

# CANDIDATE SEEKING A CALL (CSC)

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## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Solo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Designated Pastor	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Head of Staff)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mission Pastor	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor (New Church Development)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Campus Minister	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor (Redevelopment)	<input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain	

## 2. TYPES OF COMMUNITIES & CHURCH SIZES

<input 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 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>Heritage Presbyterian Church</u>	<u>Acworth, GA</u>	<u>Pastoral Intern/Youth Director</u>	<u>02/10-current</u>	<u>3/4</u>
<u>First Presbyterian Church</u>	<u>Vero Beach, FL</u>	<u>Coordinator of Student Ministries</u>	<u>08/05-01/10</u>	<u>Full time</u>
<u>Campground United Methodist</u>	<u>Paragould, AR</u>	<u>Student Minister Recreation</u>	<u>01/04-08/05</u>	<u>Part time</u>
<u>Pinecrest Camp and Conference Center</u>	<u>LaGrange, Tennessee</u>	<u>Director/Bible Study Coordinator</u>	<u>05/01-08/03</u>	<u>Full Time (summers)</u>
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## 4. LIST THE 10 PRIMARY SKILL CHOICES FROM THE PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM:

<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Adult Ministry</u>
<u>Family Ministry</u>	<u>Community Ministries</u>
<u>Young Adult Ministry</u>	<u>Congregational Fellowship</u>
<u>Spiritual Development</u>	<u>Church Planting</u>
<u>Administration of Programs</u>	<u>Older Adult 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 Seminary	Decatur, GA	Divinity	01/10-12/12	Masters of Divinity
Arkansas State University	Jonesboro, AR	Media/Sports Mgmt	08/00-08/05	Bachelors of Science
Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences honors residential high school	Hot Springs, AR	Math focus	08/98-05/00	High School Diploma

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

- Commuter Students' representative for SCC
- Male Lifegroup Leader
- Senior Bookstore employee
- Multiple chapel team leaderships
- Certification through Youth Ministry Leadership Initiative

**7. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS:**

We would like to stay in the Southeast, preferably somewhere in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, or Florida as we have family near there. However, we are open to consider any possible locations.

## 8. BRIEFLY INTRODUCE YOURSELF:

My name is Rob White and I am a senior at Columbia Seminary. I will graduate in December with a Masters of Divinity. For the past 11 years, I have worked in some form of ministry, mostly with youth or children. However, during my supervised ministry this past summer, I discovered my love for preaching and leading worship with adults and have felt called away from youth ministry and into parish ministry. The various ministries with which I have worked span from small church to large church to camp and conference ministry. Through each, I have discovered a gift of helping people rediscover their part in the body of Christ and, in response, allowing others to see those people's gifts as well. Much of this has come through the growth of new programs or the rebuilding of previously depleted programs. For instances, the youth programs in Arkansas and Florida saw significant growth in the programs of over 50 and 100 new people respectively. In each, the growth of the programs was often with people who had felt either distanced from the Church (universal) or who needed a place to fit in. Although, not called to youth ministry any more, I feel that this is the call of the church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: to be willing to be reformed in such a way that those people who have left the Church see a reason to return or in a way that people see a way in which their gifts can be utilized for the betterment of Christ's body.

My most proud achievement did not come in ministry but came in the relationship I built with my wife. She, too, is a former youth director and has been both a best friend and a partner in ministry through all things. It was her idea for me to leave a job I love to begin seminary. Last year, we had our first child, Liam, whose birth and life have forced me to think more than ever about the future. However, this is not about the future of my ministry or the future of my call, but rather the future of the church. I ask myself constantly what the shape of the church will be in when Liam is and adult. This drives me even more to secure a future for him and his children.

This leads me to where I am now, a person who continuously seeks to be reformed by God's call in my life and who realizes that I am on a journey that started way before I was ever born and will continue far beyond the time I have here. My journey is about allowing the stories of those people I have taught, reached, made angry, or simply passed on the street be made known and be made valuable for those who I will have the same effect in the future. For I have learned that everyone has a story and if I, by the grace of God, can help point a person toward a better relationship with God, then I know that person's story will be filled with hope.



