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May God bless your efforts in preaching the pure gospel of Christ.

2312 Indian Mound
Norwood 12, Ohio
May 9, 1961

John Allen Chalk
c/o Broad St. Church of Christ
Cookeville, Tennessee

Dear John,

We sincerely hope that everything is well with you and your family, and that the work of the Lord is abounding in that area. I know very little of the church in Cookeville, but have a brother-in-law, Denver Farley who formerly preached at Baxter, and we have a couple of young men at Norwood who formerly attended school there.

You have probably heard by this time that brother Paul Waller passed away of a heart attack on April 1. If you remember, he had contacted you while in Atlanta concerning the Northridge congregation in Dayton. Brother Waller moved to Trenton, Michigan about the first of the year to begin work with the congregation there. When Paul died, the brethren at Trenton urged me to come to work with them, and I agreed with provision that I be permitted to make preparation in the future for mission work. As a result of all this, the church here at Norwood is looking for a preacher. Because I have known you, the elders have asked me to make the first contact to see if you would be interested in moving to Norwood.

The church here has grown in the past few years. It is situated in this industrial suburb which provides for great opportunities for fruitful teaching. The congregation is composed to a great extent of young couples who have moved to this area for work. We are striving for an average attendance of 300 for morning worship and 200 for Lord's day evening and Wednesday evening. Our averages for April were 278 for morning worship, 181 for evening worship, 175 for Wednesday evening, and approximately \$460 contribution per Lord's day. A great number of people are being taught and interest among the members of the church seems to be very high. The congregation is at peace, and there is no hobbyistic tendency.

John, I would like for you to consider this work, for I believe that with your zeal for the Lord's work, great good would be accomplished. The church here needs someone who can direct a good personal work program to convert the lost. We hope that you will consider this, and if you are interested, write the elders or me in care of the church here. I am to leave for Trenton, if the Lord wills, July 1. The elders desire to secure a preacher as soon as they can after that time. Please write soon. Of course, we realize that no com-

mitment would be made on either side because of this communication.
May God bless your efforts in preaching the pure gospel of Christ,

Your brother in Christ,

Bob

Robert Buchanan
For the elders

1211 18th Street
Harwood 12, Chic
Mar 9, 1961

John Allen Chalk
c/o Broad St. Church of Christ
Cocoa, Florida

Dear John:

We sincerely hope that everything is well with you and your family,
and that the work of the Lord is progressing in that area. I know
very little of the church in Harwood, but with a brother-in-law,
Dr. Farley who formerly preached at senior, and he has a number
of young men at Harwood who formerly attended school there.

You have probably heard by now that brother Paul Miller passed
away of a heart attack on April 1st. I can remember he had contacted
you while in Atlanta respecting the Fellowship congregation in Har-
wood. Brother Miller was in Harwood, Michigan about the first of
the year to begin work with the congregation there. When Paul died,
the brethren at Trenton urged me to come to work with them, and I
agreed with provision that I be permitted to make preparation in the
future for mission work. As a result of all this, the church here
at Harwood is looking for a pastor. Because I have known you, the
elders have asked me to pass the word around to you if you would
be interested in coming to Harwood.

The church here has grown in the past few years. It is situated in
this industrial suburb which provides for great opportunities for
evangelical teaching. The congregation is composed to a great extent
of young people who have moved to this area for work. We are
striving for an average attendance of 100 for Sunday worship and
200 for Lord's Day morning and Wednesday evenings. Our averages for
April were 210 for morning worship, 170 for evening worship, 110 for
Wednesday evening, and approximately 100 for Lord's Day.
A great number of people are being taught and interested among the
people of the church, and it is very bright. The congregation is at
peace, and there is no doctrinal controversy.

John, I would like for you to come and see this work, for I believe that
with your zeal for the Lord's work, much good will be accomplished.
The church here needs a pastor, and I think a good personal visit
would be very helpful. I am sure that you will find the work
and of your own initiative, I am sure you will be able to see
that the work here is very bright and that the people are
being taught and interested. I am sure that you will find the
work here very bright and that the people are being taught and
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