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November 23, 1966

Mr. Wendell L. Hamilton  
Church of Christ  
1580 River Road  
Eugene, Oregon

Dear brother Hamilton:

Brother John Allen Chalk is now working on a full-time basis with us in Herald of Truth broadcasting. I have asked him to allow me to work with his schedule in order to do the most effective work for his primary responsibility as radio speaker for Herald of Truth, his family, and for the brotherhood.

John Allen has committed himself for the next seven years to a schedule that is frankly overly-committed. For this reason I have asked him to accept no more commitments.

I personally wish that we could honor every request for his time. This is an honor not only to John Allen but to his work with the radio program. I know that he has ability to speak before audiences as you have asked him to speak. We plead for your understanding as we must, of necessity, decline your request for his time. We are certainly encouraged and thrilled to know of your advanced planning and interest in an area meeting. We pray for your success. May God's richest blessings be yours.

Sincerely,

Clolis Fowler
Mr. John Allen Chalk  
c/o Highland Church of Christ  
Post Office Box 2439  
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brother Chalk,

As a result of the great success of our area-wide meeting with Jimmy Allen last June, it is the consensus of our group that the protracted meeting by an individual congregation is a thing of the past, with exception of workshops and special-purpose meetings. When we refer to the success of our meeting last June, we are thinking not only of the large number of responses, but also of the impact on the community, the cooperative spirit evidenced between the congregations and the new zeal generated in all our members.

In accordance with this new line of thought, the three congregations in the Eugene-Springfield area are now trying to schedule combined meetings for several years ahead. As a group we hope we have the drawing power—both spiritually and financially—to attract the best speakers in the brotherhood. As was mentioned in our recent conversation, we would like to schedule you for a one-week meeting. Would you please write us to tell us when you will be available. We would like to have a selection of two or more weeks to work around the activities of our community. Also, if it is a considerable time before you have a full week available, please indicate when a shorter time might be worked in.

We request your prayerful consideration and hope you can schedule us in the near future.

Yours in Christ,

[Signature]

"No book but the Bible; no creed but Christ"