

November 3, 1983

Mr. Henry W. Bien, Sr.
8816 Foggy Bottom Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina 27612

Dear Mr. Bien:

I am acknowledging your distressful letter to me dated October 11th telling me about your dear mother, Margaret Bien and the forgetfulness of United Evangelical Church to remember her.

Your letter has greatly disturbed me. I immediately began to look into the situation. Upon investigation, I find we have constantly mailed Mrs. Bien the following:

The United Endeavor is mailed quarterly.
The Upper Room mailed every two months.
Any special church mailing (other than the United Endeavor).

A small gift at Christmas time is mailed to her by the Young Women's Guild.
The Ladies Aid Society remember her with a gift at Christmas also.

A list of shut-ins is published once a year in a Sunday Church bulletin with a message asking the members to remember them with a card.

Bus trips visited Mrs. Bien on two occasions.

These are the many things we do for all of our 75 shut-ins of the church. Many of these shut-ins were friends of your mother, but now they have gotten aged, too, just like mother.

I have talked with Pastor Hengen and he said he visited your mother one time since she has been residing at the Hanover Home. The Chaplain Ministry at the Home is available to your mother constantly.

I sincerely hope you now have a better understanding and your feelings towards United Church will improve. We feel we have not forgotten your mother. I would advise you to check with the Home regarding the mail and gifts we send to her to see why she is not getting them.

I'm sorry to hear your mother is rapidly failing. May God be merciful to her.

If I can assist you further please write again.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Grace E. Fader

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