

LAKE CITIES COMMUNITY CHURCH

August 3, 2006

Dear Prayer Partners,

First, thank you for those who prayed for our 12-year old daughter Hayden, who had four teeth taken out yesterday. The surgery was successful, but the doctors said the bottom two impacted teeth were difficult to get out. She is in pain and has a good deal of swelling. Please pray for her recovery.

LOGO WORK IS UNDERWAY:

As I met with the graphic designer who will soon begin working on our logo, I asked him, "Where do you attend church?" He said, "I go to [such-and-such a church] but live in Rowlett." Think of all the cities in the Metroplex where he could have lived...isn't it fun to see how the Lord continues to work?

We had a delightful time talking not only about the graphics for the church's communication plan, but the spiritual needs of Rowlett, and how many Christians in Rowlett leave their community to attend church, because of the lack of a strong Bible-teaching, non-denominational church. That is one of the needs we hope the Lord will enable us to fulfill.

48 ATTEND SPAGHETTI DINNER!

Thank you for praying for this church plant event. The Lord brought 48 people (including 27 children) to our home last Saturday to find out more about Lake Cities Community Church. Our home was at max capacity!

Most of the people who attended are praying about their involvement in the core-group. It is a big decision! We had a great time of fellowship. I shared about my calling from the business world to ministry, and we had a Q & A session afterwards.

The purpose of these socials is to help people to connect and meet other families who are interested in this new ministry, with the goal that the Lord would use the time to direct people. Currently we have seven families in our "core group." This includes Tammy and I, five other families from Trinity and one family who attends church in Rockwall. We thank God daily for these "Lewis and Clark" families who have signed-on for this adventure! We are praying for a minimum of 10 families and individuals, but ideally between 15-20. In order to start a small, healthy church a certain "critical mass" is needed to cover basic ministries. Continue to pray for the Lord's provision of people.

PREACHING SUNDAY

Please pray for me as I prepare to preach this Sunday (James 4:13-17 – Facing the Future) and next Sunday at Trinity Fellowship. Pray for my preparation and that the Lord would give me freedom as I preach His word.

By the way... we can look forward to wonderful special music this Sunday from John Hendricks. I'm blessed, because I get to listen to it twice!

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:

- Goal: To raise \$150,000 to support the launching of Lake Cities Community Church.

- Progress: Information not available this week. I will have updated numbers next week.
- 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 6, 2006, Sun. – Craig Preaching at TFC (James 4:13-17)
- August 9, 2006 , Wed. – Core Group meeting at TFC
- August 13, 2006 , Sun. – Craig preaching at TFC (James 5:1-12)
- August 20-31st – Schill’s on vacation.
- September 17, 2006, Sun. – Congregational update at Trinity Fellowship Church – Sunday night.
- September 24, 2006, Sun. – Core Group begins meeting Sunday nights.
- October 14-15, Sat-Sun. – Trinity Fellowship’s 29th anniversary celebration.
- March 3, 2007, Sat. – Rowlett Community 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:

I agree with this quote and I pray that our church will value the richness of historical Christian worship.

“The truth is that we American's are a-historical. Most of us know very little about history and probably care even less... Unfortunately, most churches in this country have the same mentality. This is especially true of conservative protestant churches. We are a succession of breakaways with a constant history of starting over again without attention to or respect of our parental history. Unfortunately, when it comes to worship, there is a terrible price to pay for this attitude. When we cut ourselves off from the rich treasury of resources and from the collective spirituality of God's people throughout the ages, we diminish our vision of God. We isolate ourselves from what God would do in the world through us, the church.” - Robert E. Webber, *Blended Worship*, p.11.

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!

Amazed at how God is working,

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