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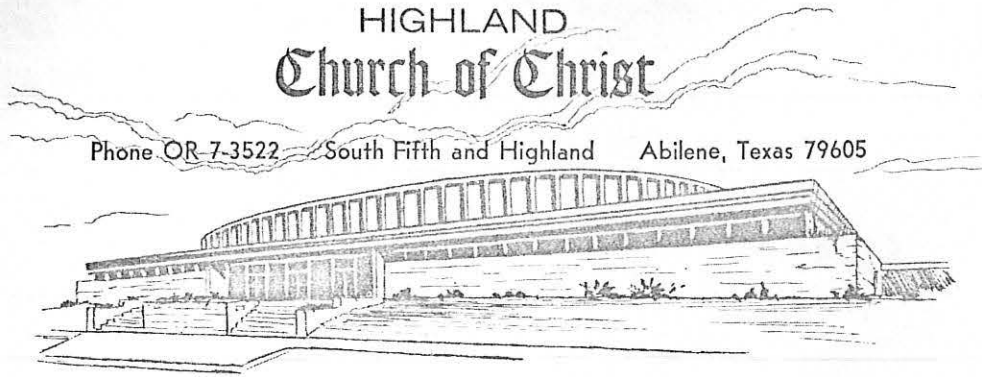
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Mr. Charles Shelton
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Dear Charles:

It was extremely thoughtful of you to write about my decision to remain at Highland. The time you took and the sentiments you expressed came as a gladly welcomed encouragement.

Highland faces some of her most critical times just ahead. I have no "wild" dreams of "great accomplishments" but have placed myself in the hands of God for His "will and purpose" to be worked (Phil. 2:12-13).

The greatest challenge for me is the spiritual challenge of allowing Jesus Christ to be my constant Ruler-Lord. Will you pray right now that in every situation regarding my work here I will be God's man and not my own or someone else's? Thank you for helping in this effective way.

I treasure our friendship and hope that the future holds many more opportunities for our mutual service.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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July 21, 1969

Mr. John Allen Chalk
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Dear John:

I have been wrestling for several days trying to determine how I should begin this letter. I don't know whether to extend congratulations, consolation, or simply to express my wonderment as I am still facing that same dilemma. I will do none of these. I just want you to know that I believe in you. I believe that your decision was God-led and selfless. If the Highland church can be salvaged I believe that you can be God's tool to do that. I really don't envy you the task that is before you however.

Not too many people are aware of what has been happening at Highland. It seems to me, however, that this is a classic case of the fruits of legalism, fear and guilt. Knowing you I am confident that the people there will be loved and fed the love and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am sure that your decision was a great disappointment to the men in Atlanta. Knowing them I am confident they will accept your decision as one to which God led you and that they will pursue their purposes in spite of their disappointment.

I hope that you know that you can count on Jim and me to be of whatever aid we can in the overwhelming task that is before you. Please know that we are praying for you and perhaps that is the best that we can do.

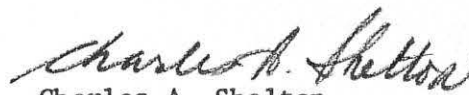
Your course at ACC was very rewarding to Lamar Wigginton. He is going to be a large asset to the work we are trying to do here in Houston.

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We are looking forward to being with you in the Florida Evangelism Seminar next month. I really wished you could have shared the West Coast Seminar with us. I believe it was one of the deepest programs that we have had. I know that it did a great deal of good for me spiritually as I was able to be cleansed of some of the animosity I had developed over the experiences of the last few months.

Paul's benediction to the Second Corinthian letter is my prayer for you. May the love of God and the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen.

Your brother,



Charles A. Shelton
Director of Evangelism

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