



## ***Pray for Sandbranch Sunday, July 17, 2016 – Media Resources***

### **Church Bulletin or Website Copy** (Cut and paste into print or electronic media)

*Pray, if it is God's will, that:*

- *The [Sandbranch Development and Water Supply Corporation](#) is successful in bringing water to [Sandbranch](#),*
- *Sandbranch residents are able to remain in their homes without fear of forced removal,*
- *Dallas County will re-instate sheriff's patrols in the neighborhood and prosecute those who illegally dump in [Sandbranch](#),*
- *Dallas County will return control of the Sandbranch Community Center to the residents.*

### **Video**

(Show to introduce *Pray for Sandbranch Sunday*; Post on website or social media)

“Because It’s Home” <https://youtu.be/KL-GCWy-luI>

### **Social Media Hashtags**

#sandbrancheverybodyscommunity  
#prayforSandbranchSunday

### **Helpful Links**

#### **Sandbrancheverybodyscommunity Facebook Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/Sandbranch-Everybodys-Community-1449035845374102/>

#### **Sandbranch...everybody's community Website**

<http://www.sandbrancheverybodyscommunity.org/>

#### **Strategic Vision and Plan for the Sandbranch Community**

<http://docdro.id/yu3N18X>

#### **Project DreamHaus**

<http://www.projectdreamhaus.com/>



### About Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, through the non-profit organization Project Dream Haus, serves as the Sandbranch Community's primary source of social services and water distribution. This historic church, one of the oldest African-American churches in North Texas, was established in 1878 by 12 freed slaves under the leadership of Rev. Allen Hawthorne. In 1910, three Kleberg residents donated a plot of land to establish a Negro cemetery in the southeastern section of Dallas County near the church. At least two of the founding families of Mt. Zion Baptist Church have loved ones buried in the Sandbranch Cemetery. Originally, the church was located near what is now Simonds Road; however, in the late 1930s, church members, after working their day jobs and using their own skills, constructed its current building on Burns Drive. From its beginnings, the church has been active in the community by supporting voter registration drives, trash clean up efforts, and medical screenings. Pastor Eugene B. Keahey was named the church's pastor in 2013.

### About [Project DreamHaus](#)

Project DreamHaus, formerly E. B. Keahey Ministries, was founded in 2001 by Eugene and Deanna Keahey with a mission *to help the underserved become self sufficient through education, economic awareness, and strong community development*. The ministry provides food, clothing, and support to those in need through the Bert Roy Mobile Food Pantry, Deanna's Clothes Closet, and *Sandbranch...everybody's community!* As it offers these services, Project DreamHaus demonstrates its motto, "Changing Lives One Dream at a Time!"

### About [Sandbranch...everybody's community!](#)

*Sandbranch...everybody's community!* is a grassroots effort organized by Project DreamHaus to bring water, sewage, and social services to Sandbranch, TX, an unincorporated community in the southeastern corner of Dallas County. It has been without running water for over 30 years. *Sandbranch...everybody's community!* is guided by an unpaid advisory committee made up of business, education, legal, and public relations professionals who believe giving a basic human right ---clean, drinkable water---to the citizens of Sandbranch is imperative. This team created the [Strategic Vision and Plan for Improvements to the Sandbranch Community](#) to address water and sewer as well as Sandbranch residents' humanitarian and social services needs.