



News Release

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Join City Centre Church for the Grand Opening at the Paramount Theatre

Edmonton, September 8, 2006 - On Sunday, September 10, 2006 at 10:30 a.m., City Centre Church will officially begin their ministry at the Paramount Theatre (10233 Jasper Avenue) in downtown Edmonton. Renovations are underway and will continue as the Church makes this piece of Edmonton's history its home for the next five years.

The Grand Opening will be a fun-filled event with face painting, balloons, art displays, music, drama, and much more. The eastbound lanes of Jasper Avenue will be closed and tours of the facility will be available for the media and public.

Schedule of Events

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Regular worship service inside the auditorium
12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Ceremony inside the auditorium
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	BBQ, Activities, tours, etc.

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Backgrounder

Where We Started

Almost two years before the official opening at the new Paramount Theatre location on Jasper Avenue, eleven individuals got together to start a new church - a church that's real. This new church would be based on four principles - being Relational, Equipping, Accountable and Life-giving. The church first met at the University of Alberta's Lister Hall student residence with only 25 people in attendance. Twenty-four months and two buildings later (the University's Telus Centre and the Paramount) City Centre Church is now home to a growing church body of over 350 people.

Where We Are Now

Several hundred people now forego sleeping in every Sunday morning to come to the community-based services still headed by some of the founding families. Pastor Kevin and Shannon Fricker, Pastor Ken and Lena Solbrekken, Pastor Paul and Corrie Fraser, and Pastor Mike and Lori Hinger continue to serve our congregation. Pastor Kevin Fricker heads City Centre with over 15 years of ministerial experience and was trained at Summit Pacific College in Abbotsford, BC. He has a heart for the city's lost and its youth, and in addition to leading City Centre, he works with Pentecostal Campus Ministries as a chaplain at the University of Alberta.

City Centre serves our community through volunteer works on the University of Alberta's campus and around Edmonton, including cleaning city streets (Saturday mornings on Whyte Avenue), ministering to University students and to Edmonton's homeless, and by handing out food and hot drinks to those in need. Now in downtown Edmonton, Pastor Kevin hopes we'll be able to join in with Mayor Stephen Mandel's goal to revitalize the city's core.

At City Centre, we take a unique approach to the arts. We use different types of music, video and displays in our services, as well as art shows and an interactive website that help breed creativity and encourage different ways of sharing God's love to the



community. Most of the Church's demographic (young professionals, university students and growing families) are computer savvy individuals who find logging onto our webpage to read a Christian blog or to listen to a sermon podcast is not an intimidating way to access Church information. The website is also another way for the leaders of the church to meet with our members during the week.

Where We Are Going

City Centre focuses on being a church that plants new churches. We have a goal of planting one church every three years with leaders taught and trained by God and the Church leadership. Currently, there have been two church plants to come out of City Centre: a local church (Urban Bridge) that meets at the Royal Museum of Alberta and an international church in Trnava, Slovakia (partnered with Next Level International).

We also are interested in seeing people all over the world shown the love of God, and as such we invest in missions and missionaries who travel with the sole purpose of telling, showing and acting out His love.

Our Foundation

City Centre Church is a member of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, and we are founded upon the belief of one God manifested as three beings (God the Father, Jesus His Son and the Holy Spirit) who created mankind to have a meaningful relationship with us and who continues to comfort, teach and love us. We believe the Bible is the holy and inspired Word of God, and that by reading it, repenting and living according to its guiding principles we can come into a closer relationship with our creator. We believe in a heaven (where God dwells eternally) and a hell (where Satan dwells and there is no presence of God's love). We also believe all have sinned and have been separated from God, and that everyone needs to be saved. We believe the only way to be reunited with Him is to ask forgiveness of our sins and to believe in Jesus Christ who, in love for us, was born to a virgin, died a horrible death on the cross, and rose again. It is our goal to let people know of his love.