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1508 TRINITY LIFE BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

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RIDGLEA: AN OPPORTUNITY

Dear Fellow-member of First Church,

A magnificent opportunity stands before us. Our pastor, Dr. Thompson, has called it to my attention and I am happy to write a letter in its behalf.

Occasionally in the life of a church there comes a chance for expansion and for building that is entirely unique. Such an opportunity we now have in the west end of Fort Worth in the community of Ridglea.

Here our church has been given the only lot open for church erection in the 840 acre Ridglea tract. The development is growing rapidly. It is by all odds the most substantial and desirable private defense housing project in or near our city. The lot for the church is in the 6200 block of the south-west corner of the intersection of Camp Bowie Boulevard and Westridge Avenue. It is one of the best sites for a church west of the Trinity River. The percentage of Presbyterians in Ridglea is well above the over-all average for our denomination in Fort Worth.

The restrictions on this lot are such that the initial building must be erected to include a chapel and an educational building to cost not less than \$25,000 and to be in line with the modified-mediterranean type of architecture of the whole community center. This restriction would not have mattered so much six months ago, but the price of materials and labor has shot the cost of the building conforming to these restrictions far beyond the immediate reach of the Ridglea congregation. By stripping the building of everything but its barest necessities the cost will still be in the neighborhood of \$35,000. The Ridglea church will have \$23,000 by Christmas. At least \$12,000 is needed.

Since this church will have all the advantages of being both a community church and also of being a Presbyterian church well located in a growing community, it presents a challenge.

The Session of First Church on October 24 adopted the following minute: "On motion duly seconded, the Session approved the solicitation of members of First Church for the purpose of raising funds needed for building by the Ridglea Church." We owe it to ourselves and to the ongoing of our Saviour's Kingdom to support this new venture with our utmost in prayer, in zeal, and in money for this new building.

The Ridglea church will be glad to repay any gift of any donor if he so desires and to treat his contribution as a loan if he asks. Won't you send your gift in cash, check, or bonds to our church office and mark it payable to "The First Presbyterian Church, Ridglea Building Fund."

Most cordially yours,

W. O. Talbot
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