

# CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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Home Congregation Peachtree Presbyterian Church

## 1. TYPES OF POSITIONS

<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Pastor (Christian Education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Tent Maker/Part-time)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Solo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Designated Pastor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Head of Staff)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mission Pastor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (New Church Development)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Under 100 members
<input type="checkbox"/> Village	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inner City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-250- members
<input type="checkbox"/> Town	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 251-400 members
<input 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
<u>Columbia Presbyterian</u>	<u>Decatur, GA</u>	<u>Pastoral Intern</u>	<u>9/08-5/09</u>	<u>Part Time</u>
<u>Children's Hospital</u>	<u>Atlanta, GA</u>	<u>CPE Intern</u>	<u>5/08-8/08</u>	<u>Full Time</u>
<u>Peachtree Presbyterian</u>	<u>Atlanta, GA</u>	<u>Student Ministry Staff</u>	<u>2/04-8/06</u>	<u>Full Time</u>
<u>Dewolf, Boberg, &amp; Assoc</u>	<u>Atlanta, GA</u>	<u>Management Consultant</u>	<u>3/03-10/03</u>	<u>Full Time</u>
<u>Sayers 4 State Representative</u>	<u>Potosi, MO</u>	<u>Campaign Manager</u>	<u>6/02-12/02</u>	<u>Full Time</u>
<u>McMaster-Carr Supply Co</u>	<u>Atlanta, GA</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>8/99-6/02</u>	<u>Full Time</u>

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

<u>Administration of Programs/Project Management</u>	<u>Financial Management</u>
<u>Hospital and Emergency Visitation</u>	<u>Pastoral Care</u>
<u>Leadership Development</u>	<u>Preaching</u>
<u>Cross Cultural Collaboration/Involvement in Mission Beyond Local</u>	<u>Urban Ministry</u>
<u>Community Service and Leadership</u>	<u>Youth Ministry</u>

**5. FORMAL EDUCATION** (List most recent first)

<b>Institution</b>	<b>City/State</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Degree</b>
Columbia Theological	Decatur, GA	Divinity	9/06-5/09	M Div
Davidson College	Davidson, NC	Economics	8/95-5/99	BA

**6. SEMINARY HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS/LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:**

Moderator of Society for Missionary Inquiry at Columbia Theological Seminary, 9/07-9/08  
Merit Scholarship at Columbia Theological Seminary, 9/06-5/09

**7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:**

None

## **8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:**

I was named after both my grandmothers. Thirza, my paternal grandmother's name, comes from Numbers 26:33. My great, great, great grandparents were missionaries in India and found Tirzah in the bible, which stands for determination, independence, and means "my delight." I am the 13th Thirza in my family, as every first daughter received the name since my missionary ancestors.

I was born in St. Louis, Missouri, to Skip and Connie Sayers. I have a little brother, Nicholas, who works in private equity in Chicago. He is one of my best friends and my favorite travel partner. We grew up on the family's bison ranch just outside of St. Louis. There was a tiny Presbyterian church near the ranch that we attended occasionally, but I did not discover my faith in God until attending Peachtree Presbyterian in 2000. Growing up on the bison ranch makes for a bunch of exciting stories and lots of yummy food but not many childhood friends. One of the funny stories explains our family's sense of humor- my dad started the bison on the family farm as a joke in 1976 to celebrate our country's 200th anniversary (or the bi-centennial, "bison"ennial). He bought three bison from a used car salesman and now they have five hundred. The lake on the ranch that my grandparents built for irrigation is my favorite place in the world.

I have lived in Atlanta since graduating from Davidson College in 1999. I have met the majority of my friends through church and have come to have a more present and supportive extended family through Peachtree than I did back home through blood relatives. In my young twenties, I experimented with several jobs in business management until I accepted God's call to ministry in 2004. I worked in student ministry for nearly three years until I began seminary at Columbia fulltime in 2006. I absolutely love Pastoral Care, and Missions.

Outside of my relationship with God and my studies, three activities make me most happy: my work with my dog, missions, and teenagers. My dog, Mr. T Rex, is a toy poodle, who has passed pet therapy certification. We serve at area hospitals including Emory and Peachford. Second, I connect most with God in mission- local, domestic, and international. I just love seeing what God is up to and how I can participate in it. Last, teenagers get me excited about life and serving. They are at such a transformational time of life and often are struggling so much. I love being there to celebrate with them and often to cry with them. One day I hope to have my own teenagers to walk through life with, but until then I will continue to "borrow" others' and walk through life with them in ministry.

