



**March 15, 2007**

**Dear Prayer Partners,**

### **BOWLING FOR JESUS**

Please continue to pray for the Lord to provide just the right location(s) for us. All indications are that we will begin on Easter Sunday at the Rowlett Bowl-a-Rama, where we held two of our preview services.

There are several positives about this location. The Bowl-a-Rama is a very well respected family-friendly business - easy to find, and plenty of parking! Also, we will begin our new church right "in" the community. As we hold our services, just about all of the Sunday bowlers will be aware of us as they hear us singing and see our banner and signs in the hallway. I am praying that the Lord will allow us to make some good contacts through this exposure. In addition, the bowling staff has been wonderful to work with, and are excited about having a church start at their establishment!

There are space limitations, however, at the bowling alley. We will soon need a larger space soon that will allow us to grow and provide a nursery and more room for adult and children's education. In this meeting room, we will be able to fit around 70 people.

Because of our need for a larger space, my friend (and core-group member) Dave and I spent the morning in Rowlett yesterday, driving around and visiting other potential sights. One location had great potential, a private school with beautiful facilities, play areas, etc. (and the owners are Christians). But the staff person told us, "We've had two churches start here, but they were so hard on the facilities that the owners will not allow any more." Another potential checked off the list. The search continues!

We had planned to stop by the Bowl-a-Rama so I could introduce myself to Linda, a new employee who is now in charge of scheduling the meeting room, but we ran out of time because we had reservations at the Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon. At the luncheon, we sat down to lunch and chatted with the people at our table. Right then, a lady at the table next to us leaned over and said, ***"Hi, I'm Linda – from the Bowl-a-Rama. I heard you talking about your new church. I'm so glad to meet you."*** That was a providential connection. Isn't the Lord good?

So until the Lord opens up another door – lace up those stylish shoes, grab your bowling ball and let's get Lake Cities Community Church off to an exciting start!

### **COMMUNITY LIFE (CL) GROUPS:**

**"A person can successfully do many things alone,  
but growing as a Christian is not one of them."**

**Frank Wichern.**

This quote sums up our philosophy of small groups – they are vital to the Christian life! Even as you read the gospel accounts, you can see the "big groups" (Crowds, full gathering of 70 disciples, etc.) and the "small groups" (the 12 disciples, the 3 disciples; Peter, James, John, etc.).

Though our small groups are not in place yet, we are working hard to finish our materials and processes. Please pray as we get ready to launch this critical part of our new church ministry. Here are some of the items being considered in our small group ministry (called “Community Life” groups or “CL” groups):

- **Purpose** – Relationship development, loving one another, connecting. This is our cornerstone ministry under purpose three: “Loving – We purpose to be a relationship developing church.”
- **Bible content** – Tied to sermon series and discussion / application of last week’s sermon. Sometimes called a “sermon response” model, this creates continuity and greater opportunity to interact with the Sunday morning message.
- **Organization** – By geographical area, to keep diversity of ages, but increase likelihood of the group seeing one another regularly.
- **Meetings** – Weekly, with a summer break in June and July. New people folded into CL groups in January and August of each year.

#### **UPCOMING DATES:**

- March 18, Sun – 6-7pm Prayer Service. 7-8pm Business meeting. TFC Fellowship Hall
- March 25, Sun – Preview worship service. 10-11am. Rowlett Bowl-a-Rama
- April 1, Sun – No meetings. Day for prayer and fasting.
- April 4, Wed – 8am. Ribbon Cutting for LCCC at Rowlett Chamber of Commerce (Please come!)
- **Easter, April 8, 2007, Sun. – FIRST PUBLIC SERVICE of Lake Cities Community!**

Pray for the Lord to continue to guide us as we prepare to reach out to the lost in the Lake Cities area.

#### **CHURCH PLANTING QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

The table below is from a new research study on church planting, put out by the North American Mission Board. I would have guessed that a contemporary style of worship would be highest for church planting, but I would not have guessed it was this dominant! Lake Cities Community Church would fall into the “Blended” category – seeking to make the use of all excellent God-focused worship, whether written last year, or 1,000 years ago.

#### **The below table represents the percentage of church plants by their identified worship style:**

- Traditional - 8%
- Contemporary - 62%
- Postmodern/Emerging - 4%
- Seeker - 1%
- Blended traditional and contemporary - 19%
- Fellowship - Relational - 1%
- No identified Style - 2%

*Church Plant Survivability and Health Study 2007 (page 8).* Ed Stetzer, Phillip Connor. February 2007

#### **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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