

Grand River Baptist Plans Loyalty Weekend

An all-church picnic, a rap session with a former drug-user and a congregational photograph will be features of Loyalty Weekend Sept. 11 and 12 for Grand River Baptist Church of Livonia.

All members and friends of the church, located on Six Mile west of Farmington Road, are invited to participate in the two days of special events.

The picnic in the church's side yard will include games for the children directed by Sunday School Staff, William Gray Sr. Treats and pony rides also will be part of the day's festivities.

For the senior citizens, there will be a cakewalk and an afternoon of fellowship, and teens will have their own program directed by Nancy Williams and Carolyn Keekes. Families will bring food for a 5:30 p.m. picnic supper, and men of the church will provide barbecued hot dogs.

BARRY HOLOHAN, drug pusher turned evangelist, will lead the rap session that will highlight the Bible study hour at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. Young people in the seventh through 12th grades will hear of his experiences that included early travel with a wealthy family, involvement in the smuggling and use of drugs and torture and prison in Brazil.

He will relate how he happened to start reading the Bible while in prison, and how he changed his life style and values after talking to an American missionary.

The young people will be invited to ask questions of Holohan after his talk.

Holohan also will be speaker for the 10:45 a.m. worship

service, when church loyalty will be emphasized in recognition of all members. There will be special awards for the oldest and youngest members of the church, as well as those who have been members for the longest time and longest members.

After the worship service, the entire congregation will go outside the church for a group picture to be taken by David

Walkowiak. Copies of the photograph will be included in the 1972 church directory.

Also on the weekend agenda will be a 6 p.m. Sunday meeting of the Children's Bible Club for first to sixth graders, youth groups for junior and senior high students at the same hour and a fall return to Sunday evening worship at 7 p.m.

Ward Church Will Lay Cornerstone

The cornerstone laying service for the new sanctuary for Ward United Presbyterian Church, Farmington Road and Six Mile, will be held Sunday, Sept. 12, at 12:30 p.m.

Among those participating will be the Rev. Francis Nagy, representing the Synod of Michigan, the Rev. Paul Hart, pastor of St. Matthew's Methodist Church, the Hon. Edward McNamara, mayor of Detroit, Bruce Boore, chairman of the building committee, and John Head, the assistant chairman.

Special musical selections will be presented by a quartet directed by Max Davey, director of music.

The new sanctuary will seat 1,000 persons and will have a choir capacity of 80.

Sunday morning worship services at present are at 9:15 and 11:30, with Sunday school at the same hours. There is also a Sunday evening service at 7 p.m.

A free will offering will go to the Quaker United Nations program and secretariat.

Readings from the works of William Penn, the first religious philosopher to envision a parliament of nations, will be featured.

A worship service based on silence will be followed by an ice cream social.



Livonian To Offer Thanksgiving Mass

The Rev. Robert B. McGrath is celebrating a mass of thanksgiving in his home parish, St. Michael Catholic Church, Livonia, Sunday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m., following his ordination to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Detroit Saturday in St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church, Detroit.

Father McGrath is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McGrath, born in Detroit, he grew up in Livonia's Rosedale Gardens. He attended St. Michael School, Catholic Central High School and the University of Detroit.

After teaching one year at Catholic Central, he entered the religious order of the Holy Cross Fathers at Notre Dame University, where he received

most of his training for the priesthood. He earned a master's degree in both theology and history. Father McGrath transferred into the Archdiocese of Detroit, and served his doctoral internship at St. Francis De Sales. He was a member of the faculty of Loydwood High School in Livonia and served as chairman of the religious department.

He also became involved in religious education in Livonia (Northwest Wayne Vicariate) and served for two years as chairman and the religious coordinators.



REV. ROBERT MCGRATH

After a short vacation, Father McGrath will resume his duties as a priest in the archdiocese.

Rummage Sale

St. Michael Catholic Church will hold its annual rummage sale Wednesday, Sept. 15, and Thursday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Activities Building, 7506 Inkster, Dearborn Heights.

The Fraternity of Christian Mothers sponsors the event. Martha Kula is chairman, and Mrs. Sandy Cairns is co-chairman.

BY THE REV.
WILLIAM A. RITTER
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In this week of all weeks, millions of words have been written, debated, shouted, and cursed on the subject of "bussing" which once meant "to show affection with a kiss and a hug!"

As a preacher never noted for being able to pass over hot coals without a gentle raking, let me share some intensely personal reflections with you.

What follows is no essay or prophetic word, simply the

idle thoughts that keep one awake while the less sensitive

snore soundly.

I remember when it was the

goal of parents in my north-

west Detroit neighborhood

to have a child accepted at

Cass Tech. Of course, Cass

was a new town in an old

neighborhood, and dingy

building, but its special

programs in art and science

had no parallel. No school

busses went to Cass. You rode

public transportation and

stood in the aisle all the way

home, because the Grand

River bus was filled to

capacity before ever leaving

downtown.

THE TELEVISION

cameras from Pontiac catch

an unbelievable dichotomy of

faces. There are faces of

parents contorted with rage

and hostility. A color

television set accentuates

bulging veins in neck and

checks. And then one sees the

children who quietly board the

busses and even smile a little

bit. "Unless we become as the

least of these..."

What is "quality education"

as it is received by a first

grader who is told she must

not go to school on the bus

today? What reasons is she

given? What does she think

about them? What does the

world look like to her as she

watches her mother painting a

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