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Mr. John Allen Chalk  
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Dear John Allen:

It was good to hear you speak at the A.C.C. lectureship "Herald of Truth" dinner, and to visit with you at Leon Ramsey's home. I appreciate you for the good work you have done. May the Lord continue to bless you.

We at Avondale are looking forward to your being with us for our Missions Forum Thursday evening, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. This will be the "keynote" speech of the forum, and your theme will be "Advancing the Church Through a Dynamic Mission Program." Please emphasize the effect of an active program on the growth and development of the local efforts. The aim of this forum is to generate enthusiasm toward our program of evangelism in the state of Georgia. By the time the forum arrives, at least four, and possibly more, congregations will have been established in counties that had been without New Testament Christianity.

Please advise us as to whether you plan to stay over until Friday so we can make necessary arrangements. Also, if you plan to fly in, let us know when you will arrive and someone will meet you at the airport.

If you need further information, let me know and we will supply this for you. We are awaiting your being with us.

The Friday evening speaker will be Jimmy Allen, the topic "Adequate Leadership in the Advancement of a Mission Program." Saturday night, Bud Stumbaugh will speak on Individual Commitment: The Key to Successful Missions."

Pray for us in the planning and the arranging of the program, that mighty things may result!

Yours for truth and right,

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Dear John Allen:  

I appreciated your phone call regarding Bud, and the elders are in receipt of your letter and have asked that I answer it. Your concern in the matter is appreciated.  

As I mentioned to you on the phone, and has since been reaffirmed to be by the elders, the racial issue did not enter into the decision of the eldership here in their decision to release Bud from the speaking engagement. Their major concern involved his release from Homewood, and they had not had an opportunity to personally investigate the matter.  

Bud was informed in a letter from them that they had no desire to cast a reflection on him, nor were they seeking to harm him in any way.  

The elders here see no reason at all to cancel your appointment: in fact, they are most anxious to have you with us, and unless you determine otherwise, we will be anticipating your coming. I personally am looking forward to your being here because I believe your presence and interest will be beneficial to our program.  

Please let me know when you will arrive and I will meet you at the airport if you fly. Bro. A. W. Pagget has expressed a desire to have you stay with them. I have informed him that such is fine with us if it meets your wishes.  

May the Lord bless you in all things to His purpose,  

James R. Lundy