

Farmington Churches

At 28111 10 Mile Road is the Northwest Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, so new to the community its telephone number is not in this year's directory.

If it were listed, the number would appear under "churches."

But according to the church pastor, the Rev. Paul Bersche, in other compilations of names, the church is liable to be listed under "sects."

"This happens," Mr. Bersche says, "but we prefer to be known as a society."

The ecclesiastic "society" of Christian and Missionary Alliance is 80 years old, founded by Dr. A. B. Simpson, a former highly successful Presbyterian minister.

BECAUSE of his innate ability to commune with people, Dr. Simpson was pastor of the largest Presbyterian congregation in Hamilton, Ont., at the age of 22.

From Hamilton he was sent to a small church in Kentucky where his attribute led to the establishment of a huge tabernacle.

According to Mr. Bersche, it was while Dr. Simpson was at the Thirtieth Street Presbyterian Church in New York City that he became disenchanted with congregations composed of the upper classes and "feared he had no common folk among them."

Says the local clergyman, "His great compassion for the masses developed into such a burden he resigned his pulpit to reach them with the message of the Bible."

The first pastorate of the new church Dr. Simpson founded was in a New York theater. From this simple beginning, it has evolved into a world-wide ministry.

BECAUSE Dr. Simpson believed that young people should be trained to carry the Bible message overseas he began a school backstage in the theater known as the Missionary Training Institute. There were nine students in the first classes.

From this has developed four fully accredited colleges: St. Paul Bible College, Minn.; Simpson Bible College, San Francisco; Canadian Bible College, Regina, Canada; and Nyack Missionary College, N.Y., where Pastor Bersche was one of the 900 students.

Mr. Bersche took a bachelor of science degree in theology at Nyack. He was married at 20 during his sophomore year when his wife was also a sophomore.

To support a wife, he worked a 40-hour job while carrying an 18-hour study load and "also played varsity basketball," he laughs.

When asked what led him into the ministry, the pastor says, "It didn't hit me like a bolt from the blue; there was no 'voice' out of a cloud."

"I was away at camp when I was 16. I had been taught to pray and was seeking the mind of the Lord as to what my future should be. I wanted to know where I was headed."

"Once the decision was made I had never known such peace of mind."

"I have always thought prayer was never a waste of time. If I only accomplish one thing in the ministry, I hope it will be to teach the power of prayer."

WHILE still 18, Mr. Bersche began his career in preaching. In his last semester of college, he pastored a church in West Haven, Conn., and was ordained June 28, 1960, at this church.

The process of ordination in his church is a lengthy one. A candidate for ordination must serve a pastorate for two years before he is ordained at a maturation process. During this period, he must read a prescribed number of books and take a written eight-hour examination on them at the district office equipped with nothing more for reference than a Bible.

After these examinations are graded, if a candidate is not in one subject he is questioned on these areas by a district committee.

When Pastor Bersche had been ordained at West Haven, he held a pastorate for four years in Vassar, Mich., before coming here.

His local church presents a dramatic field stone facade to 10 Mile Road. The interior is just as contemporary with a beamed ceiling interspersed with wood decks.

Much of the church's dogma follows the Presbyterian order, with two sacraments practiced, that of baptism by immersion and communion, which is given once a month.

IT IS A member of the National Association of Evangelicals, whose area representative is the Rev. Paul Graham, of 28263 Greenwood Church.

In organization the church is six years old, with meetings first held in the YMCA building on Lahser Road. The present three-acre site was purchased six years ago and is valued, land and church, at \$135,000.

Dogma of its tenets allows instrumental music and the church organist is Mrs. John Wright. Pianist is Mrs. Gerald Eward and choir director is Mrs. Harle Leach.

Because the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church is sixth largest in the world in faith missionaries (with 800,000 members in 24 countries) it would follow that there would be group meetings monthly for prayer and projects for missionaries overseas. This is conducted by the Ladies Missionary Prayer Fellowship.

TO REACH business men who might shy away from a church environment and who would react more to a secular atmosphere, a men's group meets monthly for dinner at Botsford Inn, usually featuring a lay speaker.

