

## CSA #13 – Fairfield/Cypress/Copperfield Executive Summary

### Demographics:

The Fairfield/Cypress/Copperfield CSA is a predominantly Anglo area located northwest of downtown Houston. About 75% of the population is Anglo, 11% is Hispanic, African-Americans and Asians each make up about 7% of the population. The median household income and the median value home value are relatively higher than that of Greater Houston. The area is much better educated than Houston as a whole. Almost half of adults have a college degree, and only about 7% of adults have not completed high school. Most households consist of married couples with children; however, about 9% of families with children are headed by single mothers.

### Satisfaction levels:

Compared to the rest of Houston, the residents of the Fairfield/Cypress/Copperfield area reported higher than average levels of satisfaction with their lives. 51% of residents reported a great deal of satisfaction with their neighborhoods, 84% reported high levels of satisfaction with their families, and 77% reported high levels of satisfaction with their friends. 30% of adults successfully manage the demands of their careers and families, and 51% of residents reported being happy with their lives as a whole.

### Spiritual Condition:

Residents of CSA #13 are relatively more spiritually receptive than other CSAs in the city. 31% of residents attend church weekly, and 9% of residents never attend church. When having problems, 43% would be likely to see a religious counselor, and 32% would seek help in a place of worship. However, the community is much more spiritually aware than these statistics might indicate. 71% of residents are likely to read the Bible or other inspired literature when they have problems. Likewise, 87% of residents pray when they have problems, and 71% of residents have no doubts about the existence of God.

### Interviews with Key Leaders in the Fairfield/Cypress/Copperfield CSA:

Key leaders praised the area for its good school system, high quality of life, and low crime. Most of the problems that interviewees spoke of were related to breakdown of the family: marital anxiety, high divorce rates, and substance abuse among youth were among the issues discussed. Leaders lauded the Church for sharing the gospel, providing aid in times of crisis, and providing large numbers of volunteers. However, interviewees criticized the Church for being too programmatically driven and not creating a real sense of community. Leaders commented that congregations could help to solve problems by becoming more collaborative in their efforts, both in terms of outreach and in ministry.

