from how to best manage time to reviewing a sermon to discuss our personal lives and so on. It has been encouraging and strengthening to me in many ways. Specifically, Carl has served to bless me with loads of practical insight and wisdom and spiritual encouragement.

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?

Churches can be messy places full of both beauty and brokenness. Learning to humbly love imperfect people while striving daily to die to my own selfish ambitions and imperfections is what seems to be the challenge of ministry. I do feel that the Lord has been with me in that, and has strengthened me by His grace. My sense of calling is as strong as ever, and likely more substantial given that the first year is over with and the ordinary realities of ministry are more apparent. Furthermore, I do feel as though I am able to develop, albeit slowly, the teaching gifts the Lord has given me. In all of this, I am thankful for the Lord's sustenance.

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Name of intern: Hunter Nicholson

Name of mentor: Wiley Lowry

Church where you are serving as an intern: FPC Jackson

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

In the past quarter, I have worked primarily with the Young Adult ministry at FPC Jackson. My primary responsibilities have included teaching Sunday School, meeting one on one with young adults, and leading a small group. Additionally, I have helped plan our Spring retreat and helped in various other ministry areas within the church.

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

When I meet with Wiley, we discuss not only how I am progressing in my specific ministry tasks, but also how I am processing my experience at the church and how I am growing both as a Christian and as a father. Because he works in an area of the church where I have little exposure, we also spend a good bit of time talking about what his work looks like and what challenges and opportunities he has in his work.

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?

In the past quarter, I have had much time to teach, mainly in Sunday School. This has been an encouraging time and I have received both positive and constructive feedback from members of the church. I continue to have a strong sense of a call to the ministry. In the future, I hope to make more opportunities to preach on the circuit.

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Date: 2/20/2019

Name of intern: Haruaki Odate

Name of mentor: Elbert McGowan Jr. / Dan Iverson (Japan)

Church where you are serving as an intern: Redeemer Church / Oyumino Christ Church (Japan)

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

As an intern, I have been preaching twice or three times a month for different congregations in Japanese and English. I am attending the session meetings of three different congregations of Oyumino Christ church, which has three sites and five congregations. Also, I am a member of a meeting that is discussing the long/mid-term vision of one of the congregations. I am leading the Bible study for a couple who were recently baptized. I am serving to the church by doing whatever they want me to do. I am teaching the Bible for 1-6 grades kids at a private school which Oyumino Church founded once a week. I am playing guitar for Sunday services when I am available.

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

Dan and I are meeting once a week or every two weeks. We confess our sins of the past week and pray for each other. He checks my sermon and gives me comments on it. He always gives me helpful directions about my ministry, future vision, and keeping a healthy relationship with my family.

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?

The area of preaching and teaching are tested. I have been very careful about these two things so that the lay people can understand and the matured Christians can be energized. Now I only get good comments, responses, and evaluations in terms of these two things. So, I think I am doing well on these two. I know I need to learn more about how to serve others. That will be my next focus. I believe I am called to the church planting and the pastoral ministry.

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Date: 2/18/2019

Name of intern: Jeremiah T. Ornelas

Name of mentor: Caleb Cangelosi

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

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

Attend monthly session meetings, aid in evening worship, and teach Sunday school, lead the mens thursday morning breakfast bible study

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

We cover a wide range of topics during our meetings. Much of it has to do with practical theology. Although we rarely assign a topic to our discussions, we will cover topics such as: leadership, discipleship, prayer, a biblical text etc.

In answer to the second part of the question: Yes! I always walk away more encouraged than when I came in. Not only does Pastor Caleb have a wide breadth of knowledge when it comes to theology and history, he also has many years of pastoral ministry--which makes him both a competent leader and wise mentor

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 not use to ministering in a large church. The sheer number of members and the social dynamics of a large church often rub against the grain of my personality. In other words, I have a tendency to withdraw and fade into the shadows when I dont "feel" as though I fit in. So this has been an area of focus for me. Through prayer and making mental reminders to be intentional in my conversations with the various members of Pear Orchard whenever I am have opportunity has enabled me to push past my natural inclinations (not without failure).

