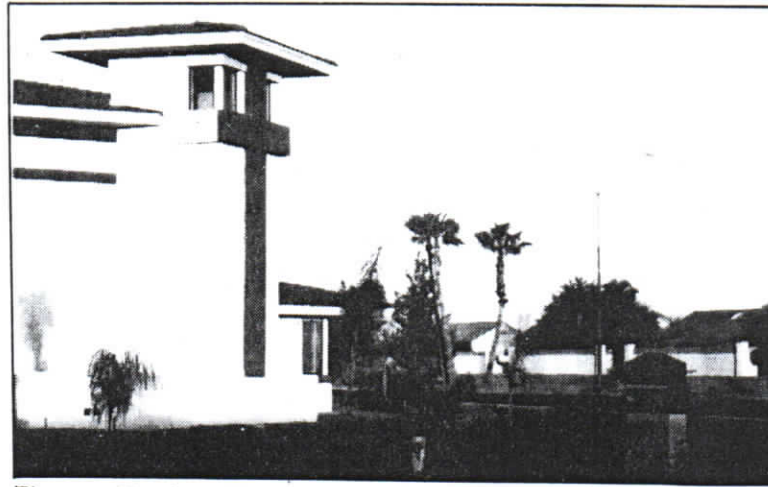


New Stardust Bible Church is dedicated

The Stardust Bible Church, Sun City West, held the official dedication of its new building on Sunday, Oct. 27. Two services were held. The morning worship service, at which the founding

sent.

The rain threatened to cause cancellation for the launch and a group photo, but it stopped just long enough for plans to proceed. The skies cleared in time for the



The new Stardust Bible Church in SCW on R.H. Johnson Blvd. was dedicated recently.

Photo, Jewett Conradson

pastor, Rev. Allen H. Herr gave the message, was at 10 a.m.

A balloon launch was held following the service. Blue, burgundy, gray and white balloons, the church color scheme, carried cards giving the name and a favorite scripture of each participant. If the cards are returned with the finder's name and favorite scripture, a token gift will be

3 p.m. Service of Dedication, in which several area ministers participated. Senior Pastor Donald Furrow noted that the large crowd in attendance included the community at large, those from other area churches, and out-of-town family and friends.

Jo Ruck, director of communi-

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ty relations, pointed out that the theme of the dedication day was "Continuing the Journey," a reference to the fact that the groundbreaking ceremony held on Dec. 15 was titled: "A Journey in Faith." The congregation had suffered the loss of more than \$900,000 when the Baptist Foundation of Arizona declared bankruptcy in 1999, due to financial fraud. They overcame that situation, remained faithful, and implemented a new fund-raising campaign, resulting in construction of the new facility.

The overwhelming mood of

those present was of gratitude and joy, looking forward to continuing and enlarging the ministries of the church, and above all, bringing honor and glory to God.

Stardust Bible Church is located at 14811 West R. H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West. Sunday services are a Bible Study at 9 a.m., Worship Service at 10 a.m., Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study at 6 p.m. On Thursdays, a Men's Bible Study is held at 7:15 a.m., and a Women's Bible Study takes place at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to attend the services and events. Call 623-546-4884.

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Submitted photo

Church dedicates new facility

Stardust Bible Church recently celebrated the formal dedication of its new facility at 14811 W. R.H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West. The Rev. Allen Herr, founding pastor and pastor emeritus, presented the message at the morning service. After the service, the congregation gathered outside and released balloons containing their names and favorite scriptures. Finders of the balloons are asked to return the cards and they will be sent a token of appreciation. Call 546-4884.

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Continuing the journey

Community celebrates Stardust dedication

JOHN SOKOLICH
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Andrew Leech of Sun City Grand doesn't attend Stardust Bible Church, but he was there Sunday to celebrate "a real work in faith."

The Sun City West church, after five years of waiting and setbacks wrought by failed Baptist Foundation investments, was dedicated Sunday. Construction on the church was finished earlier this summer, but officials waited on the dedication until winter parishioners returned.

"I think it was just terrible what happened to their investments," he said. "But then I come here and see that they are doing OK. It's a real work in faith and shows that God really does help those who help themselves."

Balloons released over Stardust Bible Church on Sunday vividly demonstrated the journey that the congregation has undertaken throughout the last year.

"We really wanted to wait for everyone to be here," said Jo Ruck, spokeswoman for the church. "This has been something we have all worked very hard on and should celebrate the success of together."

