

A site of human sacrifice redeemed

On land once used for human sacrifices, Nigerians learn about a human sacrifice that happened more than 2,000 years ago.

“My great-grandfather was a traditional ruler, a native doctor, a juju priest,” explained Aniefiok Akpan, minister for the Campus Church of Christ in the Nigerian village of Uruk Otong. The priest was in charge of “the most dreaded juju shrine of his time, where animal and human sacrifices were offered to pagan gods.”

Three generations later — on that same land where blood was spilled — children learn about Jesus’ sacrifice, and Christians sing praises to God. In addition to the Campus church, the property includes a K-12 Christian school, Rhema Christian Academy, and a preacher-training program, World English Institute and School of Ministry. The school hosts its first annual workshop for elders and ministers in December.



Soon, a new church building “will be erected on the exact spot where the sacred tree of the native shrine once stood,” Akpan said.

World English Institute, or WEI, helps students improve their English through Bible-based studies. The ministry’s founder, Dick Ady, praised Akpan and his fellow Christians for “training preachers and WEI evangelists who will spread the good news about Christ throughout Nigeria and beyond.”

- ERIK TRYGGESTAD—*The Christian Chronicle*, July 10, 2017



PRAYER UPDATES

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of **Bud Saint**, Zach Babb’s uncle, who passed away on Sunday. Funeral services were held in Princeton, Texas, on Saturday.

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of **Mark Cooper**, Don Pitts’s cousin, who passed away this week.

Please be in prayer for **Cheryl Pitts’s grandmother**. She is 95 and recovering from a car accident. She is in a rehab facility, but is struggling with her recovery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Singing at The Heights

Please join us **next Sunday, July 23, at 3:30 p.m.** for our monthly time of singing and fellowship at The Heights of Gonzales nursing home.

Host Family Needed

We are in need of a family to host our **5th-Sunday Fellowship on July 30**. Please contact Kevin or Victoria Johnson if you are willing to host this event.

GISD Convocation Breakfast

The 2017 Gonzales ISD Teacher Convocation will be on **Thursday, August 10, 2017 from 8:00-9:00 a.m.** at the J.B. Wells Expo Center. The Chamber of Commerce will again be serving breakfast and is in need of volunteers to help with this event. **Volunteers are asked to arrive at the Expo Center by 7:20 a.m. to help set up and serve breakfast.** Please let Victoria know if you will be able to volunteer so the Chamber can be notified and delegate duties for the event.

Wednesday Evening Meal & Bible Study

Please join us **at 5:15 p.m. this Wednesday** for dinner in the annex. Anyone who is able is asked to bring sides to share, but please do not let that prevent you from joining us. Classes for all ages follow at 6 p.m.

Volunteers Needed: Wednesday Night Meals

Volunteers are needed to prepare the entrée for meals on Wednesday evenings. To help, please sign up in the foyer. **If you signed up to prepare a meal, please send Victoria your menu by Wednesday the week before.**

Volunteers Needed: Communion Prep

Volunteers are needed to prepare communion in the coming months. This task takes very little time and is a great service to the congregation. Please sign up on the large bulletin board in the foyer.

Sunday Night Small Group

There is a small group that meets in the annex each Sunday evening from 6-7 p.m. The Lord’s Supper is available.

Tuesday Morning Men’s Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited to the annex each Tuesday morning at **6:20 a.m.** for a time of breakfast, prayer and fellowship.

PRAYER LIST

- **Pauline Alvarez** (recovering from surgery)
- **Lauren Babb** (health)
- **Aaron Banks**
- **John Beiler** (health)
- **James Bohannon** (Rex Boggs’s cousin—health)
- **Jim Carpenter** (Cody Chrismon’s great uncle—health)
- **Dawn Clarke**
- **Family and friends of Mark Cooper** (Don Pitts’s cousin)
- **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick’s sister—homebound)
- **Bud Davis** (Sharron Mason’s brother—health)
- **Dixie** (Debbie Faires’s mother—Alzheimer’s)
- **Jake Faires** (Air Force, deployed to Jordan)
- **Steven Faires, and Lexi**
- **Leon Giesecke** (Jan Moerbe’s father—throat cancer)
- **Nelle Hahn** (health)
- **Gordon Hoffman** (Rex Boggs’s friend—spiritual and physical health)
- **Josh Horn** (Jacob White’s cousin—health)
- **Debbie Jalufka**
- **Norman Pennock** (Debbie Fougerat’s step-father, health)
- **Cheryl Pitts’s grandmother** (health)
- **Ada Powell** (Sharron Mason’s sister—health)
- **T.J. Reid** (Nelle Hahn’s brother—health)
- **Jean Rice** (Rex Boggs’s cousin—health)
- **Family and friends of Bud Saint** (Zach Babb’s uncle)

If you have any announcements or prayer requests you wish to have included in the bulletin or to sign up for weekly e-mail updates, please contact Victoria Johnson: 325-518-9205, victoria@gonzaleschurchofchrist.org.

