

Westwood parts soil for church

Bonds going fast in short period

When leaders of Westwood Baptist broke ground Sunday afternoon for a new church on High House Road, they had good news to share with the 80 or so parishioners gathered there.

In two short weeks, the church has sold nearly all the bonds needed to finance construction—\$693,500 out of the \$750,000 issue.

With ceremonies complete, construction will start March 1 on the 7,700-square-foot building which will have a multi-worship center seating 250.

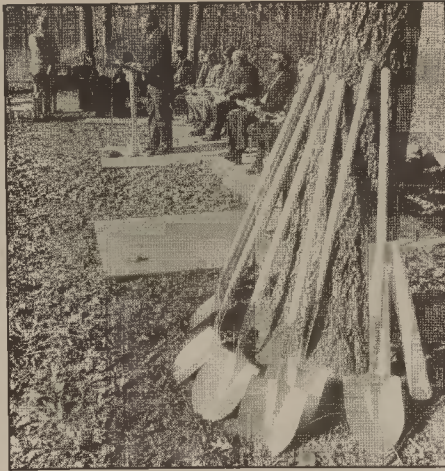
The Rev. Charles Allard, Westwood's pastor, said the church purchased the 12.5 acre site from the SAS Institute for \$250,000. He said it was his understanding that the piece had appraised for \$640,000.

"We are blessed to be here and to have gotten such a reasonable deal," he said.

The site is near Preston Corners and between the 254-member Genesis United Methodist Church which opened in 1994, and the 1,000-seat St. Michael's Archangel Catholic Church now under construction and scheduled to open later this year.

A variety of speakers took part in the Sunday afternoon ceremonies. The Rev. Allard opened the service and led in the breaking of ground. Cary Mayor Koka Booth and Dr. Roger Nix, director of missions for the Raleigh Baptist Association, spoke on Westwood's relationships. Dr. Roy J. Smith, executive director and treasurer of the Baptist State Convention made the keynote address. Pastors of Genesis Methodist Church also took part in the ceremony. A reception followed at Westwood's temporary quarters at 830 Old Apex Road.

The Rev. Allard noted that the church began as a response to a perceived need of the Raleigh Baptist Association. He explained that four area churches—Greenwood Forest, Woodhaven, Good Hope, and Collins Grove—stepped forward to sponsor a mission church in western Cary. On Easter Sunday 1990, Westwood Baptist Chapel



A BIG DAY—The Rev. Charles Allard led the service Sunday celebrating the start of Westwood Baptist's new church building project. Shovels, by the dozens, were available for all to join in the groundbreaking ceremony.

opened its doors to a congregation of 150. On September 20, 1992, the chapel became Westwood Baptist Church.

The Rev. Allard said the church has a passion for missions. He said Westwood sponsored three members on mission trips to Honduras, sent mission teams to New York communities, and sponsored five members on a mission to Spain. "Tom and Beth Ogburn, who first gave pastoral leadership to this congregation are now missionaries in Thailand," the Rev. Allard pointed out. "Members of this church have participated in mission projects in New York, Thailand, Prague, England, Spain, Honduras, El Salvador and Brazil."

When finished, the new building will include, in addition to the worship center, an educational space

and a kitchen which initially will be used for educational needs. It is expected to be ready for use Sept. 1.

Westwood Baptist Church is actively involved in missions efforts locally, participating in activities such as the Dorcas Thrift Shop, the Caring Space, Habitat for Humanity, Prison Fellowship and others. The church also annually sponsors Vacation Bible Schools.

Leaders of the fund-raising campaign include Kelly Cartwright, general chairman; Brenda Franks, promotion; James H. White, bond officer; Mary Cunningham, hospitality; and Cindy Bolden, recording. The bond steering committee is composed of Kirsten Cartwright, David Colvin, Dan Franks, Robert Gilbert, Charlie Johnson, Mike Johnson, Sherry Lee and Thomas Revelle.

Giving mothers a break

Morrisville church uses program as outreach to families

By Ron Page

Are you the mother of a pre-kindergarten child? Would you like to have a couple of mornings a week to yourself?

The First Baptist Church of Morrisville will offer a new program starting next month called "Mom's Morning Out." Its aim: to provide mothers with the opportunity to have their pre-kindergarten children cared for at the church for two mornings a week while they utilize the time in whatever manner they wish.

"We're aiming the program at mothers who could use a few hours a week to do such chores as grocery shopping, taking care of some business, shopping, or going to the beauty parlor," explained Heather White, one of the co-teachers of the weekend program and a member of the church located on Church Street between Ashe and Page Streets.

