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Mr John Allen Chalk  
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Dear John Allen:

Well, almost a year has passed since we discussed the subject—"1961 meeting". We hope you still have us "booked" for that time. Hope all is well with you and Sue, and that you like your new home.

Annie Louise and I are fine. She is almost on the hefty order, while I have lost some weight. Probably will have to re-new my wardrobe, as all my clothes have outgrown me!!.

I am back home again after having spent May–June–and July in Nashville with my sister there. She had a 5# tumor removed in April which was found to be malignant. After the operation she took a 30 day treatment(1 each day) of Cobalt. It made her terribly sick almost the whole time, and we almost despaired of her life, but she is now better and able again to attend worship every Lords day!. Almost akin to a miracle!. Annie Louise boarded out while I was away. I am glad to get back and settled down again.

The church is plodding along. A young married man, Johnnie Panky, by name, in school at F&H, preached last Lords day. May continue this winter. Cecile May, originally from Memphis, but worked with the congregation at Holly Springs for a year or two, did the preaching in meeting here this summer. No additions. We have about the usual number every Sunday–25 to 45. We have a nice, young man in the congregation now that we are real proud of. He is only 16 but he carried on the service two Sundays, when we had no preacher, making a short talk, and he also leads the singing now. We hope to see that he goes to school, that is College, when he finishes High School. These people have moved here since you left.

Again about the meeting. We had it this year, beginning the SECOND Lords day and continuing through the third. It seemed a good time, and we are wondering if the same dates could be used in '61?. If you have already made other plans though we can decide on something other date.

With love and best wishes to you both,

Annie

and

Annie Louise