

May 30 / 1911.

Dear parents:-

This is the night for the graduating class at the Seminary, and just one year ago to-night I graduated, and entered another school. They say that this is the largest class that has ever gone out. We are planning to go.

Last night the temperance entertainment went off just fine. There was a big crowd to hear it. There is a chance that I will not get to take my vacation when I thought that I would for there may some work open up and if it should then I ought to take advantage of that. I have much of my work off hands and I tell you that I feel better. I know that the country has changed a bit since I was there for a while but the hills look the same.

We went to the Commencement last night and saw the men graduate. Piani and Weatherspoon took their doctor's degree. The exercises were better than usual. There is so much to do that I haven't the time to know that to do. I think that I may get some meetings to hold.

Give my regards to all and tell them that I am well. I feel better than I have felt for a long time. Blanche is washing today.

I will baptize to-night. Now take good care of yourself and write when you have the time.

Your loving son,

E.L. Averitt.

Well, how do you think that this favors us? It is not as good as I wanted but it will serve to show you our faces.

Dear Folks:-

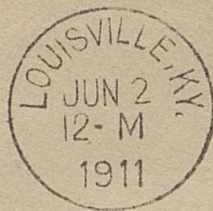
Well we are having some nice
cool mornings and I am mighty
glad. My Temperance entertain-
ment went off fine. The
house and yard were jammed
We had a big prayer meeting
Bro. Jenkins was out and the
9th + 8- folks. after it, Erwin
baptized 2 and Bro. Knicey 3.
The church is still behind, didn't
get any check this week - seems
that money is sure enough
scarce. Mr. Puddleton's eyes are
no better. I say - Daddy Reynolds
moved out last Tuesday, so we
are not bothered with the
noise over head, it was too
hot up there, they almost
suffocated - No, the sick folks
are not any one you know
they are outsiders. We are
having quite a busy time

but hope to soon get
some rest, don't know when
we'll get to come up, hope
it won't be so awfully
long - Daddy, I am anxious
to hear from you, can't
you write me a line
or two - I imagine
Duke makes things lively
well here's the mail-way
so I'll hush

Lovingly

Dad

Don't laugh too much at
our pictures, but she didn't
give us time to straighten
up after laughing - but
it will scare all the
rats away I'm sure



Mr. Luther F. Averitt,

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Dec. 3rd, 1911.

Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Luther F. Averitt,
Bedford, Ky.

Dear Father:-

Please let me know by return mail how much money you will need to meet the Life Insurance. You know that falls due on the 4th of this month and you don't want to let it go over time. I thought that it was about thirty dollars, but I have forgotten. Now write at once and let me know so that I may be able to send the money to you.

Our meeting at Leitchfield was one of the best meetings that I have ever had. The people came and just kept coming. I will send you what the local paper put and you can read for yourself. Some 20 or more came to the church- Christ. Last Sunday night the house would not hold the people.

I got home and found that my people thought that I was about to never come home, but I rejoice to see a good crowd out to-night. I think that we will have good crowds now for some time. I feel well and ready for work.

How is Mother? I hope that she is better now, for I hate to know that you are sick. As long as I know that you are well at home I feel alright about the matters, but I feel bad when I think that you are sick. Now let me know how you both feel and take good care of yourselves and this winter get into good shape again. I hope to write and see that some one will get your wood for you. What do they charge per rick? Do you need any cut now? Can you cut it yourself, or would it help to get some one to cut it?

I will be busy this week getting things back to their old place. I hope that the church takes on new life now, and that we ~~fe~~ work and see lots of things happen.

Write me a big long letter and tell me all about yourselves.

Your loving son,

E. L. Averitt.



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Mr. Luther F. Averitt,

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June 27/1911.

Dear Parents:-

We are at home again, and I have gotten through all the things that I have to do to-day. The train this morning went like the wind, and we made it home by noon. At fourth St. where the train stopped an automobile hit a man's buggy and threw his little boy out, and hurt him very badly. The negro ought to have been more careful but he hit him, and then it was too late to look careful. We found a little boy that was lost this afternoon and he had gone to sleep, and we took him over to Gruber's and he got word to his home.

To-night I go to take my first swimming lessons. I will get to take several lessons, and that ought to teach me a whole lot about swimming. I saw the brother from New Albany and he said that he had something for me at his room, and so I will go down tomorrow to get it. He did not say how much but I hope that it will well pay me for the work that I did for them. My work at Sunday went off fine, and they seemed to like me quite well. We did not get home in time to go to the picnic to-day, and I have not learned how they made it last Sunday. I hope that they had a good day. Well this is all the news that I have now, so keep well and write whenever you have the time.

