

LAKE CITIES COMMUNITY CHURCH

August 10, 2006

Dear Prayer Partners,

4-PURPOSES – WHAT ARE THEY?

If you think about it everything has a purpose. A pencil has a purpose, a computer is designed with a purpose (not just to frustrate us!). A Stapler has a purpose. A tire has a purpose. Everything created was created with a design and purpose. And God's church is no different - God created His church to do certain things!

Ok. Quick! What are the four purposes of our new church? (This is the question I asked our core group last night at our meeting – they didn't remember them all either!) So let's review. Hint? They all end in "...ing." Here they are. Worshiping, Growing, Loving, Sharing.

1) **Worshipping** is our most important purpose. Our Triune God and King is eternally worthy of our worship and praise. We purpose to be GOD EXALTING church! Purple reflects the majesty of Christ the King.

2) The church is also a place where we are **growing** spiritually toward Christlikeness, fed by the truth's of God's word, the Bible. We purpose to be a LIFE-TRANSFORMING church. Green reflects growth and change.

3) Where is all that growing and worshipping to take place? In **loving** community. The church provides a place of fellowship where we can know one another, and be known. We purpose to be a RELATIONSHIP-BUILDING church. Brown represents authenticity (and coffee).

4) But what about those outside the faith – our neighbors and others in the community? The church has such good news that we are **sharing** God's gift of salvation and eternal life with those near and far! We purpose to be a GOSPEL-SHARING church. Red represents the blood of Christ and times of gift-giving where good gifts are shared with others.

One more time... Worshiping. Growing. Loving. Sharing. Good. I think you have it! When someone asks you about Lake Cities Community Church. I hope those four words come to mind. What a wonderful place God has designed HIS church to be.

PREACHING SUNDAY

Please pray for me as I prepare to preach this Sunday (James 5:1-12 – Facing Perilous Times) at Trinity Fellowship. This is a difficult passage – Please pray for my preparation and that the Lord would help me communicate clearly.

WEB INFORMATION AVAILABLE:

Information about the church plant is now available on Trinity Fellowship Church's website. Go to www.trinityfellowship.org and follow the "church plant" link!

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Trinity Fellowship's Elder Board and Finance Committee have approved a giving campaign "Planting a Legacy of Faith" to raise the money needed to continue the church plant effort into 2007. That campaign will kick off this Fall, on September 10th. Please be in prayer for continued financial support and wide-participation. More information will be coming on this important effort.

- Goal: To raise \$150,000 to support the launching of Lake Cities Community Church.
- Progress: \$4,571 (increase of \$250.00 over the past two weeks)

- 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:

- August 13, 2006 , Sun. – Craig preaching at TFC (James 5:1-12)
- August 20-31st – Schill’s on vacation (Washington D.C.)
- September 10, 2006, Sun. – Kick off for “Planting a Legacy of Faith” giving campaign.
- September 17, 2006, Sun. – Congregational update at Trinity Fellowship Church – Sunday night.
- September 24, 2006, Sun. – Core Group begins meeting Sunday nights. First meeting at TFC.
- 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!

Note that dates after August are tentative. They may change. 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:

May God be so good to us in two years...

“I am a blessed man. What has happened here is an amazing thing and only God can get the glory. I look at other church planters who have more education than me, are better speakers than me, are in larger cities than me, had more money when they launched, look better (that isn't too hard), and yet very few churches are doing what God is doing at RSC. I don't say that at all to be cocky, I say it to give God glory for all that HE has done. IF God can use me, HE can use anyone.”

- Gary Lamb. Church Planter reflecting on his church’s 2nd year anniversary:
<http://garylamb.blogspot.com/2006/07/2-year-thoughts.html>

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! It is our desire that this list will help you to pray effectively and stay up to date on the happenings of Lake Cities Community Church!

In loving community,

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