

# Focus: Habitat Build

I want to tell you guys a story. A true story. There was a guy, oh, let’s call him Joe. Joe grew up in Morningside Homes. You know, the first public housing complex in Greensboro. Site of the Klan/Nazi shootings, a place that became so overrun with drugs and crime the city finally tore it down. As you could expect, Joe had a difficult time growing up there, eventually getting deeply involved in the drug trade and getting hooked on drugs himself. Well, here’s where the story turns. Joe moved away, got himself clean from drugs, and decided to move back to his hometown of Greensboro. When he got back, however, he had nothing and no support. Joe ended up living on the street. He got a job, however, and would get meals and shelter from Greensboro Urban Ministry. It’s quite possible some of you served Joe when you were serving meals at GUM.

Joe continued to work hard and save his money, and finally was referred to Habitat for Humanity. I’m sure most of you are familiar with Habitat for Humanity, but for those who aren’t, Habitat is a nonprofit Christian housing ministry founded in 1976. It strives to eliminate poverty housing and has built over 350,000 houses around the world. It is not a giveaway program, but requires the homeowner families to invest hundreds of hours working on their own and others’ homes, as well pay a down payment on their house as well as a monthly mortgage. Because of volunteer labor and material donations, however, these loans can be non-profit and lower cost.

A few years ago, College Park sponsored one of these houses in partnership with another church. When you sponsor a house, you are donating a certain amount of money and pledging a certain level of volunteer building participation. It has been a part of College Park’s budget to save money every year in order to sponsor another house some time in the future. However, with the rising cost of housing, even with the dip in the housing market the last couple of years, the cost of sponsoring a house seemed out of our reach.

Luckily, Greensboro’s Habitat office this year looked around, examined their model, examined the need out there, and realized they were missing something. Just like in the regular housing market where there was a growing demand for townhouses, patio homes, and the like, there was a need with their prospective homeowners for the same kind of housing. Single people, childless couples, single-parent families, a lot of them just didn’t need a stand-alone house, but were perfect for a townhome. Greensboro Habitat decided to build four townhome buildings, and the positive side-affect of that was that sponsorship of an individual townhome was much more affordable. The missions committee here decided to jump on this opportunity. We have partnered with Centenary United Methodist Church and will start building our townhome on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

What we need from you guys, the congregation, is simple. We need volunteers on Saturdays to work on the build. The work day starts at 8:00 and you work to 3-3:30. Our build starts on Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> and will take place every Saturday until January 29<sup>th</sup>. (excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas weekends.) You can work just one Saturday, or a couple, or all of them. You don’t have to have any construction experience – Habitat will teach you everything you need to know. In fact, this is a great way to learn how to do some things so you can tackle all of those nagging things at your house. As this is a townhome with a shared exterior with other townhomes, all of our work will be inside, things like putting down flooring, putting in cabinets, trim work, painting, etc. The address of our townhome is 430 Bingham Court. There will be a sign-up sheet for the various Saturdays in the side entryway, or you can just call me and let me know. If you have any questions you may also contact me. There is also information about this project on the website and in the collage.

Getting back to Joe, from the beginning of my story. Joe is now a proud owner of one of the completed townhomes. Joe is an example of how the system can sometimes work like its supposed to. Joe is especially happy to live in these townhomes that are right beside where Morningside homes used to be. He is committed to keeping his neighborhood a place where people want to live and want to raise their family. There

are other people out there like Joe. They’d like an opportunity. They can’t have one without us, and us being willing to volunteer our time to give them an opportunity. Please help me provide that opportunity.

Thank you.  
Adam Team

# Youth Mission Trip

Lin asked me to speak to you this evening about my attitude towards the youth on our mission trip. I can sum that up in one word – Pride. I can’t express to you how proud I am of each and every one of them. I feel extremely fortunate to have been able to go on this trip with them.

They all worked very hard in some difficult conditions. Beyond the work, though, were the attitudes. Not attitudes in a negative sense, but positive, ready-for-anything attitudes. I saw kids who were ready to do anything we asked of them, ready to learn how to do something new, ready to help. It was pretty cool to watch them be shown something that needed to be done, taught how to do it, and then watch them become invested in that project and follow it through until it was done.

