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SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH

EVERGREEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

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Welcome to Evergreen!

Thank you for allowing us to introduce ourselves to you. We're excited about this season of renewal and revival in our church, as we look forward to growth and vitality, seeing what God will do in the coming months and years. We appreciate your interest in the Senior Pastor position. Our prayer is that God will lead us to the man who, as our pastor, will join us in ministering to our local congregation, the Sevier County area, and beyond. Our goal with this packet is to provide you with an introduction to Evergreen Church and our community. Also included is a pastor profile, introductions to the search committee members, tidbits about our church, and information about how to apply. More than anything, we want this to be an invitation to further conversation.

In Christ,
Evergreen Church Pastor Search Committee

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Our Mission

Our mission is to be the people of God doing the work of Jesus Christ in the world, as led by the Holy Spirit, loving all whom God brings our way, serving Him in ministry to our church and community, nurturing each member of our church family in the truths of the Gospel, and sending forth disciples to shine the Light of the Gospel and bring hope to the Sevier County area and beyond.



Our Values

WORSHIP

BECOMING WORSHIPERS WHOM THE FATHER SEEKS, GLORIFYING GOD AND EXALTING HIS NAME THROUGH WORSHIP THAT IS JOYFUL, REVERENT, CHRIST-CENTERED, AND SCRIPTURE-FILLED.

YET A TIME IS COMING AND HAS NOW COME WHEN THE TRUE WOSHIPERS WILL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH, FOR THEY ARE THE KIND OF WORSHIPERS THE FATHER SEEKS (JOHN 4:23).

DISCIPLESHIP

MAKING DISCIPLES, EQUIPPING THE SAINTS, AND GROWING TO MATURITY.

[CHRIST EQUIPS] HIS PEOPLE FOR WORKS OF SERVICE, SO THAT THE BODY OF CHRIST MAY BE BUILT UP UNTIL WE ALL REACH UNITY IN THE FAITH AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD AND BECOME MATURE, ATTAINING TO THE WHOLE MEASURE OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST (EPHESIANS 4:12-13).

COMMUNITY

BRINGING RESTORATION AND REDEMPTION TO OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH GOD'S HOPE.

EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS, AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS (1 PETER 4:10).

PRAYER

SEEKING GOD'S WILL AND THE HOLY SPIRIT'S GUIDANCE, GIVING THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE IN APPROACHING GOD: THAT IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARS US. AND IF WE KNOW THAT HE HEARS US—WHATEVER WE ASK—WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE WHAT WE ASKED OF HIM (1 JOHN 5:14-15).

FELLOWSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING EACH OTHER, LIVING OUT THE GREAT COMMANDMENT.

"'LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF'" (MATTHEW 22:37-39).

EVANGELISM

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS, SHARING OUR FAITH, AND SUPPORTING MISSION PARTNERS IN THE WORLD AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOAL OF THE GREAT COMMISSION.

THEREFORE, GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE (MATTHEW 28:19-20).

Our History



Evergreen Church was founded in 1984 with the purpose of reaching Sevier County for Christ. We are part of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org) and the Tennessee Valley Presbytery (www.tnvalleypres.org). We are a welcoming church, embracing our reformed faith while finding room for all who would join our family, learning and growing at their own pace. Our members come from many

denominational backgrounds, all believing in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, resting upon Him alone for salvation. Evergreen worship services reflect those different perspectives with elements that are traditional and contemporary, perhaps best described as ancient-modern.



Evergreen has had four pastors during its existence. The first was Rev. Randy Davis. Pastor Randy oversaw the construction of our first building, which was on the Parkway in Sevierville. Our next pastor was Rev. David Geib. Pastor Dave helped simplify our church structure during a very productive, growing season of ministry in the life of Evergreen. Rev. Henry Bradford was our third pastor. Pastor Brad had a special gift for articulating the wonders of the grace of God, which was a great encouragement. During Pastor Brad's tenure he and the elders had a vision for a broader ministry in connection with an established daycare on Dolly Parton Parkway. This effort led us to move to that building as our place of ministry. Sevier County's tourism/vacation

industry was hit hard during the 2008 housing market crash and recession. Unfortunately, it set in motion a chain of events that led to the loss of our building in late 2013.

