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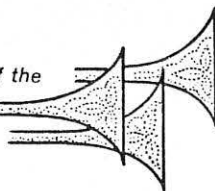
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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allen  
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Allen:

You were very thoughtful to write in response to our recent issue of 20th Century Christian regarding the Madison Church of Christ. I can certainly appreciate the reason that you question the use of the term Madison before "Church of Christ."

In view of my understanding of passages like Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Acts 8:1 and Acts 9:31, there is no set Biblical pattern for the name of the local congregation. This certainly is the group of believers who meet in Madison, Tennessee. More than that, the New Testament offers different names by which local congregations were known, especially as church of God, (First Corinthians 1:2), and churches of Christ (Romans 16:16). In view of this fact I think your insistence on a peculiar arrangement whereby the descriptive adjective comes at the end of the phrase "Church of Christ" to be peculiaristic and almost sectarian. You certainly have every right to use that form of address as you refer to congregations. I do hope, however, that you will allow us who see no need of Biblical nor personal reasons for such a rule to continue to refer to congregations as the Madison church of Christ.

Thank you so much for your letter. I hope the 20th Century Christian continues to encourage your lives and commitments as New Testament Christians.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk  
Radio Evangelist

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from 1:7 P Acts 8:1  
I Cor. 1:2 Acts 9:31

Dear Sir:

As a reader of 20th Century  
Christian for over three years. I wish  
comment on the April issue,  
Madison Story.

I have been a member of the  
Church of Christ for over three years. In  
learning about the church I was  
convinced as Christ is the head of  
the church he should be glorified in  
the name of it.

I noticed church members have  
come in the habit of placing other  
names before Church of Christ. We feel  
should at no time do this. It  
is done without the purpose of trying  
to take away the true name.

I noticed in the April issue it  
called the Madison Church of Christ quite

I personally feel we should at  
times place another name before  
Jesus Christ. So many times people  
I went to the Madison Church,  
Adner Church, etc without even naming  
it at all.

I sincerely hope you understand my  
point of view. It may seem like a petty  
point to criticize, but it has been on  
minds for some time. I would  
appreciate your comment on the subject.  
Outside it would be no different  
in the United Church of Christ or Methodist  
Church.

We did enjoy the story about the  
Church of Christ at Madison. We attend  
a very small church and it makes  
me feel good to know so many  
Christians are working together to spread  
the Gospel.

Thanks for listening to my  
comments and hope to hear from  
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In Christian Love  
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