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Mr. James Moffett
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Dear Brother Moffett:

I have just learned from Brother John Mott that you are willing to consider the Broad Street work. Please do not interpret this letter as any attempt on my part to interfere or dictate in regard to Broad Street's next preacher. My high esteem for you and complete confidence in your ability to lead this church forward causes me to write this letter urging you to give serious consideration to this work.

During the six and one-half years I have been here, our main gains have come in the area of contributions and baptisms with the internal emphasis being on member talent development. Even though God has given us some excellent visible results, it is my conviction that we have actually only helped to mature some wonderful lives that will prove an even greater blessing to this community in the days ahead provided the proper leadership is given them from the pulpit. We now have more than 50 trained personal workers and should baptize more than 100 people this year. The congregation is providing leadership and inspiration to congregations all over this area and can become the largest congregation in the Southeast, including Madison.

All I have done is lift sights, build some dedication, and train a few people for greater service. With our present physical plant and the anticipated 2,000 seat auditorium and more classrooms to come within two years, there is no reason for this congregation not to be viewed as just now getting in a position to really grow.

There remain some real deficiencies especially within our elder-ship, but our 17 deacons are dedicated young men, many of whom will be elders within the next five years or less. I have not left this work but rather have accepted a challenge that I could not refuse. I would never have moved to another congregation because of the convictions I have about the potential and the challenge of this community. I sincerely pray that you will
consider this work. If it is to move forward, it will take a man of your unusual ability and one who will not feel the necessity of being "made over" by a superficial people. One of the big problems in getting a new man has been the lack of expression of their desire for a new preacher to come. This is not due, however, to an excessive worship of me. I know the problems of following a preacher into a new work but can honestly say that I believe you will encounter no real difficulty in this regard. Please feel free to call me if you have questions about the work that you think I can answer. I have included in this letter a few of my personal but truthful feelings about this work. No one knows that I am writing this letter, but I do so because of my deep love for this group and because of my respect for your ability.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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