Despite this traumatic event in the life of our church, many of our church family saw something beautiful at Evergreen. The elders provided leadership as this resilient group continued the work of the church and brought it forward. Without missing a single Sunday service, God blessed us to be able to partner with the Smoky Mountain Seventh-day Adventist Church, providing a location for our worship. In January 2015, Rev. Wes White came with his wife and their seven children to serve as pastor of Evergreen. Pastor Wes was enthused about this group and willing to embrace our new situation. He led a reorganization of our church as a mobile church, creating the new shape of our ministry as God opened the door for us to worship at a wonderful conference center right in the middle of Sevierville.



Sun Outdoors Pigeon Forge, on the Parkway in Sevierville, has served as our worship space since May 2015. In the early fall of 2023, God provided the opportunity for us to purchase—debt-free—a beautiful property on Newport Highway in Sevierville. This property keeps us front-and-center on one of Sevierville’s main thoroughfares. We’re excited about the future of Evergreen and eager to see how God works through us to shine the Light of the Gospel and bring hope to the Sevier County area and beyond.



Together we seek His perfect plan for our lives, and we desire to glorify Him with all He has made us to be.

Our Community



Nestled in the foothills of Tennessee’s Smoky Mountains, Sevierville is a vibrant and growing community of locals and transplants from all over the country. Known for its unique blend of Appalachian culture, a booming tourism industry, and breathtaking natural beauty, Sevierville and the surrounding communities proudly celebrate their roots with various cultural events and festivals. These events showcase traditional music, crafts,

and culinary fare that echo the strength of the Appalachian spirit and a deeply rooted history. The town also offers excellent educational opportunities through the Sevier County School District, which includes top-performing schools such as Catlettsburg Elementary School, Boyds Creek Elementary School, and Sevier County High School. There are many higher education institutions as well, including Walters State Community College, Tusculum University, and The University of Tennessee.



Economically, tourism is the predominant industry driving Sevierville’s growth and development. Often called the “Gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park,”

Sevierville draws millions of visitors annually who enjoy a wide variety of attractions, shopping, dinner shows, zip-lining, and unique dining experiences, including Dollywood, Anakeesta, and Ober Mountain Resort. Sevierville is just 30-45 minutes from Knoxville in one direction and Gatlinburg in the other, making it ideal for someone who enjoys both city life and the great outdoors.



Sevierville and its surrounding cities and communities are renowned nationwide for their natural beauty. As one of the best places in the country to experience all four seasons, “leaf-watchers” frequently flock to the Great Smoky Mountains to experience the vibrant palette of fall, while “snowbirds” visit during the winter to enjoy our tender Tennessee Christmases. With unparalleled outdoor recreational opportunities from hiking to camping to wildlife viewing, the picturesque landscapes of the Smoky Mountains provide a serene and inspiring environment for both residents and visitors. This blend of cultural richness, economic vibrancy, and natural splendor makes Sevierville an ideal place for a pastor to engage with the community and find spiritual fulfillment.

www.seviervilletn.org
www.visitsevierville.com
www.mypigeonforge.com
www.sevier.org
www.smokiesconnect.com
www.dollywood.com
www.greatsmokyhomes.online
www.visitknoxville.com
www.census.gov



At Evergreen, we believe it's important that every child knows he or she is a valuable part of our church. We want to help our children learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus, knowing they are in a safe and welcoming place.



We, as a church family, attend worship together. Our kids learn the ins and outs of corporate worship through experience. We provide a nursery for children five years old and under. After the morning message, children K-5th grade go to Children's Church to hear the Gospel and learn about God's great goodness and His unfailing love for each of us. During this 30-minute Children's Sunday School program we invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship. If parents need to pick up their children before this time that is okay as well.

Our Social Media

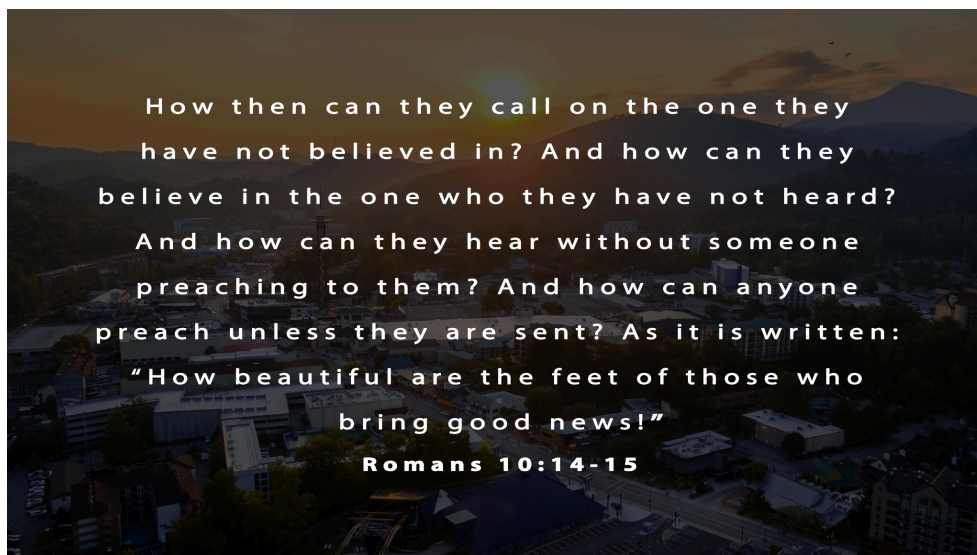
Weekly email: send request to info@evergreentn.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/evergreentn

