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Mr. & Mrs. Woodrow Neal
Cleveland, Mississippi

Dear Brother and Sister Neal:

I hardly know how to start this letter. My heart is heavy as I remember the bright shining face of a little boy whose hand I shook many times. There is no way any of us can express our true feelings for you and the great loss which you have sustained. But please remember that our hearts are filled with sorrow and sympathy for you.

Last week, while in a meeting in Rector, Arkansas, I just happened to pick up the Memphis Press-Scimitar. Reading through it I also just happened to read of some of the recent deaths, something very rare for me to do. You can not imagine the feeling which gripped me when I read of Paul's death. You all made me feel so much a part of the family and I remembered so many times of enjoyment spent in your home that it seemed like one of the family, to me.

My wife and I moved to Cookeville the 1st of February. I am working with the Broad Street congregation and finishing my college work at Tennessee Tech. We have a 4 week old baby daughter, the first child. Mary Elizabeth is really growing and I think, is very intelligent! Please give my regards to the many friends I have in Cleveland.

We are thinking of you and praying that your faith in God will carry through this great crisis.

Faternally yours,

John Allen Chalk