

CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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 Home Congregation First Presbyterian Hugo, OK

1. TYPES OF POSITIONS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associate Pastor (Christian Education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Tent Maker/Part-time)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Pastor (Youth)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Yoked/Multiple)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Associate Pastor (Other)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-Pastor	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Solo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Designated Pastor	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Head of Staff)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mission Pastor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (New Church Development)	<input type="checkbox"/> Campus Minister	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Redevelopment)	<input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain	

2. TYPES OF COMMUNITIES & CHURCH SIZES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Under 100 members
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village	<input type="checkbox"/> Inner City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-250- members
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 251-400 members
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small City	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 401-650 members
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suburban	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retirement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 651-1000 members
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1001-1500 members
		<input type="checkbox"/> 1501 +

3. RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE (List most recent first)

Church/Agency	City/State	Position	Dates	Part/Full Time
Newnan Presbyterian Church	Newnan, GA	Director of Youth Ministry	August 2009 – Present	Part
Goodland Presbyterian Children's Home, Inc.	Hugo, OK	Vice President of Church and Public Relations	June 2005 – July 2009	Full
Ramseur Baptist Church	Paris, TX	Youth Minister/ Worship Minister	April 2004 – June 2005	Full
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4. LIST THE 10 PRIMARY SKILL CHOICES FROM THE PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM:

<u>Youth Ministry</u>	<u>Communication (Written and Oral)</u>
<u>Evangelism</u>	<u>Children's Ministry</u>
<u>Corporate Worship/ Sacraments</u>	<u>Organization/ Administration</u>
<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Teaching</u>
<u>Rural Ministry</u>	<u>Young Adult Ministry</u>

5. FORMAL EDUCATION (List most recent first)

Institution	City/State	Major	Dates	Degree
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur, GA	M. DIV.	July 2009 – Present	M. Div.
Texas A&M University	Commerce, TX	Political Science	September 2004- May 2007	B.S.

6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Honor Scholarship Recipient 3 years; Elected Positions: Middler Class Representative, Nominating Committee member, Worship Committee Member (2 years); Teacher’s Assistant for Scripture Reading; Coordinator for Seminary Forums, Middler year;

7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:

I am willing to move anywhere. I look forward to living in different parts of the country!

8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:

My favorite way to begin an introduction of myself is to quote my favorite childhood book. In JRR Tolkien’s “Fellowship of the Ring”, the character Bilbo Baggins begins the final journey of his life with a song. The song is simple, saying, “ The road goes ever on and on, down from the road which it began.” Along my journey, I have discovered some things about myself and about the God I serve that have molded me into who I am today. This introduction is by no means exhaustive but it’s a place to begin.

Who I am:

I am a 35 year-old, husband, father of two. My wife, Elizabeth, and I will celebrate 14 years of marital bliss this July. God has blessed us with two wonderful boys. Benjamin, 12, is a seventh grader and Joseph, 9, is a fourth grader. I grew up in the small Northeast Texas town of Blossom. My paternal grandparents, who took me to church every time the doors were opened, raised me to love God and to serve him with my whole life. They taught me respect is key to any relationship and God loves all and expects us to love others as well. My two great loves in this world are God and my family. Everything that I am stems from these two things. On the non-theological side, I am a fan of professional football and I am a huge Green Bay Packers fan. I love to hike, read, and travel.

What I have done:

I have been in a ministry capacity for 14 years. I served as Minister of Youth for 7 years at a medium-sized Baptist church. Where I learned how to be a welcoming and open minister. I found myself learning from the Senior Pastor how to grow a church in a healthy way by being open, loving, and genuinely interested in every person with whom God allowed me to come into contact. Following my service there, I became the Vice President of Communications for Goodland Presbyterian Children’s Home. The home taught me how to teach giving as an act of gratitude, living as a response to God’s love, and what it means to truly care for those who are marginalized by society. My most recent position brought me back to youth ministry this time in a Presbyterian church. In the last three years, we have seen our average attendance almost triple but what I consider more important is that my youth’s biblical knowledge has grown exponentially. I have seen their faith grow as we have explored hard topics relating to youth today.

My Leadership Style:

I consider my leadership style to be generally participatory moderating from the center but I have some delegatory style tendencies. This means I like to lead from a place where all voices are heard and considered but I am unafraid to take leadership to resolve conflicts that may arise. I believe that every person I minister with has something to contribute and honoring that contribution is extremely important to my leadership style. From my extensive work with youth and children, I have learned to be very flexible. Organizing and leading all-volunteer teams requires a leader to have the ability to adapt to ever-changing conditions in personnel and attendance. This flexibility also extends to how I teach and preach. If my method of communication is not working, then I learn and adapt to ensure maximum participation. I believe my favorite part of my leadership style is my good humor. I take my calling to God very seriously but I have been known not to take myself too seriously. Working in a church setting, laughter and encouragement are my two most important leadership qualities. I am fully aware of the importance being a serious leader, however, seriousness and good humor can go hand-in-hand.

