

# 'We will build right to glorify God'

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The Farmington church at 23843 Middle Belt Road has a new name, has adopted a new constitution, has new by-laws that are scriptural in content, and a new congregation.

The one thing that will remain the same is the sign on the church door requesting spiritual dignity, "so they'll know what we stand for," said Brother George Reesor, who returned to the Detroit area after pastoring and evangelism work in 40 states.

The sign that reads "Faith Baptist Church" will be replaced by one that reads "Northwest Baptist Church of Farmington Hills." Brother George came last year to preach a revival meeting and stayed on to help the church with a number of struggles.

WE'RE STILL in a revamping process, still with growing pains, but we will build right to glorify God," he said.

One of the steps in the revamping process was the merging of two congregations. "Faith Church had the building and Reality Baptist had the people but

even so the membership kept dwindling," he said. "There were only 15 in our Sunday school class."

He changed the name of the church, partly because "I'll bet there must be 25 Faith Baptist Churches in the Detroit area, and because we wanted to bury the past, just forget it. And we wanted to reach people in the whole northwest area."

The church is an independent congregation with "nobody over us but Lord Jesus Christ. We have no ecclesiastic authority but God," Brother George said. He added the church

was "loosely affiliated with the South-wide Baptist Fellowship."

He emphasized the word "loosely." His philosophy extended to a pastor's not being under any authority but the Lord's.

"If you're working under a strong board (for example) you are just not pastoring a church," he said.

HE DESCRIBES his church as "an old fashioned Baptist Church with a preacher who preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ and a congregation that is expected to live and act like Christians."

Brother George spent a good deal of his youth in Detroit when his father worked for the Tabernacle Baptist Church. He graduated from Hazel Park High School.

He received the call to preach while he was serving as an assistant chaplain in the Philippines during World War II, "but I didn't particularly

want to be a preacher so I put it off, even though I knew I wasn't happy."

He subsequently made a financial success in two business ventures, both in the Detroit area, but it wasn't until after the death of both of his parents that he came to surrender to Christ.

One of his biggest tests since that time was seeing 175 of his congregations in a church in Oklahoma City go into full-time Christian work, and "23 men from that congregation were called to preach."

WHEN BROTHER George accepted the position of pastor for the Farmington church last July he said he felt "like I was coming home."

His home now is the white house behind the church where he lives with his wife Mary Jean and their son Victor Lee who is a student in the Southfield Christian School.

The couple have three other children: Billy, who lives in San Diego, Calif.; Larry, who is pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Macon, Ga.; and Nancy who lives in Oklahoma City.

The couple, who have been married since 1946, have four grandchildren.

Brother George's associate pastor is Richard Karr, who is the church's musical director and a chaplain in the Farmington chapter of the Civil Air Patrol.



Brother George Reesor helping church revamp



Marilyn York visits young hospital patient

## Volunteers get ready for Cancer Crusade

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Marilyn York will again take on the job of community chairman for the Farmington and Farmington Hills area, heading the 300 volunteers who will be working in the American Cancer Society's Cancer Crusade.

Mrs. York, 3808 Clatsereigh Drive, said she has been working in the fight against cancer "since the beginning of time it seems" and now enters her busiest time of the year leading up to the fund-raising effort to be held April 31-30.

The goal for the Oakland County Unit is \$272,000 in the national campaign. Of this amount, \$125,000 is ex-

pected to come from the door-to-door solicitations.

An important part of the crusade is the distribution of literature listing the seven warning signals of cancer and "other lifesaving information."

"We want to reach every home in the area with that," Mrs. York said.

"EVERY HOME in the area" includes all the residences in the 36 square miles that make up the two communities. Mrs. York assigns volunteers to given districts, distributes kits, does all the bookkeeping chores, collects and counts money.

"I keep wanting to do more and more," she said.

It will be the last crusade she'll be working on with her daughter, Carol,

a long-time helper, who is graduating from Harrison High School in June.

Mrs. York describes their work with the Oakland County Unit of the society as that of "a chaser."

The headquarters for the county unit is at 255 Elm Street, Birmingham, where volunteers may call to register to work for the spring crusade.

The office is also the headquarters for all patient services in the county. It provides transportation, sick room equipment in the home, dressings and has several on-going programs having to do with rehabilitation.

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## Neighbors get together for lunch and fashions

The Farmington Neighbors Club annual spring fashion show and luncheon will begin at noon Wednesday, March 19, in the Farmington Community Center.

The luncheon is one of the big affairs of the year for the group which has been active for the past 10 years with the motto "Getting to know you."

Tickets are on sale to the public, but all of the club's meetings are open.

"We're always on the lookout for newcomers to join us," said Bea Heister, the corresponding secretary for

the 100-member group. It meets on the third Wednesday of every month.

"Newcomers" does not necessarily mean newcomers to the area. Membership is open to all persons who wish to meet new friends and participate, not only in the regular monthly meetings, but in offshoot groups who get together to do everything from sewing cancer pads to playing golf.

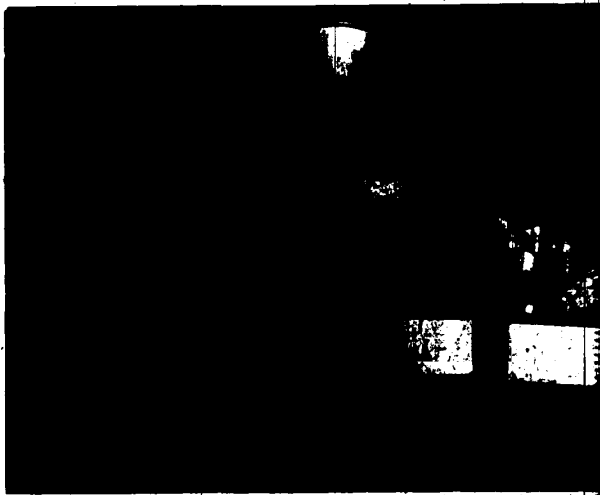
THE CLUB'S NAME, once "The Farmington Newcomers" was changed to "The Farmington Neighbors" specifically to avoid excluding persons who are not newcomers. President of the club is Jewell Bailey. Her first and second vice-pres-

idents are Delphine Osterdale and Georgia Ives.

Mrs. Ken Harris is chairman of the upcoming fashion show. Her committee includes Mrs. Drew Baker, Mrs. L. Sutherland, Mrs. Ken Allen, Mrs. R. H. Butt, Mrs. W. H. Harris, Mrs. Nick Brown, Mrs. Max Robbins, Mrs. Jack Vause and Mrs. Art Christy.

The spring fashions will come from Claire Kelly of Northville, and some will be modeled by members of the club to the music of Nancy Green, a member of the Neighbors.

Tickets for the afternoon are available from Grace Baker, 478-5814, and Faye Harris, 451-9520.



Jewell Bailey, president of Farmington Neighbors Club, and fellow club members make table decorations