



# United Church Structures

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## Our Website: New and Improved!



**Above:** Our newly redesigned website has been structured to better provide you with the information you need.

On March 1, we introduced our redesigned website, which contains a wealth of new information. In developing this project, we looked for a number of ways in which we could improve it's accessibility and functionality.

One of the features we have added is the introduction of our marketing documents in Adobe PDF format. You can now download our flyer, catalog, church highlight flyers, and previous newsletters over the web. Along with viewing them locally, you can print them off on a printer in high quality detail.

In addition, we have also placed our promotional video on the web, which you can view with RealPlayer 8. The video streams, and is about 12 minutes long. It highlights some of our past projects, as well as some of our design/build partners.

Some of the other updates we have included are additional virtual tours of our projects, an updated list of past projects, and a forthcoming list of our design/build partners throughout the United States.

## Our Most Recent Projects

At the close of our last newsletter, UCS's assembly crew was in Central Islip, New York, assembling a 70' geodesic dome for Central Islip Church of Christ. Pastor Jackson and his congregation are looking forward to worshipping in their new sanctuary. The church is presently working on the tie-in area between the new building and the existing structure. To best utilize the church's property and gain additional square footage, the dome was built on a basement.



**Top:** Central Islip Church of Christ's 70' geodesic dome.

**Bottom:** St. Mark's Baptist Church's 100' octagon with cupola option.

For most of our crew, this was their first time in New York City. We are happy the boys took time to visit some of the sites. One day, they took a train into Manhattan. They were able to see Times Square and the Empire State Building. They even caught a glimpse of Lady Liberty.

On January 22, we were in Pemberton, New Jersey, assembling a 100' octagon for Saint Mark's Baptist Church. They first learned about our company after seeing Abundant Life Fellowship's 120' geodesic dome in Willingboro, New Jersey. The Pemberton congregation chose the octagon structure, but did not want to go without the cupola option. This is a brand new complex for Saint Mark's. The floor plan has everything under one roof. The offices and classrooms surround the sanctuary. This gives them the option of removing the rooms in the future and

expanding the sanctuary seating. This is a nice option for growing congregations. By adding an education and/or fellowship wing to one of our structures the complex can grow as the congregation grows.

Saint Mark's is our fifth project with our friends from Alexander Construction of Pittsburgh, and Frank Brainard, AIA of Warren, Ohio. Previous projects include an 80' dome for New Life Covenant in Sharpville, Pennsylvania, an 80' dome for Union Baptist in Youngstown, Ohio, a 120' dome for Abundant Life Fellowship in Willingboro, New Jersey, and a 60' dome for Trinity Full

Gospel Church of Lake Milton, Ohio. As always, we enjoy working with Frank Brainard and Alexander Construction. We look forward to our future projects together.

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## What Does Spring Hold?

Spring has sprung and our building projects are quickly picking up speed. All of us at United Church Structures are looking forward to kicking off the building season with a bang.

After Easter, we will be heading to Northglenn, Colorado, to build a 60' square for Saint Stephen's Lutheran Church. This will be our first project in Colorado and from what we hear, there is no bad time to visit the Denver area.

In May, the crew will head to Muskegon, Michigan, which is only three hours from home. The crew will assemble an 80' geodesic dome for Pastor Andrew Henderson and the congregation of Lighthouse Deliverance Tabernacle.

At the beginning of June you should find us in Miamisburg, Ohio. There, we will be building a 110' geodesic dome for the Miamisburg Assembly of God Church. This will be our sixth project with Adeco, Incorporated.

As we are starting to see our projects pick up speed we are also beginning to see an increase in the delays throughout the construction industry. As a result, lead times are beginning to increase with our suppliers. At present, the lead time for our laminated arch structure is roughly fourteen to eighteen weeks. Lead time for our

geodesic dome structure is around eight to ten weeks.

We are looking forward to a fast-paced summer as we are already scheduling into June. For us Michiganders, we welcome working hard in the summer months.

Our potential summer projects range from a 110' geodesic dome for Brookhaven Wesleyan Church in Marion, Indiana, to a 95' octagon for Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Birch Run, Michigan, to a 100' octagon for the Morning Star Holiness Church in Flint, Michigan, to a 70' geodesic dome for Corinth Baptist Church in Capitol Heights, Maryland, and an 85' octagon for Linesville Baptist Church out of Linesville, Pennsylvania.

We will try to keep you informed of projects located in your area. For additional updates, feel free to contact our office at any time, or check our website for new developments.

Keep your eyes open for our summer newsletter which should be out around the beginning of July. In our summer newsletter we are hoping to give you progress reports on some of last year's projects. So, to all of our recent clients... if your church would like to be featured in our next newsletter please send us new pictures of your church structure.

## Groundbreaking Celebrations

On March 8, 2001, Corinth Baptist Church held it's groundbreaking ceremony in Capitol Heights, Maryland. This was a long anticipated and joyous celebration for Pastor Roosevelt Dickens and his congregation. Ourselves, along with the architectural firm, Frederick Ward and Associates, and the General Contracting firm, Waurder and Associates have been working with Corinth Baptist Church since 1997. Our crew plans to travel to Maryland to assemble the 70' geodesic dome in the upcoming months.

March 19, 2001, the congregation of Lighthouse Deliverance Tabernacle celebrated their groundbreaking. They are working with Donald Swifney of Hooker/DeJong Architects & Engineers in Muskegon, Michigan. The church will be built by Tridonn Construction also of Muskegon. Tridonn is now in the process of clearing the land and footings should be poured soon. Our first contact with Pastor Andrew Henderson was April of 1997. At first they were looking at one of our octagon structures, then square, and finally decided on our geodesic dome style. They visited with us in February 2000 and shortly after they hired Hooker/DeJong architects. We are happy to be working as a team with all three.

