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April 21, 1967

Mr. Shelby C. Smith
18112 Regina Avenue
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Dear Shelby:

Thank you for your letter of April 3. I do think that your stationery could be improved by putting the other half of the picture on it instead of the one you used, but it was a pleasure to hear from you and to know of your involvement with the church at Hawthorne. I have no idea of what is being planned for my Sunday morning preaching during the Los Angeles Campaign. You should contact Bob Cannon or one of the elders of the Inglewood congregation about this. They are in charge of the campaign and are supervising my time during the campaign. I would really enjoy being with the Hawthorne church and if you can work something out from that end, I will be happy to come. However, this is a decision that must be left to the discretion of the Inglewood elders.

I prayed for you and other workers in California during the week-end of your community survey. I certainly hope that things went well and from your report it sounds like they did. God bless you and others in this great work.

I have been studying the Holy Spirit question for more than two years now and feel very strongly that we have failed to teach the full New Testament doctrine regarding the Holy Spirit, and the only way to avoid the extreme, such as tongues and baptism of the Holy Spirit, is through a positive understanding and open teaching about what the Bible does say about the Holy Spirit. The power, life, and indwelling of the Holy Spirit are all obvious promises of God to the Christian. These promises we have failed to claim in the past because we felt we had enough economic and social power to move out on our own when, in fact, the Christians task is always too great for any power except God's (read Romans 8; Galatians 3,5; Ephesians 1:13,14; Acts 2:38; 5:32; John 14:37-39).

Thank you for writing. I look forward to being with you in October.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk
Radio Speaker

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April 3, 1967



Dear John:

Well we are in big swing on the Campaign for Christ this fall. All the churches in the south bay area was out Saturday and Sunday Afternoon knocking on doors, trying to set up showing of film Strips and Bible Correspondance courses. Saturday of all the churches there was 55 films to be shown and Hawthorne set up 26 of them. I am kinkly proud of Hawthorne. Frances and I set up 3 of them. I think things look good.

I was wondering if you are already booked for preaching on the two Sunday mornings during the campaign. If you are not we would like to have you preach at Hawthorne one of the Sunday mornings. Please let me know. Also I would like to know if you will be able to hold us the meeting in 1968. So I will be expecting to hear from you. I hope you can arrange one or both for us.

We are going to Bell Garden this next week to Hear Charles Lemon, he will be there the 2nd - 9th. hey- that is this week. we plan on going this Thursday night. There is a lot of talk on this Holy Spirit question in California, What do you think about it?

How do you like my stationary? I know what you will say that I should have put the fellow on the other end of the picture on, he is better looking. This is taken from the one of you, mother and I. I am putting a mail box on the other side with my name and address when I get time.

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Guess I had better close and quit wasting your time.

Hope to see you soon, and let me know about these preaching

dates I ask about. *Thank You.*

Your Friend,

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