

REPORT TO ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

August 2, 1988

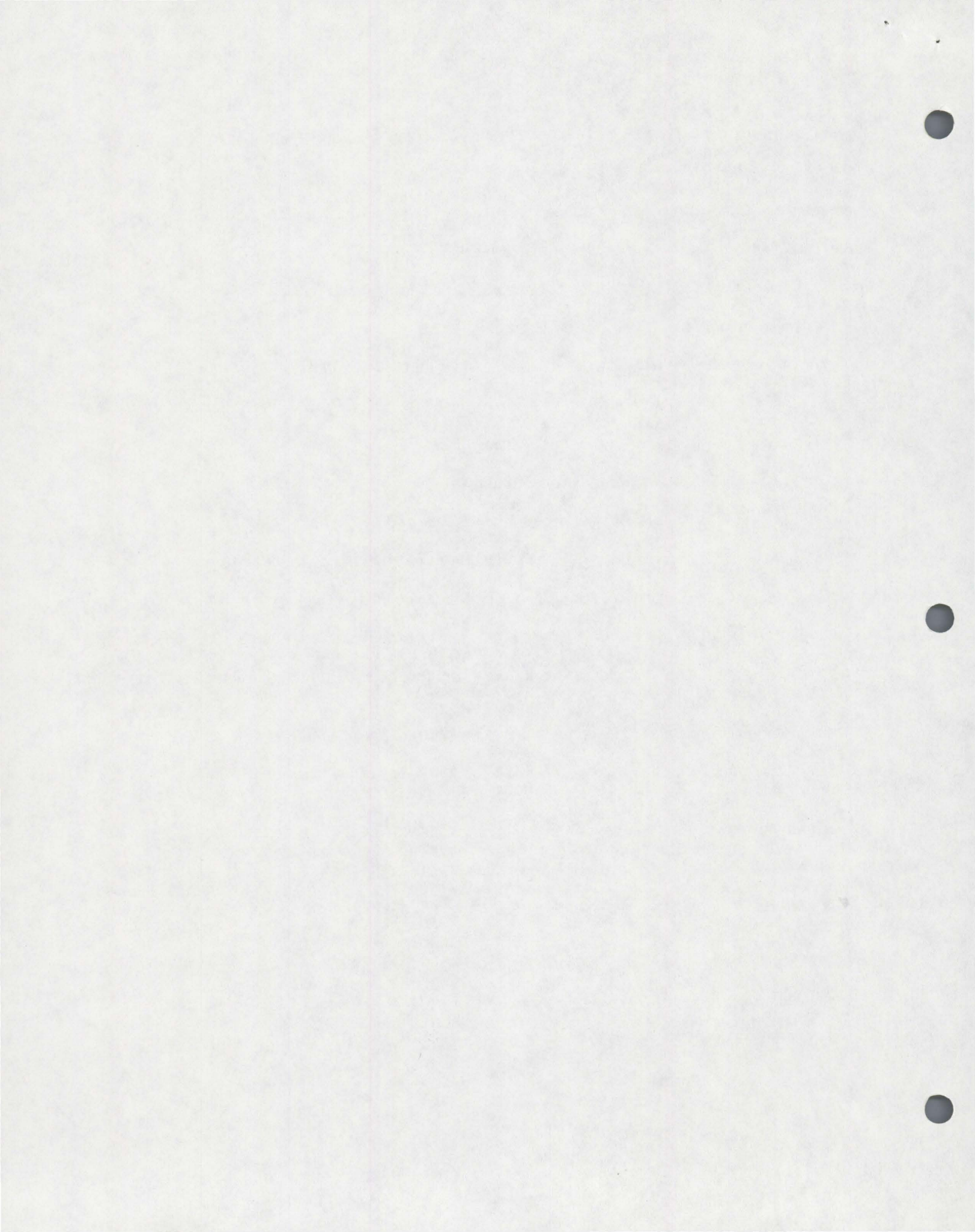
As I pondered what I might put in my report, I spent some time thinking back over the past two months and the six weeks that I have spent on the job here and tried to list the things I've done:

- I played the guitar and helped plan the church-wide planning day in June.
- I have visited several Sunday School classes
- I assisted when needed in the well-planned Music and Drama Camp
- I started producing the WEEKLY WHATEVER
- I've written materials for both the newsletter and the bulletin
- I've planned for Parents' Morning Out which will hopefully start in September
- I've interviewed candidates as babysitters
- I've planned for Christian Education Sunday
- I've ordered and distributed resources and materials
- I've cleaned up and thrown out (with Polly's assistance and encouragement)
- I've tried to put some administrative structures in place
- I've planned for my five-hour course that I will teach at Conference Summer School
- I've tried to understand existing programs, the program budget and have interpreted these things to others
- I've tried to gather information about programs and people
- And, I've attended 25 scheduled meetings with groups and individuals and countless informal, unscheduled "meetings"

My friend Ned Hill who is pastor at Garber United Methodist Church tells me that during the first six months of a new job, everyone who has a concern, complaint, and/or suggestion comes to visit the new employee. As I sift through the kinds of concerns that I hear expressed both formally and informally by the laity of this church I keep coming back to the same thing: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." (Psalm 127:1)

It is easy to believe that if we just have more staff, if we just had more innovative programs, if someone at the Divinity School would teach our Sunday School classes, if our leaders would be more effective, if we had better equipment...the list goes on. But there is something more basic for those who would be the church and that is seeking God's will and guidance. Commitment to the church is a result of commitment to the Lord. I hope we'll keep those things in perspective.

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CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 3 Ad Hoc Committee
- 5-10 Conference Summer School
- 7-13 Habitat For Humanity Week
- 13 Dedication of Habitat House on Ash St.
- 14 JOY Class Clowning Workshop
Ice Cream Social 4pm
- 15 Church & Society Work Area
- 16 Worship Work Area
- 21 Children's Division Teacher
Orientation 9am
COM Planning 4-6pm
JOY Class Loaves & Fishes Day at Keri Lake
- 25 Newsletter Deadline
Wesley Women
- 28 Christian Education Sunday
8:45am breakfast
9:45am Sunday School
10:55am Worship

SEPTEMBER

- 11 Program Fair noon - 1:15pm
- 16-18 JOY Class Beach Retreat
- 25 District Celebration of Sunday School
- 27 COM

OCTOBER

- 2 Sunday Evening Fellowship
- 3 District Mission Rally
- 9 Sunday Evening Fellowship
- 16 Sunday Evening Fellowship

OCTOBER (cont.)

- 17-22 Sr. Adult Trip to Fla.
- 24 Tethunes
- 29 Halloween Carnival/Fall Festival

NOVEMBER

- 6 Acolyte Training
- 11-13 Conference Sr. High Weekend
- 15 Charge Conference
- 22 COM
- 23 Community Thanksgiving Service
- 27 First Sunday in Advent

DECEMBER

- 12-15 Sr. Adult Trip to N. Y.
- 24 Christmas Eve

