

LAKE CITIES COMMUNITY CHURCH

September 7, 2006

Dear Prayer Partners,

MISSION STATEMENT FOR LAKE CITIES COMMUNITY CHURCH:

“Our mission is to glorify the Triune God through the richness of historic Christian worship as we grow together in faith and share God’s grace with others; anchoring all things in the truth of God’s Word.”

One of the things the core-group worked on this summer was the above mission statement. A mission statement provides a short, compelling statement of a church’s “assignment” or mission that it hopes to accomplish.

While it is true that all churches have similar biblical purposes (for example to worship God, disciple believers, evangelize, etc.) not all churches carry out their purpose in the same way. God uses all types of churches to reach all types of people. The mission statement begins to identify the unique calling that a local assembly of believers has from God. It is a local church perspective. A close look at our new mission statement will give a person a pretty good picture of what our church values and strives to become. Consider each of the five parts:

- **First** – The highest calling we have individually and corporately is to glorify the Triune God. This is intentionally given “first place” in our statement. Everything else flows from this.
- **Second** – One way we seek to glorify God is through historic Christian worship. This reflects our commitment to worship in a way that is connected to the historic church. In corporate worship this will include using Creeds, weekly communion, the church calendar and a blended music style.
- **Third** – We are also called to grow in our faith, not alone, but together in community. This communicates an ongoing process and a commitment to become the woman or man God has called us to be.
- **Fourth** – We also seek to joyfully share God’s grace with others. This is both an evangelistic statement of sharing the gospel, and a commitment to be gracious toward one other in how we speak and act.
- **Fifth** – Finally, everything we do is anchored in the truth of Scripture, so that we do not drift away into man-centered ministry. The Bible is our standard and it is a priority to preach and teach from God’s word.

I would like to thank the core-group families, Keith Hileman and Mike Slaughter from Trinity Fellowship who spent several weeks in serious discussion and prayer while putting this together. It is a God-centered and God-sized mission statement that I pray will guide us for years to come.

NEW CORE GROUP FAMILIES

We praise the Lord that in the past week, two new families have joined the core group, bringing the total number of families to 10.

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 24th, 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, or call 972-495-6360.
Program? Fun games and discussion about strategic issues that are stated “values” of the church plant.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Trinity Fellowship's Elder Board and Finance Committee have approved a giving campaign “Planting a Legacy of Faith” to engage a wide array of people in praying for and financially supporting the church plant effort into 2007. That campaign will kick off this Sunday, September 10th, in the morning services. Please be in prayer for continued financial support and wide-participation. More information will be coming on this important effort.

- Progress: \$5,601.15 (increase of \$150.00 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 10, 2006, Sun. – Kick off for “Planting a Legacy of Faith” giving campaign.
- 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 29th 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:

“Our responsibility is to bring glory to God. What does it mean to bring Glory to God? When Dr. Rylie spoke to teenagers, he said - ‘The glory of God is anything that makes God seen.’ You see a newborn infant, a majestic range of mountains? We are to reveal what God is like. That is what we are here for, to show off what God is like.”

- Dr. Stanley Toussaint

“**Glory is a Forever Thing.**” 2006 marketing ads for State of Colorado screensavers. (Much better when applied to the church, don't you think?)

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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