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January 13, 1964

Mr. Wayne Moore
Route 6
Fayetteville, Tennessee

Dear Wayne:

Your letter addressed to the Elders of this congregation has come to my desk and I am happy to answer the questions which you ask about our proposed building. You are aware that newspaper reports are not distinguished by their complete truthfulness. It is extremely easy for a newspaper reporter not understanding the beliefs of Christians to represent matters in the wrong light.

There will be no gym. There will be no area built exclusively for recreation in the sense in which you use it.

We are convinced that the church building is only an expedient (I Cor. 10:23) and therefore is an outgrowth of the Church's needs in view of carrying out her missions. One of the primitive church activities was the fellowship of the saints (Acts 2:42), (I Cor. 11:20-22), (2 Pet. 2:13), and (Jude 12). You will notice in these scriptures it is clear that this fellowship included the eating of meals or -(Love feasts). Furthermore the building has no saintly place. The Bible no where stipulates that we even have a building much less that only certain activities can go on within its walls. The Broad Street congregation in view of this has planned a fellowship hall which will be used for adult classes, ladies sewing group, and other such work of the Church.

We are happy to provide this information for you.

Sincerely yours,

John Allen Chalk

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