Private Facebook Forum: www.facebook.com/groups/162905050804127/

Our Mission Partners

- o Bob and Andrea Burnham – Odessa, Ukraine: www.Burnhamsnapshots.com/blog
- o Life Care Center – Izmail, Ukraine: www.lcc-izmail.org/en
- o Fawzy and Linda Attia www.pioneers.org/international (additional info available from our missions ministry team)
- o David and Debbie Frank – Spain: www.globaloutreach.org/giving/missionary-details/david-and-debbie-frank
- o Rodrigo Jimenez – Guadalajara, Mexico: www.campusoutreach.org/
- o Marty Huddleston – Disaster Relief, MNA: www.pcamna.org
- o Bridgemont Camp – Wears Valley, TN: www.bridgemontcamp.com
- o Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) – Sevierville, TN: www.youmakeherbrave.com/wccprc
- o Nations 4 Christ – International Student Ministry, Pigeon Forge, TN: www.nations4christ.org.com
- o Manny and Terri Bersach – Rionegro, Colombia: www.mtw.org/missionaries/details/bersach-manny-and-terri
- o SMARM – Smoky Mountain Area Rescue Ministry: www.smarm.org
- o Operation Christmas Child – www.smaritanspurse.org



Our Session

Michael Beagan
Brennon Carpenter
Jeremy Daley (clerk)
Art Stump

Our Diaconate

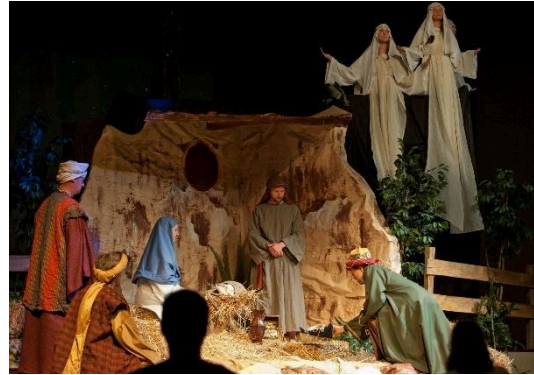
Keiji Asano
Marty Huddleston
Steve Cupp (deacon assistant)
Harry Kromer (deacon assistant)

Our Church Staff

Pulpit Supply – Rev. David Zavadil
Worship Arts Director – Brennon Carpenter
Church Administrator – Art Stump
Treasurer/Accountant – Deb Bain
Hospitality Coordinator – Stan Linder
Missions Coordinator – Jennifer Love
Nursery Coordinator – Jeannie Peebles



Ladies Ministry



Living Nativity



New Property

Our Senior Pastor

Our desires for a new pastor include the following:

- He proclaims the Word of God, challenging and stirring hearts within our church family to strive for personal holiness and to cultivate love and mercy toward our community and our world.
- He works with the session and the worship arts team to develop a rich worship life that glorifies God and exalts His name through worship that is joyful, reverent, Christ-centered, and Scripture-filled.
- He strives for teamwork, instructing and guiding members who have leadership responsibilities in the church.
- He disciples and encourages the members of the congregation, actively teaches the Scriptures, and develops a small group ministry focused on Bible study and prayer.
- He looks for ways to be involved in outreach and evangelism in our local community, encouraging us to boldly share our faith with others.
- He visits members of the congregation with special attention to those who are shut-ins and those who need pastoral comfort and care due to sickness, hospitalizations, loss, or other needs as they arise.
- He commits to the standards of our church (Westminster Confession and Catechisms) as expressing the truths of the Bible and the foundation for Christian belief.

