

Church Sets Open House To Exhibit Added Wing

With average Sunday school attendance now creeping up on the 500 mark, Midway Baptist Church on North Franklin Road will open its new educational plant to the public Sunday afternoon during an open house. It will be open from 2 to 4 p.m.

The 103 foot long structure is 40 feet wide and is connected to the main house of worship by a 20-foot covered, all-weather vestibule.

Leaving the auditorium of the church, visitors will enter the new masonry structure, located on the north side of the church plant, and step into the long hallway from which Sunday school rooms, nurseries and other rooms lead off.

The facility is designed to accommodate groups from the senior high school age down through the tiny infants that inhabit the nursery weekly.

Two assembly rooms allow the groups to conduct their own programs prior to dispersing to the Sunday school rooms for study periods. There are nine classrooms, concluding two "double size" ones, in the structure.

The toddlers, larger than infants, too small for regular classroom activities, have their own room in the structure. Two rest rooms and a furnace room complete the utilitarian facilities there.

Deacons will guide visitors

through the structure during the open house.

Special dedication services will be held during the 7:30 p.m. worship service Sunday, with the pastor, the Rev. Lee O. Meadows, delivering the dedicatory message.

Special recognition will be accorded those involved heavily in the project — the deacons, of which Kyle Shelton is chairman; the Sunday school superintendent, Buck Dunbar; the building committee, of which Bill Hayden is chairman; the pastor's assistant, Benny Felts; and the bus superintendent, Junior

Easter. Representatives of the contractor, Blue Ridge Enterprises, Inc., will be recognized at the service also.

The dedicatory service will conclude a "Birthday Sunday" celebration at the church. The occasion will be the fourth anniversary of their having occupied their new house of worship. During the 11 a.m. services, the well-known 11th Hour Singers of Chattanooga, Tenn., will render special music. The pastor will bring the message during the worship period.

Felts, the pastor's assistant, reported that in March 1969, Sunday school attendance at the church had averaged 350. During the March just concluded the average attendance had climbed to an average of 508 per Sunday, accounting for the need of the added educational space at the church.