My sense of call can be summed up at such: There is a mixture of fear and joy about the possibility that the Lod may call me to serve his church. The closer I come to taking a call, both the fear and the joy rise at the same time.

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Name of intern: _____

Name of mentor: _____

Church where you are serving as an intern: _____

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

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

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?

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Date: 2/20/19

Name of intern: Wilson Van Hooser

Name of mentor: Carl Kalberkamp

Church where you are serving as an intern: Pear Orchard

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

Teaching Sunday school, counseling several students on a regular basis, leading youth staff, interacting and ministering to youth parents, meeting with associate pastor weekly for "sermon preview", leading Wednesday night youth Large Group teaching sessions every week, preaching at local schools, teaching two Bible studies each week.

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

Most have to do with the heart and bringing Christ to the heart. Carl has given me much sermon feedback but he has made sure to focus on keeping Christ central to all of life and 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?

I have noticed a growing heart for students who need counseling and wanting to come alongside them more. I have also seen a growing desire to take a group of students into a deeper discipleship group that meets regularly. I continue to grow as a preacher especially in the area of preaching the "whole Christ".

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Date: 2/22/2019

Name of intern: Kevin Vollema

Name of mentor: Billy Dempsey

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

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

I continue to oversee our church's ministry to Millsaps, leading a weekly on-campus Bible study and meeting with students for one-on-ones. I help to plan the teaching schedule for our college Sunday School and all of our programming aimed at local college students. Additionally, I am available to help anywhere else needed around the church for a variety of church programs.

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

Billy is a very present friend and pastoral mentor to me. He is faithful to ask difficult questions pertaining both to my personal life (love for my wife, devotional habits, protecting against temptation) and to my ministry work (my philosophy of one-on-one discussion, my teaching growth, my areas of strengths and weaknesses). Also, Billy lives out what he preaches and I benefit greatly from watching him love our church, whether that is his ministry to younger men or watching him as Congregational Care pastor in peoples' homes and at their bedside in the hospital. By his actions, he shows me what it means to be a present, loving 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?

Over the past three months, I have had the opportunity to continue growing as a teacher and preacher of the gospel, seeking actively to improve my gifts of presenting and applying the truth of God's Word. I have been working to foster better habits of study and preparation for teaching and preaching, relishing the opportunities where the lesson has had the time to work like yeast in my heart and desiring that work to show through my teaching. I have been humbled in this pursuit, both recognizing places where growth is needed and also being encouraged by seeing the growth already accomplished by the Holy Spirit. One-on-ones with students daily push me to apply my studies directly into real life hearts and situations. All of this has further encouraged in me a sense of call to pastoral ministry.

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Date: 02/19/2019

Name of intern: Leo Yen

Name of mentor: Ed Hartman

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

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

I minister to international students in Jackson. Most of them are from China. I've been continuing my teaching and meeting requirements. At this point, I've done much of the requirements, but just need to record them formally. I've been able to teach multiple times a week with my job at FPC and preaching at some Chinese church and fellowships in Mississippi and Alabama.

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

Ed and I have been continuing to meet and much of our discussion is about the issues and update to the ministry. He is so matured both experience and spiritually. He always shares his extensive experience with me and gives me guidance if I have any questions. I am so blessed to have the opportunity to learn from him.

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 call is to keep proclaiming the Reformed theology to Chinese believers and unbelievers. We know someday these Chinese will influence their friends and relatives in China. So, it is very important to introduce the Reformed theology to them here. But they are so stubborn. Most of them are the new convert and will believe in the "man-centered" theology rather than "God-centered" theology. Most of the time it is very difficult for them to accept the Reformed Theology. Please pray for me to have wisdom and patient to face the frustration. Besides, due to President Trump's tariff war with China, we can expect less new Chinese students and visiting scholars in the U.S. Please also pray for the persecution in China. It is the worst for the past 40 years ever. May God's name being glorified through the church persecution in China and His will coul

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