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John Allen Chalk: Personal Correspondence

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"The churches of Christ salute you."--Romans 16:16

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IOWA PARK, TEXAS

August 8, 1961

Mr. John Allen Chalk  
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Dear John:

About three weeks ago, I had an unique experience that I feel you would be interested in. I was one of some twenty nine who attended the first annual QMCC Minister's retreat near Lake Altus, Altus, Okla. I am sure most of the others did not know exactly what was in store for the three days of the retreat, just as I did not. I think there was no doubt about the effect it had upon all of those attending when the retreat concluded, however.

Bro. McMillan, Bro. Baird, and Bro. Fred Barton interwove their lectures so skillfully that it appeared that they had planned it that way! Bro. McMillan lectured on the life of the preacher, Bro. Baird on the message of the preacher, and Bro. Barton on the preparation of the message. You can see how practical the lessons were. I think I got more help from these three days than I have the last three lectureships combined!

As Bro. Baird said, "Preachers are so busy inspiring others that they need such days of inspiration themselves."

Next year, Bro. Cleon Lyles will be the featured speaker on July 17, 18, 19. I am writing you this early that you may plan to hold these dates open. The cost is very negligible considering the rewards and I will almost guarantee that if you go one year, you will not miss the next. It will take something of demanding importance to prevent my going next year!

I'll Write a reminder in March or April just in case you might forget the dates. I pray that your success in the Lord's work will increase and abound.

Yours in Christ

*Dub M<sup>e</sup>*

H. W. McClish, Jr.

HWM:jc

*We appreciated your Congrat. note!*