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October 14, 1969

Mr. Bill Goodpasture
4837 Buckingham
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Dear Bill:

Sue and I were pleasantly surprised to hear from you and to know that you had moved to the Detroit area. I knew you enjoyed Michigan and am happy to know that you are back in that area. The metropolitan areas of our country offer great challenges. I know you will enjoy your work there. It certainly will be different from Watertown.

I deeply regret to hear what Buster Dobbs did in your Michigan preacher's meeting. This kind of thing is productive of no good. It is the spreading of "old wives' tales", and can do nothing but damage otherwise good servants of Jesus Christ. I have determined to let nothing like that shake my response to Jesus Christ. I am no longer participating in the brotherhood polls as to who is number One, Number Ten, or Number One Thousand. I have a strong suspicion that God is counting on a totally different scale.

Sue and I wish you and Janice God's richest blessings. We pray for you a very effective ministry there. Thank you for sending along your address and phone number.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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September 24, 1969

John Allen Chalk
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Dear John,

It appears that you have again faced a great struggle in the decisions you have had to make in the last few months. I know it must have been difficult to give up the campus work in Georgia. I pray that your work at Highland will prove to be the most fruitful. After 2½ years I faced a few decisions about Watertown. I felt the need to be "where the action was" and be able to serve more people. The church at Watertown was in tears and so were we. These brethren called me out of a clear blue sky and would have it no other way but that we would come. We came here with great confidence. I liked Michigan before and would have stayed longer if the church situation had been better.

Upon our arrival here we began to work and haven't stopped yet. With 200 members there is considerably more to do. This congregation is the one who took the lead when the Herald of Truth began in the Detroit area. Bro. Baxter held a meeting here two years ago. I

I went to the Michigan preacher's retreat last Friday. Buster Dobbs was filling in for Thomas Warren. He gave all the preacher's his list of liberals. You can be proud (I suppose) because he only listed you as uncertain. The fact that you got away from that anti-Christ Crenshaw helped your situation. He still views you with suspicion. You talk about a name calling witch hunt! Whew! I'm sure none of this really bothers you. I just tell you to keep you humble.

My new address is 4837 Buckingham, Detroit, Michigan 48224. Our phone number is 885-0346. Oh yes, We are expecting in January! We look forward to seeing you and just chewing the fat if we are ever permitted that much time.

Love,
Bill + Janice