The church was planned since 1990, but investments in the failed Baptist Foundation of Arizona wrecked

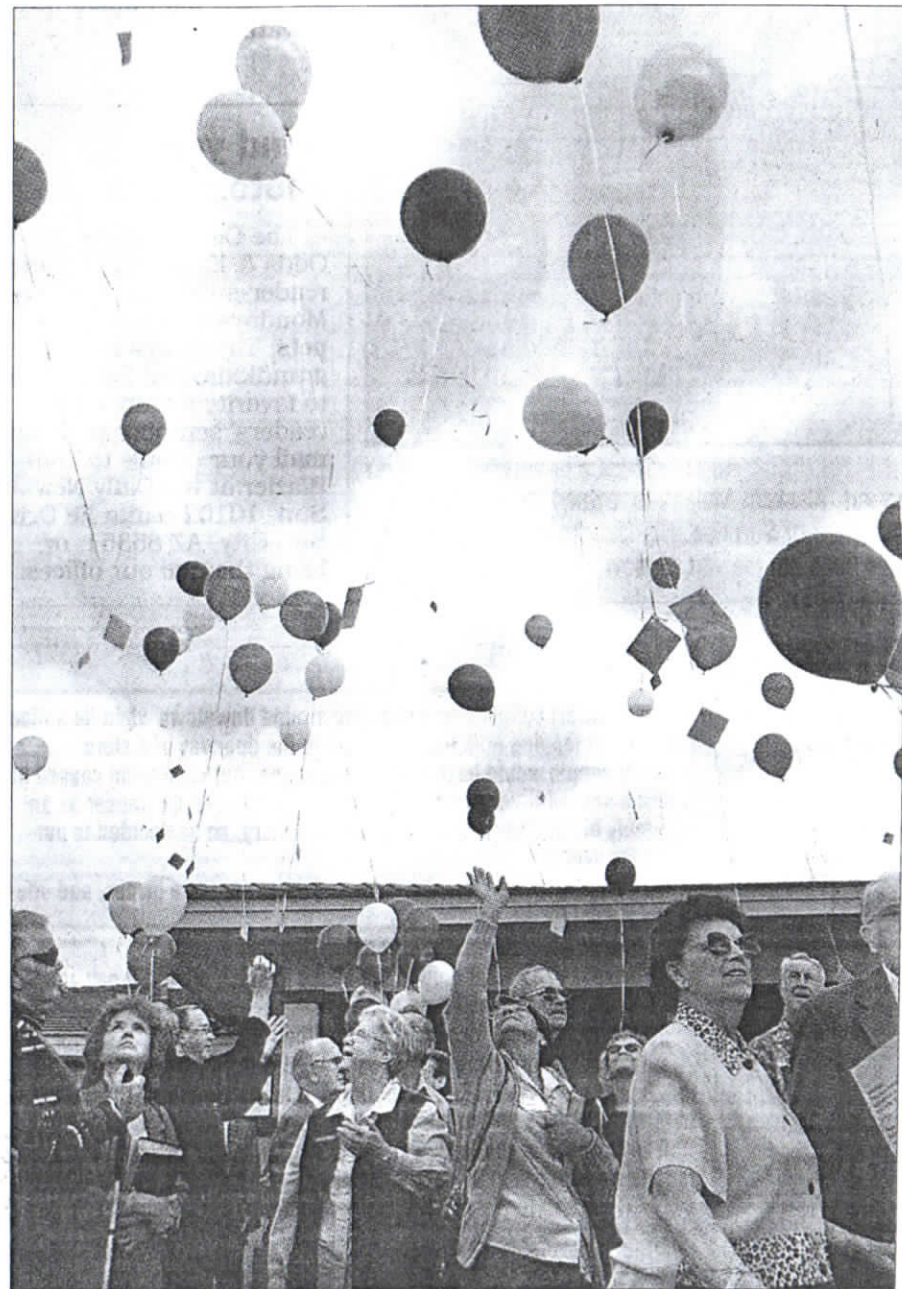
severe delays and financial burdens on the parish and its members. But despite the loss of close to a million dollars when the BFA went bankrupt, members were able to raise enough money to build anew.

The foundation's Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in late 1999 marked the largest by a nonprofit group in United States history. Some 13,000 investors lost an estimated \$590 million. Many were senior churchgoers attracted by the foundation's offer of above-market returns and its mission of using its earnings for good deeds such as building churches and nursing homes for the poor.

Sunday morning, many of those members clutched balloons with their name and favorite Bible verse to be launched as part of the dedication service.

At about 11:30 a.m., several dozen burgundy, blue, gray and white balloons — the church's colors — were launched into the sky and headed south. Cards attached to the balloons ask those who find them to return them to the church for a small reward.

