

# Doughnuts the dough for new church

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If all goes as planned, the Rev. John Elleson will soon be able to tell his two young children how he built a church with the profits from a doughnut shop.

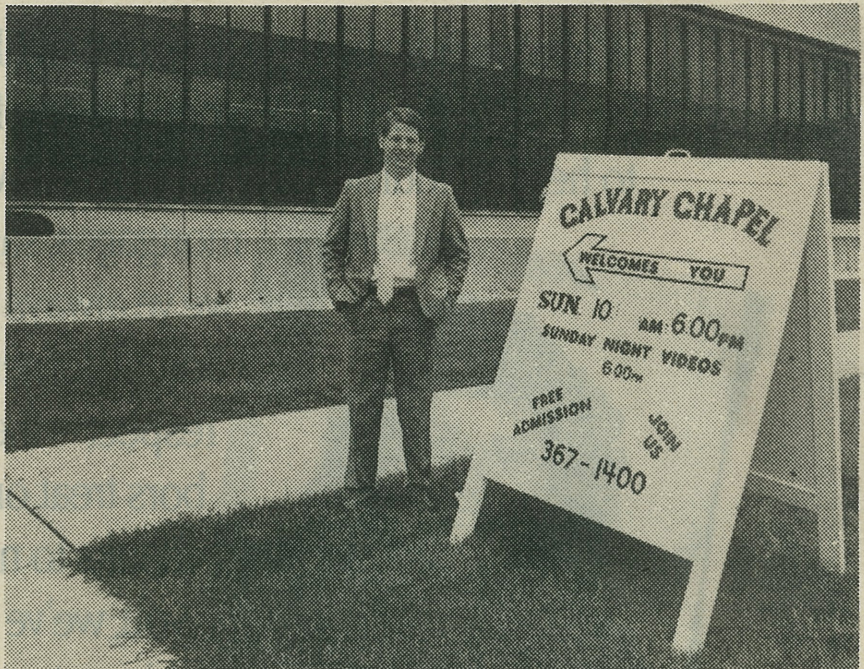
Elleson, 27, is the pastor of Calvary Chapel, a 50-member congregation affiliated with the Assembly of God, a denomination of evangelical Christians who interpret the Bible literally.

The church, formed two years ago, meets on the first floor of the Ozite retail outlet, 1755 Butterfield Road, Libertyville. As its pastor, Elleson is on a mission to find it a more permanent home.

"There's probably half a dozen churches (in the area) meeting in rental properties," he said Friday. "You've got to have new churches, just like you've got to have new homes."

**LAST YEAR, ELLESON** had a contract to purchase the site of the old Bush School on North Butterfield

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The Rev. John Elleson stands in front of the Calvary Chapel's makeshift home at the Ozite Building in Libertyville. Elleson and parishioners are working to build a new home in Vernon Hills. (Barry Blitzsten photo)