



November 2, 2006

Dear Prayer Partners,

### **FIVE MONTHS TO GO!**

November, December, January, February, March... **five months** and then, Lord willing, on April 8<sup>th</sup> Lake Cities Community Church will launch in the Lake Cities / Rowlett area, east of Dallas. Five months will pass quickly and there is so much to do! More than ever, we need your prayers!

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Here are some specific prayer requests to keep in mind over the next few months. Please take a moment, even right now, to lift these up to our Lord.

- 1) **Financial provision** – We praise God that about \$8,000 has come in over the past three weeks, moving our total to over \$15,000. Pray for the Lord's continued financial provision.
- 2) **Location** – About seven potential places have been ruled out, including the public and private schools. Please pray for the Lord to provide just the right place. We would like to have a location by January or February.
- 3) **Core Group Families** – The Lord has brought 13 wonderful families so far. We are praying for five more families to join us prior to launch. About a dozen families continue to pray about their involvement with the church plant. Pray for the Lord to guide them, and to also bring others in contact with this ministry.
- 4) **Worship Leader** – We are praying for just the right person to help coordinate and lead the Sunday morning worship service.
- 5) **Ministry Development** – Our ministry teams are beginning to meet in order to organize and plan each major area of ministry. Pray for unity and guidance.
- 6) **Community Outreach** – Our first community outreach, a financial seminar, is scheduled for Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Rowlett Community Centre. Pray this will reach many people, especially unbelievers. We are praying for 70-100 people to attend.
- 7) **Encouragement** – Pray for encouragement and strength for the core-group families and Tammy and I. Pray we would deepen relationships and be formed into a church community.

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

We are thankful that the Lord has provided a couple who will take on treasurer duties for Lake Cities, and will work with Trinity Fellowship's Finance Committee as the 2007 budget is developed. Pray for this process, and for us to honor God with our finances.

If the Lord leads you to give toward this church plant, simply place a check (made out to Trinity Fellowship Church) into a white Lake Cities giving envelope, and mail 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:** \$15,473.15 (increase of \$150.00 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:

- 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 18-26 – Craig and Tammy in Taiwan – Teaching at annual TEAM missionary staff retreat. Topic: Ruth, “Above and Beyond – Living a Life of *Hesed*.”
- December 3, Sun – Core Group Meeting 6:00-7:30pm. Worship.
- December 10, Sun – Core Group Meeting, 6:00-7:30pm. Worship.
- December 17, Sun – Core Group Meeting, 6:00 -7:30pm. Adult Ministry / Small Groups.
- 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:

**Remember that Lake Cities Mission Statement states: “To glorify the Triune God through the richness of historic Christian Worship...”**

**Now consider this quote from: *A Call to an Ancient Evangelical Future*, in *Christianity Today*, 9-1-06.**

“We call evangelicals to turn away from forms of worship that focus on God as a mere object of the intellect or that assert the self as the source of worship. Such worship has resulted in lecture-oriented, music-driven, performance-centered, and program-controlled models that do not adequately proclaim God's cosmic redemption.

Therefore, we call evangelicals to recover the historic substance of worship of Word and table and to attend to the Christian year, which marks time according to God's saving acts.”

*Conveners: Robert E. Webber, Myers professor of ministry, Northern Seminary; Philip C. Kenyon, director, Grow Center for Biblical Leadership, Northern Seminary.*

## 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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