Senior Pastor Don Furrow said the dedication service was more than just for the congregants. He said it was



STEVE CHERNEK/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Congregants release hundreds of balloons in celebration of the dedication of Stardust Bible Church in Sun City West Sunday.

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for the community at large.

"We received so much support," he said. "We had community members stopping by, giving us cards and really having an interest in what we were doing. We wanted this dedication to be for everyone."

The actual dedication kicked off at about 3 p.m. Sunday, with religious leaders from throughout the Sun City West community offering words of encouragement and praise to the

members of Stardust for overcoming all that stood in their way.

Ruck said when the church first started its process of trying to build a new facility, officials called it a "journey in faith."

"Today's message was continuing that journey," she said. "I think it's rather appropriate for what we've done."

Grounded in faith, many members at the church Sunday said they are no longer looking at overcoming financial adversity as they consider what they can do to expand the church's outreach

program.

"Everybody in the community has been very good to us," Ruck said. "We are here to minister to the community. This new building is going to be a vehicle and a tool that God has given us to spread his word. We want to spread the word of God and love and faith to the community."

Stardust Bible Church is at 14811 West R.H. Johnson Blvd. in Sun City West. Sunday services begin at 10 a.m.

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Stardust brims with worshippers

1ST SERVICE:
 Congregation,
 well-wishers flock
 to new church

JOHN SOKOLICH
 DAILY NEWS-SUN

It was the house that God built. But it also was the house that the Stardust Bible Church congregation built.

After five years of waiting and setbacks wrought by failed investments, the Stardust congregation entered its new house of worship Sunday morning.

Despite the loss of close to a million dollars when the Baptist Foundation of Arizona went bankrupt, members were able to raise enough money to build anew.

"This Sunday morning is like any other Sunday morning," said Pastor Don Furrow during the first sermon in the church. "After all, this is just a building, and it's the people who make a church. So I stayed calm, cool and collected — but how I knocked the garage door off the track before I ever got in the car is a mystery to me."

Furrow wasn't the only church member eager for the start of Sunday's service.

In the parking lot of the church, there was not an empty space available, even though the congregation experiences a drop in attendance during the summer months. Extra chairs had to be moved into the 200-seat sanctuary for the inaugural service.

The sermon, without mention of the BFA failure, glorified the church's triumphs.

"For five years, there was



JOY LAMBERT/DAILY NEWS-SUN

Jerolyn Glanzer, left, and Alice Furrow, wife of Pastor Donald Furrow, sing a duet at the beginning of the first service in the newly constructed Stardust Bible Church in Sun City West. Sunday's service attracted a larger-than-usual turnout.

the sign on this site saying that this was the future home of the Stardust Bible Church," said Jo Ruck, spokeswoman for the church.

"On Friday, a new sign was posted saying this was the

new home of Stardust Bible Church. This is just a glorious feeling to be here — words cannot express how good everyone feels here."

In Furrow's sermon, he spoke of faith and healing

and redemption. He said faith is a lot of different things to different people, but the faith of the congregation at Stardust is some of the strongest he's ever seen.

"There may be lapses in



JOY LAMBERT/DAILY NEWS-SUN

George Ruck videotapes church members and guests arriving for the inaugural service at Stardust Bible Church in Sun City West Sunday.

faith, but the Lord remains faithful to us," he said. "What about those dark days when we feel that we are in total isolation and feel that God is nowhere near? God is still faithful. But God never promised to keep us out of harm's way. What he said was that he would bring us through."

After the service, which lasted just more than an hour and reiterated that the congregation should be proud yet humble under God, members and guests enjoyed a luncheon.

Many people who are not members of the church attended the service — one of whom was Walt Geillor of Sun City Grand.

"I read about the church and have been keeping up with the BFA thing, so I just wanted to come out here and show my appreciation for people who overcome such obstacles," he said. "This is a good day for these people. They are blessed."

Ruck said there has been a lot of community support for Stardust's plight, and she said now that things have calmed a bit, the church is going to give back to the community.

"So much of everything has been about BFA, but there is much more that we are going to do," she said. "We are here to minister to the community. This new building is going to be a vehicle and a tool that God has given us to spread his word. We want to spread the word of God and love and faith to the community."

Stardust Bible Church is at 14811 West R.H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West. Sunday service is 10 a.m.

There will be an official dedication of the church 10 a.m. Oct. 27 to coincide with the return of winter residents.

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Stardust readies for 1st worship service

JOHN SOKOLICH
DAILY NEWS-SUN

After losing nearly \$1 million in failed investments, the congregation of the Stardust Bible Church in Sun City West kept its faith and showed that it was more blessed to give than to receive.

