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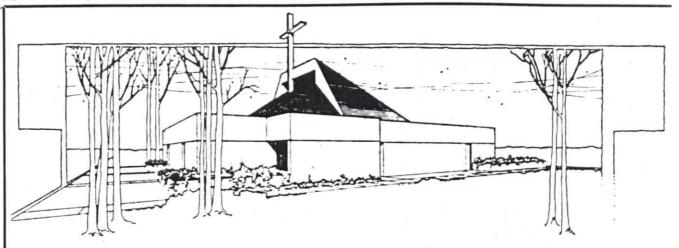
The groundbreaking service for Sun City West Baptist Chapel was held at the church site, 17419 Conquistador Dr., Sunday; from left are church members George Rouvalis, Ed Hart, Dr. C. Melvin Ratheal, pastor, and Clint Bray. Truman Cook, who had the original idea for the mission, led the

dedication. Also participating were Harold Green, associate pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church; Wendell Freeze, Arizona Southern Baptist Convention; Ross Parrott of Central Baptist Association, and Leroy Stevens, deacon of North Phoenix Baptist Church. (News-Sun Photo)

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Drawing shows planned Sun City West Baptist Chapel. Groundbreaking is set for Sunday.

SCW church groundbreaking set

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new church building will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday by Sun City West Baptist Chapel.

Construction of the 9,600 square-foot church at 17419 Conquistadore Dr., is set to start sometime next week and is expected to be completed in about six months.

Designed by Design Three Associates, a Phoenix architectural firm, the building will include a sanctuary with seating for 275, a fellowship hall, three classrooms, a library-classroom, a combination choir rehearsal and conference room and office space.

Rev. C. Melvin Ratheal, pastor, said classroom walls are being designed so they can be easily removed to expand the sanctuary to a seating capacity of 550 people. He estimates a separate education-fellowship hall will be needed in three to four years. The church now has a congregation of about 100.

Cost of the project, including construction and purchase of a 3.82-acre site, Mr. Ratheal said, is about \$500,000. The land was obtained in 1980. Finishing touches, including landscaping, are expected to cost an additional \$50,000.

Guests at the groundbreaking ceremonies will include Rev. Harold Green, associate pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church; Gary Naylor, business administrator, and Leroy Stephens, deacon, both of the North Phoenix church; Elizabeth Young, associate editor of Baptist Beacon; and representatives of Del E. Webb Development Co. and Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.