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New Pastor Q&A

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Tim and Ginny Latham



Tim and Ginny both grew up in Lynchburg, Virginia where they were high school sweethearts. After going on to their respective colleges (James Madison University for Ginny and William & Mary for Tim), Ginny started working in Richmond and Tim worked for several years at Williamsburg Community Chapel in Williamsburg VA. In 2014, they got married and Tim moved to Richmond. Tim transitioned to working at Third Presbyterian (where they were also active members) and pursued his Master of Divinity at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, while Ginny continued her work as a marketing and communications professional for a health savings investment firm in Richmond.

In their free time, Ginny loves being outside, coaching basketball at the local YMCA, traveling, and dabbling in modern calligraphy. Tim enjoys making lists (ask him his Top 10 favorites of anything), movies, reading, spending time with friends and watching as much baseball as possible. They also love spending time with their lovable and energetic 3 year old lab mix, Maisy.



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What is a Candidate Under Care?

- Every applicant for the ministry must put himself under the care of the Presbytery
- The endorsement of his Session must be given to the Presbytery
- Every applicant for care shall be a member of the congregation whose Session provides an endorsement for at least six months before filing his application, except in those cases deemed extraordinary by the Presbytery
- An applicant for care must not be received under care and examined for ordination at the same meeting of the Presbytery

More information:

<https://epc.org/ministerialvocation/ordinationqualifications/>

<http://epcoga.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/Files/3-How-We-Do-It/2-Ministerial-Vocation/ProcedureManualForMinisterialCandidatesCommittees2018.pdf>



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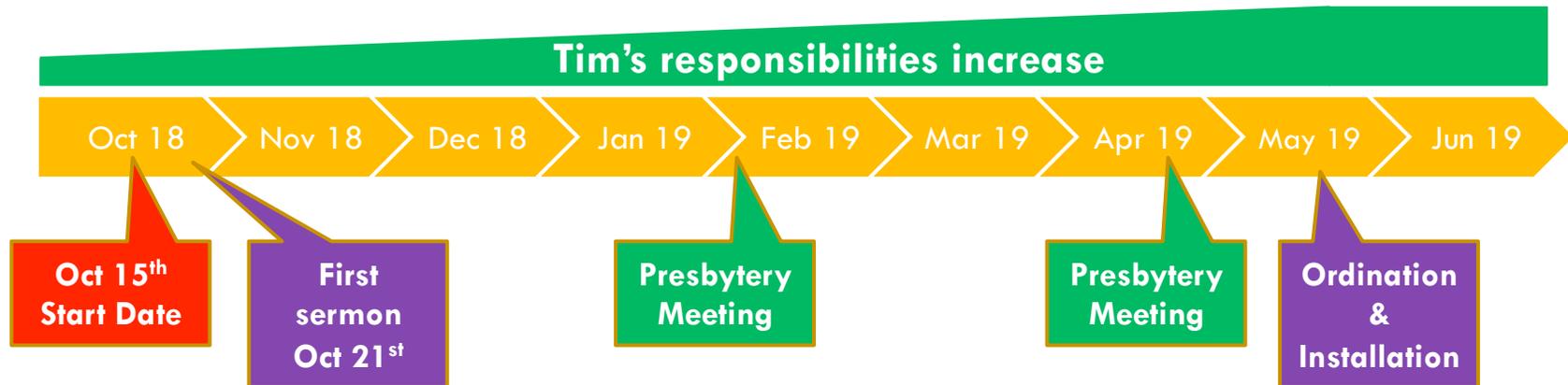
Tim's Roles & Responsibilities

- ◉ What Tim **can** do:
 - ◉ Preach every Sunday
 - ◉ Administrative or Pastoral duties
 - i.e. Visitations
- ◉ What Tim **cannot** do (requires ordination):
 - ◉ Administer the sacraments
 - ◉ Officiate weddings at FEPC
 - ◉ Officiate funerals at FEPC
 - ◉ Moderate Session
- ◉ Dennis to transition responsibilities but still retained to cover ordained responsibilities (i.e. communion)



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Timeline for Ordination and Installation



- Dennis to remain on staff to transition responsibilities and to cover ordained responsibilities (i.e. communion)
- In addition to preaching and handling pastoral duties for Fairview, Tim will be studying for written and oral ordination exams
- The goal is to have the exams complete in advance of the April 2019 presbytery meeting where Tim will be presented to the floor at the presbytery meeting
- Fairview can ordain and install Tim as pastor following completion of exams and presbytery approval



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Why didn't I get to vote?

- **You will get to vote**
- Fairview will hold a congregational meeting to vote and approve the call as pastor
 - Congregational vote occurs after Tim passes his ordination exams and is presented to the floor at a presbytery meeting
- Since Tim is not yet ordained, he's been hired as Director of Ministry, which is a staff position governed by Session, which does not require a congregational vote



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What can I do to help Tim and Ginny?.... A LOT

- ◉ Begin praying daily for the Latham's
- ◉ Send cards of welcome and encouragement to Tim
- ◉ Come to worship on Sundays to hear Tim preach
- ◉ Wear your name tag on Sunday's so the Latham's can put names with faces
- ◉ Bring a friend; encourage members who don't regularly attend to come and meet the Latham's
- ◉ Be sure to come to the chili cookoff on Oct. 20th to meet them, and plan to stay after worship on the 21st
- ◉ Bring them a meal, welcome gift, or a gift card to your favorite eatery
- ◉ Have an open heart and decide that you and/or family are going to love he and Ginny



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What is the ECO?

- ECO is a branch of Presbyterian churches, the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians
- Formed in 2012 by churches leaving PC-USA
- Mission is to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ
- Adheres to Reformed theology and Presbyterian polity; similar to EPC
- Core values include egalitarian ministry (i.e. ordination of women)