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Rev. John Allen Chalk  
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Dear Chalk -

We read with considerable interest your comments on the Supreme Court decision. It is what I would have expected from you, reasonable, objective and with due consideration for the rights of ALL. It was not at all what I would have expected from one of your religious sect, though that may not please you!

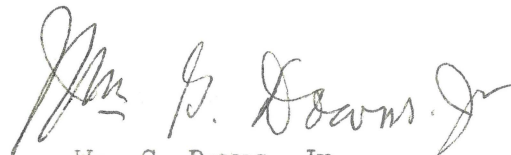
May I ask you once more, if you are on the right track? You think too clearly, too honestly, and too objectively to belong to a profession which, with all its possible fine points, rarely does so (witness the foggy comments of many ministers of all faiths, re the aforesaid SC Decision).

The times which lie ahead of us, require clear-cut thinking intestinal fortitude, and the ability to take and hold a position. Will you be able to do this? I wonder.

We shall be back in Cookeville about the 10th or 11th of August, and hope to see you then.

Our kindest regards to you and yours family.

Sincerely,



Wm. G. Downs, Jr.