GOD'S WORD

"Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding." -Jeremiah 3:15

"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction." -2 Timothy 4:2

"[H]e must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it." -Titus 1:8-9

"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood." -Acts 20:28

Our Search Committee

Kelsey Carpenter – I grew up at Evergreen Church and have been attending nearly 25 years.



In that period, I married my husband, Brennon, in 2012, and we welcomed our daughter, Della, who was born in 2017. On most Sundays, I assist in leading worship alongside my husband, who has served as our Worship Arts Director for the last decade and has been a ruling elder for just over a year. I manage my own photography business, specializing in home photography. Balancing business and family responsibilities can be tough, but our Evergreen family has always provided us with a sense of support and encouragement that directs us toward Christ. We also find great joy in witnessing our daughter's development within Evergreen Church. She is surrounded by caring friends, learns scripture, participates in prayer, and has meaningful conversations about Christ with us at home. I'm grateful to be a part of Evergreen Church, raising my family among such wonderful people.

Maria Daley (Secretary) – My family and I came to Evergreen eight years ago. My husband,



Jeremy, and I have two daughters, Ruth (17 yrs. old) and Essie (13 yrs. old). They were originally born and raised in Georgia before we moved to Tennessee in 2012. I hold a Master's degree in Counseling and I homeschool our daughters as well as assist with academic advising for Cumberland Christian Academy. I love the warm and welcoming environment at Evergreen and I'm excited to see Evergreen grow and serve the community in the future.

Jennifer Love – My husband, Larry, and I have been at Evergreen since moving to Sevierville in



1997. Immediately after our first visit, my husband said, "I felt like we worshipped!" Shortly after this, during a new members class, my eyes were opened to God's sovereignty and it was one of the most freeing experiences of my life. I am a retired nurse. My husband and I have three grown children and three grandchildren. I have a passion for missions and have served on the missions committee for several years, as well as serving in children's ministry. The past year has been especially encouraging to me to see God at work in Evergreen, strengthening us and bringing maturity to our body.

Harry Kromer – I retired from the Federal Government and moved from Maryland (Washington DC area) with my wife, Maria, to Tennessee in 2021, drawn here by love for the



Smoky Mountains and the small-town lifestyle. I became reformed forty years ago and belonged to a PCA church in Maryland. Since then, I've been a member of other churches over the decades. We have four grown children, three of whom are married with their own families living in West Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland. After settling in Tennessee, the Lord led me to join with the local Evergreen PCA church and get involved in the fellowship, helping the deacons as a deacon's assistant. I began taking seminary classes, seeking how the Lord would use me more. I look forward to seeing how Evergreen can grow with a new pastor and be a gospel witness to all those residing in the Smoky Mountain resort area.

Andrew McDonald – In 2019, by God's grace, my wife Victoria and I relocated to the Great



Smoky Mountains of East Tennessee. Upon our arrival, Evergreen Church became our first choice. I vividly recall being warmly greeted by several members, including the pastor, immediately after the service ended. It wasn't intrusive but a sincere welcome that felt like family. Initially settling in South Knoxville, we attended church elsewhere. However, after two years and the birth of our first child, God blessed us with an opportunity to move closer to Sevier County for work, posing a challenge for our church attendance in Knoxville. Remembering the welcoming atmosphere at Evergreen, I suggested to Victoria that we visit again. Since then, we've been active members of Evergreen, where the Christ-like hospitality and fellowship remain as wonderful as ever. Victoria and I are blessed with three children: Islay, our eldest daughter, Lachlan, our second eldest son, and our soon-to-be-born daughter, Elsie. Currently, I serve as the Revenue Manager at Dollywood's Splash Country, a role I find fulfilling as I balance work with our

growing family. I'm enthusiastic about the future growth of Evergreen Church and eager to see how God will continue to use us for His glory in Sevier County.

Jeannie Peebles – I was born in Sevier County and have lived here all my life. I visited



Evergreen in 2006 with my husband, Winn, our daughter Heather, and a group of twenty-five or so others from our prior church which had disbanded. The warm welcome we received and how the people at Evergreen related to my husband, who was in a wheelchair due to a massive stroke in 1995, and our daughter Heather, who is mentally handicapped, during our visit convinced me that we had found our church home. Within the first year, we became members of Evergreen and soon after that I became involved in the Children’s Ministry, which I’m still in. I love my church family and that’s what they are: Family. Heather does slides for our worship team and she loves to sing. Sadly, I lost my husband, Winn, in April of this year and I’m so thankful for the love and support of our Evergreen family. I pray that God continues to bless our church and I’m excited to see what God has in store and who he will bring to us as our new pastor.

