

LAKE CITIES COMMUNITY CHURCH

September 28, 2006

Dear Prayer Partners,

LAKE CITIES FIESTA SOCIAL!

Our next church-plant social is this Saturday the 30th – and there is still plenty of room for you! Come join us for wonderful time of fellowship and information. We love kids, but this social is for adults-only (and infants!). 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, or call 972-495-6360.
Program? Fun games and discussion about the “values” of Lake Cities Community Church.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

To encourage prayer and financial gifts to support the church plant Trinity Fellowship Church is putting together a packet to be mailed to you - both to Trinity Fellowship members and other friends throughout Texas and the country. **It may be another few-weeks until this goes in the mail.** It will include a special envelope for you to mail back with your gift. For now, please pray and consider what the Lord would lead you to give.

- Progress: \$6,676.15 (increase of \$715.00 over the past week)
- Goal: To raise \$150,000 by the end of 2006 to fund start-up costs, facility costs and operational expenses through 2007.
- 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.

LOCATION UPDATE:

The location committee has been hard at work and met last Wednesday. In terms of background, the target community is Rowlett, and ideally we are looking for a location in the middle (from a North/South perspective) of Rowlett in order to make it convenient for people traveling off of I-30, as well as those coming from more northern areas. This would be a strategic location in reaching those in the Lake Cities area and beyond.

We are considering all types of options including leasing space in an empty building/store front, leasing space from a business (church plants have been known to meet in movie theatres, funeral homes, schools, rec. centers, kid’s zones, etc.), sharing space with another church, or perhaps something else! As you can see there are many options to consider. At this point, the only thing “ruled out” is meeting in a public school. Both Garland and Rockwall ISD (who serve Rowlett) do not allow churches in our situation to use their facilities. Other than that, we are still searching.

Please continue to pray for the Lord to provide just the right place to meet. (...and if you have ideas let me know).

CORE-GROUP UPDATE:

In the past week, the Lord has led two other families to join the core group, bringing the number to 13. We thank the Lord for these families and His leading in people’s lives. Please continue to pray for those still deciding about their involvement.

UPCOMING DATES:

- September 30, 2006, Sat – Lake Cities Fiesta Social. Palmer’s Home. 6:30pm.
- October 8, Sun. – Core Group Meeting. 6:00-7:30pm.
- October 14-15, Sat-Sun. – Trinity Fellowship’s 29th anniversary celebration.
- October 15, Sun – Core Group Meeting. 6:00 – 7:30pm.
- October 22, Sun – Core Group Meeting. 6:00 – 7:30pm.
- October 28, Sun – Core Group Meeting. 6:00 – 7:30pm.
- March 3, 2007, Sat. – Rowlett Outreach. Crown Ministry: “Journey to True Financial Freedom” workshop. Location: Rowlett Community Centre, Room B.
- 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 QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

To be honest, some days I face fear in this journey of church planting. If you do as well, consider this illuminating quote from a church plant practitioner:

“The major reasons given by churches for not engaging in church planting boil down to fear. We are afraid to work with people who are not like us, of spreading ourselves too thin, of losing good leaders and members, of upsetting a fellow pastor, and the list goes on.

But here’s the heart stopper, the number one fear of involvement in church planting is fear of failure...[Is church planting] Scary? Yes, at least the first time, but not debilitating! Uncertainties? Of course, but nothing crushing! When churches can see the steps in the church planting journey, focus on the One who is guiding and going with them, and be encouraged and nurtured by partners who stand beside them, what’s left to fear?”

Les Dobbins, Partnering Church Equipping Manager, Church Planting Group, Southern Baptist North American Mission’s Board. From his article “The Fear Factor of Church Planting.” September 15, 2006.

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. 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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