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Dear Rhonda,

As pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, TN, I wanted to write you and tell you how very much we have enjoyed the automated system which you installed on our carillon. Every day we use the system to provide our community with a mini carillon concert at noon and again at 5:00 p.m. We also use the system to play for 30 minutes as people arrive for worship each Sunday morning, and of course, the system adds greatly to our celebration of the special Holy Days of the church year.

One interesting fact you might enjoy knowing is that our church is surrounded by numerous medical buildings, and a large regional hospital is right across the street from us. On several occasions, people have contacted me and told me how the sound of the bells playing old familiar hymns comforted them as they entered or left one of the medical buildings. It is a joy to know that we are able, through the ministry of the bells, to provide some measure of comfort and assurance to people in our community who are facing medical crises. This is a ministry which cuts across denominational, economic, and racial lines, and enables us to share the love of Jesus Christ in a truly unique way.

Personally, I love hearing the bells, and I keep the remote control in my office so I can "play" the bells whenever I want. My secretary refers to our carillon as "the pastor's 100 foot I-Pod." Please feel free to use me as a reference – I love sharing the story of our bells!

Grace and Peace,

John H. White
First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, TN