



September 14, 2006

Dear Prayer Partners,

### NEW LOGO COMPLETE

We are thankful to the Lord that an important project has been completed! For the past few months we have been working with a talented Christian designer on a logo for our new church. Why a logo? A logo is a visual picture that reflects something of our values and purposes. Throughout church history, symbols and images have been used to teach and explain truths about God.

Take a look at our logo (attached). What do you see? An Anchor? A Cross? Good, because... **Our logo is an Anchor-Cross!** The Anchor Cross is an ancient symbol of the Christian faith. It was first discovered on the walls of the catacombs, where early Christians fled from Roman persecution. It symbolizes the stability and hope of the Christian faith, especially in turbulent times. It is a symbol based on Hebrews 6:19.

*This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast. Hebrews 6:19a.*

Great thanks to our skilled graphic designer, Dan Thompson, as well as the core-group families and many others who provided input (we went through about a dozen variations of the anchor-cross in the process). We pray the Lord will use this logo to help us communicate well as a new church.

### NEW CORE GROUP FAMILIES

We praise the Lord that in the past week, one new family joined the core group, bringing the total number of families to 11.

Continue to pray for the Lord to lead the other families and individuals who are still deciding whether to join the core-group. This is a good time to join because on September 24<sup>th</sup>, we will begin meeting Sunday nights for the purpose of planning and preparing for each area of church ministry. Those meetings will eventually turn into "preview" services in preparation for the public launch on April 8, 2007. If you are an individual or family who is ready to make this decision (to join the core group), please let me know so I can include you in core-group activities and communications.

### LAKE CITIES FIESTA SOCIAL!

Our next social is just a few short weeks away! Mark your calendars for a fiesta of grand proportions! Note that this social is for adults-only (infants are OK), so get a sitter (if you need one!) and come join us for a wonderful time of fellowship, food and discussion about the church plant! This would be a very good event to bring a friend who might have interest in the church plant.

- When?** Saturday, September 30, 2006.  
**Where?** The home of Terry and Diana Palmer: 6313 O'Ryans Circle, Garland, 75044.  
**Time?** 6:30 pm.  
**Theme?** Mexican food.  
**To Bring?** When you RSVP please let Diana know what you would like to bring, or she can provide suggestions! If you can't bring something – that is fine! Just bring yourself!  
**RSVP?** Please RSVP to Diana Palmer at [dcpalmer20@verizon.net](mailto:dcpalmer20@verizon.net), or call 972-495-6360.

**Program?** Fun games and discussion about strategic issues that are stated “values” of the church plant.

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

Last Sunday at Trinity Fellowship, Carl shared the elder’s call for the congregation to pray for the church plant, and to consider what the Lord would have each person give. We are all “planting a legacy of faith,” by extending the blessings experienced at Trinity to another community.

A mailing is being developed that will be sent to both Trinity Fellowship members and other friends throughout Texas and the country. It will include a special envelope for you to mail back with your gift. Until then, please pray and consider what the Lord who have you do to support this new work.

- Progress: \$5,701.15 (increase of \$100.00 over the past week)
- Goal: To raise \$150,000 to support the launching of Lake Cities Community Church.
- How to give? Checks can be made to “Trinity Fellowship Church” with a designation of “LCC / Samaria Fund.” Gifts are tax deductible and should be above and beyond your normal giving to the church.
- Pray for the Lord’s financial provision for this ministry.

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

- September 17, 2006, Sun. – Congregational update at Trinity Fellowship Church in both morning services.
- September 21-23, Thurs-Sat – Craig at “Peacemakers” conference.
- September 24, 2006, Sun. – Core Group begins planning meetings on Sunday nights.
- September 30, 2006, Sat – Lake Cities Fiesta Social. Palmer’s Home. 6:30pm.
- October 14-15, Sat-Sun. – Trinity Fellowship’s 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.
- March 3, 2007, Sat. – Rowlett Outreach. Crown Ministry: “Journey to True Financial Freedom” workshop.
- Easter, April 8, 2007, Sun. – Target date for first service of Lake Cities Community!

Please pray that each activity and event would follow after the Lord’s leading and not our own human plans or strength.

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

Regarding use of symbols and images:

“We rely on the language of metaphors and symbols because they help us to comprehend the truths of our faith...Christ himself taught spiritual truths through symbols, most notably using the bread and wine of the Last Supper...As an artist, I have been encouraged by the church’s reawakening to the power of the visual arts in its life.”

- Alva William Steffler, *Symbols of the Christian Faith*, p.ix (Steffler is Professor of Art at Wheaton College).

### **E-MAIL LIST INFORMATION:**

The purpose of this e-mail list is to encourage prayer for the planting of Lake Cities Community Church. Each week new people are added to this list. If you are one of these – WELCOME! Past prayer letters are available on Trinity’s website. 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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