Your loving son,

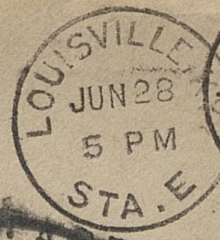
Erwin L. Averitt

Good morning Folksies.
How are you both this a.m.
We are feeling fine and I am
ready to do a big washing. I brought
everything good home with me - had
more luggage than we could take. I'm
in hopes Daddy is feeling better
I sure enjoyed my visit and
we want to come again soon -
(over)

Erwin did some fine preaching
Sunday, think all the people
were highly pleased, and some-
what surprised as Grover
had led quite a few to
believe that he could sing
but wasn't much preacher
so he did both and
in spite of the hard rain
he had splendid crowds
both day and night.
Well I must hush and
commence washing before
it gets any warmer

Lovingly
Babe

Return to
Erwin L. Averitt,
4003-3rd St.,
Louisville, Ky.



Mr. Luther F. Averitt,

Bedford,

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Sunday July 2, 1911.

Dear parents :-

I looked for a letter this week but none came and I wrote to you almost as soon as I got home and ought to have gotten a letter about Friday. How is Papa? I hope that he feels better. This has been the hottest day that I have felt for a long time and you will have to take good care of yourself or you will be sick. I don't think that I have seen so hot time at the church as we had this A.M. for it was just like an oven.

I feel as well as I can feel this kind of weather. I got a letter from Alabama saying that I had been recommended to three churches for meetings and I hope that we get to go for I do enjoy evangelistic work, and you don't have to hold a meeting long down there for they are ready and are different from the North. I hope some day to go into that kind of work altogether. I enjoyed my visit so much and hope that I can get away again before long and then I will come and help papa on the barn, and then I can get back to preach on Sunday. They did not say as much about me being away this time as usual for I think that they are beginning to know that I have the right to go and to come when I get ready.

We elect three deacons next Wednesday night and I preached on the subject this morning, and hope that they will choose the right men.

Now write when you get the time for I want to hear from you,

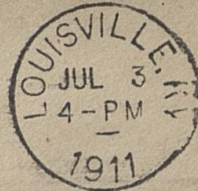
We are well as can be, and I am getting down to my field work again. We had a good service last night and I baptized one. It was fearfully hot but the crowd stayed it out and did not seem to be tired.

I hope for a letter from you soon.

Your loving son,

Erwin L. Swartz

Return to
Erwin L. Averitt,
4003-3rd St.,
Louisville, KY.



Mr. Luther F. Averitt,
Bedford,

Ky.

R. F. D.

July 24/1911.

Mr. & Mrs. Luther F. Averitt,

Bedford, Ky.

Dear Parents:-

We had a good day yesterday. The crowd was very good at both hours. Last night Bro. Spoo was ordained as deacon. The interest was good and I spoke on our doctrine. Last week was so cool that we got to visit some, and I think that we will finish up this week. On Wednesday night we will give a reception to about 50 new members that have come in with us since the first of Jan. We look for a good time then, and I think that there will be a large crowd.

I am so sorry that one of the hogs is sick. I do hope that it will get well. I hate for you to lose any more, for you need every dollar. Tell me how it gets along. I sent you the paper, and I am glad that you got it O.K. I hope that our work goes O.K., for we want to take a little trip before long. I will not go to Sebree, for that has been cancelled with Betts, and he wrote me, and of course I will have no occasion to go. Well something else will turn up and then I can go to that.

Now take good care of yourselves, and write when you get the chance. Blanche is well, and we are at work, trying to get our work in good shape.

Come to see us when you get the chance. Tell papa not to work too hard and take care of himself. The sick here are all a little better. Bro. Hall has had a close call, and is not out of danger yet.

