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Bro. Chalk —

Bill and I wanted to say how much your words impressed us Sunday. To us, you didn't preach a sermon, but drew us into an emotional ~~of~~ involvement of thought about God. The Bible became a life instead of just a law. I know the older generation must enjoy a delivery like yours ~~as~~ as much - but perhaps not in the same way that ours does. I think we're hungry for it because it's alive and fiery instead of cut and dry and indirect. The world we have to accept is

also alive and fast moving.  
Most young people are thrilled to participate in active thought - even those who do not know of God. I grew up in the church, but Bill didn't. He made me think and see that there were many things I just accepted and that they could become nothing but ritual to me. Could it be that ~~it~~ our generation wants to know that God not only judges, He loves and understands and encourages us to do our best in whatever we try? That He gives us not only commands, but challenges? That He above

all, gives us purpose? The number of verses one can quote doesn't prove much to skeptics-except that our memory is good. It's learning to love God & live His life that helps others, isn't it?

These are things we discussed on the way back to Memphis Sunday and I wanted to tell you that your messages inspired them. Please always stay around young people, especially.

If you are ever speaking near Memphis or Atlanta - I hope we hear of it. (Darcy isn't too far either.) We appreciate

the encouragement we received in those few minutes after church. I will finish my education in commercial art. It's a good field and one I'm very interested in.

I believe God will make the week at Arlington a very successful one. We hope to meet you again someday.

Ennice and Bill Williams