The church and its congregates lost the money when the Baptist Foundation of Arizona filed for bankruptcy. Stardust members bounced back, though, and are moving into their new church, which they funded, this Sunday.

Stardust will hold its first worship service in its newly constructed building 10 a.m. Sunday at 14811 West R.H. Johnson Boulevard, Sun City West. Senior Pastor Donald D. Furrow will preach at the service. A celebration luncheon will immediately follow the service. The official dedication service will be at 10 a.m. Oct. 27, to coincide with the winter residents who frequent the church services.

"The excitement here is just unbelievable," said Jo Ruck, spokeswoman for the church. "To be in our new home after all of this is just a miracle. And the timing is just perfect for this."

The timing Ruck was referring to was the settlement payment Arthur Andersen — the auditing firm for BFA — agreed to pay the BFA investors this week.

The foundation's Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in late 1999 marked the largest by a nonprofit group in United States history. Some 13,000 investors lost an estimated \$590 million. Many were

'Maybe it's a miracle. But it was the Lord that got us all through this.' — Jo Ruck, spokeswoman for Stardust Bible Church

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senior churchgoers attracted by the foundation's offer of above-market returns and its mission of using its earnings for good deeds such as building churches and nursing homes for the poor.

Arthur Andersen LLP planned to pay off a \$217 million settlement with investors in the failed Baptist Foundation of Arizona today, one day after an earlier deadline passed, officials said Tuesday.

The accounting firm made an initial payment of \$11.3 million when the settlement was agreed to in May, and was given until Tuesday to pay the rest.

Andersen and the foundation-liquidation trust representing investors agreed

to complete the payment today, said Andersen attorney Ed Novak.

"This is a very complex deal, and another day was needed by both sides to finish it," Novak said.

The liquidation trust alleged that Andersen ignored signs of foundation fraud and concealed huge losses on financial statements that would have alerted investors to the foundation's troubles.

The settlement resolves civil cases against Andersen relating to the firm's audit work for the foundation and pending cases brought by state regulators and the Arizona Attorney General's Office.

"As they are going down, we are coming up," Ruck said. "It shows that everything happens for a reason."

Although Stardust congregates are still waiting for their money, they kept their promise to their faith and church and raised enough money to build a new one despite the failed investments.

In 1997, Stardust purchased land at Stardust and R.H. Johnson boulevards to build the new church. At the time, it was holding services in a renovated bank. With what looked like high-return investments from BFA, church officials went ahead with plans to construct a large and modern church on their new land.

Soon after plans were made, however, the bottom fell out of the BFA. Stardust was forced to rethink its construction plans and sell its renovated church to pay for the new one.

Congregates came up with \$500,000 to construct a worship center, and the rest was done in the Lord's time, Ruck said.

"We finished under budget and ahead of schedule," she said. "Maybe it's a miracle. But it was the Lord that got us all through this."

The church is roughly 8,500 square feet, with a sanctuary that can seat 320. The sanctuary can be expanded to seat an additional 100 if two meeting rooms are opened. With 94 members, Stardust regularly welcomes 125 to its weekly Sunday service.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

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Bible Church on its way up

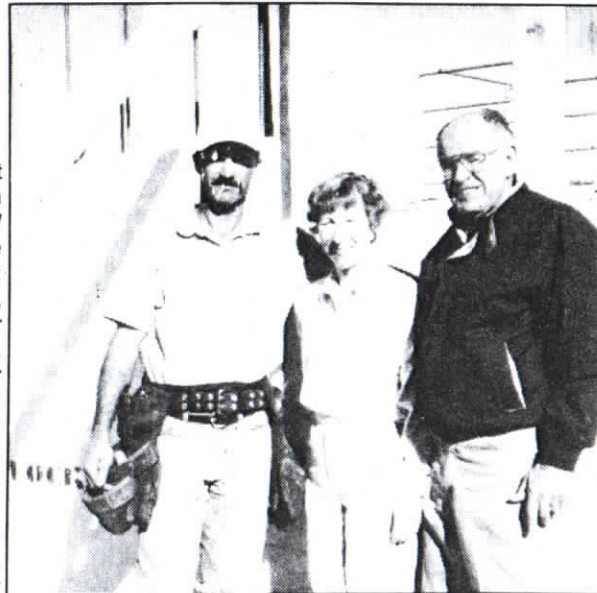
By Joyce L. Burkheiser

If you have gone by R.H. Johnson Blvd. and Granite Valley Drive recently, you no doubt have noticed quite a change. There is activity everywhere as the new Sun City West Stardust Bible Church building is being constructed. Not only is there a change in the landscape, but also there is a great difference in the construction of the church.

