



December 7, 2006

Dear Prayer Partners,

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

I like to count things. This may make some nervous, so let me explain. I do not mean that I think a church needs to grow at a certain rate, or that “numbers” tell the whole story about anything. But, Proverbs 27:23 (NIV) says, “Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds.” Solomon tells us that we have a responsibility to pay attention to the details of what He has given, in order to ensure future provision.

So, below are some numbers. May they inspire us to pray even more earnestly for the Lord’s blessing and guidance for this church plant ministry.

- 3: The date in January for our benefit recital
- 13: Number of families committed to the “core group”
 - 24: Number of kids
 - 26: Number of adults
- 31.6: Average age of all residents in Rowlett
- 70: Number of people we are praying will attend our Crown outreach in March
- 86: Percent of Rowlett’s population with children under the age of 18
- 90: Percentage of people in Rowlett who own their own home
- 100: Original goal for number of e-mail prayer-partners
 - 122: Number of days until Easter launch
- 200: Number of new businesses in Rowlett since 2002
- 246: Number of people currently receiving this weekly prayer update
- 782: How many millions of dollars will go into expanding the George Bush Freeway through Rowlett

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

THANK YOU to those who have already given to the church plant. If you sense the Lord leading you to give, 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 contact the church at (972) 690-9535. They are also available in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Fellowship Church.

- **Progress:** \$58,783 (increase of \$26,820 over the past week). 39% of total! Praise the LORD!
- **Goal:** To raise \$150,000 by the end of 2006 to supplement the 2007 budget for Lake Cities (including start-up and operational expenses).
- **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.

Please continue to pray for the Lord's financial provision for both the church plant and for Trinity Fellowship's budget, which is currently behind for 2006.

UPCOMING DATES:

- December 9, Sat – “Friends and Neighbors” Church Plant Christmas Social. 7pm @ Hilber's.
- December 10, Sun – Core Group Meeting, 6:00-7:45pm. Worship / Service planning.
- December 17, Sun – Core Group Meeting, 6:00 -7:30pm. Adult Education / Small Groups.
- December 17, Sun – Craig preaching at Trinity Fellowship. 3rd week of Advent. Topic: Joy (various texts)
- No core group meetings: 12/24 or 12/31. Merry Christmas!
- January 3, Wed night – Benefit Recital, featuring vocalist John Hendricks. 7pm. At Trinity Fellowship Church, sanctuary.
- 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. (register at www.Crown.org)
- 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:

“If you want to grow something to last a season...plant a flower.
If you want to grow something to last a lifetime...plant a tree.
If you want to grow something to last eternally...plant a church.

- Evangelical Free Church of America, “Reproducing Factors in Church Planting,” training module.

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, Easter Sunday. Each week new people are added to this list. If you are one of these – **WELCOME!** 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!

Depending on Him,

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