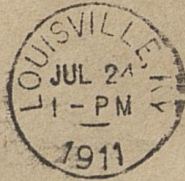
Your loving son,

Erwin K. Averitt

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Still Good-morning Folksies.
My! but this is a good feeling
morning, and we have a lot to
do, we have been busy keeping
up with the sick, but all are
a little better. I rec'd a letter
from Maude Saturday, her eye
is improving slowly. Dad made
his trip O. K. Still one of our
new members Mrs. Atwood just
brought us a sack of tomatoes
My! but they look good. Mrs.
Davis hasn't been well. O yes!
we have the cutest little girl
baby next door. Mrs. Reynolds.
Now Daddy take good care of
yourself. And don't get sick
and ruddy keep a kicking - well
as I hear the whistle I'll
hush. Both of you write
 Lovingly
Babe

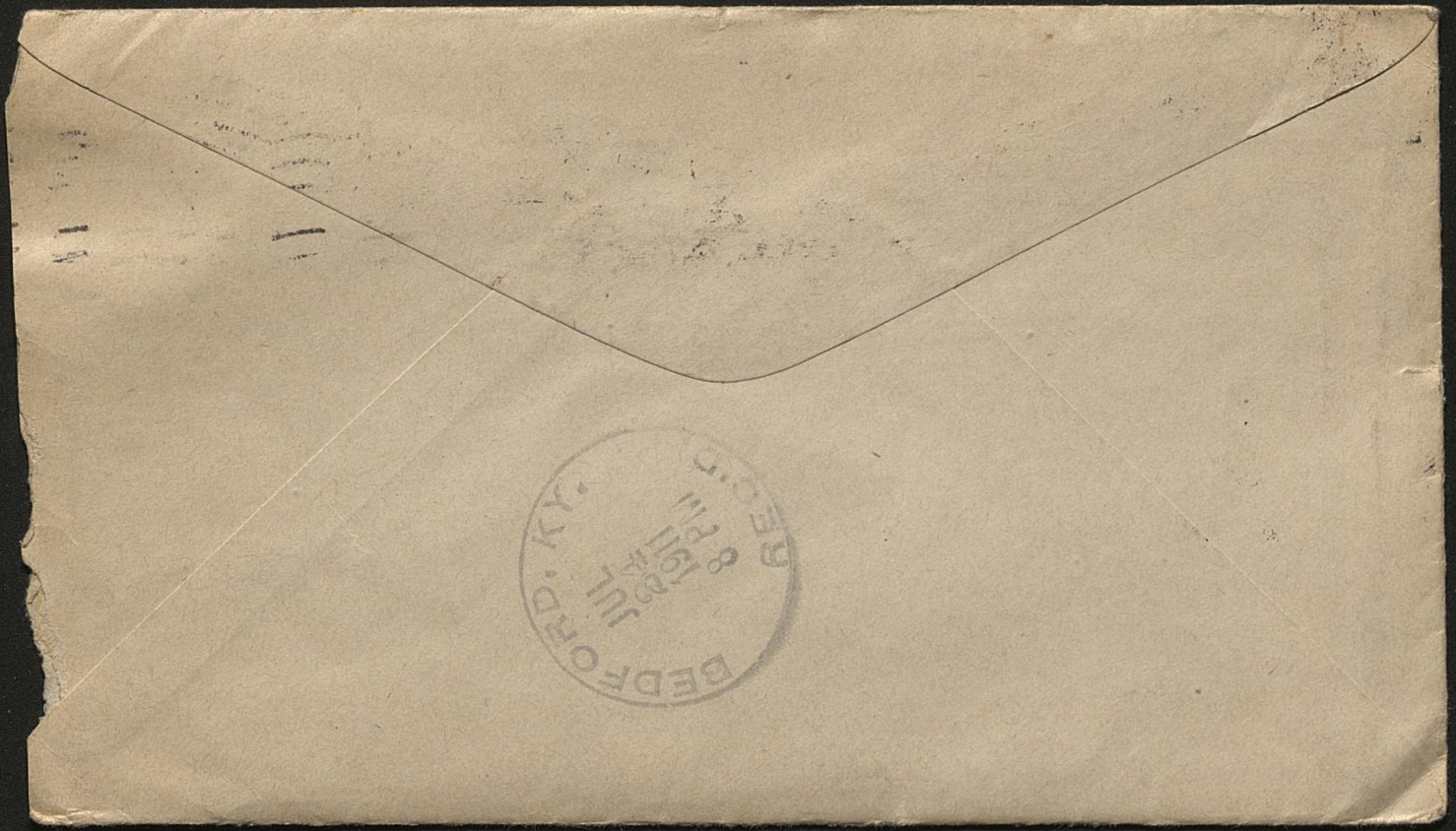
OAKDALE BAPTIST CHURCH
ERWIN L. AVERITT, PASTOR
RESIDENCE, 4008 THIRD ST.
LOUISVILLE, KY.



r. Luther F. Averitt,
Bedford,

Ky.

R.F.D.



Aug. 7, 1911 .

Mr. & Mrs. L.F. Averitt,

Bedford, Ky.

