

July 6, 2006

Dear Prayer Partners,

MISSION STATEMENT IN PROGRESS:

This past week core-group families gathered again to work on the new church's mission statement. Good progress was made, and a final product should be ready for unveiling in the near future.

Why a mission statement? The purpose of the mission statement is to provide a concise and descriptive statement of what God is calling us to do and be as a local church. While all local churches have similar God-given purposes (to worship, evangelize, disciple, etc.) not all churches approach the task in the same manner.

A mission statement is especially important for this new church because we do not easily fall into existing church categories. We hope to be attractive to the lost, but do not seek the "seeker-sensitive" church model. We strongly value our historical connection with the Church, but are not trying to be a "traditional" church. We desire to minister to post-modern thinkers, but are not engaging "emerging church" philosophy.

We believe a mission statement will be an important piece in establishing our identity as we prepare to minister in the Rowlett / Lake Cities area.

Pray that the Lord would guide these important decisions, and that we would follow His will for this new church.

WEB INFORMATION AVAILABLE:

Some basic 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 by the end of 2006 in support of launching Lake Cities Community Church – both to pay for start up costs, as well as cover the first year's 2007 operational budget.
- How to give? Checks can be made to "Trinity Fellowship Church" with a designation of "LCC / Samaria Fund." Gifts are tax deductible.
- Pray for the Lord's financial provision for this ministry.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Craig is preaching at TFC - the first two weeks of August.
- Easter, April 8, 2007 – Target date for first service of Lake Cities Community!

We are working on scheduling a second social event, probably in late July - time/date TBA.

We are also in the process of scheduling a general congregational update to Trinity Fellowship Church, probably on a Sunday night. TBA.

VISION:

The vision is for Trinity Fellowship Church to plant a daughter church in the East Dallas part of town, specifically in the Rowlett / Lake Cities area. We are trusting the Lord to provide the people and the finances such that the new church can open its doors in **nine** months...Easter of 2007.

CHURCH PLANTING QUOTE:

“The only place you can be authentically human is in community. The type of humanity that God died to create.” Dr. Jeffery Bingham, DTS chapel 9-5-03.

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

Trusting Him,

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Ps – Did you notice that we are now only nine months away from our projected first service? Please continue to pray for this ministry!