

Admin. Bd.

REPORT - ASSISTANT IN MINISTRY

March 21, 1990 - ~~May~~^{June} 15, 1990

Children's Ministry

Held party for Carol Chcir (which included extra rehearsal for Sunday worship) on Thursday, March 29th. Recruited helpers for party. Served refreshments, gave children favors, played games and practiced our songs.

Organized and supervised the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday celebrations with the children. Ordered palm branches for the choirs and distributed them. Arranged for flowers to be brought for the Resurrection Cross and for children to process with them. Ordered and gave out balloons for children which said "Christ Is Risen."

Sitter Situation. Two of our six sitters resigned in early May because they graduated from Duke. I prayed for, wrote one newspaper ad for 2 days, interviewed and hired 2 new childcare workers--Cindy Terry and Cindy Riley. Proud that Cindy Terry was former 1st grade teacher and Cindy Riley was former day care operator. Sad news now: both Cindys have quit work. Need to pray for new sitters. I have hired Sue Woodward for Sundays in the Toddler Nursery, Mary Ruth Mixon for one Tuesday Study Group.

In my job I am supervising sitters four days a week now-- Sunday for baby nursery and toddler nursery, Mondays for PMO, M.O.M.S., and Celebration Singers, Tuesdays for Tuesday Study Group which has 14 children, and Wednesdays for PMO again. Not having all the sitters we need means spending a great deal of time calling different sitters to fill all the spots.

Sunday School. Praise music. Asked George Eli to lead praise music and prayer for Sunday School teachers and children every Sunday. Helpful for us to begin day with prayer for teachers and for children coming, to be blessed by the teaching.

Summer substitute teachers. Recruited substitute teachers for 48 different spots in different classrooms for the summer. That has taken a great deal of time. Among those helping out for the summer are: 2 & 3 year class, Rick and Winnie Kaspar, Melissa Carson, Ellen Sewell; 4 year class, Blairs, Jennifer Nifong, and me; 5 year class - Robin Langford and Amy Kellum; 1st and 2nd grade - Bill and Judy Coman, Kathy Cutting, Sharon Mailey, and Sue Woodward.

Parents' Morning Out (PMO) is going well with 17 children on Wednesdays in two classes and one class on Monday with 9 children. We have three wonderful sitters who work in PMO. This program takes several hours a week of my time--opening and locking doors, supervising sitters, giving information to parents over the phone and in person, and even rocking and singing to babies when the children are new and several are crying.

Summer Activities

Vacation Bible School

- 1) Met with Nancy Stark, Director of VBS, several times including meeting with teachers at night.
- 2) Ordered VBS supplies, teacher and student books, post-cards, posters, and then re-ordered when more children signed up.
- 3) Put up posters, addressed postcards to all church children (Nancy did part)
- 4) Typed brochure for Bible School application
- 5) Answer phone calls about VBS and send info when requested.
- 6) Will attend workshops June 26th and July 8th. Caroline Sasser doing workshop. I am getting sitters again.

Music and Drama Camp

- 1) Met with and hired Cindy Clark and Susan Graebe May 7th
- 2) Recruited teachers
- 3) Will lead training meeting June 19th
- 4) Donna and I designed brochure for M and D Camp. Sent one to every child in our church in the age bracket to attend. Will call some too.
- 5) Sent brochures to several other churches. Answer calls about camp and send brochures when requested.
- 6) Providing scholarships to 5 children so far.
- 7) Ruth Phelps is getting snack helpers.

In addition I lead music for 5th and 6th grade class, 4 and 5-year old classes, and sometimes 2 and 3-year old and 1st and 2nd grade on Sunday mornings. Also I attend all Program Team and Sunday School Team meetings.

Visitation Coordination

Visitation Team Coffee

- 1) Organized, called visitation team members on phone
- 2) Wrote letters and designed questionnaire for the Visitation Team members to make sure who was visiting whom.
- 3) Typed list for Donna for bulletin for Dedication of Team in worship.
- 4) Baked some food myself, recruited some, and purchased some for the coffee
- 5) Decorated the room and cleaned up afterwards
- 6) Arranged for Barbara Self to speak--she gave a humorous, helpful talk.
- 7) Got notebooks made for each team member with list of all shut-ins and other helpful information.

Made arrangements for and went with Chic Craig and Linda and Bill Wilson to take pictures of 20-some shut-ins for the pictorial directory. Linda Wilson also did some by herself.

Larry Brasher and I attended a Shepherding workshop on Sunday, May 20th, at Mt. Sylvan UMC. We targeted areas of ministry in our church--shut-ins, bereaved persons, young couples just starting out, etc.

During these months, the Visitation Team made 164 visits March - April 17th, 138 visits then to May 15th, and 121 visits then to June 15th. I made 69 visits and at least 20-30 phone calls to cheer up people and/or ask if they wanted a visit.

Following are my visits:

Bereaved:

Tom Adkinson-took bread
Alice Walker-visit, another day had her over for lunch
with several visitation team members
Linda Wilson, Mrs. Broiles, and Mrs. Josephine Wilson- bread
Grace Cooke- funeral home, funeral, visits at church a lot
Grace Boddie- bread

Illness or Special Help:

Ritchies- bread
Sissy Shore-bread
Annie John Williams- bread
Doris Adams-flowers, books, walker pocket
Beth Veasey Smith-bread; also bread to Veaseys when she was in
books, roses hospital so long

New Babies

Lee Ann Gelinne-bread, present
Dana Pope-had her and children to my house to meet
Lee Ann and to have refreshments and feed ducks

Shut-Ins

Julia White, Ruby Jones
Took Julia White to nursing home to see Buster Poythress
Bennie Cooke-UR
Lina Williamson-2 visits, Upper Room, and pictures of her
Alice Allen-2 visits, pictures
Mr. and Mrs. Cole-pictures
Ruth Edwards-2 visits, pictures
Frances Harvey-2 visits, walker pocket, pictures
Madge Hauser-2 visits
Vara Mallison-2 visits, pictures
Nell Nabers-Bible verse card
Venie Weaver-2 visits, UR
Lettie Saylor-2 visits, UR, pictures
Blanche Crawford
Maurine Staunton-took her picture
Betsy Stanbury-UR
Agnes Stephenson-had lunch with her
Frances Tharrington-took her picture
Anne White-2 visits (mother-in-law of A.A.McDonald)
Louise Thomas-UR, flowers
Edna Whitaker
Margaret Daniel
Maude Reade-UR
Louise Jones-Bible verse card
Mary Yandle-2 visits, bread
Mabel Craig-UR
Beatrice Suggs
Daisy Norton-UR

Mrs. Spears (96)
Liv Henderson
Russel Long-cookies, UR
Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Clayton-cookies, walker pocket, 2 visits
Ruth Jones- visited her to thank her for all her visits
Louise Erwin
Mary Hix- visit to welcome her to MRH; took Eliz. Wilson and
 Agnes Stephenson
Rose Parrish and Kate Fletcher
Mr. and Mrs. Ludwigsen-UR
Minnie Speight
Edna Carpenter-UR
Woody Russell

Calls - Sallie Wood, Ella Kimrey, Isabelle Robertson and son
Maurice, Alice Walker, Louise Thomas, Tommy Shore, Lucille
Mortland, Martha Brown, Joy Long, Mrs. Virgie Lynn Cole,
Mary Frances White, Holsingers- 2 times, Grace Harris, Lib Lyon,
Alfred Williams, Hazel Brown, Mary Shields, Hazel Pearce, Olive
Sherman, Mary Head, Leila Veasey, Doris Adams, Nortons, Cookes,
Anne Garrard.

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