



**March 10, 2007**

**Dear Prayer Partners,**

### **GETTING READY TO LAUNCH**

Just four weeks now until we launch, Lord willing! Hard to believe it is almost here. Let me thank you for being a faithful prayer partner. Special thanks to you for praying for me and our core-group after a few set-backs last week. Let me lift the curtain on some of what is happening so you can continue to pray and be aware of what is happening.

### **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION**

Our Children's education team has selected a curriculum, *Children Desiring God*, published by John Piper's church. Three of our ladies are traveling to Bethlehem Baptist church for a conference in late April in order to receive further training so that we might serve our children effectively. Work has also been done to create a partnership between Trinity Fellowship and Lake Cities for junior high and high school events.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Our administrative team is working on projects such as "reducing the risk" policies to make sure our children are as safe as possible in our new church. They are also working on other projects - the important infrastructure that will give us stability and allow us to grow.

### **MISSIONS**

Our mission's team is also setting direction that will guide us into the future. We look forward to the appointment of the first supported missionary from Lake Cities.

### **WORSHIP**

The past four preview services have helped us to begin to "get organized" in terms of our musicians, vocalists, worship planners, technology and sound people, etc. I continue to be thankful for the quality of worship the Lord has already allowed us to have.

### **LOCATION**

We will most likely launch in the meeting room at the Rowlett Bowl-a-Rama. It has been reserved for all of April and May. Our last preview service will be there on March 25<sup>th</sup>. While we enjoy the Bowl-a-Rama, the room is not large enough for us to be there very long. We are looking for a larger space, and other options are being considered. Pray for the Lord's direction and provision.

## PRAYER

We are making a concentrated effort to step-up our prayer time, as we get closer to launching. On 3/18 we will hold a prayer service from 6-7pm at Trinity Fellowship Church. On Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>, I am asking the core-group to set the day aside for prayer and fasting. There are no church-plant meetings that day. Please pray with us!

## SMALL GROUPS

Initial preparations have been made for small groups. This will be a major focus as we move into the Spring.

## UPCOMING DATES:

- March 11, Sun – Craig preaching at Trinity Fellowship Church.
- March 11, Sun – Preview worship service, 6-7pm, Trinity Fellowship, Fellowship Hall. Dave Hentschel is preaching this evening, from Psalm 112 – a Psalm of Wisdom.
- March 18, Sun – 6-7pm Prayer Service. 7-8pm Business meeting. TFC Fellowship Hall
- March 25, Sun – Preview worship service. 10-11am. Bowl-a-Rama
- April 1, Sun – No meetings. Day for prayer and fasting.
- **Easter, April 8, 2007, Sun. – FIRST SERVICE of Lake Cities Community!**

Pray for the Lord to continue to guide and be the focus of each activity. Guests are welcome at our preview services.

## CHURCH PLANTING QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**The following information is from the North American Mission Board for the Southern Baptist denomination. It is based on 1,000 church plants and 500 interviews. These are 10 characteristics that are present in church plants that are growing in their attendance. Interesting stuff (But where is the “Prayer factor?...”)**

### 10 Factors Influencing Church Plant Attendance

- 1) The Location Factor - Two top recommended places to start are schools and movie theaters.
- 2) The Ministry Factor - Especially having special ministry events for children.
- 3) The Promotion Factor - Letting the community know what you are doing - advertising!
- 4) The Training Factor - For new members so they know what is expected of them.
- 5) The Expectation Factor - Each new member signs a covenant and takes their participation seriously.
- 6) The Financial Factor - Developing a culture of faithful stewardship
- 7) The Staff Factor - Working toward multiple staff to anticipate and accommodate growth.
- 8) The Mission's Factor - Having an outward focus, including world missions and planting another church.
- 9) The Leadership Factor - Leadership is taken seriously and work is delegated to church members.
- 10) The Achievement Factor - There is a vision of where the church is going.

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## 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!

In Christ,

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