

Church in the Vineyard Board Member Profile



Name: Tom Newman

How old are you? 48

Marriage/Family Details: Married to Jan (18 yrs), 3 sons Ben 17, Austin 15 and Jake 13

Where do you work? Bank of America

What do you do for fun or relaxation? Listening to and playing a wide variety of music, cooking, growing vegetables to make salsa (the hotter the better) and watching the fightin' Phillies and NASCAR.

Did your family go to church when you were growing up? If so, what kind of church? I did not start attending church until I was an adult with Jan.

How did you come to know Jesus personally? I most often feel closest to God through music and I remember clearly feeling an awareness of Jesus presence for the first time at a worship service at Willow Creek Community Church outside Chicago Ill. Jan and I were attending a conference with 2000 other Christians from all over North America and during the worship on the first day of that conference I remember feeling a peace and joy, the depths of which I had never felt before. I knew then that I needed to ask Him into my heart.

What is one thing God has shown you or taught you in the last year? If you don't feel close to God, it's not because He moved away.

As a Board member...What For the last 13 years, I have been vary active in a

experiences have you had inside/outside the Church that you believe will help you serve in this capacity?

variety of ministries including worship leadership, youth education, adult small groups and a season on the Session (Board) at Manor Presbyterian in Cochranville.

What is your vision or dream for Church in the Vineyard?

To help each and every person experience the fullness of life available to us if we love God and reflect His love to all the other people we meet every day.

What do you see as unique about Church in the Vineyard as compared to other churches in our area?

I think CTV offers a unique perspective on following God, one free of judgment about the past, and filled with excitement of the potential for life in the future. We do that in a fresh, contemporary way that is relevant to folk's day-to-day lives.

What criteria will you use in determining the approval and priority of new programming ideas?

Would Jesus approve this idea? Does it meet the real need of the group it is targeting? Will it offer an opportunity to glorify God for those involved?

Why and how will you build trust with the congregation as an individual board member and for the board as a whole?

By being available to listen to folks and open to understanding different perspectives on an issue or topic. I also plan to be a visible leader, always looking for God in each situation.

Do you have a relationship that is confident enough with Pastor Chip to provide both encouragement and challenge?

Chip and I have developed an open and honest relationship, often coming at things from different perspectives. In my experience, we tend to balance each other's opinions on an issue based on our perspective and experiences. I am sure that we will continue to hold each other accountable to seeking to glorify God with every decision we make.