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Dear Brother Chalk:

We look forward to our gospel meeting April 17 - 24th, in which you are to do the preaching. We shall expect you to arrive in time to preach your first sermon of the meeting at 6:00 P. M., April 17, and remain through April 24th. We are expecting a great week of evangelism and we believe that the whole church will be ready for a dedicated effort.

We had the initial services last Lord's Day in our new building, although we have set February 6th as the date for our formal opening. By actual count last Sunday we had 557 for the morning service and 351 for the evening service. There were 506 in the Bible classes; our contribution was \$1,801.07, which was \$201.07 above our weekly budget.

It was our plan to conduct a meeting for eight days when we were to first worship in our new building. This, we thought, would have been last October or November, so I am to preach eight nights in a meeting beginning on February 6th. This and all the other work we plan to do prior to April 17, we hope, will bring us into a state of great preparation for your meeting with us.

My wife and I want to extend to you and your wife a cordial welcome to stay in our home during the meeting. We realize that you will want to spend some time with your sister and her family, but we want you to feel welcome for all of the time that you can be with us. We surely hope that your wife and children can accompany you.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

Melvin J Wise