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June 3, 1970

Mr. Harold Poland
Ayers Street Church of Christ
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Dear Harold:

I, too, regretted to see Bill Goodwin leave. He simply could not muster the necessary maturity and strength to weather the difficult problems that Broad Street has. None of these problems are any different than they were when both you and I were working with that congregation. It simply is a matter of a man having enough inner reserve and long-range view to be able to withstand the difficult personalities in the eldership and in the congregation.

Arnold Carter continues to be such a difficult problem. I hope you will join me in regular prayer that God will work in Arnold's life to make of him a more cooperative, sensitive, spiritually-minded elder. Some of the other elders, especially the newer ones, are not working out as well as some of us would have hoped. I do believe, however, that Broad Street has great potential and can be encouraged to greater fulfillment of their God-given mission.

Thank you so much for your letter of concern. I hope that you will feel free to suggest names to your friends in Cookeville of anyone you think could do the job well.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

JAC:lc
May 19, 1970

Mr. John Allen Chalk
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Abilene, Texas

Dear John:

Judy and I were rather disturbed, and quite concerned that Bill Goodwin will be leaving the work in Cookeville within less than a year from the time he assumed it.

We love the brethren of Cookeville, and we often pray for their spiritual welfare and progress. I know their potential is perhaps as promising as ever, and I sincerely hope they can find a replacement for Bill who will stay and provide what Broad Street desperately needs.

Give Art my personal regards. He's a great elder. If you're ever in the valley area, come see us. We're loving the work here so much.

Sincerely,

Harold

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