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Bro. Chalk:

A copy of this letter is being sent to you at the suggestion of Bro. Tom Hutcheson who lives in Frederick and will be working and worshipping with the new congregation.

Being a former Tennessean myself (Martin + Knoxville), I am particularly glad to learn of your interest in the work here -

Yours in Christ,
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Dear Brethren:

Either during the past few years or recently your congregation has expressed an interest in seeing an organized work of the Lord's true church started in Frederick, Maryland. Your interest and encouragement has already been a valuable assistance.

This matter has been re-discussed in some detail during three planning meetings held in Frederick on February 2nd, 14th, and 21st. Other details have been worked out since that time. Because of a combination of circumstances, now seems to be an opportune time to begin the new effort.

The purpose of this letter then is to announce to our brethren the establishment of a congregation of the Church of Christ in this city, beginning Sunday, March 14, 1965. Similar letters (or carbon copies of this letter) will be sent shortly to other congregations and individuals who have expressed interest in the Frederick work. More extensive publicity and canvassing in the area will come later.

Means of obtaining the services of a regular minister on either a part time or full time basis are currently being investigated. Bro. Joel Anderson of the Sixteenth & Decatur St. Church of Christ in Washington, D. C. has been invited as principal speaker for the opening services, both morning and evening.

Regular weekly bible study and worship services are scheduled to be held, initially, at the Harmon Field Civic Association building on Winchester Street, as follows:

Sunday	-----	10:00 a.m.	-----	Bible study
		11:00 a.m.	-----	Worship services
		6:00 p.m.	-----	Worship and/or special study

Mid-week ----- No services, initially. Personal work on an individual basis or in small groups.

The meeting place is located in the southeastern portion of Frederick, about two blocks east of the Maryland State School for the Deaf. If one enters Frederick from the south on Highways 240 & 15 (which become S. Market in town), the building can be easily reached by turning right (east) off S. Market onto Clarke Pl, following it past the School for the Deaf, across S. Carroll St., and on until it dead ends on Winchester Street. The small brick building adjacent to a city playground will then be in sight. Parking is permitted on both sides of Clarke and Winchester Streets.

All who are interested in promoting New Testament Christianity, and particularly in advancing the Lord's cause in Frederick, will be most welcome at all services. Anticipating a rapid growth in the new congregation, we are already seeking a more adequate place in which to meet.

Initially, we expect a regular attendance of about 12 adults (not all members), and almost as many children. The group includes song leaders and those qualified to teach, however, toward the beginning at least, we will need to make use of invited speakers from time to time, or else seek outside financial assistance in order to support a regular full time minister.

Listed below are some of the present needs in order to insure an effective launching and a successful continuation of this new work:

1. your encouragement, moral support and prayers for success;
2. publicity, both among the brethren and without, concerning the new undertaking;
3. names, addresses, and phone numbers of qualified persons who would be willing to serve as guest speakers, if needed, from time to time;
4. names, addresses, and phone numbers of other brethren, or likely prospects for conversion to New Testament Christianity, in or within driving distance of Frederick;
5. financial assistance to supplement the regular contribution -- to be used toward support of a regular minister, advertizement, tracts, bibles, lesson materials, etc., and (hopefully, in the near future) toward the purchase of property for a building site or permanent meeting place;
6. song books, bibles, classroom training aids, reference library and lesson materials; communion set, collection trays, linen, etc.
7. slides and/or film strips and projection equipment, primarily for use in cottage classes;
8. typewriter, ditto machine or other duplicating equipment;
9. speaker stands (pulpit type or otherwise);
10. tract racks, tracts and other printed information for passing out to the public and to visitors at services.

Some of the tangible items will have to be purchased right away, if not first obtained through loan or donation. . If you have any of these items on hand that are not needed and might be used to further the work in Frederick, we would appreciate hearing from you promptly.

We are confident that Christians both in Frederick and among our sister congregations who know and care will rise to meet the need, within the limits of their abilities. We invite and urge all our sister congregations to back this new effort for the Lord's cause in whatever way they consider they are best able to serve.

Yours in His Service,

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 (for the Frederick congregation)