

ENTER THE VILLAGE



SIGNING PETITION FOR PARTICULARIZATION. JULY 2011

Journey to Particularization

At TVC, everything seems to be a journey. The most recent journey is the journey to Particularization. The congregation at The Village Church is very excited about the prospect of particularization. This is a big step for all churches in the Presbyterian Church of American (PCA)--TVC included. Much preparation goes into the process so the conclusion is always an exciting time for any young church.

The first step in this process is to Petition the Presbytery for Particularization. Official members of the congregation must send a signed petition to the Presbytery requesting the Presbytery to particularize the church.

Wayne Parker, Vinit Mahesh and Mike Baginski have comprised the provisional

session for TVC and will be part of conducting the interviews for TVC's first official officers.

What exactly is particularization? It's when a Mission church becomes a Particular church. This means self-governing, meaning it has its own head pastor and its own session made up of members of its own congregation.

You can see why this is a big deal for The Village Church.

TVC has come a long way in less than 3 years. From Sunday evening worship to bringing in a pastor, to Sunday morning worship, to the ushering in of its first official members. Now to have the prospect of adopting its own session, things just can't get much more exciting.

But it's not a done deal yet. Certain members of the congregation still have to pass their exams and interviews and be voted in by the congregation. The date set for this is October 23rd of this year.

Prayer, of course, is needed. But it's probably not necessary to hold our breaths. The men who've been going through training and will be interviewed are godly men who've committed their hearts to the growth of The Village Church and community. Stay tuned! We'll meet them in the next Newsletter! By then, Lord willing, TVC will be an officially particularized church.

(The official Particularization Service will be held on November 13th at 10:30 AM).

Let's Get Focused

The annual vision casting meeting for The Village Church was held on August 20th, 2011. It was a wonderful time of fellowship as well as a great time to refocus the church's vision. The goal for the vision casting meeting was to get the congregation to center themselves around 3 or 4 specific areas of service.

The topics included:

- Why does The Village Church exist? To know, enjoy, and glorify Him.
- How are we going to do know and glorify Him? By embracing and extending His love.
- How is the TVC going to embrace and extend His love? Through investment in leadership, involvement in family ministries, and serving within the community.
- Where is TVC going to particularly serve?
Wednesdays at the Village; shepherding and care; community development.



Praises and Prayers:

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Summertime at the Village was a smashing success. It was able to bring the community together and give the congregation a fun way to interact with the neighbors of the church. Though the summer was hot, few were able to stay away from the games, food, music, and fun that made up the Wednesday summer nights.

We also want to thank the Lord for providing the opportunity to purchase the land next door to TVC. We've been waiting on this for a while, so it's a big blessing to finally own it!

Finally, we are excited to announce that our summer intern, **Lyle Lee**, will continue with us for the next four years as our Director of Children and Youth.

Prayers:

As always we ask for your continued prayers for guidance and wisdom as the church as a body falls more in love with Christ and further extends that love to the community.

Some specifics include:

- Prayer for officers' training
- Prayer for new members class that begins in October.
- Lincoln Village Staff and the Lincoln Village School

We say it every time, but we just can't say it enough. THANK YOU for your love, prayers, and support. You truly have shown the love of Christ to us by walking with us on this journey. God bless you!