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To: Elders of Avondale C of C

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The Elders
Avondale Church of Christ
4017 Memorial Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30032

Dear brethren:

I have been alarmed by the report that Brother Bud Stumbaugh has been asked not to appear at your missions workshop. First, be assured that I respect the responsibility that you men hold for the good of the Church and especially the welfare of the Avondale congregation.

I have followed closely the development concerning Brother Stumbaugh and believe that he is receiving unnecessarily harsh treatment due to failure of many brethren to have the full situation explained before acting as you have in the matter at hand.

In all fairness, I must state that that I hold the same conviction as does Brother Stumbaugh regarding the racial situation with the Church. Enclosed is a copy of a recent article expressing my views. If your opinion differs, you may want to cancel my appearance also; otherwise, I will look forward to being with you and adding my encouragement to your workshop.

I write only out of deep concern for a fellow brother.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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