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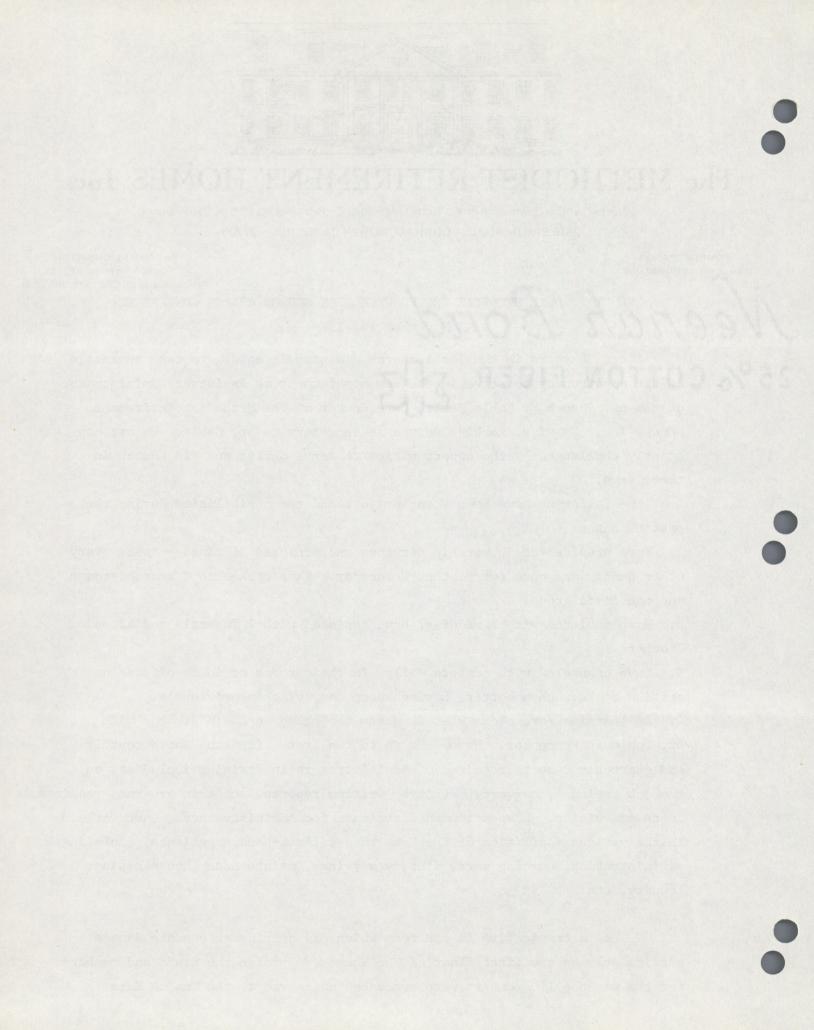
REPORT TO DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE
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After 30 years in the local church ministry I decided to take advantage of the opportunity to serve in the new appointment as Assistant Administrator of the new Joseph F. Coble Health Care Center of The Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc. My wife, Robbie, serves as secretary to Dr. Coble. We are constantly challenged by the opportunities to serve Christ and His Church in these ways.

The following have been among my joys and responsibilities during the past 6 months:

- 1. Have presided at 30 worship services and preached 26 times twice every other Sunday and once every other Wednesday. Have spoken to 2 church groups and one civic group.
- 2. Have assisted with 1 wedding; have assisted with 2 funerals and attended 7 others
- 3. Have counseled with members daily, in their rooms or in my office; am getting to know them better, having known many of them previously.
- 4. Am learning more about what it means to become an Administrator with Dr. Coble as Preceptor. Have sent in to the State Licensing Board monthly and quarterly reports required of Administrators—in—Training including: on the job training, surveys, meetings, written reports, academic program, readings, tours and visits. Have attended 2 seminars for Administrators. Have worked in the various facilities of The Home to get first—hand experience, including: administration, nursing care, dietary services, maintenance, housekeeping, laundry, etc.

We had a tragic fire in one room which did considerable smoke damage, particularly on the first floor of The Home. We praise the Staff and members for the way the 110 members were evacuated and moved to the Health Care



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Center or to the homes of friends or relatives. We thank Duke Memorial Church and others for continuing to help us serve meals, etc. Most of the members are back in their own rooms. We hope to get all back in the near future. We are grateful to God for the fresh spirit of cooperation and unity, compassion and togetherness which has resulted from this unfortunate experience and feel that "in everything God works for good with those who love Him." (Romans 8:28)

I say with others, "I am almost overcome with the beauty and usefulness of The Methodist Retirement Homes and the Health Care Center. This is a lovely and rewarding place to work and serve."

Respectfully submitted,

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