

Duke Memorial Methodist Church

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My dear church friend,

I want to share with you an opportunity and a need. As you may know, we have several hundred children who look to us for Christian training. While we do some of this on Sunday morning, there is never enough time to accomplish all that is needed in the growth of our children. This makes it important to use the summer period for more concentrated Christian education in our Vacation School and Day Camp programs.

Obviously this requires quite a few teachers and workers who are willing to give a week or two of real service to our children. Our need this year is at least forty workers to staff these programs. Somehow we feel that you are sensitive to this need and will give earnest and prayerful consideration to helping in the program this summer.

I am sure you know how much these learning experiences mean to the lives of our children. The insights and changes they experience in these daily learning sessions will make a lasting impression on them. And I know that the satisfaction of helping them grow and learn will be more than worth the time and effort you give.

It would be helpful to us in planning for the staff if you would fill out the enclosed Interest Indicator and return it to the church office as soon as possible. This will guide us in helping you get involved in the kind of work which will best use your skills and interests. As soon as we are able to make assignments, we will consult you and get you the needed materials. Also we plan to conduct a brief workshop and planning period for the staff prior to the school and the day camp.

The Junior Day Camp will be conducted again this year at Camp Chestnut Ridge, 20 miles west of Durham, 4 miles south of Efland. The date has been set for July 24 - 28. The children will leave Duke Memorial at 9:00 each morning and return at 4:30 each afternoon. The Vacation Church School will be conducted July 16 - 22, beginning and ending on Sunday.

It is my prayer that you will feel keenly the challenge of our children's needs and join the other workers in service in the Vacation School or Day Camp.

Very cordially yours,



E. C. Shoaf

