



**April 13, 2007**

**Dear Prayer Partners,**

### **WE ARE LAUNCHED!**

What does “launched” really mean? My father-in-law, Steve, sent me these dictionary definitions in honor of our new church launch:

**1828 Noah Webster American Dictionary:** L’anch [from lance, Fr. Lancer] To dart or fly off; to push off; as, to launch into the wide world.

**1955 Oxford Dictionary:** Launch: To enter boldly or freely into a course of action.

**1976 Houghton Mifflin Dictionary:** Launch: To begin a new project or venture ; start out on a new course of action.

Good description of our church plant!

By God’s grace, Lake Cities Community Church has been launched “into the wide world.” We are praying the Lord will use us to advance His Kingdom and bring the gospel to many people. The past year of preparation saw many people “darting and flying” about – doing the work of the ministry. Fourteen families have “entered boldly” into this “course of action,” by faith, not knowing at all what the future holds for us. We are thankful that Trinity Fellowship Church had the vision “to begin a new venture,” and now Lake Cities Community Church...is launched!

### **FIRST SERVICE REVIEW:**

We had 85 people at our first “official” worship service. This means we had about 30 visitors who came to support us and to help launch us into ministry. Highlights of the service included:

- Dramatic reading of the “short” Easter story in Mark 16 (verses 1-8).
- Excellent singing and worship with movement from the death of Christ (O Sacred Head Now Wounded, O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus) to the resurrection of Christ (He is Lord, We Welcome Glad Easter, Christ the Lord is Risen Today!)
- Special music by Jim and Laurel Pence: The powerful song - Via Dolorosa.
- Special prayer of consecration by Dr. John Reed, professor from Dallas Theological Seminary and mentor.
- Sermon “The Promise Keeper” from John 10:7-18 – The Shepherd who promises salvation and abundant living. How can we trust that he will come through on these promises? Because he died for our salvation, and rose from the dead to give us Life!
- Corporate confession of faith from 1Thess 4:13-18, 5:4-11
- Meaningful time at the Lord’s Table.
- Special announcement that we begin public ministry with not one but, two missionaries. Michael and Renee Mills with Greater European Mission, who are preparing for ministry in Sweden; and Markus and Julia Klausli who are preparing to go to Germany with the Liebenzell missionary agency.
- Wonderful time of fellowship afterwards. Beautiful Easter Lilies , white chocolate crosses for the kids, handmade from friends at Trinity Fellowship.

## **Church Plant Story: BATTLE OF THE BULB**

“If you live by technology you will die by technology.” Those are the prophetic words of Eddie Allen, head technology / sound expert at Trinity Fellowship Church.

We found this to *almost* be true. Two weeks ago at our last “preview” service, the bulb on the mounted projector in the meeting room at the bowling alley went out 10 minutes prior to the start of our service. We have all our song lyrics, scripture readings, sermon slides on power point (usually about 70 slides) That week we all squinted at a 17” laptop computer screen hastily set up on the communion table!

The bowling alley felt very badly about this and substituted that projector for another one, while they waited for the new bulb to arrive. They said it was ready to go. Being somewhat paranoid, I went in the day before Easter, last Saturday, to hook up my computer to it. I was glad I did as the projector had problems and the text showed “pink” onto the screen – the blue and green colors were not working.

So, for most of Saturday afternoon we worked on a solution – so that we could have a working projector for Easter morning. One of our members had previously donated a projector for the new church, and I brought that in. It was too small for the bracket, so it was “rigged” up with bungee cords. It was not perfectly aligned, and the text was a little like “Star Wars” with smaller letters on the top of the screen and larger letters at the bottom.

BUT, glory to God who even cares about these kinds of things...it worked, had the proper colors - and so we had “lights, camera, action” on Easter morning!

### **PICTURES AVAILABLE**

Pictures are available for you to view at [www.LakeCitiesCommunity.org](http://www.LakeCitiesCommunity.org). Look for “Grand Opening” gallery under the “about us” menu option. Includes a picture of the “rigged up” projector, visitors, the service, and more!

### **END OF THE E-MAIL LIST**

The purpose of this e-mail list has been to pray for and support this church plant until its launch. Therefore, this particular e-mail list will be discontinued after next week (or so).

If you would like to continue to receive e-mail information about Lake Cities Community Church, please reply back to this e-mail and I will make sure you are on our new list. For everyone, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for your love and prayers which have made this new church possible!

With joy,

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