

East Kildonan Baptists build

by Wanda McConnell

Construction could be underway by May 1 on a new church building for the East Kildonan Baptist congregation.

The existing building at 700 Watt Street is just getting too small for a ministry that reaches 400 adults and 300 children, said Pastor Don Amell.

The church has a bus outreach ministry which brings 100 of the 300 children involved in Sunday School and/or Bible clubs. For years these classes and clubs have had to meet in nearby schools, including Miles Macdonell Collegiate.

The new 6,400 square-foot building should accommodate all of these activities, Pastor Amell said.

About three-quarters of the existing building, including the original 28-year-old section, will be demolished to make way for the new church. Expansion will take place to the north and east toward the street. The \$5 million project is set for completion by November 1.

The main floor of the church will be a worship area while the basement will be devoted to classrooms, meeting rooms and

offices, said the project's architect Hein Hulsbosch.

The church received approval from the East Kildonan-Transcona community committee February 26 for a conditional use to permit the proposed development to have 23 accessory off-street parking spaces instead of 48 spaces as required.

Hulsbosch told the committee that Boyles Budget Basket, 722 Watt, provides additional Sunday parking on their lot.

Councillor Alf Skowron (Elmwood Ward) said Boyles Budget Basket should be commended for providing this public service particularly considering the grocery store is open Sundays.

Amell said the parking arrangement with Boyles has existed for some time and that the church is very grateful for the store's co-operation.

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The official opening of East Kildonan Baptist Church's new edifice will take place Sunday, March 23 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Speaker for the occasion will be the Reverend Warren Kimball, pastor of the congregation from 1967 to 1981.

Kimball, who has been pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Sarnia, Ontario, for the past five years, will also speak at the Sunday morning service in the church.

The East Kildonan congregation is one of three Winnipeg Baptist Churches that are members of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada. Pastors and members from those congregations and other churches will also be present for the service. A civic representative

will bring greetings for the occasion.

Following the afternoon service, light refreshments will be served and visitors will have an opportunity to inspect the new facilities.

The congregation was organized in 1957 and held its services for the first year in the Legion Hall. Its first building was erected on the current site of Watt Street south of Kimberly Avenue in 1958. Growth of the congregation forced the church to demolish that structure last year and commence construction of the spacious new facilities in which services have been held for the past few months.

Senior pastor of the church is the Reverend Don Amell, and the assistant pastor is Reverend David Lee.



East Kildonan Baptist: 700 Watt Street.

New Baptist Church Official Opening Friday

The coming week-end will witness the opening of the new East Kildonan Baptist Church building at 700 Watt st. This special week-end will get underway on Friday at 8 p.m. when the official opening service will be held.

Then on Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. there will be a community Open House, and finally on Sunday the services will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The visiting speaker for these days will be Dr. Warren Vanhetloo, the dean of Central Conservative Baptist Seminary in Minneapolis. Dr. Vanhetloo is a well-known American evangelical Baptist leader, preacher and educator.

It is expected that a large number of visiting friends will attend the Friday evening service.

In addition to the East Kildonan congregation, and the many interested people from the

community, there will be delegations from other evangelical Baptist churches in the city and province.

This opening service will feature special music, an account of the church's history, hearty congregational singing, greetings from sister Baptist churches, and a message from Dr. Vanhetloo.

On Saturday afternoon there will be "open house" from 2 to 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to drop in and look over the new building at any time during these hours. There will be light refreshments served and the visitors will have an opportunity to listen to a panel discussion on the place, message and work of the new church in the community.

The Sunday services, too, will have Dr. Vanhetloo as special speaker. These will be held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. At 9.50 the

Family Bible Study Hour will meet when a growing number of adults, young people and boys and girls gather for Bible study and discussion.

The new church building is, in itself, a large one, but is only one unit of the final building which the East Kildonan congregation proposes to erect. The part which is to be opened this week-end is the Christian Education building and is 80x40 feet. It is two storeys high and in addition to spacious Sunday School department assembly rooms, has a large temporary church auditorium. Much of the labor on the building has been done by the local congregation.

East Kildonan Baptist Church is affiliated with the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada. The congregation was organized and commenced services in the city only 14 months ago.

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