

August 16, 2015
Pavilion Progress and Other
Good Stuff

Roots

I am pleased to announce that the foundation for the new pavilion has been poured. I am told that once we give the company we've contracted to put the pavilion up and they schedule us in, it will only take about 2 weeks to complete. I might be wrong about that, it might be only 1 week, but I believe that it takes a week to assemble at the factory and then another week to install here.

I want to thank all of you for your patience and help in getting this project this far. Your support and prayers have been well received and heeded. This new structure will not only give us a fun, safe place to have cookouts and fellowship, but it will also serve the Sar Shalom Congregation as well. What a wonderful blessing it will be! I am confident that God will use it to bless many people with his love, mercy and grace. So, thank you for all that you've done.

If you get the chance, give a huge "thank you" to Jeff Matzek for getting all of this rolling in cooperation with Sar Shalom. It was a much more daunting task than we realized at first, and he handled it all admirably. And, while you're doing that give his brother Jerry a big thank you as well for the nights he came out to trim the weeds around the site, water the ground to prepare it for the foundation and for just being an all-around sport when the company called and postponed their arrival on a few occasions. Let us

not forget all of the trustees and volunteers who helped to keep the grounds trimmed and neat while we were waiting for things to get rolling.

All that being said, I want to draw your attention to a couple other sad/exciting things that are coming up here at *Tree*. First of those is that this week is Andrew Kortze' last Sunday Serving with us. He has been a huge blessing to us, so I ask that you express your gratitude to him and stick around after service for some refreshments and desserts in appreciation to him for his *excellent* service to us and the Lord Jesus. Andrew, if you read this, I cannot begin to thank you enough for all you've done for us these past months. You have been a blessing beyond measure; thank you. God bless you in your studies next year.

The next thing I'd like you to note is *Rally Day* on August 23rd. On that day there will be special activities for the kids during the Sunday School hour and a time for the adults to have fun watching those activities and have some good Fellowship with one another. Then after worship all of you are invited to come over to Rowlett *Bowl-a-Rama* for a good time! The cost for that will be \$10 per person. I encourage all of you to try to make some time to come out and bowl or chat with everybody.

Finally, I want you to remember that on August 30th is a servant Sunday. We will also on that day try our new *5 on the 5th* program to raise

funds for our various ministries and debt retirement. So please mark that day on your calendars as a day to come prepared to serve in various capacities. And check your budgets, pray and consider giving on that day an extra 5, whether it is %5, \$5, 5 cents or 5 \$50's. Any extra money you give us will help us minister more faithfully and steward our resources more wisely. You are all more than generous in so many ways, so please know that I am not asking you to break your backs or banks on these 5th Sundays, I only ask that you consider helping in any way that you can.

Thank you for sticking with me this far. I hope that you mark all of these items on your calendars and in your hearts so that we can all have a little fun together through them. Also, please look forward to the blessing and dedication of the Pavilion in the very near future (Yay!). May God our Father who created you, God the Son, Jesus Christ, who restored you and God the Holy Spirit who sustains you bless and keep you all in the one true faith until the day of the resurrection and into eternity. Amen. God's peace.

Pastor C. J. H.