Worship services at the church are held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays, with Bible school meetings at 9:45 a.m. Monday. An Hour of Power is held Wednesday evenings, and Pastor Bersche notes, "This is just what the name implies. It is a prayer time."

The Pastor has a deep and abiding faith in the "reality of Jesus Christ in everyday life." One of this may have come from his father, the Rev. G. J. Bersche, who just left a pulpit in Pontiac to serve in the field of evangelism, recently spending three months in Africa and returning this summer to the Ivory Coast.



THE REV. PAUL BERSCHE

Mr. Paul Bersche translates his reality in Christian life to the typical business man's life in this way:

"THE LORD says we should give ourselves to him. This means living all my life for His sake, being consciously aware that I am working for Him."

"If a Christian is aware that even in his job he is working to bring honor to God's name, his employer will get more out of him. He goes beyond just what is required of him. And if he lives unto God, there is also no problem about his being a father."

"This faith can go into every practical area of life."

On the other hand, this man of faith is very much a human being. He closed his interview with this remark:

"We're not to a point where we're so heavenly minded we're no earthly good."



MRS. ROBERT TUCKER of 21352 Birchwood Ave. created this beautiful ceramic Nativity scene for the atrium at St. Gerald's Church, 21300 Farmington Rd. The Women's Council selected the color motif of cream and gold, and the project, begun last winter was completed over many months and presented to the church by the Tucker family. With Mrs. Tucker (shown at right) are Mrs. Clyde Cline, of 20230 Farmington Rd., Livonia, worker in the church; and John Louinger, 21180 Randall, Farmington, custodian.

Southfield Sets Fellowship Plans Student Night Dance at School

The annual Student Night Service of the Southfield Community Church, 21122 Indian (between Beech and Inkster, North of Eight Mile), will be held Sunday, January 1 at 7 p.m., according to Pastor Raymond Bayne.

Conducted by the College and Careers Group of the church, the service will include music and testimonies by those attending school, both at home and away. Ronald Ford, Missionary Intern at the church, will speak, and the service will conclude with holy Communion. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sager are sponsors of the group. Douglas Bayne is President.

The church will have a family night on New Year's Eve, beginning with a family supper at 6:30 a.m. and a family fun time at 7:30 p.m. and a family Watch Night Service at 8:30.

The Farmington Women's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ralph L. Seger, 34120 Oakland.

Program chairman of the day, Mrs. Kenneth P. Wallace will give a tape recording of "Little People of the Bible" made by Dr. Thelma James of Wayne State University.

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Livonia Scholars Elect New Official Slate

During the past four years 16 students from Clarenceville High School have received college scholarships from Dollars for Scholars.

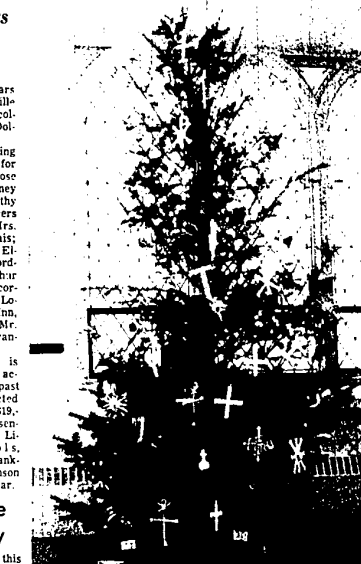
At the December 19 meeting of the Livonia Dollars for Scholars organization whose purpose is to collect money for scholarships for worthy students, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Jane Bower, 34061 Doris; vice president, Mr. Henry Ellis, 20457 Maplewood; recording secretary, Mrs. Arlene Jenkins, 32100 Five Mile; corresponding secretary, Miss Lois McCulloch, Botsford Inn, Farmington; treasurer, Mr. David Merrion, 11401 Cranston.

Dollars for Scholars is launching its fifth year of activity. During the past four years it has collected and distributed more than \$19,000 in scholarships to 77 seniors entering college from Livonia's four high schools: Bentley, Clarenceville, Franklin and Ladywood. Stevenson High will be added this year.

Christian Science Text for Sunday

"God" is the subject of this week's Lesson-Sermon to be read in all Christian Science churches on Sunday.

