

LAKE CITIES COMMUNITY CHURCH

August 17, 2006

Dear Prayer Partners,

This will be the last prayer letter until the first week of September. Please continue to pray for the church plant! Also, please pray for our family as we go on vacation this Sunday (for safety, health and building good memories). We return August 31st.

NEW CORE GROUP FAMILY:

The Lord has added our 8th core group family this past week! Please pray as 22 other families and individuals continue to pray about their involvement in this church plant. Of those 22, 14 are from Trinity Fellowship and 8 are from outside of TFC, but have heard about the church plant through friends or members of Trinity.

Please pray for clarity and direction for these families and individuals.

LAKE CITIES FIESTA SOCIAL!

Mark your calendars for a fiesta of grand proportions! Note that this social is for adults-only (infants are OK), 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!

When? Saturday, September 30, 2006.
Where? The home of Terry and Diana Palmer: 6313 O’Ryans Circle, Garland, 75044.
Time? 6:30 pm.
RSVP? Please RVSP to Diana Palmer at dcpalmer20@verizon.net, or call 972-495-6360.
Program? Fun games and discussion about strategic issues that are stated “values” of the church plant.

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!

LOGO, MISSION STATEMENT, PURPOSES, SLOGAN UPDATE:

Much of my time has been spent working with the core group on these “identity pieces.” They are on the cusp of being finalized and will be highlighted in a new brochure (hopefully in mid-September) which we hope will be useful for at least the next two years. Please pray for the decisions, wisdom in “word-smithing”, and that this information would be used by the Lord to communicate effectively about “who we are” as a new church in the community.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Trinity Fellowship’s Elder Board and Finance Committee have approved a giving campaign “Planting a Legacy of Faith” to engage a wide array of people in praying for and financially supporting the church plant effort into 2007. That campaign will kick off on September 10th in the morning services. 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: \$4,851.15 (increase of \$280.00 over the past 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 20-31st – Schill’s on vacation (North Carolina / Virginia / Washington D.C.)
- September 7, 2006, Thurs – Location Committee meeting. Location TBD.
- 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 21-23, Thurs-Sat – Craig at “Peacemakers” conference to learn how to bring a focus of unity and conflict resolution skills and programs to the church plant (it is never too early to start on this!).
- September 24, 2006, Sun. – Core Group begins meeting Sunday nights. First meeting at TFC.
- 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.
- 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:

There has been a 92% increase in the number of unchurched Americans in the last thirteen years. In 1991 there were 39 million unchurched Americans compared with 75 million currently. (2004)

63% of unchurched adults state that a good person can earn his or her way into Heaven. (2006)

George Barna, <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=38>

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 loving community,

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