Livonia Church Plans To Teach Handicapped

LIVONIA, Mich. — The Church of Christ in Livonia plans to start a Sunday morning Bible class for mentally handicapped children in January, 1966. The first class will be composed of secondary school age children.

This class will be instructed by Miss Ruth Buschmann, a teacher and counselor in the Allen Park Public School System. Miss Buschmann has had nine years experience teaching slow learners and other students at the secondary school level.

Learn Techniques

She will be assisted by other members of the Livonia Bible School teaching staff, who at the same time will be learning techniques for teaching the mentally handicapped.

At the completion of this in-service training, additional classes will be instituted. A second class consisting of students of primary school age will commence with Livonia's annual Vacation Bible School in June. Succeeding classes will start as teachers are trained and students are enrolled. Plans are also under way for providing Bible instruction to those who are deaf or whose hearing has been severely impaired.

250 Attend Classes

The Bible school in Livonia is currently attended by approximately 250 people. Its present facilities will accommodate 450 and in five years plans call for an enrollment of 600.

In Livonia's plans, full use of Livonia's facilities includes Bible instruction for those people for whom provisions are seldom available elsewhere.



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