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## Tribute to America



*Above: UCS crew members flew the American flag from the top of Linesville, Pennsylvania's octagon as a tribute to America.*

On Tuesday, September 11, 2001 we, as Americans, witnessed one of our greatest national tragedies as the Pentagon and the World Trade Center were attacked. Like many across this nation, we spent the ensuing days fixed to our television as we waited for the latest news on what had happened. Words could not express the way we felt.

While we were in our offices that morning, our road crew was in Linesville, Pennsylvania, about 170 miles from the crash site of United Airlines Flight 93. This incident had a significant impact on UCS supervisor Matt Becker since he is a volunteer  
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## Bringing You Up to Date

As always, we use this medium to keep you updated as to where our crews have traveled. And in spite of the recent tragedies, we felt it important to continue to share with you the joy of growing churches.

On July 23, our crew began assembling a 110' dome for Brookhaven Wesleyan Church in Marion, Indiana. The structure was built on a basement. The floor plan includes an entire wrap of the dome for offices and classrooms. The sanctuary will seat 520 and the balcony will have seating for 240. The structure incorporated an 18' sidewall in order to accommodate their balcony. Again, we worked in conjunction with Robert Arrendale of AET, Inc. out of Indianapolis. This was our sixth project with Robert's company so, we know how beautiful Brookhaven's new church will be when it is completed.

Our crew spent the last week of August in beautiful Marietta, Georgia. There, they built a 100' square with a 16' sidewall for Open Bible Tabernacle. The church's new building is built on the site of their present church and school. To customize the structure, architect Joel Digby designed conventionally framed



*Top: Open Bible Tabernacle's 100' square in Marietta, Georgia  
Bottom: Setting beams for Brookhaven Wesleyan Church's 110' dome in Marion, Indiana*

gables at the corners of the sanctuary. The new sanctuary will seat 850. When they complete the education wing, their new complex will be 14,000 square feet. Pastor Eugene Holder's son, Mike, is overseeing the project and Warren Gaspard is working as the on-site supervisor. They were both a pleasure to work with and we hope that we can work together with them in the future.

On September 11, we began work in Linesville, Pennsylvania, building a new 500 seat sanctuary for the Linesville First Baptist Church. Upon our arrival, UCS crew members noticed the number of scripture passages church members had written on the cement slab. That was fitting comfort for the days ahead. When the 82' octagon superstructure was in place, job superintendent Eric Payer brought a flag and asked us to put it on the building. Everyone admitted it brought tears to their eyes. The cars honking as they passed by was indescribable encouragement. This was our third project with our friends from the design/build company Cogun Industries, Inc., out of North Lima, Ohio. That week and this project are not ones that we are likely to forget.

## Exciting Events for our Churches

On July 29, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mobile, Alabama celebrated their 50th Anniversary. We built a 75' octagon structure for Reverend Marshall and his congregation at the end of 1997.

On September 16, Ross Bible Church of Port Huron, Michigan held their one year anniversary service in their new sanctuary. Our crew assembled their 110' octagon in November of 1999. Since building, we know the church has been very busy, through ministries such as their radio station, and numerous visits from nationally known Christian recording artists.

Bethel Lutheran Church in Middleburg Heights, Ohio held their groundbreaking ceremony on September 16. We will be building the church's square the last week in November. This will be our sixth project with Krumroy Construction of Akron, Ohio.

September 22, Lighthouse Tabernacle in Muskegon dedicated its 80' geodesic dome. Our crew was just there in May to assemble the structure. Builder, Bob Gustafson of Tridonn Construction, was pleased with the fact that the church finished six weeks ahead of schedule. UCS sales representative, Ann Ferguson was honored



Above: *Lighthouse Tabernacle's 80' geodesic dome in Muskegon, Michigan*

to take part in the church's celebration. Pastor Henderson even asked Ann to say a few words. At the dedication, the church presented us with a plaque. We appreciate their wonderful gesture. It is now hanging on the wall in Ann's office.

## Special Thanks to Bill

We want to take the time to send a special thank you to Bill Moustakeas for all the hard work he put in as the architect for Christian Love Fellowship in Ypsilanti, Michigan. We look forward to working together in the future.

(September 11th, continued from page 1) teer firefighter here in Davison. He shared with us this poignant quote:

"All should give some, because some gave all."

In reality, that sums up what many citizens all across this nation feel today.

We want to extend our deepest sympathies to our many friends and associates throughout America who have been affected by the devastation of these attacks. Likewise we want to thank our police and firefighters who place themselves in harm's way to save lives and protect the welfare of the American people. Finally we want to extend our thoughts and prayers to President Bush, our Congress, and the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces as they prepare to defend freedom and democracy. May God bless them and protect them in what is to come.

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- ◆ Miamisburg Assembly of God of Miamisburg, Ohio
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- ◆ Bethel Lutheran Church of Middleburg Heights, Ohio

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