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## Groundbreakings & Dedications



*Above: Word of Life Christian Center, in Newark, Delaware, dedicated its new church home on May 6, 2001.*

On April 22, New Creation Christian Church celebrated its groundbreaking. This was an exciting event for the Baltimore, Maryland, congregation. Our hope is to assemble their 100' octagon sometime this fall. Cedar Design is working on the architectural drawings and Multi-Build Developers will be the general contractor.

Word of Life in Newark, Delaware, dedicated their 80' geodesic dome on May 6. When Pastor David Carey contacted us in 1997, he complained of high lease payments and high utility bills. We hope this remarkable new complex solved both problems.

Frederick Ward Associates designed Word  
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## Past Projects Update

When possible it is important for us to visit projects as they progress. It is also important to receive pictures from clients with updates. Church members love to share their excitement as they are building a new church. They like to brag about how many visitors stopped at the job-site, just to take a look. They also love to share with us the number of people who attended their dedication. They are proud of all the new families they have attending since they began holding services in the new building. We share in their excitement and love sharing it with you.

In February of 2000, we assembled a 120' geodesic dome for Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Lanham, Maryland. Pastor Kato and his congregation celebrated their dedication on June 3 of this year. The 10, 982 square foot geodesic dome was built on a basement and includes an elaborate wrap-around for offices and education. Frederick Ward Associates designed the structure and Harbor View Contractors built the complex. Both firms should be very proud of the beautiful and unique outcome. The congregation of The First Presbyterian Church in St. Mary's, Ohio, began worshipping in their 56'x70' rectangle on Easter Sunday. The congregation along



with design/build team, ADECO, Inc., are planning a dedication service in July. One of the special features is the 150 year old stained glass that they moved from their former church. UCS staff members visited and can attest to the fact that the members are very proud. One local visitor commented, "It's the best looking church in town."



This past November, our crew assembled a 93'x130' rectangle for Christian Love Fellowship in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Recently, three of our staff members visited the job-site and returned with new pictures.



The church's general contracting firm, The Daniele Company, continues to work on-site. Presently they are working to finish the exterior with a split face block. This

**Top:** Mt. Calvary Baptist Church's dome in Lanham, Maryland.  
**Middle:** The First Presbyterian Church's rectangle in St. Mary's, Ohio.  
**Bottom:** Christian Love Fellowship's rectangle in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

building will house the church's new sanctuary.

For the latest, visit <http://www.explorerbuildinggroup.com>

## Recent Projects: Michigan & Colorado

On April 24, our crew left Davison for the 24 hour drive to Northglenn, Colorado. Once in Northglenn, they began assembly of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church's 60' square. Joe Westerberg, the church's architect, made this building unique by adding a cupola and two gables. Mr. Westerberg also incorporated a 10/12 roof pitch and a basement into the design. The church will use the basement for educational space and fellowship.



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

**Bottom:** St. Stephen's Lutheran Church's 60' square in Northglenn, Colorado

Don Mathison, a member of St. Stephen's and owner of Mathison, Inc., is the church's project manager. We want to extend a "thank you" to Don for being so wonderful to our crew. Don even hiked up Bear Mountain with UCS crew member, Pat Kreiner. Don gave us a job-site that was nearly perfect. His dedication and attention to detail will make for a beautiful new church. We are hoping that this is not our last project with Mr. Mathison (working in Colorado was not half bad either).

land, putting in the foundation, and finishing the building. Both firms are from Muskegon and both have been thorough in their attention to detail.

Ann Ferguson and Gerry Leslie were on-site during the assembly process and Pastor's son, Ricky, gave them a CD of gospel songs that he had recorded. Yes, you guessed it, he is also the minister of music at the church.

On May 7, the "boys" were back in Michigan, working in Muskegon. They constructed an 80' geodesic dome for Lighthouse Tabernacle. Our first contact with Pastor Andrew Henderson was in April of 1997.

Donald Swifney of the architectural firm of Hooker/DeJong was chosen to be their architect. Tridonn Construction, Co., was chosen as the on-site company with Bob Gustafson being responsible for the on-site duties; such as, clearing the

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of Life and Jeff Andrews of Daystar Sills was the church's builder. This was our first project with Daystar Sills, but our fourth project with Frederick Ward. It was a pleasure to work with both companies.

The first Sunday in June, our friends from the First Church of God, Virginia Beach, Virginia, dedicated their new facility. We assembled their 70' square with one gable in October of 2000. The church chose Cosco and Associates for their design/build team. Church member and employee of Cosco, Gary Hall, ran the building project. For more information about Cosco or The First Church of God in Virginia Beach, visit their website at churchdesign.com.

## New Virtual Tours

If you have not been to our website in a while, you may be missing out on some of our new additions and enhancements. Recently, we added three new virtual tours of UCS projects; one in Port Huron, Michigan, one in Frankfort, Indiana, and one in North Webster, Indiana. For those of you who are not familiar with our virtual tours, they are features which allow you to take a 360-degree look at the finished interiors of some of our church projects. They are definitely worth a look.

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