Dear Parents:-

I have just returned from the deacons meeting and every thing went off O.K. I think that we will have a good meeting on next Wednesday night, and from the outlook to-night the church is in good condition.

We had a good trip to Cincinnati, and will tell you about it when we see you. Blanche has a very bad cold, and can't talk above a whisper. She is a little better now and I hope that she will be well soon.

I am well, and things are going nicely right now. The church is still behind some, but they have paid up some, and we are in a good shape for the time, and we are done getting things only to live on. We want to save now and hope that we may.

How is papa? Tell him to write some too when he can. How did you come out on the hogs? I hope that they brought good prices. Did the other one get well?

There is a lot of sickness now but they folks are getting better. Give my regards to all, and come to see us when you get the chance.

Love to both,

E. L. A.

Dear Folks:-

Still we are fixing to wash, have a few dirty clothes from our trip, never shells we had a fine time. Dad is still in Colorado having the trip of his life. I am anxious for him to come home so Maude can make us a visit before school begins, she has never been down since we have

been to ourselves and she says she
wants to see how just "we thro" get
along - and I'm in hopes no one
will "butt in" while she's here.
Grover went back to Louisiana last
week, but as we were away, didn't
get to see him. Mr. Hall is able
to be out on the porch, all the
sick are improving. Daddy, I
hope you are feeling better, now,
you must write us if only a
line to tell us how you are.
I am whispering around and
have suffered quite a bit with
my head and eyes. Hope you
felt able to go to Madison last
Saturday, the Chautauqua is fine
there this year from all accounts.
Do you all need rain or are
vegetables alright?

Now, both of you take care
of yourselves and both of
you write - Has Daddy
Lovingly Babe -

OAKDALE BAPTIST CHURCH
ERWIN L. AVERITT, PASTOR
RESIDENCE, 4003 THIRD ST.
LOUISVILLE, KY.



Mr. Luther F. Averitt,

Bedford,

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OAKDALE BAPTIST CHURCH
ERWIN L. AVERITT, PASTOR
RESIDENCE, 4003 THIRD ST.
LOUISVILLE, KY.

October 13, 1911.

Mr. & Mrs. Luther F. Averitt,

Bedford, Ky.

Dear Parents:-

Yours of 12 at hand I did not go into the meeting this week as I thought tha I would, and if I had known that you were nt so well I could have come. Why did you not telephone me. If you call on the Cumberland call for Mr. Scott Hall, or if on the Home then for Baker's Grocery. You call and I will pay the toll. Remember that if you on't get me it on't cost anything, so call whether you think I am here or not. I will come up just as soon as I can.

If you need anything let me know. Now do this take good care of yourself, or you will get worse. There is no use fo getting out and woking yourself down. I can't make you take care of yourself, but you ought to do that without any advice. Let the tobacco go, for does does it all ammount to when you are sick. You must take care of yourself, or god will hold you responsible for it. I would come this afternoon, but I would not get to see you. I will come at the fir chane. I id not get to go into the meeting, but have looked for a telegramn this week to hold one but you can telephone me, and they can tell you whther I am here or not.

I am so sory to hear that you ar wosre, nad I want to seee you so bad, but I have not has the chance to do anything for myself for some time. I f you get worse telephone me, and I will get a supply and come ahead.

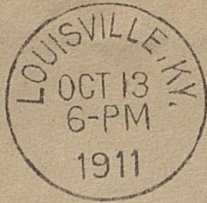
Your loving son,

Erwin L. Averitt.

Dear Folks —

Now look a here Daddy
you don't want to be getting
sick for that's no nice
way to act. We are
so anxious to see you
all and are coming
at our first opportunity.
But the church staying
behind, we barely have
enough to live on, or
we would have been
up sooner. Trust that
you will feel better Daddy
can't bear the idea of
you being sick. We
have been quite busy this
week, have visited every
day, actually I most
run my legs off trying
to keep up with Emma

Mrs. Davis has been real
sick, but is better now
yes, Marie has gone home
for good. Say, how do
you like this cool weather
I must freeze. Muddie
you must keep well for
it won't do for both
of you to get sick -
You are both feeling
pretty good. Hope you
can see you real
soon, should Daddy feel
worse, be sure to telephone
us. Here are two kisses
for you, (these blots) Now
Daddy take good care
of yourself, and will
come to see you soon
Lovingly
Dad.



Mr. Luther F. Averitt,
Bedford,
Ky.

R.F.D.

Bakers Grove

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BEDFORD, KY.
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June 6/1911.

