

HEADQUARTERS XI ARMY CORPS

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Dear Jack:-

I have intended for the last week or two to write and tell you how happy I am that you have been returned to our Church, again. News travels rather slowly and so I did not know of the good fortune of Trinity Methodist Church until about ten days ago. I feel that you have done a wonderful job in Tallahassee and I for one am so happy that you are going to stay with us. I suppose this is a rather selfish attitude, because it is only fair that we share you with the congregations of other methodist churches- but somehow the church would ^{not} seem the same if you were missing from it when I return. I have been attending the Hyde Park Methodist Church here and the sermons have been a real inspiration to me but there does not exist the feeling of fellowship nor the endearing hospitality of our church.

I hope that the Men's Supper Club has survived the summer months and will continue to grow and prosper during the coming year. I enjoyed my participation in this movement more than any other Church activity. I feel that every man in the church should attend these meetings as they certainly tend to bring one closer to God and to his fellow man. Doc Crawford, Hollis Pemberton, Ralph Hamlin and the other faithful cooks deserve a great deal of the credit for the success of the Club as their suppers were most enjoyable. I certainly wish that I could sit down to one of them tonight.

The New Testament that the Church sent me is certainly appreciated. I will carry it with me, close to my heart, until I return. I know that there will be many times in the troubled months ahead when I will find new courage and hope in its passages.

The weekly mimeograph sheet that is sent to the men in service is of great interest to all of us. Please keep me on the mailing list as I am extremely interested in knowing where my friends in the service are and what they are doing.

Annie and my two boys have been here in Chicago with me for the last month or so, and I have certainly enjoyed having them here. It makes Chicago so much more pleasant and life more enjoyable. Give my regards to your lovely family and to the boys in the supper club and write when you can find time-

Sincerely,