Instead of the customary building materials, this church is being built using I.C.E. block—a super-insulated concrete building system. According to Jo Ruck, director of community relations, "There are just under 1,390 regular blocks and 240 corner blocks being used in the construction." Monte Liebe, foreman for Southwest I.C.E., added, "The blocks

(L. - r.) pictured at the construction site of the SCW Stardust Bible Church are: Monte Liebe, foreman for Southwest I.C.E., Jo Ruck, director of community relations, and David Verbal, building committee chairman.

Photo, J.L. Burkheiser



are four-foot long, 16 inches tall and nine-and-a-half inches wide." The church is being built by Desert Sky Construction, the general contractor, while the

I.C.E. block product is by Foam Block Construction.

The advantages of using I.C.E. block for above and below grade construction of exterior walls

The super-insulated monolithic wall is now ready for interior and exterior finish.

David Verbal, building committee chairman, said the projected time for completion of the church is July. Pastor of SCW Stardust Bible Church since 2000, the Rev. Don Furrow, is looking forward along with the rest of the congregation to their new church home which will be a modest and serviceable building.

reduces labor, installation time and total system costs. The insulation value of a home built with I.C.E. block super-insulated concrete is as much as triple that of a typical insulated frame home, thus cutting down energy costs.

Just how does the system work? The footings are poured, and the bottom row of I.C.E. block forms are set on the wet or dry footings. Factory corners are set and braced. The I.C.E. block forms are stacked to the desired height and reinforcing steel (rebar) is wired in place. Window and door framing is set and braced, and intermediate bracing is set. Concrete is placed in the wall and finished at the top. After the concrete sets, the corner and intermediate braces are removed.

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Photo by Jeremy Pearlman/Independent Newspapers

Soon the long-time vacant field at the corner of Granite Valley Drive and R.H. Johnson Boulevard will house the Stardust Bible Church. Posing at the site are, from left, Roger Glanzer, chairman of the church's elder board; Jo Ruck, director of community relations; Pastor Don Furrow.

PATIENT PARISHIONERS

Long wait for Sun City West church is over

By Jeremy Pearlman
Independent Newspapers

If patience is the path to virtue, then members of the Stardust Bible Church are mighty virtuous.

It has been quite a long wait for construction to begin on the independently governed evangelical church's new house of worship at the corner of Granite Valley Drive and R.H. Johnson Boulevard in Sun City West.

Construction was originally set to begin on a new facility in 1999. Unfortunately, all \$896,698.13 of the church's construction funds were invested in the Baptist Foundation of

America, which filed for bankruptcy shortly before the project was slated to start.

Having sold its old facility to build a new one, the Stardust Bible Church has conducted all business in rented space since 1998.

Now years later, construction has only recently begun.

It would be easy for Jo Ruck, longtime church member and director of community relations, to be sour at the lengthy delay, but she doesn't show it.

With a December 15 groundbreaking ceremony still upcoming at the time of the interview, Mrs. Ruck seemed quite optimistic about the future.

"It may look like a normal groundbreaking for people driving by, but it is an extraordinary event for us," Mrs. Ruck said.

The Sun City West resident believes the congregation is stronger having gone through its recent trials and tribulations and is excited about the new facility.

Only receiving \$67,222.67 back from its Baptist Foundation investment, the church started over in its plans for a new facility.

A more modest facility was envisioned and the congregation was asked to invest again in the ministry. Over \$450,000 was given.

Pastor Don Furrow, believes the church will not be the most flashy nor will it be a baptized warehouse.

"The church is going to be quite functional and will have every aesthetic feature," Pastor Furrow said. "No one will mistake this for a Big O Tire store."

Dedication for Stardust Bible Church is slated for July 2002.

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They never lost faith



Photos by Martha Strachan/The Arizona Republic

Stardust Bible Church members sing a hymn during groundbreaking ceremonies for the Baptist congregation's new church, targeted for completion in July. The new building will be at 151st Avenue and Granite Valley Boulevard.

Church to go up despite BFA-scandal losses

By Kelly Ettenborough
The Arizona Republic

With the turn of a shovel, said the members of Stardust Bible Church, they experienced the grace of God exemplified in the Christmas message.

The church members, about 100, had lost almost \$1 million when the Baptist Foundation of Arizona filed for bankruptcy in November 1999, just before they were to break ground on their new church in Sun City West.

The money saved by members and earned from the sale of their previous building was gone. There was nothing to do but start over.

At Christmas Eve services in the temporary location at the Sun City West Foundation building, members will rejoice in two gifts from God — the birth of Jesus and their new church.

