

CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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 Home Congregation Peachtree Presbyterian Church

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mission Pastor	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor (New Church Development)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Campus Minister	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Redevelopment)	<input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain	

2. TYPES OF COMMUNITIES & CHURCH SIZES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Under 100 members
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Retirement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 651-1000 members
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1001-1500 members
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1501 +

3. RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE (List most recent first)

Church/Agency	City/State	Position	Dates	Part/Full Time
Kairos Church (Presbyterian new church development)	Atlanta, GA	Pastoral Intern	9/09-present	part
Peachtree Presbyterian	Atlanta, GA	Director Middle School Ministry	8/07-5/09	full
Peachtree Presbyterian	Atlanta, GA	Middle School Ministry staff assistant	8/06-8/07	full
Grady Memorial Hospital	Atlanta, GA	CPE Intern	5/06-8/06	full
Peachtree Presbyterian	Atlanta, GA	Pastoral Intern	5/04-8/04	full
Moondance Adventures	Ashville, NC	Outdoor trip leader	5/03-8/03	full

4. LIST THE 10 PRIMARY SKILL CHOICES FROM THE PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM:

<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Communication (written/oral)</u>
<u>Spiritual development</u>	<u>Teaching</u>
<u>Congregational Fellowship</u>	<u>Defining program needs</u>
<u>Problem Solving/Decision Making</u>	<u>Training volunteers</u>
<u>Corporate Worship/Sacraments</u>	<u>Youth Ministry</u>

5. FORMAL EDUCATION (List most recent first)

Institution	City/State	Major	Dates	Degree
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur, GA	M.Div	2007-2010	M.Div
Princeton Theological Seminary	Princeton, NJ	M.Div	2005-2006	
Davidson College	Davidson, NC	Religion	2001-2005	B.A.

6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Scripture Reading Practicum Teaching Assistant- 2009

7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:

None.

8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:

In the mountains of Jamaica during the summer of 2001, I began to understand the call to ministry Christ places on each of our lives was, for me, a call specifically to ordained ministry. For someone that grew up in Atlanta, GA going to Peachtree Presbyterian, this new found vocational awareness did not need seraphims or burning bushes that were not actually burning to come as a quite a shock. The Church had always been a part of my life. I was baptized into a congregation my parents, older sister, and I faithfully attended throughout my childhood. It was a wonderful experience of living, growing, and learning in an incredibly dynamic community of faith. I was shaped and formed to understand God's story found in scripture was my story.

Unfortunately, no one ever informed me that story involved transformation. That it meant vulnerability and submission. That it involved all of me. Christian faith had been articulated in beautiful, true terms but never in those terms for me. My faith involved Sunday mornings and occasional church summer camps. It was something wonderful, a faith God graciously allowed and moved through, but I always kept it controllable.

On that mission trip in Jamaica, God's grace worked in a new way through the daily routine of my time there. From early morning quiet times to late night worship, by way of community with Jamaicans on a work site to conversations at a picnic table around dinner, I began to understand God as someone calling me to die to myself and live in Christ. For ten days, Church happened in the mountains of Jamaica and the call to be ordained into this type of faith community has led me first to seminary and now to seeking my first call.

Through my time in college to directing a middle school ministry program to my relationship with my wife Amelia, my understanding of call, church, and community has changed, grown, and expanded. I have slowly learned a call from God does not mean it is all about you (this one has been especially easy to see in marriage), but church is a place where we are sacramentally bound together through forgiveness and love in Jesus Christ. And that is a relationship that demands discipleship in a very real, beautiful, and honest way.

I am a person that enjoys engaging people (and being engaged myself) from both the pulpit and over coffee with what it means to follow Jesus Christ in this world. I believe that God transforms and that God has somehow, some way decided to work through the Church to do it. Therefore, I am excited to be a leader in a new faith community. I am excited to be follower of Jesus Christ. I am excited to be a part of the Church. Because for all its brokenness and failure, the church of Jesus Christ is one of holy relationship and holy hope, and I cannot help but look forward to being a pastor and part of a community where that is real and true.

Where ever my wife and I go, I will bring my love of coffee, the Atlanta Hawks, our dog Rusty, and my feeble attempt to fly fish with me.