One of the reasons I help with youth group is that when I was in high school, I went on a couple of mission trips and they really had an impact on me. So, I had high hopes for this trip but was also a little nervous that maybe this trip wouldn’t have the same effect on these guys. Thankfully, I’m pretty sure it did. I witnessed the youth developing and demonstrating compassion, leadership, friendship, and self-confidence. The examples of these were many: Kira and Clemarie decided that just completing a family’s fence wasn’t enough; they took it upon themselves to buy flowers and plants with their own money and replant a flower bed that had been destroyed. I showed Caroline and Kelly how to build and put up shelves one day. The next day I needed to do something else, so they got other youth to help them and put the next set up by themselves. (as well as improving the ones I had helped them put up.) Nate, beyond being a fountain of energy, demonstrated his compassion in numerous ways, a couple of examples being he sat with an older local gentleman during Sunday’s church service, hung out with the obviously lonely local mission liaison another day, and sacrificed part of his advantage in one of our games to help out a younger teammate. Lara just quietly did whatever needed to be done, no complaining, and without anyone having to point out to her that it needed doing. I could go on and on. The individual devotion groups were put in charge of one day each, to be responsible for cooking and cleaning at all the meals, and prepping and assisting with that evening’s worship. I know on team yellow’s day (my team) I didn’t get everything else done that needed to be done before worship. Nate, Christian, and I were still cleaning up after supper until right before worship started. I walked into worship thinking, great, I haven’t done what needed to be done. Well, Hayley and Caroline had. They took care of it completely on their own.

It wasn’t only the way they worked that impressed me. Lin set up small devotion groups that met every morning, and we had a large group worship every night. I was lucky enough to lead the small group that included Caroline Lowrance, Nate Usey, Christian Burkhead, and Haley Turner. The youth were willing to investigate their feelings about God, religion, and what’s going on in their lives. More than that, they were willing to share those thoughts and feelings. Any of you who have taught Sunday school or tried to lead a discussion know that if people don’t participate, it’s painful. That was never a problem. People developed enough self-confidence in themselves, and comfort within the group, to open up in our times of worship. Everyone truly cared about each other. It’s on trips like these that the youth form close bonds with each other.

I said this to the youth on the trip, but I think it’s a great way to close. I get really frustrated when I read or hear someone talk about what’s wrong with “the youth of today.” They must not be hanging out with the right youth, or not taking the time to get

to know the ones they are. This trip reinforced to me that there’s absolutely nothing wrong with the youth of today. If our guys are anything to go by, our future’s in good hands.

Adam Team

# Volunteer Opportunities for the CPC-Centenary UMC Habitat Build

College Park will need a number of workers each Saturday during our townhouse building project with Centenary United Methodist Church. Below is the anticipated work schedule and number of volunteers needed. Inexperienced volunteers are welcome—someone will show you what to do. Youth ages 14-16 can volunteer if they work in a one-to-one relationship with a parent/guardian; youth ages 16-18 can work in a 3-to-1 ratio of youth to youth sponsors; and youth 18 and older can work alone.

To volunteer, sign up on the volunteer poster at the church parking lot entrance or contact Adam Team (ateam@triad.rr.com or 336-851-5092).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No. of CPC Volunteers Needed</b>
October 30	Trim (any extra volunteers can help build the exterior of another townhouse)	5-6
November 6	Prime (any extra volunteers can help build the exterior of another townhouse)	5-6
November 13	Paint	5-6
November 20	Paint	4-5
November 27	No work scheduled (Thanksgiving)	
December 4	Install floors/door hardware/shelves	3
December 11	Install cabinets/bath hardware	3
December 18	Install laminate floors/cabinets	3
December 25	No work scheduled (Christmas)	
January 1	No work scheduled (New Year’s Day)	
January 8	Install laminate floors/floor trim	3
January 15	Finish anything else to be done	2-3
January 22	Clean up	2-3
January 29	Dedication of home (tentative)	

# It’s Time for the Pillow Party

Yummy Brunswick stew is waiting for you on Saturday, October 30, at the home of Barry & Cheryl Pillow, 4248 Wayne Road. Plan to eat around 5:00 pm but come early for munchies. Please RSVP to 218-8871 by 10/25/2010 if you plan to attend. Also, please let Barry & Cheryl know if you can bring an appetizer or dessert. Also plan to take your lawn chair and park at All Saints Episcopal Church, in the grassy area, at 4211 Wayne Road. (Shuttle will take you from the church’s parking lot to Barry & Cheryl’s home.) Please call in the event of inclement weather.