"There is going to be a lot centered on thankfulness," said the church's pastor, the Rev. Don Furrow. "God has certainly given us a place where we can continue to minister, where we can continue to nurture faith and where we can continue to encourage faith. This definitely will be viewed as part of the Christmas gift that we have received."



Maricopa County Supervisor Jan Brewer speaks at the ceremony.

Last Saturday, the 11-year-old congregation celebrated at the groundbreaking at 151st Avenue and Granite Valley Boulevard. This year, the members pledged \$457,000 for the church building project. The church should be finished in July.

Out of its original \$896,698.13 invested with the Baptist Foundation, the church has received \$67,222.67, said Jo Ruck, a church member. There is no bitterness among members, she said, and they are more concerned about the elderly individuals who lost their retirement savings. Parishioners say they are closer to God and to each other now.

"I just have a heart full of gratitude in God's faithfulness in keeping us together as a people in these hard times and to allow us to see the reality of this," she said. "We didn't let this hold us down."

Six of the original 13 church members are still there. Some died before seeing this point, she said.

"I know they are rejoicing in heaven," she said.

The building project has been a concrete example of the mystery of the Christian faith, when God used a baby born in a manger in his divine plan, Furrow said.

"This is God's work, and he knows what he's doing even if we can't see what the plan is presently," Furrow said.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services are historically the best attended, and some pastors are preparing for even larger crowds this year as people look for inner peace in an uneasy world.

Church attendance in the United States increased after Sept. 11 but since has returned to its normal levels, according to national polls. But 78 percent of Americans say religion's influence is growing in American life, compared with 37 percent in March. The national poll

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was conducted the week of Nov. 13 by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

In his annual Christmas message to the 425,000 parishioners of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix, Bishop Thomas J. O'Brien asked Catholics to pray for the victims of the terrorist attacks and for the military and the country.

Americans have a history of triumphing over adversity, O'Brien said, and he encourages them to remember the promise of faith.

"As Catholic Christians, we have two millennia of understanding that faith, hope and love are the three things that last in this world," he wrote. "Now, at this moment

in history, more than ever before, perhaps, we need to be a people of hope.

"In Matthew's gospel we are told: 'The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.' We are a people in darkness. We fervently need the light of Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate again at Christmas."

Peace begins in homes and hearts as we help each other rebuild lives, he said.

"Take special care this year to celebrate the light of Christ in our world. We need his presence among us. We need to be his light to all those whom we meet," he wrote.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services are not part of the tradition of the Church of Jesus Christ of

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Bishop Thomas J. O'Brien

Roman Catholic Diocese
of Phoenix

Latter-day Saints, unless one of the days falls on a Sunday.

Earlier in December, the prophet and president of the church, Gordon B. Hinckley,

and the counselors of the First Presidency presented a Christmas devotional for the 11 million church members worldwide. Hinckley also asked for prayers of peace in a time of war and for members to spread more kindness and patience in the world as they remember Jesus' birth.

"Now the world is at war. Our very civilization is in peril. But above and beyond all of the conflict, all of the quarreling, all of the sound and fury of battle, he is our refuge, our rock of ages, our source of peace, comfort, and certain assurance concerning the immortality of the human soul," he said.

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Celebration of the faithful

GROUND BREAKING: Failed BFA won't stop Stardust Bible Church construction

JEANNE WINOGRAD
DAILY NEWS-SUN

The Rev. Donald D. Furrow has the patience of Job.

Furrow and his congregation have been waiting faithfully for more than two years to build a new church, held up by the freezing of their building-fund investment in the Baptist Foundation of Arizona.

Furrow became pastor of Stardust Bible Church in January 2000, just six months after BFA collapsed and the church delayed its ground breaking.

This Saturday, however, the congregation will be celebrating a new beginning with the first shovel of dirt at R.H. Johnson Boulevard and Granite Valley Drive, symbolizing the construction of the first phase on a redesigned, less-expensive building. Construction on the 8,500-square-foot multi-purpose room with office space starts Monday and should be completed by July.

Furrow has been dealing with the aftermath of his congregation's loss of almost \$900,000 in the BFA bankruptcy.

The church's building fund, about \$1 million for phase one including landscaping and interior elements, was reduced from a previous estimated \$1.9 million for its pre-BFA design. That estimate, though, was understated and the church learned later that the construction cost would have been about \$2.6 million. In hindsight, the halt may have been a blessing in disguise.

On Wednesday, Furrow was happy to hear that the BFA's liquidating trustee, attorney Clifford Jessup of Dallas, is sending

fourth-quarter disbursement checks to creditors next week.

