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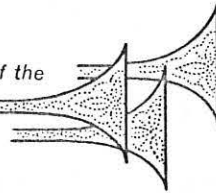
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February 19, 1969

Mr. Jess Curry
Hamilton Cross Roads Church of Christ
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Brundidge, Alabama

Dear Jess:

Thank you so much for letting mw know where you now are. I know you will do a great job with the congregation there. I am also happy to hear that Shirley is getting to go to Troy State University. She is a smart girl, in fact much smarter than her husband, and I am thrilled that she will get to pursue her education.

Jess, I am presently in genuine distress about the recent Freed-Hardeman Lectureship. Brother Guy N. Woods and brother B. B. James, along with a number of other brethren, totally misrepresented the Dallas Evangelism Seminar held in December. They also misrepresented my involvement in that seminar. The charges were so gross and so false that I don't even know how to reply to them and, in fact, believe that I would simply fan the fire more if I were to attempt it. I do believe that Freed-Hardeman College needs to reevaluate the radical and the extreme nature of many of the remarks made in its recent Lectureship, including the almost annual uproar about one subject or another that occurs in the open forum. Any words of wisdom and calm counsel that you can give men like your father-in-law and others will certainly be helpful to those of us who are sincerely preaching God's word in the very best and most truthful manner we know to young men and women on college campuses and to others in places that are somewhat strange to those of us who have been reared in sheltered churches and homes of the rural South.

I'm glad to get your address and your telephone number. I certainly want us to keep in touch. I will see that you get copies of all the sermons in the winter series on family and home life. Thank you for requesting them. I will keep you in mind when I hear of places looking for someone to hold gospel meetings. Unfortunately, I will not be able to be with you there this year, but thank you for asking. I send you and Shirley my best wishes and prayers.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk
Radio Evangelist

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February 10, 1969

Mr. John Allen Chalk
Herald of Truth
Abilene, Texas

Dear John Allen:

This is to let you know that I finally found a place to plant my feet for a while. This little southern town is just what Shirley and I have been waiting for. It is thirteen miles from Troy State University where Shirley is now enrolled. The church here is only 130 strong here at present, BUT there are a few sheep who need to be rounded up and our number will increase.

I'll miss ole Ken Samuel and a few more of those yankees, but I do believe I speak the language of the South much better than the North. Ken is doing a great work for the Jeffersonville area and my heart goes out to him in his efforts for Christ there. I just hope and pray that the work here can continue to pick up and more of an impact felt in this area. They have had a part time preacher for the last year and even before that the preachers only stayed about a year each so they really need someone to stay with them a while and get something started. My intentions are to stay at least three years and then I will probably evaluate to see if I need to stay longer.

My intention in this letter is to convey my appreciation for the help you were in my search for a place to work. Just the use of your name helped a lot and I'm deeply grateful. I hear you every Sunday morning over the station from Dothan, Alabama and am enjoying the series very much. If you can conveniently mail me out the whole series I could really use them. Anyway let me say again that I appreciate you very much and would like to visit with you again soon. Time seems to have a habit of getting away too fast when we do get to see each other.

If you are ever in this area please stop for a visit. We are in need of a preacher for a fall meeting so if you are available let me know. I also am available for meetings this year so if you hear of congregations in need let me know also.

Take good care of yourself because we need you around for many more years. Tell the family hello for me and come to see us soon.

With deep appreciation,

Jess

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