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December 14, 1970

Mr. Paul Killom
North Warren Church of Christ
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Dear Paul:

I am so pleased that those who participated in the youth rally were encouraged. I appreciated the way the young people listened and responded. I do hope that we made some significant contributions.

Getting to be with you and your wife was a special privilege. It was like icing on the cake. I did regret not getting to spend more time personally with some of your North Warren teenagers but maybe there can be another time for that.

Thank you for writing Ira Rice. I appreciate the reasons you wrote him and cherish more that I can say your love and fellowship. I don't know of any other man in the brotherhood who has shown more genuine concern in me and more realistic involvement and support of my ministry than you. I only hope that in some way I can return that concern and interest. Let me know how at any time.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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November 26, 1970

Mr. John Allen Chalk
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Dear John Allen:

What can I say? They loved you-----"that much"!!! It has been heralded by many who attended as the greatest activity of its nature ever in the Detroit area, which was no less than what we promised them in our billing!

It was a personal thrill for me to be with you and renew our relationship. And a special joy to have you in our home. If it's possible, I grew to love and esteem you even more. I marvel at your extreme talent in relating your Christian faith to the young in such a powerful and effective manner, and then to all in the sincere nature that characterizes you. It is evident how you've grown in the grace and knowledge of the Master.

I am enclosing a portion of a letter I recently received from Ira Rice in response to my correspondence with him concerning his evil misjudgement and mistreatment of you here, elsewhere and through his "slander column". I fully realize that I am not compelled to be "John Allen's bulldog", but I cannot stand to see one of this era's greatest and most humble servants of the Kingdom maligned by a jealous and vindictive man. John, I love you, and I defend you because you are right and righteous, not because of personal friendship alone.

I trust God will continue to direct your steps in the same influential way he has thus far. Remember, we are praying for you and constantly thinking of you. Please give our best regards to Sue, and to your superb secretary, Helen.

In Him,

Paul Killom

P.S. It was great!

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Highland and the Herald of Truth, as he does, had not seen to it that I received it. I remember discussing with some of the brethren at Eureka Heights that I had heard that brother Chalk had made a statement of some kind but that until I could see it and go over it word for word I would not know what he had said or if it in any way corrected the offense. There are simply too many shenanigans being perpetrated against the cause of truth at this time for anyone interested in truth not to exercise extreme caution.

In your closing, you said, "As you have so freely criticized, freely forgive and commend!" This could have been done long since if Highland had seen to it that I had the information. Now that I have received at least a copy of it, through you, I shall be more than happy to run it in my December issue (the one for November already had gone to press before your letter came). I am in your debt for seeing to it that I got this initial copy of the statement. Thank you for sending it.

That the truth of the gospel may prevail.


Ira Y. Rice, Jr.