

LAKE CITIES COMMUNITY CHURCH

September 21, 2006

Dear Prayer Partners,

CORE GROUP FAMILIES

Last Sunday in both services at Trinity Fellowship Church, families from the core group were introduced to the church. It was a powerful reminder that God is at work, and that we are moving into “a new phase” of the church planting process. There were smiles of joy and tears of sadness, upon seeing friends who will be leaving to start this new church.

Beginning this week, the core-group will begin meeting Sunday nights, 6:00-7:30, until the church launches next April 8th. During these meetings we will be praying, getting to know one another and planning for each area of church ministry (like nursery, small groups, worship, etc.) Please add these core-group families to your prayers:

- Craig and Tammy Schill
- Jon and Elyce Leines
- Micah and Rhonda Foster
- Jeff and Stefanie Wright
- Jim and Laurel Pence
- Dave and Julie Hentschel
- John and Char Hilber
- Tim and Jenny Martin
- Malcolm and Kathi McGregor
- Mark and Lisa Thompson
- Markus and Julie Klausli

Continue to pray for the families who are still deciding whether God is calling them to join this group.

LAKE CITIES FIESTA SOCIAL!

Our next church-plant social is a week from this coming Saturday, September 30th! Mark your calendars for a fiesta of grand proportions! RSVP today!

We love kids, but this social is for adults-only (and infants!), 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 the “values” of Lake Cities Community Church.

THIS CHURCH PLANT IS A PRAYER PLANT!

Your prayers are vital! We count on you to pray for this church plant. We are fully dependent on God, and God works through prayer – simple as that. Let me share with you a few notes I have received in the past week. I want to pass this encouragement onto you, our faithful prayer partners:

- From a Rowlett resident: “We will be praying for all things to work out.”
- From friend in Arizona: “I love hearing about all the new things going on with the church. We continue to pray.”

- From a Trinity Fellowship member: “We are praying for this and for every detail and decision that must be worked out or made to establish this church to prove Christ's love to the people in the lake cities area.”
- From another Trinity Fellowship member: “I pray for you and the church plant every day.”

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Two weeks ago, at Trinity Fellowship, Dr. Carl Anderson shared the elder’s call for the congregation to pray for the church plant and consider what the Lord would have each person give. We are **“planting a legacy of faith,”** by extending the blessings experienced at Trinity to another community.

We are putting together a packet to be mailed to you - both Trinity Fellowship members and other friends throughout Texas and the country. **It may be another two-weeks until this goes in the mail.** It will include a special envelope for you to mail back with your gift. For now, please pray and consider what the Lord would lead you to give.

- Progress: \$5,961.15 (increase of \$260.00 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 21-23, Thurs-Sat – Craig at “Peacemakers” conference in Minnesota.
- September 24, 2006, Sun. – Core Group begins planning meetings on Sunday nights, 6:00-7:30pm. Room A-2.
- 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. Location: Rowlett Community Centre, Room B.
- 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 QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

The priority of worship in the early church:

“The most important - the one that in a sense gathered everything else up into it - can be characterized with one word: worship...Here the Lord himself was invisibly present; here history became present reality through reading of the Scriptures, through prayer, preaching, prophecy, and singing, in baptism and the Eucharist. And here, more than anywhere else, men and women learned what it meant to be brothers and sisters...The event of common worship was the touchstone for everything else.” Jakob Balling, *The Story of Christianity from Birth to Global Presence*, p.28

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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