

ENTER THE VILLAGE

Winter 2011/12

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Village Happenings

A DAY TO REMEMBER

NOV. 13TH PARTICULARIZATION SERVICE

Everyone seemed to have put on the good clothes—dressed in their Sunday Best. There was an obvious excitement in the room, as well as a feeling of anticipation, similar to the buzz before a wedding. The Sanctuary was full of people and almost every row of black chairs was filled to its capacity.

Through the glass window of Alex Shipman's office, several men were seated around a table, paperwork on the table, and serious expressions on their faces. This wasn't just a celebration of TVC becoming a "real church," this was serious business.

The service began like a regular church service: opening prayer, the music. Then the sermon began. It ended with Rev. Mike Jones doing a perfect rendition of SM Colridge's "That's My King." He said these words: "My King is a sovereign king. No means of measure can define His limitless love. No far seeing telescope can bring into visibility the coastline of the shore of his supplies. No barriers can hinder Him from pouring out His blessing." This set the tone for the rest of the service.

Alex Shipman stood to receive a challenge from Mike Jones. The room was still. The challenge to the pastor, the pastor's vows, the challenge to the elders and deacons, the elders' and deacons' vows, the challenge to the congregation, a prayer, more music. As the service progressed, it became more apparent that this wasn't just a particularization service.

This was a worship service, and that's not just referring to the music. There is worship in the sermon that praised God. There was worship in six men--one pastor and five elders and deacons--kneeling in prayer,

The Village Church exists to know, to enjoy, and to glorify God. We do this by embracing and extending his love.



Rev. Mike Jones, Provisional session, new ordained officers, pastor Alex Shipman, members of the Commission of Providence Presbytery.



Prayer of Ordination



Rejoicing

Thine is the
kingdom and the
power and the glory
forever.

“The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.” Psalm 147:11

acknowledging their humanity and calling on their King to help them in shepherding His children. There was worship in a congregation that holds its breath, watching as God unfolds His plan for His church.

There is worship in a little mission church becoming particularized, the unity of the body of Christ, and six men willing to be poured out for that body.

Christ died for this church. And “no barriers can hinder Him from pouring out His blessings.” (“That’s My King” by SM Colridge)



6-7:30PM AT THE VILLAGE CHURCH

- 1st Wednesdays - Various Activities
- 2nd Wednesdays - Family Ministries
- 3rd Wednesdays - Prayer Service
- 4th Wednesdays - Family Ministries
- 5th Wednesdays - Family Dinner Night

UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are some events that The Village Church will be participating in during the near future:

- Mark Sterns will teach his 8-week **Engaging the Enemy** class beginning Jan. 8th during the 9:30 Sunday School

hour. Please call the church office 256.270.9112 to register for this class.

- Enter the Village **New Members Class** begins March 11 until April 1 during the 9:30 Sunday School hour. Please call the church office 256.270.9112 to register for this class.

- Feb. 3rd-5th **Marriage Common Ground Conference** with Gordon Bals at Decatur Presbyterian 2306 Modaus Rd SW - Decatur, AL 35603. Please contact Decatur Pres. office at 256.351.6010 for more details.

- The first Saturday of every month there will be a **Men’s Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship** from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. at Atlanta Bread Co. on University Drive.

WHAT’S NEW AT THE VILLAGE:

New Members: Aidan Clark, Chris Dawson, and Lisandra Vazquez

Enter the Village Center: We now have a place in our entryway dedicated to helping visitors get plugged in.

HOW TVC EMBRACES AND EXTEND GOD’S LOVE:

- Investment in WORSHIP*
- Involvement in FAMILY MINISTRIES*
- Intentional SERVING*



Wayne Blocker, Doug Ross, Alex Shipman, Butch Taylor, Richard Goodson, Brian Patz

Where We are Intentionally Serving:

- Wednesdays @ the Village
- Shepherding and Care
- Community Development (Which includes: The LINC
 - Lincoln Village Ministries
 - RUF @ A&M • Lincoln Academy • Foreign and Local Missions)

Foreign Missions:

Anna Blocker-Campus Crusade @ Georgia State
Trey and Kiki Adams-MTW, Bankok, Thailand