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Class of 2006

What is your hometown?
Marion, IN

What is your favorite Scriptural passage?
Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths."

What was your major? Your final thesis topic?
Major: Biblical Literature
Thesis Topic: The Nature of Grace in Tertullian's Writings

What is your current career/vocation?
I am the head pastor at Christland United Methodist Church in Marion, IN.

In what ways have your experiences in the Honors College prepared you for your life now, professionally and personally? How did the Honors College shape how you view your vocation?
The Honors College equipped me with significant questions, research tools, and practical knowledge that was useful not only in my Masters of Divinity but also in my current vocation where I am preaching, leading worship services, and counseling members.

What has been your best experience since graduating from IWU?
My best experience has been getting married and moving to North Carolina for my master's degree. While there, my wife and I lived in community with families from Korea, the Philippines, and Vermont. God really bound us together over the three years; the fellowship and worship are something we will miss.

If you could give one piece of advice to students who are now in the Honors College, what would it be?
I would advise students in the Honors College to seek the Lord's wisdom, which is greater than human wisdom, through consistent prayer. Seeking God's wisdom enables one not to be preoccupied with grades or to miss opportunities to grow in wisdom and favor with God and others.