Mrs. White said registration for the new program will take place at an open house planned for March 5 at the church. "We'll show what we have planned for the children while their mothers get the time off.

There will be a puppet show, a clown with balloons, and refreshments," she said. "The initial program will run for three months, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m."

"The children won't be just sitting around while mom is doing her thing. We'll be working with each of them in preparation for their kindergarten year," said Wanda Cooley, co-teacher. "We'll study the ABCs, numbers, how to cut and paste, learn how to do puzzles, language skills, hear Bible stories, sing together, and most of all, experience interaction with other children."

Mrs. White explained that chil-

dren three and four years old will take part the first three months, and then two-year-olds will be accepted. "We will also accept any five-year-old who has not yet gone to kindergarten," she added. The church has outfitted a special room with a puppet stage under the direction of Frank Upchurch, who heads the building and grounds committee.

The program is designed somewhat along the lines of a successful Parent's Night Out the church held last year. There is a \$15 registration fee for the first three-month program and a charge of \$50 a month. Those who would like to register or get additional information prior to the open house are asked to call either Heather White at 460-0264 or Wanda Cooley at 467-3011.

The First Baptist Church was organized in 1866 soon after the war between the states and at that time was called Bethany Church. The first pastor was the Rev. Johnson Olive. Today the pastor is Myron Yandle, who has served for two years. Formerly from Monroe, he is a graduate of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, and is a resident of Morrisville.

The present church building was built when the church was eight years old and the cost of construction in 1874 was \$750. At that time

the name was changed from Bethany Church to Morrisville Baptist.

"Morrisville Baptist Church has seen many changes," Mrs. Cooley explained. "At the turn of the century the economy of Morrisville depended on farming alone, but as cars and good roads replaced horse and buggy, changes began. Morrisville Baptist Church has seen good and bad times but through hard work, prayers, and faith in God has stood steadfast as it has continued to worship and seek God's will."

One of the highlights of the coming year will be in October when a crusade is held under tent on the grounds behind Town Hall. "The King is Coming Crusade '96" is set for Oct. 24-27 with gospel singing each night and a fall festival Saturday morning. Pastor Yandle said Evangelist Clayton King will keynote the event and a children's revival is planned for Fellowship Hall.

"We're reaching out to everyone for this program," Pastor Yandle said. "We're excited about what we have planned."

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When all new flights are added by May, Midway Connection will be the airport's second busiest carrier with 31 daily nonstop flights to 10 cities. At the time of the announcement on Feb. 21, the computer service was offering 15 daily flights to six cities.

The new destinations include: three daily flights to Savannah, Ga., starting March 1; three daily flights to Jacksonville, Fla., starting April 14; three daily flights to Asheville starting May 1, and three daily flights to Greenville-Spartanburg, S.C., starting May 1.

Real Estate Bulletin Board

by Sharon Zonca

Have you ever shopped a "bargain basement" sale at a large department store? Merchandise from throughout the store which has not sold at full retail price is offered along with lower quality merchandise on the "basement" level of the store at real bargain prices. Many people are attracted to the "Bargain Basement Sale." They try on the merchandise, point out flaws to sales clerks, and bargain for an even better price.

On the upper floors of the store, it is "business as usual." Serious shoppers looking for quality merchandise at fair prices quietly make their purchases from service-minded attendants.

Real estate is sometimes sold and purchased the same way. At the bargain basement level, a few sellers attempt to sell "by owner." With a For Sale sign and a few newspaper ads, they attract the real estate bargain-hunters of the world, those who want to buy below the market by dealing directly with the owner. They expect to save the real estate commission and a few thousand extra for good measure. They may or may not buy, but they will certainly look, inspect, bargain, knit-pick, and otherwise take up the valuable time of the seller.

Serious buyers, on the other hand, are likely to choose a real estate agent to help them locate a suitable home. They understand that an agent can show them a wide variety of available homes, priced fairly. Buyers are also likely to receive other services such as help with mortgage financing, advice on schools, shopping, churches, etc., and other community information. Services are generally offered to buyers at no cost because the agent usually represents and receives a fee directly from the sellers.

Are you willing to sacrifice the equity in your home to bargain hunters? Are you prepared to open your home to inspection by a variety of unqualified lookers? Wouldn't you prefer to sell your home to a qualified buyer with little inconvenience to you and your family? When selling your home, consider the importance of showcasing your home to the right clientele. A full fair price sale can be the result -- the benefit of a wise decision.

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