LaHaye to speak at First Baptist

Dr. Tim LaHaye, noted minister, educator, and nationally known author on Bible prophecy will speak at First Baptist Church of Farmington, Sunday, June 1 at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Dr. Tim LaHaye

LaHaye has written over 50 books on a wide range of subjects such as Jesus Christ, the will of God, family life, temperaments, sexual adjustment, secular humanism, and most recently Bible prophecy. His current fiction works, written with Jerry Jenkins – *Left Behind, Tribulation Force, Nicolae, Soul Harvest, Apollyon, Assassins, The Indwelling, The Mark, Desceration,* and *The Remnant*, have topped Christian and general market bestseller lists.

Armageddon, book number 11 in the series, was released last month.

Based on the Bible's book of Revelation, the apocalyptic thrillers follow the lives of those left behind after the sudden disappearance of millions of Christians.

LaHaye lived in Farmington as a child and attended First Baptist Church before moving to California with his mother following the premature death of his father in 1937.

The public is invited to attend the services at the First Baptist Church with Dr. LaHaye.

The church is located at 33400 Shiawassee Road. There is no charge for admittance but seating is limited.

A book signing will follow the services. Call (248) 474-0350.

Author to speak

Naomi Ragen, noted author and international journalist, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 27 at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills. Ragen writes regularly for The Jerusalem Post and the largest Hebrew language dailies in Israel: Yediot Acharonot and Maariv. Her syndicated columns are published throughout the world. Ragen and her husband Alex have been married since 1968 and moved to Israel in 1971. They are the parents of four children and grandparents of three. The community is welcome. There is a $5 charge at the door. Call (248) 851-5100.

SMITH

FROM PAGE A1

Mercy Academy and didn't stop until she was transferred to the McAuley Center at the Sisters of Mercy off 11 Mile near the Costick Activities Center in 1984.

"They needed help and I worked in the kitchen," she said of her time in Grand Rapids.

"I was wherever they needed me."

Smith, 78, just recently retired. She mainly drove the sisters to their appointments, but helped in any department with any issue she could.

She even drove a sister to California and picked up another sister in Arizona.

Not much has changed in retirement; Smith puts in about 40 hours a week as a volunteer for the retired sisters living at the McAuley Center.

Retired Sister Mary Benedict Begin has known Smith since her work in Grand Rapids.

"She's part of the family," Sister Begin said. "We're good to her."

Smith showed off a book that McAuley members signed, all wishing her the best at a retirement party held in her honor at the facility.

"She's a wonderful person," said Sister Begin. "You can always count on her."

Christine Nguyen, activities director at McAuley, said, "Ruthie does the things no one else does. She helps with crafts and bingo ... We really count on her.

"She's an extra special gift."

Looking back, Smith said she wouldn't have changed a thing.

"I guess it was my vocation."

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ruth Smith turned her work into volunteerism.

ppace@oe.homecomm.net | (248) 477-5450

The Amen! of nature is always a flower.
Oliver Wendell Holmes

*Take 20% off *Any One Item*

*Not to exceed $50. 1 coupon per household. Not to be combined with any other offer. Expires June 1, 2003.

Custom Landscaping Design & Installation Available

STEINKOPF NURSERY

Family Owned & Operated Since 1931

20815 Farmington Road • Just N. of 8 Mile • Farmington Hills
Hours: Monday-Saturday 8 am -7 pm; Sunday 10 am-4 pm

248-474-2925

LOEOH108780

Who's New In Your Neighborhood?

FLAGSTAR BANK

GRAND OPENING

Now Open! Special Offers!

Come & Celebrate Flagstar Bank's Grand Opening
April 28 through June 8, 2003!

Stop by our new location and find out how to receive these great offers:

- ★ .25% interest rate bonus on certificates of deposit 12 months and longer.*
- ★ .25% interest rate bonus on new Classic Checking™ or Statement Plus Savings™ accounts for 3 months.
- ★ .25% interest rate reduction on a new consumer loan.**
- ★ FREE online bill payment service for 6 months.
- ★ FREE financial consultation.
- ★ FREE first order of Flagstar custom checks when you open a checking account.
- ★ PLUS ... Enter to win our Grand Opening prize.

31110 Novi Road • Novi
(248) 624-6980
(Located in Maples Place)

Drive-Up:	7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Monday - Friday
	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Saturday
Lobby:	8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Monday - Friday
	8:30 a.m. - noon	Saturday

Convenience You Can Count On.

MEMBER FDIC

If You're Looking For A Home Loan Call (888) LOAN-FSB

www.flagstar.com

Grand opening special offers listed in the ad are valid only at the Flagstar Banking center located at 31110 Novi Road, Novi, Michigan during grand opening dates listed above. Free gifts available while supplies last. *CD bonus is added to the current posted rate on any new certificate of deposit 12 months or more with a minimum deposit of $500. A penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal. Restrictions apply. ** Checking Account / Savings Account: $50 minimum balance required to open account(s). ***Consumer loan is subject to approval conditions. Not available for home equity loans. Restrictions apply. OE07/03

Who's New In Your Neighborhood?

FLAGSTAR BANK

GRAND OPENING

Now Open! Special Offers!

Come & Celebrate Flagstar Bank's Grand Opening
May 19 through June 29, 2003!

Stop by our new location and find out how to receive these great offers:

- ★ .25% interest rate bonus on certificates of deposit 12 months and longer.*
- ★ .25% interest rate bonus on new Classic Checking™ or Statement Plus Savings™ accounts for 3 months.
- ★ .25% interest rate reduction on a new consumer loan.**
- ★ FREE online bill payment service for 6 months.
- ★ FREE financial consultation.
- ★ FREE first order of Flagstar custom checks when you open a checking account.
- ★ PLUS ... Enter to win our Grand Opening prize.

33390 W. 14 Mile Rd.
West Bloomfield
(248) 539-3987
(Located in the Simsbury Plaza)

Drive-Up:	7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Monday - Friday
	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Saturday
Lobby:	8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Monday - Friday
	8:30 a.m. - noon	Saturday

Convenience You Can Count On.

MEMBER FDIC

If You're Looking For A Home Loan Call (888) LOAN-FSB

www.flagstar.com

Grand opening special offers listed in the ad are valid only at the Flagstar Banking center located at 33390 W. 14 Mile Rd. West Bloomfield, Michigan during grand opening dates listed above. Free gifts available while supplies last. *CD bonus is added to the current posted rate on any new certificate of deposit 12 months or more with a minimum deposit of $500. A penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal. Restrictions apply. ** Checking Account / Savings Account: $50 minimum balance required to open account(s). ***Consumer loan is subject to approval conditions. Not available for home equity loans. Restrictions apply.

Subscribe to the Observer by calling 248-901-4716