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BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO HOUSTON AND BEYOND

**KHCB**  
**FM**  
**105.7**  
**8 PM**  
**SUNDAY**

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**KTRK**  
**TV 13**  
**5:30AM**  
**SUNDAY**  
**(54 YRS)**

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**KTBU**  
**TV 55**  
**11 AM**  
**SUNDAY**  
**(6 YRS)**

## First Choice Ministries

Dear Friend:

I hope this letter finds you well and still basking in the afterglow of a Merry Christmas. For us in First Choice it was a very busy time. We provided audio and video assistance at six worship services on Christmas Eve. Our 11 p.m. service was telecast on Channel 55 and was the fourth service in the first month of our 54<sup>th</sup> year of broadcasting.

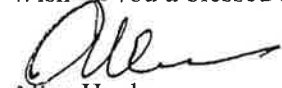
Continuing my report on a busy season we have expedited improvements to fmhouston.com (the church's website), published a color edition of *The First Edition* and had some wonderful sale days in our Hidden Treasures Books and Gift stores. The radio broadcast on KHCB went on as usual. We placed print ads in six publications and, of course, advertised on several websites, on KODA (Sunny 99.1 FM) and on television. It has been a busy month and we are looking forward to a New Year when things slow down for a little while.

In 2010, we are faced with a rather daunting challenge. When the conversion to HD (digital) television occurred in June the Federal Communication Commission announced they would be selling the analog frequencies in the ranges used most by churches, schools and small business. The end result is that wireless microphone systems we use will all have to be replaced as they use one of the frequencies being sold. The risk is enormous. We could keep what we have and have worship services (where wireless is used) interrupted by broadcasts from the frequency purchaser. It was the FCC position that sales to public service entities like police, fire and ambulance services would benefit those entities, but cell phone companies and others were included. No telling what we might hear during a service when someone broadcasts on the frequency we have been using. Most of our microphones are hard wired and will not be affected but wireless mics will be. At first blush, the figure to replace the wireless ones is \$32,000.

Thank you for responding to my last letter. Your assistance and the letters that accompanied your checks were also appreciated. We still need some help but I know you have done all you can.

On December 13<sup>th</sup> our Sanctuary Choir, Chorale and Orchestra presented a service called a "Festival of Lessons and Carols". The music was absolutely terrific and our recording of the service exceptionally good. I will be sending you a copy of that CD as a means of thanking you for your contributions following my last appeal.

Wishing you a blessed and happy New Year,



Allen Houk  
Director

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