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## Announcement Letter July 1998

Dear Brethren:

Another month in our lifetime has come and gone. Are we one month more advanced in all personal mastery—overcoming? Are we more refined, possessing less of the crassness and hatefulness of flesh, carnality? If we will severely and accurately evaluate ourselves now, we will fare well in the judgement of Christ in that appointed day of judgement (1 Corinthians 11:31–32).

Like a good gardener searching for weeds, we, too, will be pleased in one sense of the concept, at finding character defects so that they can be pulled and destroyed. Finding such weeds is an acute and demanding exercise. Effort is essential. Action imperative. By following the advice of James 1:22–25 we will be amazed at the depth of meaning contained therein. Please read these verses from several different translations. The converted individual does not desire the darkness of ignorance. He deliberately seeks to know his station and orientation. He knows that the only defect, or weakness he can master, overcome and ultimately eliminate from his life is the one he sees and admits is a problem.

The wise know the time in which they live. They are aggressively pursuing the duty of self-mastery with which they are chargeable by God.

Today is the day about which Christ spoke. Let us not be ill-affected by lethargy or indifference. The sin of self-hypnosis is perhaps the most cruel. It allows us to live complacently in a hope that is not warranted. The fruits can only be surprise and consternation.

The people of God know who they are. They are called and appointed. Knowing who they are will be manifested in diligent preparation for the time of Christ's second coming. No one so engaged has time to be worrying critically about others. But by love and concern they will be praying for and in others ways encouraging and inspiring their fellow servants in Christ.

Let us find great satisfaction in faithfully and obediently fulfilling those duties for which we are called. We will be judged on the basis of how well we do our individual jobs, not on the basis of our evaluation of what some other person is doing.

Remember, our—the ministry's—satisfaction will come from knowing and seeing your success.

### **Correction for May *Monthly Letter***

The May 1998 *Monthly Letter*, page three, second to last line—contained a typographical error. "Lords" as it appeared in the letter in Psalm 77:2 should have been "Lord." Although the Hebrew word for Lord in this text is in the plural, translators generally translate it in the singular as Lord, interpreting the plural form to mean the "plural of majesty." This interpretation results from the concept of the Trinity that God is Three in One. The doctrine of the Trinity is fallacious and as we know the Bible presently reveals two in the Godhead.

### **Feast of Tabernacles**

Feast of Tabernacles: We are now in the countdown prior to the Feast for 1998. To have a successful and rewarding Feast it is necessary to call upon God unitedly for such an occasion. By seeking the help of God, we can eliminate the active and disruptive presence of Satan and his demons. As a vicious adversary he can and will cause much trouble unless we earnestly seek the help of God. The fruits borne will reveal how diligent and effective our prayers were in this countdown time. We count on you.

In order that we may begin preparation of schedules for the Feast we need to know as soon as possible if any will be attending at a different Feast site than usual. We must soon begin work on the scheduling of emcees and those who give opening and closing prayers.

Part of our preliminary work involves the music program for the two Feast sites. Any who plan to participate in the music program this year should have notified Richard Meyn at the church office before the end of June. If you have not already done so please contact him as soon as possible. He is already working on this year's performance material.

### **Second Tithe Requests**

Please be reminded the deadline for second tithe requests for the Feast of Tabernacles is August 15. Any who need assistance should notify us in ample time.

## **Excess Second Tithe**

Just a yearly reminder of the need for second tithe to cover administrative and facility costs for the Feast. We want you to reserve adequate for an enjoyable and meaningful Feast. At the same time, we *all* must remember, to keep the Feast requires the rental of halls, transportation, aid to those who are deserving, etc. If we all contribute, the burden for each is relatively small. A huge thanks to those whose hearts and minds are willing. May God richly and abundantly bless you in all ways.

Many of the Feast announcements will be repeated again over the next several months. By repeating them, we are able to keep everyone informed about Feast preparations.

## **Receiving Blank Tapes**

On occasion, some of the members receive tapes that are blank. Before tapes are sent, each one is checked before it is mailed. This problem with blank tapes seems to be due to the U.S. Postal Service policy of x-raying all packages, no matter how small, for bombs. We have attempted to eliminate this problem by labeling the packages so that they are not x-rayed; however, labeling the packages does not always protect the tapes. If the U.S. Postal Service falls behind in mail delivery, they will often x-ray the mail in order to get caught up.

If you receive a blank tape, please notify the office and another tape will be sent to you as quickly as possible.

## Tape Schedule

| <u>Tape Series</u> | <u>Mailed</u> | <u>For</u>   | <u>Title/tape #</u>   |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|---|
| WSE-RC 78-2        | 04/15         | <b>07/04</b> | My Sheep—Hear My Voice! #2  |
| WSE-BC 159-8       | 04/15         | <b>07/11</b> | Ten Commandments As They Relate to Statutes & Judgements #8         |
| WSE-BC 147-47      | 04/29         | <b>07/18</b> | Mighty Acts & Miracles of God #47                                   |
| WSE-DC 14          | 04/29         | <b>07/25</b> | The Signs of the Times  |
| WSE-BC 159-9       | 05/13         | <b>08/01</b> | Ten Commandments As They Relate to Statutes & Judgements #9         |
| WSE-RC 79-1        | 05/13         | <b>08/08</b> | Who Will the Overcomers Be?—Manifestations of Overcoming (Part One) |
| WSE-BC 159-10      | 05/27         | <b>08/15</b> | Ten Commandments As They Relate to Statutes & Judgements #10        |
| WSE-RC 79-2        | 05/27         | <b>08/22</b> | Who Will the Overcomers Be?—Manifestations of Overcoming (Part Two) |
| WSE-BC 162-1       | 06/10         | <b>08/29</b> | How Does God Think? #1  |

In Christ's service,



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