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July 29, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. John Acuff
276 East 12th Street
Cookeville, Tennessee 38501

Dear Carolyn and John:

It was great getting John's letter and to know that you all had an opportunity to visit with Jere and Gay Hargroves. The Hargroves are great people whom Sue and I love so very deeply. Jere is going to be a great servant of God in his ministry of the Word. Carl Holladay has also influenced Jere a great deal. Just one more indication of the way God touches us only to have us turn and touch others.

I have read a copy of Emit but I don't have a copy of it. The ads in it are wild but the articles are all so very substantial. It has some good teaching material in it.

I am glad you got to be with Bruce again. I want to be with him the first opportunity that I can have. He must be a vibrant person..

Things here have really gotten hot in the last two weeks, as a result of my performing a ceremony for two black and white Christians. The enclosed copy of an article appeared two days later in the Abilene Reporter News will explain. Pray for the brothers who are trying to cut my throat, both over the "Midnight Cowboy" (another threat last week) and over this situation. God is really at work among our elders. Pray for them. I see daily changes in their lives. They continue to support my ministry here.

At times when it looks like I can't go on God is giving His Word to me to preach to this church. I must have His wisdom or this whole thing will go down. I have now recognized there is no way that I can revive the Highland church but He still has plans for it, and I must seek out anew His plans for this church, and the ways that He can use me.

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Page 2, Mr. and Mrs. John Acuff

We pray for your move to Cookeville. Cookeville taught us many things. You have the distinct advantage of going in the Lord. Neither Sue nor I really knew the Lord during that six and one-half years, but He was gracious and loving enough to bless us and use us even in our rebellious ignorant states and He must surely have many gracious, loving, agonizing things to do through and with you.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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Enclosure: Article from Reporter News

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