

## Pilgrim Church

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GOLDEN TEXT FOR MAY, 1945: "THANKS BE TO GOD, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 15:57.

Dear Friend in the Service:

Events of world-wide interest are taking place in these momentous days, and you and your "buddies" are the ones who are making history. V-E Day is now a spring-board from which the Allied Powers are even now taking off to bring about as soon as possible the complete and total Victory for which we all are looking.

I have been wondering about the advisability of writing just now, with so many of these in Service being transferred to various places. But then, no doubt your mail will catch up to you some day, and if a few letters are returned, we can do as we always have done, try and get your most recent address from your loved ones, and keep the monthly letters rolling along to you.

How we would have enjoyed your presence with us the other evening at the church, when well over two hundred young people packed the auditorium and annex for a special service. How they did sing! Woefully we admit losing the attendance banner, which Rocklin young folks had been taking home for three months in a row. It went to the North Sacramento Church of the Nazarene. So you see there are many young people these days who have enough of an interest in getting together in a religious meeting, that they find a way to get where they are going in spite of gas rationing. There were four quartered busses, one or two trucks, and a good many cars also; in all, it was a most enjoyable evening, with Rev. A. C. Archer, Free Methodist District Superintendent speaking.

The first fire alarm of the season has sounded, with some damage done to the home of Tony DeFuentes. From what I could see, however, the fire was confined to the back end of the house, going up one wall, and through the roof at the back.

Our Candle-Lighting service held last month was a real success. Evidently there are a good many mothers, fathers, wives, sweethearts, sons and daughters who think a lot of you out there, because the largest evening attendance up to that time was recorded at the church. The Red, White and Blue service board with 150 names on it was covered with a white cloth until the proper time, and when it was unveiled, the audience was delighted, for Mr. Watson's workmanship on the board was excellent. Candles were placed on elevated rows beneath the board and when they were lighted, with all other lights extinguished, it was an impressive sight. One by one each name was called and the loved one came forward to light a candle, in honor of their dear one in Service.

Work goes forward at the church. The latest job is tearing down the old steeple, and replacing it with an old-type mission roof. We found in the belfry, not bats, but pigeons, and removed seven eggs, which now rest warmly underneath Mrs. Montero's setting hen, and three squabs.

In the midst of material improvements, we trust that the people are finding, through the effort put forth at the church, a vital heart-satisfying experience of salvation from sin through our blessed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May you also know Him as your own personal Friend and Savior, is my prayer.