

New Church Displays Its Present And Future

By MARGARET MILLER
Church Editor



A NEW PODIUM is moved into place by Walt Ellis (left) for the Rev. James Jones, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Canton Township. It's just in time for the new church's open house June 11.

A very young church in the Plymouth-Canton area will hold open house Sunday, June 11, to show the community both its tiny chapel for the present and its space to build for the future.

The Rev. James Jones, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, invited all who are interested to visit both the building the congregation has been refurbishing at 44205 Ford, just east of Sheldon, and the acreage planned as site for a new church on Cherry Hill between Sheldon and Canton Center.

Visitors will be welcomed between 3 and 5 p.m. by couples who will show both the church and the house on the Cherry Hill property to which Rev. Jones and his wife and two daughters will move this summer.

Teens of the church will serve refreshments on the lawn beside the church.

GRACE BAPTIST began late last year, holding its first services Sunday, Nov. 5, in Plymouth Central School.

The Galilean Baptist Missions, a Grand Rapids organization that exists primarily to establish churches and has financed the start of 60 of them in Michigan, helped the new congregation purchase both properties.

For several months, the congregation that now includes about 40 families has been holding morning and evening Sunday services and Wednesday prayer meetings in the Ford Road chapel and working at other hours to improve the building.

New windows, a change in the door arrangement, carpeting for the sanctuary, paneling for the walls, and lowered ceiling with fluorescent lighting and antiquing of pews and piano are just a few of the improvements in the old frame building most recently used by an Assembly of God congregation.

Before the end of the year, the congregation hopes to add a one-story building behind the church to provide room for church school classes.

"Right now one of our families moves in a trailer for the nursery each Sunday," Rev. Jones said, "and we have two Sunday school classes that meet outside. If it rains, we're up a creek."

THE YOUNG clergyman, who left the position of youth director in First Baptist Church of Wayne to organize the new congregation, is

enthusiastic about its prospects.

"I was brought up in a large church and have always been associated with large churches," he said, "but after a few months with this small congregation I don't think I'd go back to the other situation."

Rev. Jones said an unusual feature of Grace Baptist is that attendance tends to be greater for Sunday evening services than for those on Sunday morning, and that midweek prayer meetings sometimes draw the largest groups. He added that the congregation has been generous in financial support and that one young serviceman regularly sends \$100 a month, more than 25 per cent of his paycheck.

CHURCH FAMILIES come mainly from Westland and Wayne at this time, Rev. Jones said, but he anticipates more from the Canton and Plymouth areas as the expected building boom there develops.

"If we do have a great expansion," Rev. Jones said, "I think I'd be inclined to start again with a small group. It's a different atmosphere from a big church — you lose something in bigness."

He had high praise for the Belleville contractor Clarence Brown and his employe, Walt Ellis, a member of the Manchester Baptist Church.

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TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

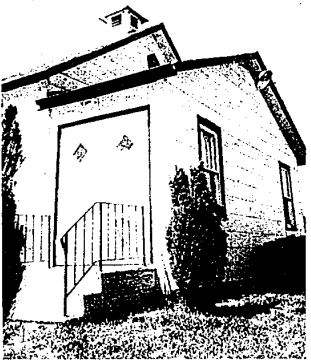
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
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7 p.m.
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THE EXTERIOR and new doorway of Grace Baptist. (Observer photos by Bob Woodring)

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MARY GRACE ADAMS

Ombudsman

Ombudsman is the title of the Swedish official who has the legislative authority to take up the ordinary citizen's complaints against the government.

Rev. Lester Kinsolving's Religion Update

VBS Will Give Prizes

Vacation Bible school for boys and girls between the ages of five and 12 will be held in Oakman Boulevard Baptist Church, 30025 Curtis Road, Livonia, from June 19-30. Sessions will be held Monday through Friday mornings from 9 to 11:45.

The program will include Bible stories, songs, memory verses, games and film strips. Refreshments will be served daily.

Prizes will be awarded each day for various accomplishments.

All boys and girls living in the area are invited to attend. There is no charge and there is no need for pre-registration. Pastor Paul F. White will direct the school.

