

Christian Brothers To Open Wednesday

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James and Amy Proctor will open Tyler's first Christian Brothers Automotive on Wednesday.

The automotive repair chain at 8730 S. Broadway Ave. is near Academy Sports + Outdoors. The business includes an upscale lobby with a home-charm decor and provides full-service automotive diagnostic testing and evaluation, maintenance programs and repair work for all domestic and foreign vehicles.

The 4,980-square-foot facility -- a \$1.5 million project -- includes a masonry building with nine car bays.

Proctor, 52, began working on cars in 1978. Two years later, he began working on Mercedes Benz vehicles and for 12 years worked as a technician for Oge Oldsmobile in Tyler, now Classic Toyota.

But in 1992, he switched gears, attending The University of Texas at Tyler and studying industrial production management.

After graduation, he worked for 14 years in manufacturing management for Horizon Industries. About two years ago, he left the industrial industry to begin a new venture with his wife of 34 years.

The Proctors, lifelong residents of Tyler, are high school sweethearts and have two children. They knew the family oriented business was a good fit for them and the community.

Proctor will be on site running the business and shuttling customers back and forth to pick up their vehicles and to get to know them, he said. The business will start with two technicians and end up with five, as well as a service manager.

Christian Brothers is an auto repair franchise with 81 locations nationwide. Mark Carr opened the first Christian Brothers in 1982 in Mission Bend, near Houston. The store will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The store is closed on Sundays.

For more information, call 903-509-2122.