

Pepperdine Compelling Preacher Initiative and Andrew's Preaching Schedule

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Andrew has been accepted into the [Pepperdine Compelling Preacher Initiative](#) program.

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Hello All

Andrew submitted an application to participate in the **Pepperdine Compelling Preacher Initiative** program in February 2026. The committee selects the participants. If selected, he will travel to Pepperdine for a couple of days in February.

Program Overview:

- Participants commit to a year of monthly virtual small-group meetings that foster mutual support, feedback, and spiritual community formation.
- In-person gatherings at [Pepperdine University](#) will focus on the content, structure, and delivery of sermons.
- The only cost is travel to the conference; all other programming is covered by [Pepperdine University](#).
- Resources include workshops, mentoring, podcasts, newsletters, and training videos—aimed at fostering preaching excellence and communication across generational and societal divides.
- The initiative is led by Mike Cope, director of ministry outreach at Pepperdine, with additional support from the university chaplain
- Open to any current or aspiring preacher in the U.S., whether full-time, part-time, or considering a move into ministry.

Upcoming MX Preaching Schedule:

8/31 Andrew
9/7 Andrew
9/14 Andrew
9/21 Nathan – Topic: Service
9/25-26 – Andrew is on the leadership team for the YM/CM conference in January of 2026. He’s **traveling to AZ** for a leadership training meeting in September.
9/28 Andrew – Since he will be traveling this week, he was given the opportunity to let someone else preach. He insisted on preaching on 9/28. I believe it is baby dedication Sunday.

October: He and Lydia did not have an opportunity to celebrate their 15th anniversary. They are planning a weekend trip sometime in the month of October. He will likely be out one Sunday in October. He was given the following list of people to help fill out the month of October.

Eric M.
Matthew B.
Melanie S.
Travis M.
Kaylynn M.

Sara/Phillip M.