Seniors Will Be Honored

Baccalaureate Sunday will be observed at Rosedale Gardens United Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia, at 11 a.m., June 11. All graduating seniors, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to attend. The seniors will meet in Room 108 to put on their caps and gowns and go to Folio Hall where they will be honored at a coffee hour held before the service. They are asked to meet at 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Lester Kinsolving's column discusses various church news, including the local presbyteries' review of proposed donations, the VBS program, and the seniors' baccalaureate service. He also mentions the church directory and other local events.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH OF GOD Riverside Park CHURCH OF GOD 11771 Newburgh Road 11771 Newburgh Road 464-0990 Pastors: The Rev. J. Campbell, 464-0990 The Rev. Robert L. McFain, 464-0990 11 a.m. Morning Service 4:30 a.m. Evening Service	EVANGELICAL COVENANT EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH 2621 W. Forest Hill Road Church KE 5-0225 Detroit Edw. J. Clemens, Pastor KE 3-9383	CONGREGATIONAL MT. HOPE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 30330 Schoolcraft Road — 425-7280 Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Worship and Church School
Livonia Church of God 19227 Middlebelt Rd. Rev. J. L. Walker Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Church 476-7913 Phone 476-4555	EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH 2621 W. Forest Hill Road Church KE 5-0225 Detroit Edw. J. Clemens, Pastor KE 3-9383	EPISCOPAL The Episcopal Church welcomes you
Plymouth Church of God 595 N. Hill St. L. H. Rice, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Night 7:30 p.m. Phone 455-6616	SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Evening Service	Saint Andrews, Livonia 16360 Hubbard Road 421-8451 Sunday Worship: 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. 10 a.m. Deaf Worship
ASSEMBLY OF GOD PARKDALE ASSEMBLY OF GOD 3551 S. Parkdale 124 S. Parkdale and Lewis Rd. Rev. David H. Kist Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY 7:30 p.m. Family Night	CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR 38100 Five Mile Rd. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Divine Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Study Groups 7 p.m. "Nursery Care is Provided at All Morning Worship Services" 464-1062 Rev. Ronald G. Wolf, Pastor Minister of Evangelism, Rev. Moody Tan	Saint John's, Plymouth 574 S. Shadel Court Rd. 453-0190 Sunday Worship 8:30 and 10 a.m.
FAIR HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD 812 North Beach Drive 274-5715 Rev. Fred D. Miller, Pastor 425-1089 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m. YOUTH SERVICE 7:30 p.m.	CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR 38100 Five Mile Rd. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. (Sept.-June) Morning Worship 11 a.m.	CHURCHES OF CHRIST FARMINGTON 36500 Eleven Mile WEST OF DRAKE ROAD SUNDAY WORSHIP 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bible School 10 a.m. Wed 7:30 p.m. Worship Robert E. Asher, Minister 422-8860 or 281-1694
First Baptist Church 4500 W. Trueman Rd. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Family Night - Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Program for All Ages 7 p.m. Tom Chambers - Minister of Music Advertising Information 255-4444	CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) LIVONIA CHRISTIAN CHURCH 36075 7 Mile Rd. 522-7188 Pastor Rev. Donald Moseley Church School 9:30 a.m. (Sept.-June) Morning Worship 11 a.m.	GARDEN CITY 1657 Middlebelt Rd. SUNDAY WORSHIP 11 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Bible School 10 a.m. Wed 7:30 p.m. Worship Minister 422-8860 or 281-1694
Forest Park Baptist Church 27500 Eshwassee, Farmington Rev. Ed Bunnell 478-0040 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Church Training 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.	FOREST PARK BAPTIST CHURCH 27500 Eshwassee, Farmington Rev. Ed Bunnell 478-0040 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Church Training 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.	PLYMOUTH 9301 Sheldon Rd. Bible School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wed 7:30 p.m. Worship J. Paul Brown, Minister 453-7030
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH 43065 Jay Road, Plymouth Phone: 453-6749 or 455-0022 Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Bible School 9:45 a.m. Interim Pastor Rev. Frank Smith Tom Hovermale, Minister of Music Ken Evans, Interim Youth Pastor	CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR 38100 Five Mile Rd. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. (Sept.-June) Morning Worship 11 a.m.	PLYMOUTH 9301 Sheldon Rd. Bible School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wed 7:30 p.m. Worship J. Paul Brown, Minister 453-7030
Community Baptist Church 28237 W. Warren Rev. James B. Allen, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.	Grand River Baptist Church 34500 Six Mile Road Livonia 10 mile west of Farmington Rd 1	WARD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2701 Jay Rd. (at Shadel) 278-9340 "Serving The Best Communities" EVERYONE WELCOME CHURCH SCHOOL AND WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. Rev. Ivan G. Smith, Pastor
MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH Southern Baptist Convention 4811 Main Street, Plymouth 483-4748 Rev. J. J. Smith, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. DEAF MINISTRY	St. Timothy Presbyterians Church 18000 River Road Carl Gunderson, Pastor 10 a.m. Morning and Church School (Nursery Care) 11 a.m. Coffee Hour 281-6848 477-9245	CHURCH OF CHRIST WEDNESDAY 8:15 p.m. Family Dinner by Reception 7:30 p.m. Family Bible Study (Prayer, Praise, Hallelujah)
North Farmington Baptist Church (American Baptist Convention) 32600 W. Thraeton Mile Rd. Between Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads Rev. Edwin C. Nichol, Pastor SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 a.m. M-A 6-5967	Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church 25125 Middlebelt Rd. Farmington 477-1677 Rev. S. J. Anthony, M. B. Pastor Temporary Chapel Services 21575 W. 10 Mile, Southfield 11:15 a.m. Sunday School 1:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy English Services "Nation Always Welcome"	ST. TIMOTHY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 18000 River Road Carl Gunderson, Pastor 10 a.m. Morning and Church School (Nursery Care) 11 a.m. Coffee Hour 281-6848 477-9245
Livonia Baptist Church Affiliated with Southern Baptist Convention 23940 Schoolcraft 2 Burchwood Lane 423-3783 Rev. Elvin Clark, Pastor 474-1073 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m. Services adapted for the deaf	CHURCH OF CHRIST KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST 20200 Meridian, Livonia South of 8 Mile Road 478-8222 Lee B. Baltzer, Minister SUNDAY SERVICES Bible School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 8:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY Hour of Power 7:30-8:30 p.m. Conson's Hour 1:45 Sunday on WBRC (88.7 fm)	ST. PAUL'S Presbyterians Church 24505 W. Chicago GA 2-1470 "I'more Worship" Dr. William J. Widdows Rev. Arnold S. Dabiel Rev. William A. McHugh Pastor Worship and Church School 9:30 and 11 a.m.