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September 24, 1969

Mr. Steve Williams  
P. O. Box 3  
Clarksburg, Tennessee

Dear Steve:

I have been receiving your bulletin from the Clarksburg congregation for some time. Through it I have learned not only that you had moved to Clarksburg but of many things going on in the church there. I pray that God will bless your efforts with that community.

I hope that you get to visit with the members of the Lexington church from time to time. Charles Thomason is a good friend of mine and I have many cherished brothers and sisters there. My parents also attend that congregation and I hope you get to visit with them. My mother teaches at the Lexington High School and my father drives the bus for both the football and basketball teams on all their trips.

The youth rally idea is a great one and I hope you can continue it. I think it will mean a great deal to the Clarksburg church to sponsor this and make it an annual affair. I can certainly understand the financial load and would think that you might even want to consider some kind of very small registration fee on the part of the teenagers who come. One dollar per person would not be too much and from the 639 who came last year you would have already had your \$500 more than covered. This is only a suggestion and may not meet with the approval of your brethren there.

Thank you so much for writing. I hope that things will continue to progress and you can offer your own effective leadership.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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September 12, 1969

John Allen Chalk  
809 Bird Drive  
Abilene, Texas

Dear John,

I trust all is fine and this letter finds you well. Quite a few things have happened since the West Tennessee Youth Rally that I think you would be interested in knowing about.

First of all, I have changed locations, and am now at Clarksburg, just a few miles from your hometown. We have been discussing the possibility, as we mentioned once briefly during the Youth Rally, of making this thing an annual affair. Of course, much will depend on whether or not we can find support for the rally, both financially as well as spiritually. The rally of April 5 cost almost \$500. But I do believe that the Lord will find a way.

My purpose in writing you is to ask you for your ideas, opinions, and advice regarding ways to make our rally better than it was the last time. I really do believe it would be considered an outstanding success. I believe the official figure was 639 persons in attendance. That sounds good to me.

So if you will, think about it, pray about it, and let me hear from you in the near future.

I know that you are a busy man, but I just can't bear to see this thing die when it has so much to offer. Until I hear from you I am fraternally,

Yours for the cause of Christ  
to young people,

*Steve Williams*  
Steve Williams