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July 25, 1967

Mr. E. L. Petty
4610 Conner Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Brother Petty:

Thank you for your letter of July 9. I did hate to hear that Brother Melvin Wise is planning to leave the Brainerd congregation. He has done an excellent work with you and I know has been deeply appreciated by all of you.

I would like nothing better than an opportunity to work with a congregation like yours. Your leadership is excellent, and the membership, I believe, is willing to receive a challenge of greater service. Unfortunately, my situation here demands that I stay with the radio program and do my very best job with it in the next several months.

It was extremely thoughtful of you to write. I wish you the very best in getting a new preacher. I have no idea of a suitable man for you, but will certainly keep your situation in mind.

I send my very best regards to your wife and entire family. We would like to see all of you. Please convey my regards to Linda and Jerry. My prayer continues to be that he will fully obey Jesus Christ soon. Any personal interest you can show him will be appreciated by all of us.

Thank you so much for writing. I regret that I cannot consider, at this time, the possibility of working with the Brainerd church.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk
Radio Speaker

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4610 Conner Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37411
July 9, 1967

Dear Brother Chalk and family:

Just a line to let you know that we plan now to be in Searcy August 7 and 8 and looking forward to seeing you.

Was over to Cookeville (Broad Street) a week ago today. Jr's folks were all at Crossville for the week before and they came down to Cookeville and we heard Bro. Poland for the first time. We were very much impressed with his work, the lesson Sunday morning, which was more of a report on the three weeks that they had just completed in and around Morganton, N.C. All the Elders and most of the Deacons along with some 40 to 50 members went up there and contacted some 13,000 people. This would have been very hard to accomplish some 10 to 12 years ago. I told him that you started the ball to rolling.

We are preacher hunting as Bro. Wise is going back to Dallas Sept. 1st. Are you ready for a change from your radio and television work at Abilene.? If not please recommend some one or more between the age of 30 and 40 years as most of us believe that we must get someone that can reach our young people and work with them and become a part of them.

Hope you and the family are well and enjoying life. Just talked with Linda a few minutes ago to get your home address and they ~~xxx~~ were fine just arrived home from a weeks vacation. We are all doing fine. Leona's mother is having to stay in bed fro sometime as her legs are giving her trouble.

Better close for now. Let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.