

“Are You Called to Plant a Church?”

THE VILLAGES

- One Hour from Orlando
- Central Florida Presbytery

In 2008, The Villages was the fastest growing metro area in the country. The Villages is a planned community located an hour's drive north of Orlando, along US Highway 27. The Villages has received widespread acclaim for its highly desirable quality of life.



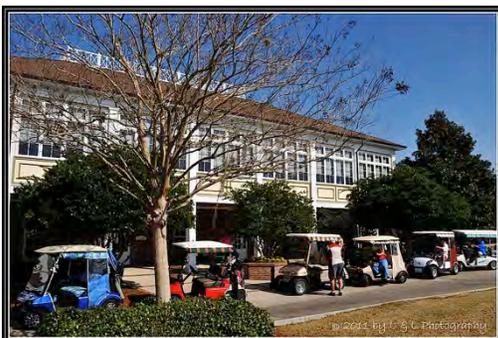
Nearby Orlando offers a world-class airport, internationally acclaimed attractions, shopping, sports, and other “big city” amenities.

We Need More Gospel Centered PCA Churches

The area within five miles had a 2010 population of 86,000; an increase of 48,000 from 2000. The nearest PCA churches are over 10 miles away. This large and growing area is served by only a few churches, and presents a great opportunity for a PCA church.



A Friendly and Growing Community



The Villages began in 1992 through the efforts of H. Gary Morse. He envisioned a retirement community that would join Florida's mild and attractive climate with world-class infrastructure and amenities to provide retired folks a great place to live. He succeeded. The Villages offers golf, tennis, swimming, and gyms – anything for an active lifestyle. But the main attraction is golf - lots of really great golf.

Fact: The Villages has over 40 golf courses and 30,000 golf carts.



The Villages also offers a tremendous variety of social activities so its residents can quickly make new friends. The conversation is easy because The Villages offers so many places for people with common interests to get together.



There is also a world outside The Villages. This part of Florida would be growing without The Villages, just not as rapidly. Some parts are horse country with everything from multi-million dollar stables like the one below to a simple pasture on a couple acres.



Within five miles there are more than 30,000 people who are under age 55. They are part of a larger working community engaged in jobs that range from professional services to agriculture, and serve a population greater than 100,000.

Family and youth are important. Bill Zwick, principal of the local high school (left) says, “The Villages High School’s demanding courses and programs prepare its graduates for the post-secondary setting along with the world of work. Alongside the courses necessary to be successful in the educational world, The Villages High School has twenty-two (22) varsity sports for our student-athletes along with many clubs and activities to round out the total educational experience.”



Middle School

Demographics for a five-mile radius compared to the USA:

Item	The Villages	USA
White	91.8%	71.9%
Black	5.2%	12.5%
Hispanic	4.5%	16.2%
Median Age	62.8 yrs.	37.0 yrs.
Median Income	\$ 41,500	\$ 54,442

The Villages straddles three counties, Marion, Sumter, and Lake with a combined population of 630,000.

Project Description

The Villages church plant is a cooperative effort of several surrounding PCA Churches, the Central Florida Presbytery, and the Florida Church Planting Network. We seek to plant a church that will be an active testimony to our living Savior. We will support this church through prayer, fellowship, coaching, and significant financial contributions.

We are seeking to hire a church planter who can develop a core group. The core group will include people from Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Ocala, New Hope Presbyterian Church in Eustis, and possibly others.

Compensation will be commensurate with experience. Funds are currently available.

The Florida Church Planting Network

is a voluntary association of 41 churches in three Florida presbyteries. We are committed to advancing the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by planting “Gospel Centered” churches, churches that:

- Reach the Lost
- Transform the Found
- Seek the well being of the community.

We support our planter pastors and their families with love, respect, coaching, fellowship, significant financial contributions and a Christian Community of pastors, elders, and church members who appreciate the sacrifices they make to meet this challenge.

The Man We Seek

Our mission means we must become a people who love and trust God far more than we love or trust anyone or anything else. Specifically, we are seeking a man who is:

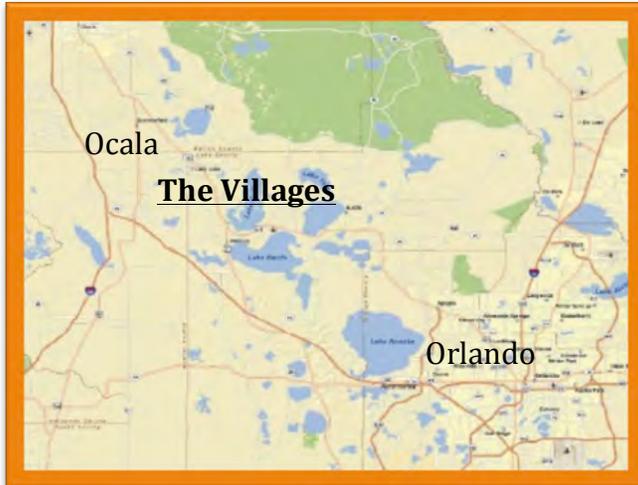
- A self-starter
- A mature leader
- Intentional in evangelism and connects with unbelievers
- Able to cast a vision for the growth and redemption of God's Kingdom
- Able to gather and mobilize people around that vision
- A strong preacher - effective communicator - able to preach Christ crucified
- A golfer

Some of the Challenges He will Face

Even pleasant places to live have challenges! The same beautiful climate and attractive natural surroundings that draw people to the area will draw them away from your church. You'll need to help them see that time spent with their creator is even more pleasant than time spent with His creation. When some people retire from their jobs, they retire from all responsibilities. Can you help them see that they will have more opportunities than ever to serve the Lord?

Summary

- A wonderful opportunity to share Christ's love
- One of the fastest growing communities in the US
- Our prayers, financial support, coaching, Parakaleo support, and resources
- The right hand of fellowship from the churches of our Presbytery and our Network
- A great chance to reach the lost, transform the found and bring good news to the community.



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