"That's great. That gives us more hope. Every added dollar does," Furrow said. Stardust Bible Church's first phase of its 8,500 square-foot church, which will hold 400 people. Construction cost is approximately \$910,000.

Looking back, church member Roger Glanzer said the church lost less by stopping the previous design. Glanzer was active in Stardust in July 1999 when the BFA's assets were frozen.

"We were scheduled to dig just two weeks later," Glanzer recalled.

In 1997, the church bought and was meeting in a former Merabank building on R.H. Johnson Boulevard and Camino Del Sol in Sun City West. The location is now Arizona Eye Institute.

"The church sold the building and put that money into BFA in July 1998," said Jo Ruck, a volunteer with Stardust. "We expected to be there just during construction, and its been all this time."

The church has since been meeting in the Sun City West Foundation building on Stardust and R.H. Johnson boulevards.

Stardust's loss doesn't include the additional personal losses of at least three elderly



MOLLIE J. HOPPE/DAILY NEWS-SUN

The Rev. Donald Furrow will preside over the ground breaking Saturday for Stardust Bible Church at 151st Avenue and Granite Valley Drive in Sun City West.

congregates who had invested heavily in BFA.

"For me, I've had three families have \$400,000 in total losses," Furrow said. "That was their life savings set aside for nursing care."

Furrow said his congregation — even the individuals who lost personal savings — have said they need to get on with their lives.

"When they first mentioned their losses to me, it was never brought up in the context of seeking aid," Furrow said. "In each instance, there was never any suggestion or request for

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help. Most definitely, if they were in trouble, we'd help them."

Since arriving in the shadow of a departing pastor, whom Furrow said "was deeply disappointed by the BFA losses," Furrow has helped the congregation raise more than \$450,000 for a new church with the help of volunteers Glanzer and Ruck.

Stardust's less-expensive design also cost the church an additional rendering fee of \$100,000 and more county permits costing \$3,000.

Furrow, Glanzer and Ruck said Maricopa County Supervisor Jan Brewer was instrumental in speeding up the permits on the second design.

Ruck said Stardust Bible Church was given a seat on

IF YOU GO

- **WHAT:** Stardust Bible Church ground breaking
- **WHEN:** 2 p.m. Saturday
- **WHERE:** 14811 R.H. Johnson Boulevard at Granite Valley Drive.
- **WHY:** After losing almost \$1 million to the Baptist Foundation of Arizona, construction will begin on the Stardust Bible Church. Expected to be on hand is Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Jan Brewer, who was instrumental in cutting through red tape to get the church's building permits through the county.

The public is invited. For information, call 546-4884.

the BFA bankruptcy court's committee to form a plan to distribute funds to creditors. The church invested heavily in BFA, she said, because it believed such an investment would help spread the gospel.

Glanzer, who was on the

Unsecured Creditor Committee for the bankruptcy court, said the plan accepted by the court called for liquidation of the BFA's assets and approximately four disbursements, or payments, to creditors each year. The church has since learned the meaning of what is called affinity fraud, Ruck said.

More than 100 BFA entities were put into a liquidating trust so that over a five-year period assets would be sold and proceeds would be paid to creditors, said Cathy Reece, a bankruptcy attorney with the Phoenix law firm Fennemore Craig. Reece also said the trustee has to raise \$5 million from asset sales before he can disburse money.

"(Jessup) has made three distributions this year of money to the creditors, based

on assets he has sold," Reece said.

