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With the winter break upon us, students are busy enjoying their families, spending time with friends, and pursuing extracurricular ministry opportunities.

(from left) students David Chi, Ethan McCarter, Ben Solensky, and Abram Mbeya

First-year students Ethan McCarter (Bayou La Batre, Alabama) and Jonathan Bartlett (Bottineau, North Dakota via Alpharetta, Georgia) have begun meeting regularly with a **local Muslim imam**. He has extended an invitation to them **to present Christianity at his mosque**. Ethan is an intern at Living Hope Bible Presbyterian Church in Greer. Jonathan is active in the church life of Covenant Community Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Taylors, where Logan Shelton (Jacksonville, Alabama), David Chi (Seoul, South Korea), Eli Hirtzel (Torrance, California), Ryan Lee (Garden Grove, California), Charlie Haynes (Apache Junction, Arizona), and Corey Tyler Paige (Hi Hat, Kentucky) also attend and serve.

Zack Groff (Upper Darby, PA), Mark Kuo (Tainan, Taiwan), and Miguel D’Azevedo (Linhares, Brazil) will be teaching adult Sunday school classes at Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Simpsonville in 2019, and are preparing their lessons now. Zack is pursuing **licensure** in Calvary Presbytery of the PCA, and hopes to begin a formal internship at WRPC in 2019.

Mateus Pereira (Maringa, Brazil), Filipe Cortial (Salvador, Brazil) and Michael Grasso (Atlanta, Georgia) are active in service at Fellowship Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Greer, where Michael is an intern. Caleb Willingham (Charlotte, North Carolina) is interning with the **youth and young adults** at Redeemer Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Travelers Rest.

Jeff Early (Richmond, Virginia) has begun an internship working with the **youth** of Second Presbyterian Church of Greenville (PCA), where Lucas Baumbach (Lodi, California) and Brendon Branigin (Odonto, Maryland) are active in the life of the church. Brendon is particularly engaged in the **evangelism ministry** of Second Church.

Fourth-year students Duncan Hoopes (Baltimore, Maryland), Curt Straeter (Breese, Illinois), and Brian McCollough (Ocean Springs, Mississippi) are **continuing/completing internships** at Fairview Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Fountain Inn, Palmetto Hills Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Simpsonville, and Mt. Calvary Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Roebuck, respectively.

There are many more distance and residence students we could name here, and we will give specific prayer requests for more students in the new year.



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Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr. is the Seminary’s President, and he also teaches as Professor of Systematic & Homiletical Theology. He teaches courses in the first, third, and fourth years of the curriculum, including Introduction to Reformed Theology; Reformed Worship; Homiletics Practicum

II; Christ & Salvation; and Creation, Man, & Sin. He occasionally teaches Summer courses on Sermon Analysis. He is a charter Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church in America. Dr. Pipa is married to Mrs. Carolyn “Sissy” Pipa, and they have two adult children and ten grandchildren. They regularly attend worship services at Woodruff Road PCA in Simpsonville, SC when he is not supplying the pulpit elsewhere.

Seminary Activities

60%

Our staff and Student Body Association are very busy preparing the Spring Theology Conference (March 12-14) and related events.

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As of December 19, we are over 60% of the way toward our goal of \$300,000 for the “Our Enduring Reformation 2018” campaign. It is important that we reach our goal in order to stay ahead in the early months of 2019.