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Mr John Allen Chalk  
Cookeville, Tenn  

Dear John Allen:

Of course it goes without saying, that we are all disappointed that you cannot be with us this summer. We (especially Annie Louise and I) understand your full schedule, and so often we have thought you were driving yourself too hard. Do hope you can, and will, slow down a bit, but knowing YOU so well, it is not going to be an easy matter for you I am sure! How I wish it were possible to see the "Herald of Truth" films!

It would be wonderful to have Bro Johnson with us again, but it may be, after all, we will have to pass up this love-feast.

Bro Everett Day who had preached here many years ago has asked to come back and hold a few days meeting the first week in May. It was agreed that we might work that in, and so was arranged. Since receiving your letter it seems to suit some that we have only the one meeting. It is not definitely settled but seems a certainty.

I also can "recommend Bro Johnson without reservation". In his meeting here in 1937 he stayed in our home the entire 4 weeks-- and most of the 5th week while he preached in a community south of town. The fact that the church is meeting here today, I attribute largely to his efforts at this time, when 15 came from the Christian church. We had struggled along for 16 or 17 years with only a "hand-full", and no place to meet other than the Christian church building in the afternoon!

Again let me say we are sorry you could not come this summer. All of us send our best wishes, with the hope and prayer that all will be well with you in your undertakings. We shall always hold you dear to us here in Hickory Flat.

Christian love from both Annie Louise and myself to you and family.

Sincerely,

Annie Laws