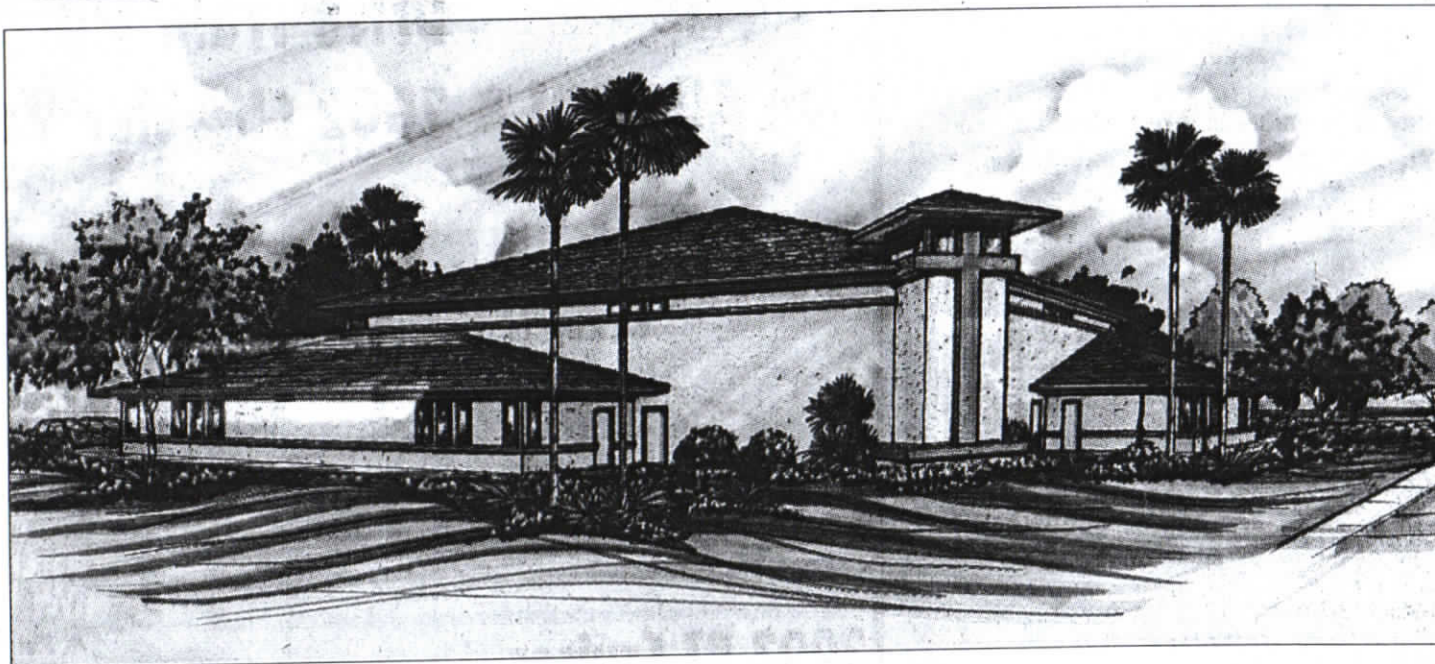
Glanzer said Stardust has received \$67,222.67 total from three disbursements.

Jessup said Wednesday he will be sending creditors a fourth-quarter distribution next week, but couldn't give an exact figure pending finalization of a few contracts this week.

"We're breaking ground despite the loss. We're moving along as quickly as possible and the Lord has blessed us. But we've downsized our building plans by more than half, building it now in phase one and phase two," Glanzer said.

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Artist's rendering of Stardust Bible Church to be built at R.H. Johnson Boulevard and Granite Valley Drive in Sun City West.



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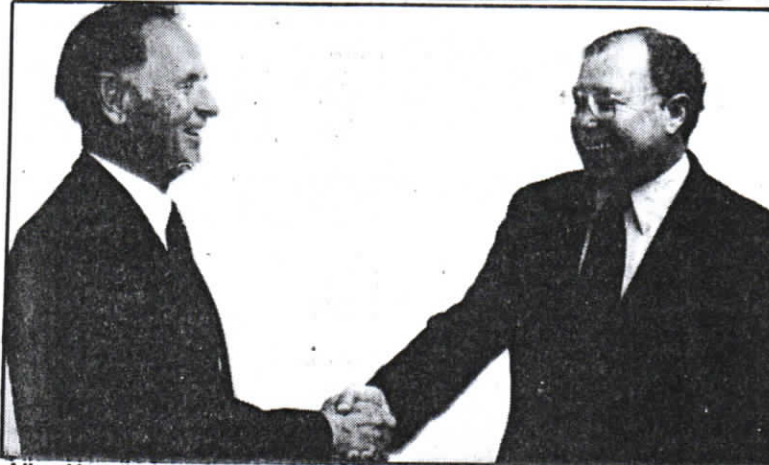
Stardust Bible Church honors new pastor

The Stardust Bible Church of Sun City West held a reception recently in honor of its new pastor, Donald D. Furrow and his wife, Alice. Furrow began serving Stardust Bible Church in January. He formerly served for 25 years as senior pastor of the First

Baptist Church in Palmdale, Calif., where Alice was choir director.

Pastor Furrow was also an adjunct instructor in philosophy and ethics at Antelope Community

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Allen Herr (l.) founding pastor of Stardust Bible Church in Sun City West, greets the new pastor, Donald D. Furrow, at a welcome reception for Furrow and his wife, Alice. the reception coincided with the church's 10th anniversary.

College in Lancaster, Calif. He is a member of the Evangelical Philosophical Society and the Evangelical Theological Society.

Stardust Bible Church currently meets at the Sun City West Foundation, pending construction of its new building.