

Church has much to celebrate

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Something special is going on outside Oakland Church of Christ. The colorful pennants which ring its new building on West 10 Mile Road show as much.

This Sunday, something special will be going on inside as well. Church members invite the community to attend a 2-5 p.m. open house to celebrate its opening.

The event is a landmark for one of the city's oldest and largest congregations.

Attendees can enjoy light refreshments while touring the 23333 W. 10 Mile facility. New minister Jimmy Hurd will also be on hand.

Church members are especially proud of their new building's family life center, which will house many functions while also serving as home base for the church's basketball program.

"This started as a dream for one of our members, Charlie Tucker," said R. Vernon Boyd, who for 30 years served as the church's minister.

"He was a basketball star himself when he was younger and many of the youngsters who have participated in our program have themselves gone on to have good careers in high school and college."

New minister Hurd was a health care professional and had worked



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Outgoing minister Vernon Boyd (left) and new minister Jimmy Hurd await the opening of the new Oakland Church of Christ.

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