The Golden Text is from Isaiah: "The Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us."



A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS TREE decorated the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church this Christmas season. Over 120 symbols of crosses were made by the Women's Society and Senior Methodist Fellowship members of the church and trimmed with gold beads, pearls, glitter and sequins all in the gold and white motif. Topping the tree was a cross.

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Worship Service and Church School
9:15 and 10:40 a.m.
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David R. Stone
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Mrs. Sidney Evans
Farmington Office GR 4-6522

JUDSON BAPTIST CHURCH
Meeting in
EAST JR. HIGH SCHOOL
25000 MIDDLEBELT ROAD
Worship Services, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Youth Training Hr. 5:45 p.m.
Evening Gospel Hr. 7:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Prayer Service
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Fred G. Ferris, Pastor
BR. 3-3275

HIGHLAND PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
28600 Brown
Southfield
Badon H. Lohr, Pastor
SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
& Sunday School
5:45 p.m. Youth Training
7:00 p.m. Gospel Hour
WEDNESDAY
7:30 p.m. Prayer and Praise

North Congregational Church
Northwestern Highway at Lahser Road
EL 6-1660 and 444-4276
MINISTERS: Dr. Ralph H. Read
Rev. Joseph G. Gregory
11:00 A.M. MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP
11:00 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL
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You Are Invited to Attend
First Church of Christ Scientist
33825 Grand River Ave.
Farmington, Mich.
Sunday Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Evening Gospel Hr. 7:00 p.m.
Meeting 8 p.m.
Reading Room in Church Office
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11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

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GR. 4-2860

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Oakland at Gd. River Farmington
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M.
ADULT BIBLE STUDY (Nursery) 9:00 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE (Nursery) 10:15 A.M.
GR 4-4467 Church Office GR 4-6880
Carl H. Schultz, Minister

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
21405 FARMINGTON ROAD
bet. Eight and Nine Mile
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Groups 5:45 p.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
and Prayer Hour 7:30 p.m.
FRANK B. SMITH, Pastor
GR 4-2844

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
26165 Farmington Rd.
Worship, Church School
and Nursery
9:30 a.m. & 11:05 a.m.
George W. Ramsey, Minister
Robert N. Sawyer, Jr.,
Asst. Minister
Church - GR. 4-6170

CLARENCEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
20300 Middlebelt Rd.
Livonia
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Church School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
7:30 p.m. The Evening Service
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
GR 4-3563
ELSIE A. JOHNS, Minister GR. 4-6962

The Lutheran Church of the INCARNATION
30333 W. Ten Mile Rd.
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Nursery Provided
Rev. Peter C. Larson
478-3335 474-5318

NARDIN PARK METHODIST
29887 11 Mile Rd.
Jan. 1st, 1967
COMING TO OUR FAITH AS CHILDREN
William D. Mercer
Frank F. Benish
Roy Syme
J. Thurston Noe
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Roy Syme
Preaching

Orchard Methodist Church
30450 Farmington Road
Farmington Road between 13 and 14 Mile Roads
FRANK A. COZADD, Minister - GR. 6-0170
Worship Service and Church School at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Nursery Provided Office - MA. 6-6820

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
23225 GILL ROAD
Worship Services
8:30 11:00
Nursery - Both Services

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Shilwaukee at Farmington Rd.
Farmington, Mich.
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10 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.
Morning Worship
11:15 A.M. to 12 Noon
Bible School
5:45 P.M. 3 Youth Group
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:30 P.M. Wednesday Prayer Service
Our Faith Is
"Jesus Christ Himself
Being the Chief Cornerstone"
Eph. 2:20
COME AND WORSHIP
Telephone: GR. 4-6356

NORTH FARMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH
32500 W. Thirteenth Mile Road
(Just west of Orchard Lake Rd.)
Affiliated with The American Baptist Convention
and The Metro. Detroit Council of Churches
January 1, 1967 - "OUR MONTHLY PRACTICE"
Worship Service 10:00 a.m. (Nursery)
Church School 11:10 a.m. (All Ages)

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:40 a.m.
Rev. Charles Fox, Pastor
GR. 4-0584

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