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March 3, 1966

Mr. Bill May
Shelbyville High School
Shelbyville, Tennessee

Dear Bill:

I remember with pleasure my becoming acquainted with you during a speaking engagement with your county education association two or three years ago. I came back to Cookeville at that time and remarked to several people that you could do the job we need done at our local high school.

Mrs. Sue Keller of the county school board is a member of this congregation and a wonderful Christian woman. I have also been very closely associated with Sonny Allen. I have not heard of your acceptance of their invitation but trust that you are making your plans to move to Cookeville.

Cookeville desperately needs a new spirit among its young people. The present administration in the high school has encouraged none of this. We have attempted to help the situation here at the church and have met with some success. Our present program for high schoolers calls for special discussion classes on Sunday afternoons before worship and a special choral group meeting on Sunday evenings after worship. This summer many of our high schoolers will go to Morganton, North Carolina, to assist in the campaign to be conducted there by this congregation. It is to this city that we are planning to send a full-time preacher providing his salary and working fund to begin the church there.

Let me take this opportunity to welcome you to Cookeville and above all to encourage you and your family to be a part of our work here at the Broad Street congregation. Even though I will be leaving in September to work full time as radio speaker for Herald of Truth, the work of this congregation will continue and will need dedicated talent like

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yours. We all look forward to knowing you and having you live in our community. The enclosed directory might be of some assistance and the enclosed 1966 program of work for this church may be of some interest to you.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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Enclosures