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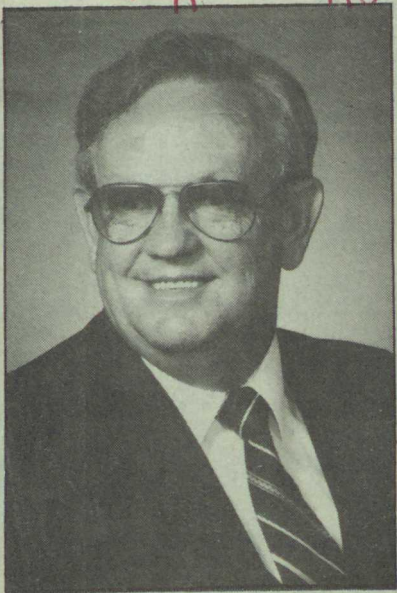
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To lead revival

Rev. Ralph Gauge of Morganton will conduct revival services November 1, 2 and 3 at the Danieltown Baptist Church. The services will begin at 7:30 each evening. Rev. Guy Johnson, pastor of the church, said the public is invited to attend.

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The Rev. Guy Johnson (left), pastor of the Danieltown Baptist Church, leads dedication services at proposed church site.

Land dedicated for church

Congregation also hopes to put park, Christian rest stop on site

By ZANE A. SAUNDERS
Daily Courier Staff Writer

DANIELTOWN — More than 20 acres of land recently purchased by the Danieltown Baptist Church was formally dedicated during a half-hour ceremony Thursday afternoon.

Approximately 45 people, including local ministers, and Baptist officials, turned out to tread upon what the Rev. Guy Johnson labeled "holy ground."

"It's a beautiful spot of ground," Johnson said, "and we're thankful for it."

On the site, which borders Oakland Road, Bethany Church Road, and U.S. 221, Johnson and his 90-plus member congregation plan to build a multi-unit church. Johnson said he hoped the first unit could be built within 12 months with help from a statewide Baptist men's group and church members.

The first unit will house a temporary auditorium and Sunday School. "If things were to go really well, three or four years we might go to completion," Johnson said after the ceremony.

The church currently meets in a cinderblock building near the in-

tersection of U.S. 221 and Oakland Road.

In addition to the church, Johnson envisions a public park with picnic tables and running springs, and a rest area with a religious counselor to assist travelers on U.S. 221.

"We're hoping to build something which the whole county can appreciate," Johnson said. "We're not just building it for ourselves."

"We're just looking forward to great things and the things God has planned for us," Johnson said. "All who shall come upon this ground shall be blessed. It's going to be a beautiful thing."

