



**October 26, 2006**

**Dear Prayer Partners,**

### **MINISTRY TEAMS UNDERWAY!**

A quick round of Jeopardy. Answer: "Three Phases." Question: "What is the plan for organizing the work surrounding Trinity Fellowship's new church plant?" You may recall from previous e-mails, that each phase, once begun, continues until the church is planted, next Easter. The first phase is "core-group development," which started last summer and continues. The second phase, "planning & preparation" is now in full swing with the establishment of ministry teams. The final phase "community outreach" will ramp up in January 2007, leading to the launch date (Lord willing) of April 8, 2007.

Over the past two weeks, the core group has been praying about their ministry involvement and we are now organized into ministry teams. Below are the ministry teams. Each team has about 4-6 people.

- Children's Ministry (nursery through high school)
- Adult Education (Sunday School, small group, men/women's ministry)
- Community Development (assimilation and fellowship)
- Outreach (evangelism and missions)
- Worship
- Administration

Each team is responsible for developing a ministry philosophy, policies, equipment needs, etc. for each area. This Sunday night, for example, the Children's Ministry team will be leading the core-group in a discussion about the nursery! In addition, we have core-group individuals who have volunteered to serve as prayer coordinator, librarian, web design group, location committee and treasurer.

Please pray for us as we begin the critical work of forming each area of ministry. The decisions made in the next few months will guide the church for years to come.

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

Please consider a generous gift to help support Lake Cities Community Church into 2007. The funds raised have two purposes. First, they will allow the church to purchase start-up items, which may include educational materials, chairs, children's tables, sound system related items, etc. Second, these raised funds will supplement the general operating budget for Lake Cities for calendar year 2007.

How to give? Simply place a check into a white Lake Cities giving envelope, and mail it to Trinity Fellowship Church at 932 S. Greenville Ave. Richardson, TX 75081. If you need an envelope, just let me know. They are also available in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Fellowship Church.

- **Progress:** \$15,323.15 (increase of \$2,770.00 over the past week)
- **Goal:** To raise \$150,000 by the end of 2006 for start-up costs, facilities and operational expenses through 2007.
- **Gifts are tax deductible** and should be above and beyond your normal giving to Trinity, or the church you attend.
- **Note:** Although I report the increase each week, I do not see or have knowledge of any individual giving. All giving goes through Trinity Fellowship's excellent finance people and is confidential.

## UPCOMING DATES:

- October 29, Sun – Craig preaches at Trinity Fellowship. 2 Tim 4:1-8, “Motivations for Faithful Service.”
- October 29, Sun – Core Group Meeting. 6:00 – 7:30pm. Ministry focus: Nursery.
- Nov. 5, Sun – Core Group Meeting. 6:00-7:30pm. Topic: Becoming a Peacemaking Church.
- Nov. 12, Sun – Core Group Meeting. 6:00-7:30pm. Topic: CE/Youth ministry.
- November 19-26 – Craig and Tammy in Taiwan – Teaching at annual TEAM missionary staff retreat. Topic: Ruth, “Above and Beyond – Living a Life of *Hesed*.”
- February 4, Sun – FIRST Preview Worship Service. Time/Location TBD.
- March 3, 2007, Sat. – Rowlett Outreach. Crown Ministry: “Journey to True Financial Freedom” workshop. Location: Rowlett Community Centre, Room B.
- Easter, April 8, 2007, Sun. – Target date for first service of Lake Cities Community!

Pray for the Lord’s direction and that His will would be done at each activity.

## CHURCH PLANTING QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Getting ready for church ministry...

“Does it really matter to your church that someone is lovingly teaching three-year-olds about Jesus? Does patiently putting up with a room full of middle-schoolers make a difference in the life of the church? Does teaching a class of elderly widows help the church fulfill its mission? The answer to all three of these questions is: *Of Course!* To paraphrase the apostle Paul: “If one part of the body grows, every part grows with it.”

- *Wes & Sheryl Haystead, How to Have a Great Sunday School, Gospel Light, 2000, p.21*

## E-MAIL LIST INFORMATION:

The purpose of this e-mail list is to encourage prayer for the planting of Lake Cities Community Church. The anticipated launch date is April 8, 2007.

Each week new people are added to this list. If you are one of these – **WELCOME!** Past prayer letters and other information are available on Trinity’s website ([www.TrinityFellowship.org](http://www.TrinityFellowship.org)). It is our desire that this letter will help you to pray effectively and stay up to date on the happenings of Lake Cities Community Church!

Serving our Lord together,

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PS – Please pray for those families and individuals who continue to seek the Lord’s will about their involvement in this church plant. Pray for clear direction and leading.