Dan Somerfield (Vice Chair) – My wife Shawn and I have been active members of Evergreen



from its beginning, after we moved back to Sevier County in 1983 from Kingston, TN. I had been employed by TVA at the Watts Bar nuclear power plant which was under construction when we came back so I could join my father, Jack, in a log home business he had started. At that time, my parents were attending a group that was meeting in a local hotel conference room. The group decided to become a satellite church plant of Cedar Springs PCA in Knoxville, TN. I’m not sure when we officially became Evergreen Church but it was probably sometime in the late ‘80s. We steadily outgrew several temporary locations until we built a building on donated property in Sevierville which was next-door to the original Walmart. I have served in the past as a deacon and for many years as an elder on the session. Shawn and I are recently retired. We have two married children and a grandchild on the way. We’re excited to see what the Lord has in store for the

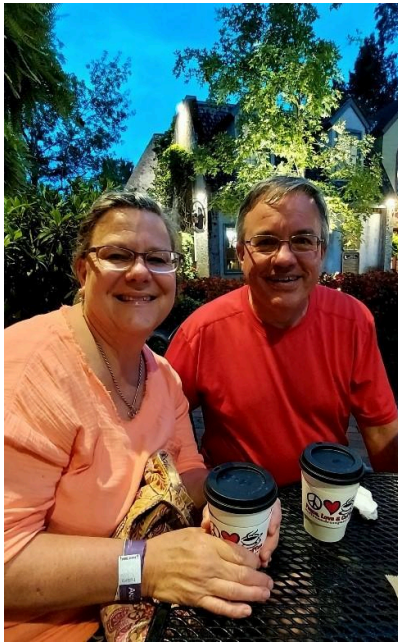
future of Evergreen. We hope to see it continue to flourish and soon be able to build on the property that was purchased last year.

Art Stump (Chair) – I've been a member of Evergreen Church for almost 20 years. A neighbor



invited my family to visit Evergreen. On our first Sunday, he introduced us to his church family, making us feel instantly welcome. I soon joined the praise band as a keyboard player and have been part of the worship team ever since. I have three daughters, a son-in-law, and two granddaughters. In 2023, God blessed me with a beautiful wife, adding another daughter, son, and daughter-in-law. Heather, my wife, works as both a hospice nurse and a cardio-rehab nurse. I'm currently a ruling elder and the church administrator at Evergreen. I grew up Southern Baptist, attending church almost every Sunday since I was six weeks old. One of Evergreen's strengths is embracing reformed faith while remaining welcome to all who come our way. I'm excited to see our church grow out of the experiences of the past year, stronger, healthier, trusting God, resting in Him to shine His Light in our lives and in our church.

Del Supplee – My wife and I moved to Tennessee in 2016 for many quality-of-life reasons, and



we have loved it here. We were members and leaders in our PCA church in Pennsylvania for over 25 years, and we have been members of Evergreen Church ever since we arrived in Sevierville. We love our church family; we are especially involved in camp ministry, outreach to international students, and small group studies. We have six children scattered across several states, and five grandchildren, with a sixth one on the way. I have a handyman/contracting business and my wife works a couple of part-time jobs. If we're not at work or at a church function, we're likely doing something with our kids and grandkids. We're looking forward to the next chapter in our church's life as we call a new pastor to shepherd our growing flock.

How to Apply

Once again, thank you for your interest. To start a conversation about this call, please submit the following to the Search Committee:

1. Cover letter introducing yourself, and your family if applicable, describing your interest in the senior pastor position at Evergreen Church.
2. Resumé outlining your pastoral (and/or other professional) experience and education.
3. PCA Ministerial Data Form (if applicable this can be in place of a resumé).
4. Links to at least two (2) recent sermons or teaching presentations (videos, DVDs, etc. are welcome).

Application packets may be submitted via:

Email to the search committee: pastoralsearch@evergreentn.com

Mail to: Evergreen Church
ATTN: Pastor Search Committee
P.O. Box 5830
Sevierville, TN 37864

If you have any questions about the Senior Pastor position, Evergreen Church, or the Sevierville area, please don't hesitate to reach out to our committee chair, Art Stump, via his email artstump@evergreentn.com or cell phone 865-789-6547.

Warmly in Christ,

Evergreen Church Pastor Search Committee



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