

June 15, 2006

Dear prayer partners,

VISION:

The vision is for Trinity Fellowship Church to plant a daughter church in the East Dallas part of town, specifically in the Rowlett area. We are trusting the Lord to provide the people and the finances such that the new church can open its doors in 10 months...Easter of 2007.

PRAISE:

- Five families from the “core group” met on Wednesday June 14th to brainstorm and discuss the “mission” of Lake Cities Community Church. It was a good time of fellowship and was helpful as we continue to work towards developing effective communication.
- God continues to work, showing his will to families who are considering this church plant. Over the past week, one family decided that the Lord was not leading them to join, while another family was led to join the core group! Praise God for both decisions!

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the Lake Cities Social on Saturday, June 24th, that many interested people would attend and that the Lord would use it to guide them as they consider their involvement with Lake Cities, and that it would be a good time of fellowship and relationship building.
- Continue to pray for the Lord to lead us to just the right location for the new church to meet.
- For the families that continue to pray and seek the Lord’s will regarding their involvement with Lake Cities Community.
- For my (Craig’s) schedule, that I would be able to make good use of my time throughout the week, as I balance meeting with people and working on logistical plans.

UPCOMING DATES:

- June 24th - (Saturday) – Lake Cities Social! For anyone who is considering joining the core group for the new church! At Jon and Elyce Leines’ home: 7802 Amesbury Lane, Rowlett, TX 75089, (972) 475-9208. 2-5pm swim/play for kids (or adults ☺) BBQ starting at 5pm... Bring side or dessert to share. Great opportunity to invite friends you know that might be interested!
- June 28th (Wednesday) – First meeting of the location committee, 6:30pm.
- April 8, 2007 – Target date for first service of Lake Cities Community!

CHURCH PLANTING QUOTE:

[One group we hope to reach, are those who perhaps have a church background, but no longer attend church. The below list comes from a recent survey that identifies the factors that were important to such “unchurched” people after they had chosen a new church. Think about what does or does not surprise you about each item on this list.]

“What factors led you to choose this church?”

1. Pastor/preaching – 90%
2. Doctrines - 88%
3. Friendliness of members – 49%
4. Other issues – 42%
5. Someone from the church witnessed to me – 41%

6. Family member attends – 38%
7. Sensed God’s presence/atmosphere of church – 37%
8. Relationship other than family members – 25%
9. Sunday School - 25%
10. Children’s youth ministry – 25%
11. Other groups/ministry - 12%
12. Worship style – 11%
13. Location – 7%

“This simple [list] alone could speak volumes to a strategy for reaching the unchurched. Almost all of the formerly unchurched, for example, told us that they used to come to a church on a very sporadic basis. They were not totally boycotting churches. So if they did indeed make that occasional visit, what factors would encourage them to return? - *Surprising Insights from the Unchurched*, Thom S. Rainer, Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001, p.21

ABOUT THIS E-MAIL LIST

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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