From the time of Adam to the time of Moses, there is little record of God requiring man to construct any type of a place for worship; only twice does this section of Scripture reveal God commanding man to build an altar (Gen. 35:1; Ex. 20:24). So what type of structure did God require where sin could be temporarily atoned, while providing a place of worship for man?

The answer is the Tabernacle which became the center of worship for the Israelites for many years, especially during their wilderness wanderings. The pattern was given to Moses on Mt. Sinai, and it was built to those exact specifications. The beauty of the construction of this dwelling and its furniture is that it was designed to be portable. The Israelites carried the Tabernacle everywhere they trekked. As God directed them to move they would tear it down, pack it up, travel to a new location, and set it up anew.

A thorough study of the Tabernacle will display the glory and wisdom of God, as well as reveal it for the type of Christ that it is. We hope you will join us for this unique opportunity to view and learn about the Tabernacle here on the campus of Southern Methodist College - May 21, 2012 through October 14, 2012.

We hope to see you then!
A Joint Ministry Between
Southern Methodist College
and
Teen Missions International

Tours given daily
Monday – Saturday
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
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The life size and detailed Tabernacle is owned by Teen Missions International, an evangelical and nondenominational youth ministry dedicated to leading teens and youth on short term Mission ministries around the world.

Volunteers to serve as guides are needed! Guides will be trained and can work either all summer or for special days or weeks during the dates the Tabernacle will be on campus.

To volunteer as a guide contact
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The History of the Teen Missions International Replica of The Tabernacle

Teen Missions has a desire and sees the need to bring back to life the correlation between salvation and the blood of the unblemished lamb. What better way to do this than taking a tour of a life-sized replica of the Old Testament Tabernacle. In January of 1995, we began to build a life-size replica of the Old Testament Tabernacle to use as an evangelistic tool to point others to Christ and to raise funds for AIDS Orphans in Africa. The building of the Tabernacle was a longtime dream of Director Robert M. Bland and fellow classmate Howard Vanderpool who sat under the teaching of Dr. John A. Hubbard while attending Arizona Bible Institute (ABI).

God gave Moses two skilled craftsmen, Bezaleel of the tribe of Judah and Aholiab of the tribe of Dan (Exodus 36:1), to build the Old Testament Tabernacle in the wilderness. God gave Teen Missions two skilled craftsmen for our replica, Howard and Mary Vanderpool.

Our Tabernacle took three years to build. The Tabernacle Courtyard is 75 feet by 150 feet. The courtyard fence made of linen imported from the Czech Republic is 7.5 feet high and 395 feet long. The Tabernacle has four 2000 square feet of coverings. The first is of linen embroidered with a host of angels, the second is made of goat skins imported from Africa, the third is made of ram skins imported from New Zealand and hand-dyed red. According to the Old Testament the fourth covering was badger or porpoise skin, but we have used a grey vinyl for our portable Tabernacle and leave off the fourth covering on the Tabernacle when it is stationed in Florida.

Realizing it would be financially impossible to use pure gold and silver for our replica, we used gold and silver anodized metal. The golden Lampstand and Laver were fashioned out of brass and imported from Egypt.

Suggested Donation for African Aids Orphans: $9.00; Ages 6-11 $7.00; 5 & under free.

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Now on the day that the tabernacle was raised up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the Testimony; from evening until morning it was above the tabernacle like the appearance of fire. So it was always: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night. Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, after that the children of Israel would journey; and in the place where the cloud settled, there the children of Israel would pitch their tents. At the command of the LORD the children of Israel would journey, and at the command of the LORD they would camp; as long as the cloud stayed above the tabernacle they remained encamped. (Numbers 9:15-18 NKJV)