

REPORT TO QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

January 8, 1952

Many people are working to make the Christian Education program at Duke Memorial Methodist Church effective. Since the last quarterly conference, a complete quarter in the new church school year has passed. Several new superintendents took charge of departments. Some new teachers came into the corps of workers. Four students in the Divinity School came to work in our church in cooperation with a plan to see that Religious Education majors have practical experinece before their graduation. They are making a very effective contribution here.

Two changes in organization have been made which seek to better meet the needs of our people. A kindergarten for four year olds and one for five year olds now operate independently of each other. A new young adult class, the "Career Class," for unmarried young adults has been organized.

Each department in the children's division has had a good quarter this new year.

The youth division reports individually, but each group has had an enthusiastic quarter's work. Always more young people need to be reached and each phase needs to be more effective, but service projects have been undertaken and completed, special occasions for parents and friends have been arranged which demonstrated activities carried out, in addition to sessions of worship, sutdy and fellowship.

A training week end for intermediate leaders was directed by Miss Lucille Desjardins, from the editorial division of The Methodist Chruch. This training plan, in which Trinity Church cooperated, was one of the best things that has been done for training.

A real effort was made to carry out holiday observance in the true spirit of the occasion. At Thanksgiving all were challenged to do without something or several things and make that contribution of money to the Methodist Orphanage. At Christmas all had an opportunity to share in a White Gift Offering for Korea. Many pounds of clothes and other items have been sent as a result of the service.

In these and other ways we are seeking to make being Christian the goal of every life, and most important, Christ the Savior and Companion of each person.

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LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

January 1954

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing you to express my appreciation for the work of the University of Alabama in the field of education. The University has made a significant contribution to the state and the nation through its research and teaching.

The University of Alabama has a long and distinguished history. It has been a center of learning and research for many years. The faculty and staff are dedicated to the highest standards of education and scholarship.

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Very truly yours,

John F. Kennedy