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Mr. John Allen Chalk, Minister
Broad Street church of Christ
Cookeville, Tennessee

Dear brother Chalk:

Your name was given me by Chuck and Ann Lucas, as the contact regarding a request I have. The Academy Chorus is planning its annual spring tour this year through Tennessee. The date is March 5-14. We have scheduled programs the first 5 nights, and the last two nights. However, Tuesday evening, March 8, is still open. We are to sing at West End, Nashville, Wednesday evening, and at Lipscomb High School chapel Thursday morning.

The reason I am writing you is to ask you to contact the elders there to see if there is a possibility that we might appear at the Broad Street church building the evening of March 8, Tuesday, for a program of sacred selections. We plan to be in Lewisburg Monday evening, and, following an appearance at their high school Tuesday morning, we could arrive in Cookeville around 4 P.M. In return for our singing, we would ask that you prepare a meal (perhaps sandwiches, at the church building with your young people as hosts), then give us lodging overnight.

There will be 40 students and 4 adults on the tour. We are not soliciting money, and do not ask that a contribution be made. We welcome the opportunity to meet you, and acquaint you with Christian Education in general, and Harding in particular.

As the time is so near at hand, and we need confirmations so we can print our tour programs, I will probably call you Monday or Tuesday of next week. I trust this will not rush you too much, or that the elders will not feel compelled to make too hasty an answer to our request.

Enclosed are copies of tour programs of the past few years. Perhaps they will serve to acquaint you with our work. I hope we will be able to come to Cookeville.

In Christian love,

Eddie Bennett
Chorus Director