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Mr. John Allen Chalk
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Dear John Allen:

We read with much encouragement the way your work with the Broad Street congregation continues to improve. We trust that this will continue in a fine way.

There are several reasons why we write this letter at this time, relative to your future plans. We, in the past few weeks, have had several requests for a change, and we too feel that this would be wise, as we are missing out on a very necessary rapid growth. There are several families, now living, in Huber Heights, some both couples members and in some cases, one a member, but not attending period. This I am deeply concerned about, as our present program does not afford them the encouragement that is needed to get them to respond to the Lord's Will. It is rather difficult to see their point of view in their lack of concern. Just this past Sunday, we had a couple, visiting from St. Mary's, W.Va., who have been printing the messenger for their congregation back in W.Va. I preached for this congregation on Sundays' and on one or two Wednesday evenings in 1939 and 1940, just prior to registering for the draft in 1940. They have a son, now living here in Huber Heights, but not attending any congregation. His wife, so the father-in-law told me Sunday, was a member of the church of God.

This could be the largest congregation in the Dayton Area, if we do not hedge on our responsibilities. We wish the other congregations well also, but this being a new community adds to and enhances the possibility of this being true.

With this in mind, I am wondering, if it would be possible for you to conduct a meeting for us sometime in October, or the first part of November, or during Christmas vacation time? This
in view of discussing further your future plans. We would like to know too, rather definite, by the first part of 9-1-62 what you feel would be wise in making a change June 1, 1963.

May we have your reactions to the above, so that we will know how to form our future planning of the work here at Huber Heights. We would like to see you form a part of the future of this congregation.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

Robert E. Hartmann