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To: Elders of Mayfair C of C

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The Elders
Mayfair Church of Christ
2340 N.W. 50th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Dear Brethren:

It was a pleasure to visit with several of you this past week-end. While considering the challenges now facing the Mayfair congregation, I was happy to talk at length about your work and see the real opportunities now facing the congregation. I was especially impressed by the sincere interest of the elders with whom I talked. It is obvious that all of you have this work at heart and certainly will make the right choice regarding your preacher.

After careful consideration and much prayer regarding my situation, I feel that I must withdraw from any further consideration as your next preacher. I am pleased that you thought of me and that you invited me to come and explore the possibility with you. I have looked carefully, however, at my situation here and believe that my work is not at a point where I can leave it.

I would like to strongly recommend that you consider Brother Robert H. Brooks who now preaches for the MacGregor congregation in Houston, Texas. Brother Brooks is a personal friend of mine and has done outstanding work in Paducah, Kentucky, Columbia, Tennessee, and Houston, Texas. I believe that Brother Brooks would make an excellent preacher for the Mayfair congregation.

Please excuse my tardiness in writing this letter. Other commitments precluded my writing this letter sooner. This in no way is any indication of my lack of interest in your work. I believe you have an excellent challenge for a good man. My prayer is that you will find such a man and that the Mayfair congregation will pursue her future as vigorously as she has met her opportunities of the past.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk
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