

## Construction update for the first week in May 2007

The end of April saw changes in the appearance of the church offices. After the ceilings were removed the walls were next. Volunteers used pry bars to remove the paneling and lathe strips. The secretaries' office will eventually become a workroom and David's office will become a hallway.



Volunteers re-hang the office cabinet after removing the paneling. In the near future, the holes in the offices will be patched and the walls painted, but other timely projects need to be completed first. As a side note, if you read what is on the green shirts of our volunteers, “United Methodist Disaster Recovery,” these are the shirts they use for their work in Clyde, NC. This group of volunteers helps in the ongoing project of repairing homes in Clyde after the flood damage from hurricanes Frances and Ivan in 2004.



Once paneling and ceilings were removed in the offices, the next project took place in the Fellowship Hall.





Sheetrock and metal studs were removed from the walls which expose the original 1936 walls. Ceiling tiles and furring strips were torn down. All this demolishing widens the room and increases the height of the room by 10". HVAC duct work and air handlers will soon be installed just in time for summer.





With demolition, volunteers had to be vigilant with cleaning up debris quickly to prevent accidents like stepping on nails. Volunteers are also encouraged to wear gloves and masks and eye protection.





Our volunteers work hard and Lamar takes a well deserved rest. As of the first week in May, our volunteers have worked 920 hours doing renovations. If you multiply that by \$15 an hour, the church has saved almost \$14,000 in labor.





The debris from the Fellowship Hall filled up a whole 30 yard dumpster, pretty good for 5 hours of work!!!!

