

# Religion

## Suburban areas compared to ancient sinful cities

By ROSE WEBER

Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills came uncomfortably close to the Biblical description of the ancient sinful cities of Sodom and Gomorrah in a recent pulpit dis-

cussion by Rabbi Ernst J. Conrad of Temple Kol Ami.

"It is perhaps not fair to single out the two suburbs when the 'sins' are widespread in our culture today," Rabbi Conrad said.

He pointed to the pervasive fear of strangers for their person and property that exists in both urban and suburban areas today as in the Sodom of old.

"People never used to lock their houses and cars," he said. "Now the most prosperous businesses are those dealing in alarm systems and locks."

RABBI CONRAD also pointed out that the current popular design of condominium complexes includes turrets and guards at the gates like the fortifications of old. Other sins which the rabbi felt modern day suburbs had in common with the sinful cities of the Bible are arrogance and sexual license.

"Status consciousness could be construed as arrogance," he said. "How far does one go in writing zoning ordinances?"

Rabbi Conrad is disturbed at the increase in gambling, drinking and prostitution.

"Imagine that a Jewish brothel owner could run for the Nevada legislature! Fortunately she lost," he said.

CLOSER TO home he said he was horrified when Birmingham passed the ordinance to allow the sale of liquor by the glass. He is particularly disturbed at the free flow of liquor and the complacent attitude toward women meeting men in bars because "it leads to permissiveness in behavior and in other drugs."

Will Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills be destroyed? Rabbi Conrad is hopeful they will not.

"I love this place and when you love something you are hopeful," he said.

As in the story in the book "Legends of the Bible" by Louis Ginzburg, he believes that the clergy must search for and encourage righteous people.

"I am aware of the many, many good people who would suffer in the collapse of our society but we must fight the other," he said.

HE BELIEVES the schools and judges must assume their share of responsibility for creating a moral climate when excesses of affluent society go out of bounds and

threaten to ruin that society.

Rabbi Conrad also believes that family life must be made central

and forces which segregate members from each other must be stopped.

### Named organist

Thomas Strode has been named the new organist at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, United Church of Christ. He is a native of Oregon and received his bachelor of arts degree from Portland State University in 1973. He currently is a master of music candidate in organ performance at the University of Michigan. Strode expects to receive his master's degree next spring and plans to continue in study for his doctoral degree. He first became a church organist at the age of 15 and served three churches in Portland, Ore., before coming to Michigan. For six months he was interim organist at the First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor.



### VASU-LYNCH Funeral Home

4375 NORTH WOODWARD AVE

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Dear Friends,

Authorities agree that it is not only correct to permit a child to attend a funeral but, from about the age of seven, the child may be encouraged to attend. If the child is unwilling, he should not be pressured. However, he should not be denied the knowledge of the reality of death and funerals.

Respectfully,

Edward J. Lynch

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Evening Service 7:00  
Wednesday Prayer 7:30

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Worship with Us at  
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26711 Farmington Rd. at I-496  
477-3350 Dr. J. H. Ellens 474-6141

**Central Church of Christ**  
Farmington  
36500 11 Mile Road  
West of Drake Road  
Sunday Worship 11:30-4:00  
Bible Study Sunday 9:30-11:00 A.M.  
Wednesday 7:30-9:00 A.M.  
Bob Brandon, Minister - 318-1812

**Salem United Church of Christ**  
Oakland at Old River, Farmington  
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service at 10:15 A.M.  
Personage 474-5247  
Church Office 474-6800  
Carl R. Schaefer, Minister

**Community Congregational Church**  
27800 Southfield Road  
11 1/2 Mile LaBryn Village  
Jackson E. Turner, Minister  
10:00 Service  
"THANK YOU, MOTHER"

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church**  
LCA  
9255 Telegraph Road  
Birmingham, North of Maple  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Church School  
10:30 A.M.  
Thursday Church School  
4:45 P.M.  
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**For Church Directory Information**  
Please Call  
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**Beverly Hills United Methodist Church**  
20000 W. 13 Mile at Evergreen 646-9777  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Church School 10:00 a.m.  
(Nursery through High School)  
Minister: William Verhelst

**Pine Hill Congregational Church**  
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Church and Church School  
10:30 A.M.  
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9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Pastors: L. J. Peterson, E. W. Dunn  
A. G. Searles  
Phone: 642-0200

**Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church**  
3600 Telegraph Road  
9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Service  
7:30 p.m. Youth Groups  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday Meeting  
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Elmo Tabran, Pastor 626-8148

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Church School—Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
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Sunday School 9:45  
Worship Service (Nursery Provided)

**Bloomfield Hills Christian Church**  
The Community House  
380 South Bates, Birmingham  
Sunday: 10:00 A.M. Bible School  
11:00 A.M. Worship  
7:00 P.M. Praise Service  
Wednesday: 7:15 P.M. Bible Study  
Joseph P. Lukowski, Pastor  
851-8516

**United Methodist Farmington West Bloomfield Larger Parish**  
In Farmington  
First United Methodist  
2312 Grand River Ave. GE. 14573  
Pastor: John N. Howell  
Associate Pastor: Howard F. Smith  
Worship Service 10 a.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
In Farmington Hills  
Nardin Park United Methodist  
2500 W. Eleven Mile Rd. 476-8600  
Pastor: William D. Murray  
Associate Pastor: Meredith T. Moshauer  
Minister Education: James F. Thomas  
Worship Service 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church**  
A.L.C.  
5631 North Adams Road  
1/2 Mile North of E. Long Lake Rd.  
SUNDAY  
8:15 a.m. Mattins  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
Fred W. Marlean, Pastor  
Duane F. Schafer, Pastor  
MI 4-5011 MI 6-5124

**Franklin Community Church**  
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on Franklin's Village Green  
Worship Service  
9:00 & 11:15 A.M.  
Nursery Care  
9:00 & 11:15 A.M.  
Sunday School  
11:15 A.M.  
Senior Minister: Frank B. Cowick  
Minister: Roger W. Hreson

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10:15 a.m. The Church School  
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Worship Services 9:30, 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
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**Oakland United Methodist**  
20420 Farmington Rd. MA 46830  
Pastor: Eric S. Hammar  
Minister Education: James F. Thomas  
Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
In West Bloomfield  
B. Bloomfield United Methodist  
1300 Walnut Lab Rd. 541-2200  
Pastor: LeRoy E. Porter  
Worship Service 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

**ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
355 W. Maple  
Birmingham  
SUNDAY SERVICES  
8:00 A.M. Holy Communion  
9:15 and 11:00 A.M.  
Morning Prayer and Sermon  
11:15 A.M. Sunday of Month  
9:15 and 11:00 A.M. — Church School  
(Infants through 9th Grade)  
WEDNESDAYS  
7:00 and 11:30 A.M. — Holy Communion

**The Congregational Church of Birmingham, U.C.C.**  
Woodward at Cranbrook  
Bloomfield Hills MI 6-4511  
Worship and Church School  
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
Minister: Rev. Charles O. Erickson  
Minister of Education:  
Rev. Verne E. Arens, Jr.

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Southfield  
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Sunday Worship 8, 9 and 11 A.M.  
Church School and Nursery 9:40 A.M.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.  
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SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.  
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