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Announcement Letter July 1983

Warmest greetings to all:

The year 1983 is now half gone. The Spring Feasts have come and gone. We are now looking forward to the Fall Feasts. Though the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement are most significant and meaningful, the highlight of the year, due to the nature of the convocation, will be the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day.

This year, for the first time, we will be observing the Feast of Tabernacles in two separate areas. After the initial reaction to the idea of separation lessened, the anticipation of the Feast grows within each of us on a day-by-day basis. There is no reason to believe that the Feast this Fall will not be just as enjoyable and purposeful as any in the past. What a privilege to know and experience the joys of true and faithful obedience to the Holy Days ordained of the unchanging, eternal God. When we see and understand the real purpose for obedience, indeed, our hearts are "enlarged," as King David said. The Apostle Peter was inspired to call this emotion "joy unspeakable." The willing and obedient experience great satisfaction in faithful and willing obedience.

More about the Feast of Tabernacles later.

Another giant step was taken in the surreptitious resurrection of modern Babylon. On the 23rd of June, the Supreme Court took broad veto powers away from the Congress of the United States. The real power was transferred to the presidency. This is a paradox. For, such an arrangement is acceptable if a good and just president occupies the office. On the other hand, if a demagogue or tyrant occupies the office, may God help the American people.

With this interesting and unusual decision, the pathway for a dictatorship has been paved. Remember, a host of Presidential Orders, approved for any and all emergency situations, has already been put in place. The combination of these two facts is both awesome and frightening.

Truly, the progress in the resurrection of the modern-day Babylon is far greater than generally realized. You must be

alert! Observe events of the world for the next eighteen months, as well as those happenings in the body of the Church of the last days. Observe, but do not attempt to make these events fit into some previously conceived explanation of prophecies. If you will do two things, you need not fear being caught in the web of the arising Babylon. First, remain actively faithful to the faith and conviction once delivered to you. Second, do not, for any reason whatsoever, compromise those convictions -- for jobs, for life itself, for food or drink, or for any specific need or expectation. Now is the time to prepare the mind for these eventualities. Do not hope to make the right decisions if the correct preparation has not been undertaken at this time. In a word, keep the eyes fixed upon Christ, the Father, and the Words of Life. If you are the called of the last days, these things have been delivered to you. Your responsibility is to keep them inviolate.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Tape return: Most cassette recipients have been most thoughtful and consistent in returning them. For this kindness, we appreciatively thank you. Please keep up the good work. What an appreciable savings we realize when sufficient tapes are returned to keep the regular program alive without the need to purchase new cassettes.

ARTICLES:

Daily progress is being made in editing the article on healing. The first half -- the historical aspect -- of the healing article is written and now being edited prior to the writing and editing of the Biblical part.

We are yet hoping for a Feast-of-Tabernacles delivery of the article. In all respects it would be most beneficial if we could have it ready for the Feast. We are striving with that goal in mind.

Within the confines of limited time, some work is being done on the subjects which we must analyze and cover in the future. Again, may we request your diligent prayers for our eyes, as well as for the general capability of performing the task in an acceptable manner to God?

NEW INTEREST:

We are still greatly blessed with widespread interest in what we are doing and "the faith once delivered." Your continued prayers will be a very great encouragement to these bewildered and questioning people. I need to find much more time to correspond effectively with these people whom God is sending. Consistent and effective correspondence is key to their growth and action.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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GENERAL REQUESTS:

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BLESSINGS OF BRETHREN:

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FEASTS: HOLY DAYS:

Required information relevant to the observance of Trumpets and Atonement will be given at a later date. Since the Feast of Trumpets will come reasonably early in the month of September, the information will probably be given in the August issue of the Announcement Letter.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES:

Preparation of the Feast of Tabernacles must progress with all alacrity now. In order that that preparation, as well as the duties of the Feast itself, may be carried out successfully, the following organizational structure is submitted for your perusal and, if necessary, action.

TOWNSEND, TENNESSEE

Feast-site coordination:	Mr. George Leeman
Physical charge of operations:	Mr. Bill McCammon Assistant: Mr. John Byrd
Taping and recording:	Mr. Dennis Skiffington and Mr. Keven McCammon
Business office:	Miss Terrie McCammon
Activities:	Mr-s. Brian Gulliver
Music:	Mr. George Leeman

BEND, OREGON

Feast-site coordination:	Mr. Bryce Clark
Physical charge of operations:	Mr. Delmer Marsh

Taping and recording:	Mr. Russell Kelsey and Mr. Frank Sheffold
Business office:	Miss Lynn Cole
Activities:	Miss Wendy Granberg and Mr. Nathan Lawrence
Music:	Mr. George King

Duties that are under those in charge physically are as follows:

1. Set-up and service needs
2. Ushering
3. Parking
4. Offering
5. Facilities liaison and maintenance
6. Counseling and anointing
7. Office
8. Security
9. Announcements
10. First Aid

NOTE: Those wishing to help the men, in respective areas, to carry out these physical charges should send their names to us here at the Eugene office. We will send or give them to the appropriate individuals. Those rendering some service will make the load lighter for all.

As soon as time will permit, I will attempt to contact those listed to give any required instruction or help. Until you hear from me, please begin to give some thought as to how best to carry out your responsibilities. If you feel the need to write before hearing from me, please feel free to do so.

Small schedule forms, as well as the master schedules, are being prepared and printed for both sites. As soon as they are printed, at the appropriate time, they will be made available. Most of you will pick them up at the information desk once you arrive at the site of the Feast.

It is still my hope to write my next Monthly Letter, for the month of September, on the subject of the Holy Days. God willing, I will find the time to do the original study required to complete the writing in time for that issue.

Finally, may we again encourage all to make early reservations. In this way we can rightly serve the management of the motels or resorts where we will be staying this Fall. Early registration helps us, also.

TRIPS:

My schedule for July 22-31 has been changed to July 15-24. I will be in Dallas, Texas, for the Sabbath of July 16. Services will be at 10:00 AM and 2:30 PM. Due to difficulties locating a suitable hall, I cannot give you that information at this time. If needed, please call Mr. Wesley Winant. His number is: (214) 442-3456.

I will be in Baltimore, Maryland, for the Sabbath of July 24. Messrs. Bud Kidwell and Eugene Leeb may proceed to make the necessary arrangements. Based on past trips, the time of the service will be 1:00 PM. If there is any specific need, you may contact either of the above men for information. These telephone numbers are: Mr. Kidwell -- (301) 477-2287 and Mr. Leeb -- (301) 661-9470.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the above meetings -- that is, those who live in the areas of Dallas and Baltimore.

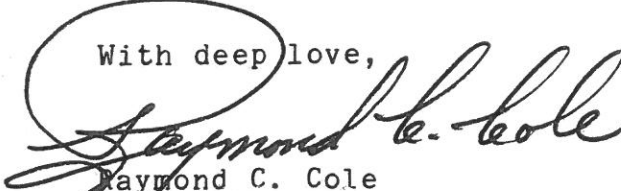
RECENT COMMENTS:

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CONCLUSION:

As always, we remember you fondly. Our prayers and thoughts continue with you day by day. As these evil days advance, we must be more fervent and determined in our efforts. Put your confidence in Him. He will sustain us all as we traverse these darkened times. We can count on Him. For, He is worthy of our trust.

With deep love,


Raymond C. Cole


Bryce G. Clark