Dear Parents:-

We had planned to get to come home this week, but they are beginning a general campaign in New Albany, and we are going inot that and do not know yet just what it will amount to, but hope for a great time. We have just returned from there. The crowd was not large, but it will grow.

My work here is going fairly well. There is great need of more work on the part of some who are not doing their full duty. The money side must be brought up a bit. We have additions, and that is much better than some churches are doing. We are very tired, and there seems to be no let up on the work. I hope that I can get a little rest, or get into some big meeting. I like to see things going and then I can stand to work, and feel that I am repaid.

I want to get my vacation, but there is no chance for that now, and when I may get it I may not want it. The Seminary is out now, and the summer is here in earnest. I hope that Papa does not work too hard for this weather is dangerous, and he might get sun-stroke again. I think that it is better to take your time than to get sick. I have a lot to do, and these wrm days I am at my type writer and am getting the things of hands that I have to do and then when the time come that I can rest I will have the chance to rest.

I have not been out of town until I feel that I wouldn't know tht what to do if they would let me out for a few days. I am anxious to get to the country for a few days but they say that it is just a shot there as it is here and that would not help me.

I am looking for a letter from you before long, and have not heard from you this week. Now write when you get the chance. We are always glad to hear from you. Did you get the pictures that I sent you O.K.?

Its iall that I can think pf just now, so write when you get the time.

Your loving son,

Erwin L. Averitt.

Tell folks - is it warm enough for you it sure has been hot down here. Say, folks, my Daddy sent me a check and I sure got my Davenport. O! but I'm glad. Bro. Fletcher bought a home on Collins Court, Mrs. Burdett will move into the one they left and has rented the one next to us, to a young couple. Daddy Reynolds says its much longer cooler where they now live. This house sure seems quiet, I miss Miss Lillies playing

Rec'd a letter from home yesterday
Dad and Nora are going to the
Conference at Bedford to-day and
Maude is going to-morrow, wish
it were so Ernie and I could
be there. I did a big washing
yesterday, all of my fancy pieces
besides the clothes, then ironed
them after dinner, so I was good
and tired. Marie has gone home as
her baby sister and mother both were
sick. Mrs. Davis hasn't been very
well since she left either. Tell
Holke, I hope it won't be long
till we can see you.

Here's the mail man

Lovingly
Babe,

This letter contains the clipping from

Bedford Ky

Paper about the meeting

Nov. 1911

R.F.D.

From
E.L. Averitt, 4003rd St.
Louisville, Ky.

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Mr. Luther F. Averitt,

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Louisville, Ky.,

Dec. 7, 1911.

Dear Father:-

I sent your letter regarding the bills the other day, and told the Wharf Boat to send the bills to you. I thought that \$40.18 was too much, but you know that I could not do anything with them and so I think that you could do more along that line and maybe if you would take the matter up at once with Capt. Fuller he would let you off a little easy. I would have paid the amount for you, but I thought that it would be the best for you to get it down as far as you could. I don't see how I can spare \$40.00 just now, but I inclose a check for \$30.00 and as I won't be able to make any Christmas present to amount to anything, I hope that you can use this for more than anything that I could do for you. So think of it as a X'mas gift. Take the matter up with the Boat Co. and get them down to the best that they will do and then pay the amount. I thought that I would be able to send you \$50.00 this time, but I did not get as much as I thought that I might.

Now about the house. I am so glad that you are going ahead with that, for I trust that they will come with you next year. I think that will pay. Now I want you to draw writings with them, and then when you get them in form send them to me, and I will make two copies on my typewriter, and you can sign them. Don't think of going into it without writing for that is the business way, and will help you to get along nicely together. If I can I will help on the house, but I don't know now how much I may be able to do. It may be that I will get into a pinch myself, but if possible I will try to keep out on top, and help all that I can do, for a little help is worth more when you need it than anything. Be sure to draw writings. They will likely wait to, and that is the best way to do.

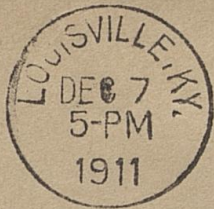
I am sorry that you are not very well, and caught so much. Take good care of yourself. I will write to you when I can, and now keep me in touch with the house plans and let me try to help you. I think that we can buy the roofing at the wholesale house and that will save you money. Let us help that way if we can. You might buy through us as you did the stove.

Let me know at once if you get the check, and then get them to cut down on the bill if you can and thus make it go as far as possible.

your loving son,

E. L. Averitt

I can't count on the church paying up, for they are a little behind now on this month, and it may be that in two more months I may be broke. I'll do what we can.



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