

## Call To Prayer

April 15, 2018

### Succession Planning and the Pastoral Search Process

*Your word, O Lord is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures.*

Psalm 119:89-90

**Pray** that the Holy Spirit will lead us through this journey, that we would keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus and that God's will would be done.

**Pray** for Pastor Todd, that he would remain strong during this transition process, strong in health and spirit.

**Pray** that the gospel continues to be proclaimed during this transition process

- men, women, and children will come to know Christ as Savior and Lord
- the work of the Holy Spirit will go forth
- God's people will continue to grow and mature in their faith
- the name of Jesus will be lifted higher and higher.

**Pray** that the congregation would continue to uphold the staff, the Elders, and the Search Committee during the transition process;

- we would not become weary, that our strength would be renewed
- we would encourage one another
- the Holy Spirit would raise up people like Barnabas, so that the congregation would sense the excitement of the journey.

**Pray** that the Search Committee would have unity, that all agendas would be set aside: Read Philippians 2:1-12 and focus on verse 6, *"Each of you should look not only to your interests, but also to the interest of others"*.

**Pray** that the Search Committee and the Elders have biblical wisdom, that their minds would be transformed, so that they can test what God's will is during this transition process.

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2*

**Pray** that the Search Committee set their minds and their hearts on things above, so that the Holy Spirit leads them in making decisions.

*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3:1-2*

**Pray** for Todd Clark and the Slingshot Group, that God will use them to guide us through this transition process.

**Pray** for the next Preaching/Teaching Pastor of Village Church and his family, that the Holy Spirit would be preparing their hearts and minds so that they are ready to accept the call. Pray for his marriage and children, that they would be united in making this transition to Village Church.

**Pray** that at the end of this process we will have peace, knowing that we humbled ourselves before the Lord, sought the leading of the Holy Spirit and followed his leading.

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105*

*Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stand guard in vain. Psalm 127:1*