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To: Elders of Brainerd C of C

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The Elders
Brainerd Church of Christ
4203 Brainerd Road
Chattanooga 11, Tennessee

Dear Brethren:

I was extremely pleased to learn from the letter written by Brother Massey that Melvin Wise of Atlanta would be your new preacher. There is no doubt in my mind about Brother Wise's qualifications and ability. He is a proven servant of the Lord. I count him as not only a great gospel preacher but a very good friend.

I appreciated the kind way I was treated by all of you at Brainerd during my visits with you. Everyone went to extreme lengths to welcome me and my family. Making a decision about the Brainerd work was extremely difficult in view of the warmness which you displayed toward us.

We are happy to know of your intentions for the future and send our deepest regards for the coming year.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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