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To: Mr. & Mrs. Wesley P. Flatt, Sr. (enclosures)

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July 25, 1966

Mr. & Mrs. Wesley P. Platt, Sr.
P. O. Box 507
Cookeville, Tennessee 38501

Dear Granny and Big Wes:

I received a copy of Big Wes's letter evidently sent to Mr. Ensor. I enjoyed reading it, and was happy to know that he is satisfied with the new preacher. In talking with John Stites yesterday I got another excellent report, and I was so happy to hear it. Thank you for sending me a copy of the names and addresses of those who accompanied us on our trip last year.

We are almost settled in our new house at 809 Byrd Drive, and want to hear from you from time to time. All of the mail that comes to the church building is read and handled four or five times before it gets to me if it gets to me. Any future communication should either be sent to the house or marked "Personal" if sent to the church building. Our telephone number at home is OR 2-8953. The telephone number here at the church building is . . . . . 2522.

I understand Big Wes is in the midst of two house-building projects. My best wishes to all the distraught individuals who are having to work with him. Granny, don't let him get you down in those big projects of his. Just keep going. Somebody is going to have to pay the bills!

We think of you all daily and miss you very much. Accept our love and gratitude for all the many, many things you did for us. We feel closer to no one than to you.

With deep love,

John Allen Chalk

JAC:lc
August 9, 1966

Mr. Wesley P. Platt, Jr.
P. O. Box 507
Cookeville, Tennessee 38501

Dear Brother Wesley:

How does one adequately express all the reactions, all the gratitude, and all the feeling that arises when he thinks of a six-and-one-half-year ministry with a church like Broad Street. A part of this great work and a part of my tremendous interest in this work must be attributed to you and to the encouragement you have given me. I must always think of the work at Broad Street in terms of the individuals who gave of their time and who sacrificially gave of their money and themselves to advance the cause of Christ in that immediate area.

I wish to commend you for being one of the twenty-six men who signed the statement given to Brother Poland and myself stating your pledge to bring a friend to Christ in memory of my work in Cookeville and as a proper salute and welcome to Brother Poland’s coming to live and work in the community. Of course our reaction and response to the command of Christ in our lives must be just that, not a response to human wishes on the part of others. It must be a response to Jesus Christ and what he has meant in our own lives.

Your life has been a powerful witness to those around you. The influence you can and have exercised not only will provide the church the proper leadership and the proper strength it needs now, but will be the source of great advancement in the days ahead. I pray that you will take seriously the pledge you made to bring a friend to Christ in the next few months. If all the men who made this pledge the night we met together for prayer and fellowship at the home of Brother Joe Adams will do, I know that the encouragement to others in the congregation to do likewise will be profound. Let me encourage you to continue providing the kind of inspiration and encouragement to the work of the Broad Street church that you have in the past.

Thank you so much for what you have meant to me and for what you now mean to the work of the congregation there. I know Cookeville is a better community and the work of the church is in a better condition because of you than it would be without you.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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M.T. Roberson(21)
Dear Fellow Traveler:

After so long I finally got a copy of the names and addresses of the members of our party which has just reached me in the last few days. I finally wrote Mr. Ensor and he sent me the copy.

It was the high point in my life to make this trip and I don't think I could have been associated with a greater or finer group from anywhere than was assembled on this occasion.

I ruined John Chalk and he has already left us and is now in Abeline Texas, however, I might add for his benefit since he will get a copy of this, we have a good preacher now.

Due to my heart and physical condition I don't need any advertising or any effort to obtain more business. Neither do I think for a minute that a man can buy his way into Heaven, but in order to impress upon you my sincerity in what I was doing and in what I hoped for in the future, I am sending you a clipping, the first one being a donation of a bus to the Church to haul the Sunday School children and the second reference being from what I think is a national magazine, the Christian Chronicle, where wife and I gave to the Church and the work here a lodge and camp that cost us $10,000.00.

I had this idea that if a fellow in my station in life could do this it might be some encouragement to my brethren to cause them to put forth a greater effort to do more for the spread of the Kingdom and the advancement for the cause of Christ.

I want to particularly say at this time my personal gratitude for our association with our ladies from Montana, Mrs. Westwood, Mrs. Halsey, and Mr. Wells. I had a Christmas communication from one of these, but it did not carry the return address and I could not answer until now.

With love, and yours in Christ.

Wesley P. Flatt, Sr

P.S. We have not solicited or asked for publication and advertising of anything we have done.

John Allen is now in Abilene.
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Mrs. Florence Wells
Lodge Grass, Montana
Along the road maintenance work on vehicles. Randolph is a new employee. The Council also authorized the purchase of a new fire alarm.

For the best quality hay, cut Alfalfa in the bud stage, just before it blooms. Oats for hay should be cut in the boot in early milk stage. Cut orchard grass in the boot stage, just before the heads stick out.

Donates Bus To Church

Wesley P. Flatt, Sr., local attorney and member of the Broad Street Church of Christ, presented the congregation's bus committee with a school bus last week. The bus, to be used in transporting young people and adults to church services, was purchased by Mr. Flatt and reconditioned by other interested citizens and businessmen in the community. Mr. Flatt is shown presenting the title to Gaylon Presley, deacon of the church and member of the bus committee, and Roger Fisher, educational director of the congregation. The church plans to make regular runs on Sunday and Wednesday evenings providing transportation to all interested persons. Free transportation may be arranged by calling the church office.

Cookeville Christians Receive Property Valued at $10,000

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — The Broad Street, Willow Avenue, and Collegeside Churches of Christ in Cookeville — along with the Happy Haven Children's Home of Cookeville — have been given a lodge and approximately 10 acres of land on the Burgess Falls Lake by Wesley P. Flatt, Sr.

Flatt, a longtime member of the Broad Street congregation and attorney-at-law, conveyed this valuable site to Christians of the Cookeville area on March 1, 1966.

Presenting the deed to John Allen Chalk, minister of the Broad Street church, Flatt stated, "for the further consideration of the love and affection we have for the Church of Christ and its commandments to teach and spread the Kingdom, and care for the widows and orphans, and especially for the teaching and spiritual development of the young...we make this grant and contribution."

The camp, located approximately six miles from Cookeville on a lake created to supply Cookeville electric power in the past, will be known as the 'Mrs. Wesley P. Flatt, Sr., Christian Camp.' The site is valued at $10,000 and has been used by groups of Christians from the area for various functions in the past. The only restriction in the deed states that "if in the future the said grants cease to use the camp here in conveyed, as a Christian training camp the property will be conveyed to Tennessee Orphan Home, Spring Hill, Tenn.

FOR BIBLE SCHOOL