

CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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Home Congregation Shallowford Presbyterian Church, Atlanta

1. TYPES OF POSITIONS

<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Co-Pastor	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Solo)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chaplain	

2. TYPES OF COMMUNITIES & CHURCH SIZES

<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Under 100 members
<input type="checkbox"/> Village	<input type="checkbox"/> Inner City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-250- members
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town	<input 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
St. Joseph's Hospital	Atlanta, GA	Chaplain (CPE Intern)	Sept. 2008 – present	PT
St. Andrews Pres. Church	Tucker, GA	LOGOS Youth Worship Skills Director	Sept. 2007 – April 2008	PT
St. Andrews Pres. Church	Tucker, GA	Summer Intern	May – August 2007	FT
BellSouth	Atlanta/Columbia, SC	Employee Communications Mngr.	1979-2006	FT

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

Administration of Programs	Organization/Administration
Administrative Leadership	Pastoral Care
Communication (Written/Oral)	Preaching
Corporate Worship/Sacraments	Spiritual Development
Involvement in Mission Beyond Local Church	Teaching

5. FORMAL EDUCATION (List most recent first)

Institution	City/State	Major	Dates	Degree
University of South Carolina	Columbia, SC	Journalism	1974-1978	BA
Columbia Seminary	Decatur, GA	M. Div.	2004-2009	M. Div.

6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Columbia Theological Seminary Merit Scholarships – 2006-2009
Omaha Presbytery Seminary Foundation Apollos Grant – 2006-2009
International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons Scholarship - 2006

7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:

Due to family considerations, I am initially looking for positions in the Greater Atlanta area. However, I hope to be open to God's leading throughout this process.

8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:

I come to the ministry after a long and productive career as an employee communications manager for BellSouth. I am 52-year-old native Southerner, born and raised in Columbia, S.C., who has lived in Atlanta since 1985. After moving to Atlanta, I met and married my wife, Lynn, a music educator who currently teaches elementary music in DeKalb County schools. We have two sons, Christopher (16) and Jacob (12).

I have been active in church since I was a teenager. In addition to teaching adult Sunday School, singing in choirs, playing guitar and leading songs, I have served two terms as an elder, served as Clerk of Session, chaired Worship and Evangelism Committees, served on the Christian Education Committee, and just recently served as co-chairman of my church's 50th Anniversary Steering Committee. In my younger days, I also coached church league basketball teams and served as a volunteer Young Life leader in Columbia.

In recent years, I began to feel that God was guiding me towards something besides the corporate world. I developed a desire to use the communications skills I'd honed at BellSouth in some way that ministered to others. However, in all honesty, I had a hard time seeing myself in the role of a pastor. I knew I certainly didn't have all the answers and who was I to claim to be proclaiming God's Word! But apparently others could see me in that role, and God worked through those people and, through much prayer and conversation, I opened myself up to this call in my life.

It has been both humbling and exciting to look back and see how God had been at work in my life to lead me to this point in my faith journey. And it is exciting to see how God has prepared the way for my family and me to make it all possible. There was a time when I considered that fact that I provided the single-income in our single-income family and thought there could be no way for me to go back to school full-time. But I am now in my senior year at Columbia, and we are doing just fine. God is indeed good.

When I consider the churches that have made a difference in my life, it has always been those in which there was a strong sense of community. I believe that community is the foundation on which the other aspects of being the Church – worship, ministry, missions - are built. As a pastor, I hope to be able to nurture, build, and strengthen the connections and sense of community in a congregation as a means of building a vibrant church. I enjoy all aspects of leading worship, and I feel it is important that worship, regardless of the style, have a vitality and energy that engages people and helps them participate in the service. Mission trips have been an important part of my growth as a Christian, and leading mission trips has been a rewarding, fulfilling experience as well. I am also interested in spirituality and in helping people nurture a deeper faith relationship.

I am grateful for the ways God has blessed me and guided me to this point in my journey, and I look forward to seeing where and how God will continue to lead in the years ahead.