## Administrative Board Report January 3, 1989

Since my last report I'd like to give an update of programs and activities:

The Education Work Area created a Task Force to plan for a new setting for adult Bible study. One result of that group's efforts will be the Serendipity program which begins Sunday, January 15. This program is attempting to address a threefold concern: creation of a new Sunday School class, provision for adult leadership training, and creation of small groups in the Fall.

Parents' Morning Out continues meeting each Wednesday. I have added a third babysitter to work with this program and to replace Carolyn Barker on Sunday mornings. There are now 3 babysitters on our staff.

Two leadership training events take place next week. Leader Day is on Sunday, January 8. This event grows out of my concern that here at Duke Memorial we seem to spend more time in meetings than in ministry. Leader Day is an attempt to help our leaders and committees function more effectively to WORK SMARTER, NOT HARDER.

Our church will be hosting the Durham District January Workshops on Wednesday, January 11. We will be providing space and set up for 17 classes and 1 assembly, making arrangements for the staff dinner, and providing refreshments for some 400 participants.

The Youth Council and I are making tentative plans for a youth musical which may be presented in the spring. Plans are also underway for Music and Drama Camp and Day Camp this summer.

I am pleased that our newsletter continues to be so well-read and received. Each week, I am interested in the variety of people who come in to leave some note, expression of appreciation, or item of publicity for this newsletter. Donna and I had both hoped that the congregation would see this as their newsletter rather than as a staff newsletter and we're glad that people are responding in positive ways.

As I look ahead to the coming year, I think it is always tempting to wish that we were further along in our development of programs and ministries. And under that wish lies the real concern that we would be further along in our development as Christians. Hopefully, both will progress during 1989.

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During Advent, 1962, Barbara and I were introduced to each other by the Mattox family at their annual Christmas open house. We were married a year later and when our first daughter, Anna, was born, Bill and Eunice Mattox became her God parents. In a very real sense they were also the God parents of our marriage. The United Methodist Bicentennial painting, OFFER THEM CHRIST, was painted by Kenneth Wyatt and given to the Foundation for Evangelism to use in fund raising for the endowment of Professorships in Evangelism at all the United Methodist seminaries. Bill and Eunice Mattox offered us Christ, just as they offered Christ to all with whom they came in contact. They still offer Christ to us today. As a family we present this painting in memory and honor of two of our dearest friends, Bill and Eunice Mattox.

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