

Dear Strathmoor Member:

We hope you are fully informed as to the big changes now taking place with our church family. We sincerely trust they are in the best interest to our combined service to the Lord or we wouldn't have considered it. We want to do nothing to hinder anyone's spiritual growth but rather do all we can to encourage each person to be the best he or she is capable of becoming in the Lord's kingdom.

We will have our dedication of the merger between the Southfield and the Strathmoor congregations this coming Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. at the new location of the Oakland Church of Christ, 22355 W. 11 Mile Road, just west of Lahser in Southfield. Special speakers and a musical program will highlight the ceremony as well as introduction of various church leaders of the combined group. We expect many area Christians to be present to help us celebrate the new beginning. We want to encourage you to be present if at all possible.

The church bus will be running this coming Sunday to pick up its regular passengers and any others that may need a ride to this special occasion. For the present, we will still be having separate services on Sunday mornings at both locations until our building is sold. This includes this coming Sunday. Beginning on the date of November 11, this coming Sunday, we will be having only one combined Sunday evening service and one combined Wednesday evening service. These will be at the Southfield location.

When we do have only one combined Sunday morning service at the Southfield location, we need to know how many will be requesting transportation help. We want to begin planning the routes we will need to take to insure that all who want to come with us are able to be there. We do not want to leave out any single individual who is a part of our family.

We are enclosing an invitation to the Dedication service for this Sunday, a map showing the location of the new building, and a response form in case you will be needing transportation after our building is sold and all services will be at the new building.

Most of us in the center of these events have been amazed at how well the Lord seems to be working events out. There has been overwhelming support from our members and a willingness to grow and expand for the Lord's sake. The Southfield fellowship has been warm and even delighted at our coming. The Lord seems to be opening the door for us to purchase the building next to the church property so we will not be hemmed in as we were at Strathmoor. Some have driven by and looked over the new site. The building is small but in a beautiful setting of woods. (Ruth Ulmer killed a snake by the building on her visit!) But we recognize that some may not choose to come with us for various reasons. If this is the case, we wish you well and pray that you will locate immediately with a nearby fellowship of the Churches of Christ. Would you let us know if this is your intent?

Yours in Christ,

R. Vernon Boyd

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