Correspondence between Chalk & Walter Burch

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Dear John Allen:

I sincerely appreciate the words of encouragement expressed in your letter of January 13. I don't feel any one or even several of us were really responsible for the Nashville retreat. It seemed to me to be the result of some deep yearnings and promptings of the Spirit of God within our lives.

John Allen, more than you will ever know, I am strengthened by the fervent effort you are making in your life to help us restore the Lord's church as we know the Lord intended us to be. The fact that you will make such clear and strong statements without regard to position or future or consequences reflects the mind of Christ. How much we need one another!

Yes, our "kitty" has become a fat cat. I established an account in a bank here and deposited $193. The checks are being printed, and next week we will mail yours. Be sure to add up any telephone charges or other out-of-pocket expenses that you feel need to be properly reimbursed (to either you or the Cookeville church). Obviously, we will make these reimbursements as long as the fund lasts. Then the balance will be available for those who begin working on the next retreat.

Thanks for sending me the material. I will do a master book list and distribute to all who were present. I will also do a study of the recommendations for the next retreat and send this to Brother Locke with appropriate copies to you, Dwain, and Ira.

Be sure to give me advance notice when you are coming this way, so I can try to work us in some time together. Meanwhile, I still await your critique of my renewal sermon.

Faithfully yours,

Walter E. Burch

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