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For those who have just joined this e-mail list...Welcome! The purpose is to ask you to pray for the church plant. It is also be a good way for you to keep up to date with details and progress. If Lake Cities Community Church is to become a reality, it will only be through the prayers of God's people!

VISION:

The vision is for Trinity Fellowship Church to plant a daughter church in the East Dallas part of town, specifically in the Rowlett area. We are trusting the Lord to provide the people and the finances such that the new church can open its doors in 11 months...Easter of 2007.

BIG PICTURE - THREE PHASES:

In terms of the "big picture," one way to view the next 11 months is to break it into three phases.

The first phase (Summer: May-August 2006) is "core group development" where we are praying for the Lord to begin to shape the core-group of individuals and families who will make up the initial membership of the new church. So far we have five families who have expressed a commitment at this level.

The second phase (Fall: August – December 2006) is "planning and preparation." The core group will begin meeting – probably weekly on Sunday nights. Much work will need to be done by the core group and members of TFC to prepare and plan for the opening of the church.

The third phase (Winter/Spring: January – April 2007) is "community outreach." This will be an intensive time of outreach activities in the community. By this time a location will have been identified and neighborhoods will need to be canvassed with materials about the church launch. At least one community-wide evangelistic event will occur during this time.

PRAISE:

- That our first family from outside Trinity Fellowship has indicated their belief that the Lord is leading them to join the core group!
- This week we have had good discussion progress on marketing / communication decisions. Mike Slaughter, from TFC, is providing expertise in this area to guide us in quality God-honoring communication. You will see the fruits of this in coming weeks!
- For the many people at TFC who have offered their time and expertise to help in whatever way is needed. I thank the Lord for you!

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please pray especially that the Lord would provide just the right place for the church to meet; whether a lease situation, or purchase of land/building. Pray for wisdom and provision.
- Continue to pray for the Lord to shape the core-group and to guide families and individuals who are considering being a part of the new church, in this way.

KEY DATES:

- June 4, 2006 – Craig will be presented for ordination before the TFC elder board.
- April 8, 2007 – Target date for first service of Lake Cities Community!

CHURCH PLANTING QUOTE:

“Church growth should never become so mechanical and scientific that it removes God from the equation. He is the Great Commissioner (Matt 28:18-20), the Gift Giver (1 Cor 12:4-6), the Giver of the Holy Spirit (Lk 24:49). Without the power of the Holy Spirit, church planting becomes a science like opening up a McDonald's store. Church planting needs spiritual people who will pray and seek God for His empowering and His divine strategy.” – John Iuliano, *Church Planting Manual*

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