

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

This past year has been good.

My Stated Supply relation with Magee PCA was concluded on June 30 2014. For two years they'd supported me and my family financially while I looked for a full-time, permanent call. After applying to numerous churches and interviewing with several, the Lord kept all the doors closed. However, through part-time work and the sale of the land my wife's grandfather had given to her (and her brothers), the Lord provided for us – right up until my new position with CMDA began.

After 3-4 months of talking with Sam Hensley and CMDA's national office about the position, all the details were worked out and I began work on March 16, 2015. (Finalized details for the call package are being presented today at Presbytery.) My work includes meeting students one-to-one, leading Bible studies for students, finding speakers (including myself) for our Tuesday lunches on campus, and connecting local Christian medical professionals with Christian UMMC students.

It's been very good to meet and meet with students, doctors and other medical professionals, as well as staff and faculty at UMMC. I'm excited to see what the Lord will do in and through the lives of these students over the next months and years – especially as, apparently, the tide of what one has called "secular progressivism" grows bigger and louder.

Other opportunities have also come along. I had the privilege of caring for John Dawson's people – while he was away for a couple of Sundays I was able to preach for him, and to talk with many of the folks at Brandon Pres; also, during this summer I'm teaching a Sunday school class at First Pres, Jackson.

By grace,

Rick Holbert