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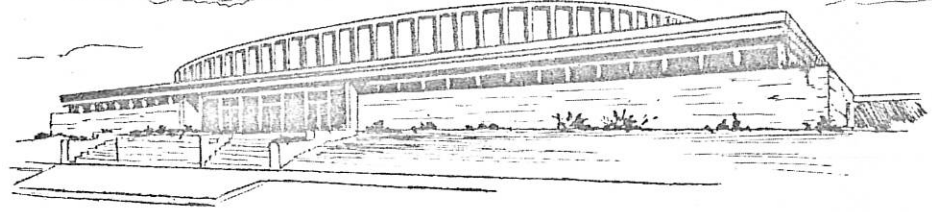
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August 5, 1969

Mr. John Waddey
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Dear John:

I just discovered your letter hidden on my desk under more correspondence than I care to count! I have remembered a number of times your gracious invitation to be with the Karns congregation in their mission workshop this year.

You may not know that I have decided to stay with the Highland congregation as their preacher. This decision came only after great prayer and much concern. I felt so strongly both the needs here and the challenge of the campus ministry in Atlanta (and still do).

I feel strongly about what the campus holds for New Testament Christians and would like to speak on the subjects you have assigned. I know that you may have gotten someone else by now for both the subjects assigned me. I would also like to get permission from my Elders to come. If you are still depending on me for the topics assigned, let me know. If you have found another speaker that will be excellent.

Please forgive this inexcusable treatment of your gracious invitation. Be assured of my personal prayers and concern for a great workshop.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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Dear Bro. Chalk:

I hope this finds all well with you and yours and your work for the Master. I am continuing to enjoy your presentations on the Herald of Truth. I am sorry to hear that you will be leaving that post.

We at Karns are now planning our fourth World Missions Workshop. Bro. Maurice Hall has agreed to help us co-ordinate it. We have chosen Oct. 9-12 for our dates.

This yearly gathering of missionaries and the messages they have presented to the Christians of East Tennessee has had a tremendous impact on the Cause of Christ in the area. Already four men are on foreign fields, largely due to the influence of these workshops. Several churches have become involved in Mission work because of them. Many families have committed themselves to go at some later date and serve in a foreign field. Numerous other families have committed themselves to help support workers on the field. This year's program as planned by Bro. Hall and the church here will no doubt exceed all the others in its influence for the spread of the kingdom.

Because of your interest and experience in evangelism, and your ability to present the message and motivate the people, we would like to invite you to be a part of our program this year.

We regret that due to the overall number of speakers coming, we cannot provide the funding really called for, but we can assure you that we will provide the expense of your transportation to and from the workshop. Also we will provide lodging and meals for you while you are with us, in our members' homes.

You will find enclosed a general format that we hope to use. This was prepared by Bro. Hall. If you can be with us, we would like for you to speak on the themes, CAMPUS EVANGELISM MOVEMENTS, EXCITING GOALS AND ACTION (11:00 a.m.) and PASSION FOR SOULS, 7:30 p.m. This is on Saturday, Oct. 11.

Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience so that we may confirm our plans as soon as possible.

P.S. Jerry Hogg had 5 baptisms and 4 backsliders restored his first week in S. Africa.

Yours as always,


John Waddey