Hey! What’s for dinner?  
CPC Wednesday Night Fellowship

**October 20**  
Pineapple Glazed Pork  
Roasted Zuccs and Rice  
Mandarin Orange Cake

**October 27**  
Halloween Party

Vegetarian Alert: To the extent possible, all meals will have a vegetarian counterpart or sufficient vegetarian sides to make a perfectly delicious meal.

Kid Alert: In addition to any meal made especially for you, peanut butter & jelly is ALWAYS an option!

## Deacon Nominations

What is a deacon? A deacon is a church member who demonstrates love for Christ and for College Park, and possesses a gift for servant leadership. Deacons commit themselves to a variety of responsibilities, including coordinating ministry teams, assisting in serving our monthly meal at GUM, serving as deacon greeter, and supporting and nurturing the life and ministry of this congregation.

Current Deacons (ineligible for nomination)

### Class of 2010

Lauren Grubbs  
Kathy Kirstner  
Ginny Olson  
Anna Marie Rogers

### Class of 2011

Jerry Cunningham  
Matt Lojko  
Ed Smithey  
Andrea Turner  
Alison Schwartz

### Class of 2012

Matt Cravey  
Janice Kirkman  
Amy Lowrance  
Lori Morgan  
Walter Rigsbee

Please give prayerful consideration to those people you would submit for possible nomination, and turn in all nominations by October 31st to the church office.

Note: This form is not valid and deacon nominations will not be considered without your name attached.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Zach Usey's Eagle Scout Project

Zach Usey's Eagle Project needs at least 11 more bricks to make it to his fundraising goal. If you're considering buying a brick, October is the perfect month to do so. Forms are available outside the church office, and partial donations are welcome. Work on the Prayer Garden should begin in early 2011.

## Fall 2010 Usey Occasional Book Club

The Fall 2010 Usey Occasional Book Club for Men is reading *The Long Walk* by Richard Bachman (aka Stephen King). Copies are available outside Michael's office. We'll meet at Natty Greene's in late October to discuss it.

## Fall Church Picnic

Join us on October 17 from 1-5 PM, at Triad Park, 9652 West market Street, Shelter #1. Food service starts at 2 PM. Beverages, ice, cups, plates, utensils will be provided. Shelter has electricity for food warmers. We will have volleyball, football, children's games, trails, etc. (Directions: Aycock to Spring Garden, turn right at 2 miles. Spring Garden to Market Street, turn left at 3 miles. Stay on Market Street until you get to park @ 10 miles.)

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Lin Bunce, Associate Minister  
Phyllis Calvert, Treasurer  
Cindy Dillon, Minister of Small Groups  
Susan Finley, Handbell Director  
Ryddell Harrison, Minister of Music & Worship  
Kathy Kirstner, Deacon Chair  
Matt Lojko, Maid of the Month  
Georgia Murray, Office & Media Manager  
Ralph & Tammy Stocks, Missionaries  
Michael S. Usey, Pastor

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September Peanut Butter Donations = 30 Pounds  
Total Peanut Butter Donations for Year = 436 Pounds  
Total Other Food Donations for Year = 106 Pounds  
Grand Total for Year = 542 Pounds

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## Gimme Shelter



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Our joint Habitat for Humanity build with Centenary United Methodist Church begins Saturday, October 30, at 430 Bingham Street, Greensboro. The two churches will be completing a unit in a townhouse complex, with each church getting volunteers for each work day.

A sign-up board will be in the foyer for those interested can contact Adam Team at [ateam@triad.rr.com](mailto:ateam@triad.rr.com) or 336-851-5092.