

# Church buses roll despite gas shortage

By ROSE WEBER  
Gasoline may be scarce but determination to keep the church buses running is in abundant supply.

"When you think what a church is for, it's very important to get the children to church even if it means

giving up something else," according to Frank Plonka, chairman of the Joy Bus committee for the Birmingham Church of Christ, 3737 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

He doesn't anticipate any change in the church busing program.

"YOU JUST HAVE to give a little thought to filling the tank at the right time, but we're not at a point where that hurts yet," he said.

The church recently purchased another bus and both make regular runs on Sunday morning.

Members of the church drive the buses and are responsible for seeing that the gasoline tank is full.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, Lincoln and Edgewood in Birmingham, has cut down on the number of its buses as well as the routes.

"We have cut down on our effort at conservation and are looking to see that each route is productive," the Rev. Charles J. Whitfield said.

He added that a year ago they did not worry about having the bus filled in order to make the run.

"WE SEND CARS now if there is no great demand," Mr. Whitfield said. "We can't send the bus unless there are 25 or 30 riders."

However, he does not consider this situation a problem.

By combining a few of the routes and lengthening the ride a short amount of time, Mr. Whitfield felt they were still reaching the same people with five buses instead of eight.

BECAUSE SO many children depend on the bus, they have an alternate car pool plan in case a bus breaks down.

"And if we couldn't get gas we could rely on the same system," he said.

The cost of running the buses comes out of the general operating fund and the pastor said people had been generous.

"We have no lack of response."

Our people are aware of the importance of the bus ministry," Mr. Whitfield added.

THE COST OF gasoline is not a factor in running the Church of Christ Joy Bus either.

"With only two buses, the driver or a family could donate the cost of

one tank full if necessary," Plonka said.

Both men said they did not feel the buses were a convenience to the community but a vital and important part of their church's ministry to children.

"It is too important to even consider discontinuing."

## THE BIBLE IN FOCUS

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Zechariah wrote, "Behold thy King, meek and just and having salvation." Jesus came in literal fulfillment of that prophecy. In like manner He shall come again, for "it is written."

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(1/4 Mile South of W. Long Lake Rd.)  
Church and Church School  
10:30 a.m.  
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8:30 a.m. Holy Communion  
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Dr. Robert G. Middleton, Minister  
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815 Matina  
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11:00 Worship Service  
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MI 6-5041 MI 6-5124

### 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  
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Worship, Church School and Nursery  
10:00 a.m.  
GR 4-6573  
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## Church Directory

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25125 Middlebelt Rd. Farmington, 477-1577  
Rev. S.J. Anthony, Th.B., Priest  
Temporary Chapel Services  
21575 W. 10 Mile, Southfield  
11:15 a.m. Sunday School  
11:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
English Sermon  
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United Methodist on Franklin's Village Green  
Worship Services 9:15 and 11:15  
10:15 Mid Hour  
Church School Classes 11:15  
ROGER W. IRESON  
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Nursery Provided  
Pastor: GR 6-0487  
Church Office: GR 4-6880  
Carl H. Schultz, Minister

### NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Farmington 476-8860  
29887 West 11 Mile Road  
Air Conditioned  
Senior Minister: Dr. William D. Mercer  
Associate: Rev. Meredith Meshauer  
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Crib Nursery & Pre School 8:15  
Church School for all ages 9:30 & 11:00

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9:30 and 11:15  
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Call 299-7799 or 647-3053 for information. We would be glad to visit your home and explain our program.  
Don Gardner, Minister

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Dear Friends:  
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Edward J. Lynch.  
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Rev. H. Dale Crockett, Minister  
19241 W. Ten Mile EL 6-1717

### NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

14 Mile and Lahser Roads  
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Pastors: L. J. Peterson, F. W. Dunn & C. S. Belcher  
Phone: 642-0200

### Grace Baptist Church

Lincoln & Edgewood, Birmingham (4 blocks West of Woodward)  
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.  
Morning Service 11:00 A.M.  
Evening Service 7:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Evening 7:30 P.M.  
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Church Phone MI 6-2002  
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