

# Dearborn Church of Christ

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## TO PRESENT AND FORMER MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE DEARBORN CHURCH:

As you no doubt know by now the congregation is closing due to the radical demographic changes in Dearborn, especially in east Dearborn. This was a heart-rending decision. It was made after much prayer and consideration of all related factors. Even though it is a very emotional time for the present members, the vast majority believes it is the best decision. They feel it is much better to close while we are a viable church able to meet our commitments to the local, mission and benevolent works, rather than close a few years down the road when all we could do would be to pay the utility bills. Each is committed to stay until the close but are already giving thought as to which nearby congregation he/she will be attending.

The final service will be Sunday, June 29, 1997. We would be honored if you can arrange your schedule to be with us on that day. You are also invited to a Saturday evening "come and go" reception (6 to 9 P.M.) in the church's fellowship hall. Light refreshments will be served. This would be a wonderful opportunity to visit with old friends. On Sunday, after morning Bible classes and worship, there will be a catered dinner at the new commodious banquet hall three doors south of the building. After the meal we will assemble in the church building for the final service at 2 P.M. A schedule of activities will be worked out later.

There are some things you can do to make this a memorable day honoring Chase Road for its illustrious history and for its influence which will continue to be felt in generations to come:

1. Fill in the information on the form at the end of this letter and mail it to us as soon as possible -- no later than May 31. We need to give the caterer a count. (You can also phone in this information by calling one of the above numbers.)
2. On the enclosed 8 1/2" x 11" sheet write your memories of Chase Road -- even if you cannot be present on June 29 -- and mail them to us as soon as possible. They will be put in a *Book of Memories* and will be available at the Saturday reception and Sunday services. These may be submitted separately from the above information.
3. Send us any memorabilia for display and possible inclusion in a brochure giving a history of the congregation. These may be pictures of members, church-related activities or any materials you believe that would be of interest -- from any period of the congregation's history -- from 1929 to the present. Please put your name on all items, so they can be returned to you. It would be helpful if you would identify individuals in the pictures. These should be sent to the address on the letterhead -- the sooner the better!
4. We do not have addresses of all former members. Please help us by notifying your family members and anyone else with whom you are in contact whose addresses we might not have. Tell them to let us know by May 31 if they plan to attend and how many will be in their group.