

# A NEW DAY at Parkview



September 21, 2008

# Q & A

## *Reaching Tulsa One Ministry Zone at A Time*

### **Q. What is our process and action plan in determining the 3rd Ministry Zone?**

- A. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.” God’s timing is everything and we fervently seek His direction to know when and where we should establish this 3<sup>rd</sup> Ministry Zone. Understanding He is in control, we have been operating under the following process and action plan;
1. Our first step was to form an Exploratory Team to prayerfully discover where God was at work in the Tulsa region and in our church as it relates to our next Ministry Zone. That team was formed in May, 2008 and has been on a vision tour of possible schools in the Broken Arrow area that need to be reached with the Gospel.
  2. Our next step has been to interview potential schools in that area about becoming a Partner in Education (PIE). Through the interview process, our Exploratory Team has a list of criteria that must be met before we consider making a commitment to partnering with that school.
  3. After we have identified a potential ministry zone we anticipate bringing a full report and recommendation to our Church Council in October. If Church Council agrees with the plan, a recommendation will be brought to the Church for a formal adoption of the ministry zone.
  4. Once we formally adopt our next ministry zone and elementary school, we will form ministry teams and specific ministry plans to address the specific needs of that school and neighborhood. Simultaneously, after becoming a Partner in Education, we would aggressively begin to minister to the teachers and students of that school. We would also work on several ministry events to build relationships with the parents. After intentionally working to build relational trust with the administration and families of the school, we would seek to launch a church service to reach the unchurched. We were originally targeting Easter, 2009 but will probably be looking more to Fall, 2009.

**(See other side for more questions and answers)**

(Please write your question here, detach and place in the Sunday School box. We will attempt to answer these questions through the Messenger, on Wednesday night Bible study and through Sunday School over the next week.)

### **My Question is:**

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**Q. How will we pay for a new Ministry Zone and church start?**

A. There are a number of potential ways that this missional outreach could be funded and we anticipate it will be a combination of these resources rather than just one source. First, Parkview has through our current budget allocated some monies to invest in ministry zones. In addition, we are working with our Finance Committee to develop a business plan to address all of the financial needs of a third zone. As a part of that plan, we will also be applying for mission funding through the North American Mission Board and the Tulsa Metro Association of Baptist Churches which has funds available for new church plants. In addition to these practical steps, we are also talking with other churches who might want to partner with us and to help provide ministry and funding. We have already met with two groups who are prayerfully considering supporting this vision. There may also be other avenues of funding and the Finance Committee will review all potential sources in the business plan.

**Q. Who will staff it and will we be hiring new staff?**

A. Typically, each ministry zone that God allows us to launch would be staffed by a called Campus Pastor who would work with volunteer leadership from our church to establish a work in that specific zone. In this case, with this being our first Ministry Zone to have the long range goal of beginning a new work, we are seeking to shepherd this zone with our current staff. We have been working with our Personnel Committee for the past two years to develop a plan to meet the ministry demands of two campuses. We concluded that it was critical for our first church plant to be led by our current staff versus bringing in a mission pastor that our people did not know. Our long range goal would be to develop a strong congregation at this new location and call a Campus Pastor to continue the work.

In anticipation of this 3rd ministry zone, we as a church approved a new ministry position for Mike Knight to help share in the pastoral care demands of two locations and increased ministry needs to our Senior Adults here at Parkview. This would then lead to Parkview hiring a new Minister of Music who would also help carry the load of two ministry locations. This decision to fill this position will not be implemented until we have officially adopted our 3rd ministry zone and the Finance Committee has approved the financial details of how it will be funded. All future ministry zones will be led by a Campus Pastor who would work with our current ministry staff to equip lay teams to lead out in reaching our city one ministry zone at a time.

## **STRATEGIC VISION OVERVIEW**

### **INTERNAL STRATEGY - LOVE GOD**

#### **FOUR PILLARS**

1. Membership
2. Maturity
3. Ministry
4. Mission

### **EXTERNAL STRATEGY - LOVE PEOPLE**

#### **FOUR PRIORITIES**

1. Every Member a Minister
2. Acts 1:8 Strategy
3. Ministry Zones
4. Ministry Teams