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Announcement Letter August 1998

Dear Brethren:

Only two months to the Feast. For those busily preparing for the event, that time will pass all too fast. The staff is very busily preparing all the preliminary elements of the occasion which are so essential for a well-organized and smooth operation even though they are too often taken for granted. This fall when you arrive at the Feast site and everything is in place, schedules made up, and an aura of tranquility prevails, you can thank a very conscientious staff here at the office who have been for weeks anticipating all those needs to aid you in having a wonderful Feast. The job is no small one, years of experience, much of it annotated, makes the job seem easier than it really is.

If we all do our part, we can hope to have a marvelous and rewarding Feast this year. As I have said several times here recently, we cannot have what we do not ask to receive at the hands of God. Please pray that Satan and all his demons will be banished. As Christ said, they have no part in the way of truth. Yet, we know demons have been aggressively pursuing the people of God with the principle objective of creating grief and sorrow for all who will to live the truth—the ultimate objective being the complete destruction of the called. Turn to God and resist Satan's nefarious pulls and he will flee from us. The success of the Feast will be determined by our collective effort.

Update

My vision remains stable and I have been able to continue my work. It is a great blessing to have that part of vision which allows me to read and to fulfill the work I need to do daily. God is good and deserves my greatest gratitude and appreciation. Your prayers have been much appreciated and will continue to be an object of my deepest appreciation and respect. I cannot adequately thank you. My love and prayers are with you. Remember, I remain your servant in Christ.

Tapes Sent From the Feast

In the past couple of years, due to serious health situations, a few people were sent tapes directly from the Feast sites. But, as usually happens, a crisis need becomes an alternative. God commands our presence at the appointed Feast site. Simply receiving the tapes is not fulfilling the convocation command given by God. He says, "You shall appear before me at the appointed place."

Just as rapidly as time and other work allow, the Feast tapes will be made ready and sent to those who request them at the regularly scheduled time *following* the Feast. Thanks for your understanding. It is always a pleasure to serve those who love the truth of God and willingly manifest that attitude of mind which is characteristic of God.

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.

Second Tithe Requests

As mentioned last month, 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.

Returning Used Cassette Tapes

Those driving to the Feast may bring cassette tapes that are no longer being used. We will once again transport them back to Eugene from the Feast sites. In Townsend, Tennessee they will be collected and boxed for shipment. Mr. Tim Sherwood will be responsible for collecting and boxing. Remember, you may keep any tapes which are not clear or white. Duplication of Feast sermon tapes requires an enormous number of new cassettes and these returned tapes help to offset the cost.

Special Announcements

Feast of Trumpets: Monday, September 21.

Atonement: Wednesday, September 30.

Note: Appointed leaders should make necessary arrangements for services in all local areas.

Slide Show: Friday, October 9. Mrs. Jeannette Turlington will present a slide show, at the Townsend, Tennessee Feast site, on the Massada—a fortress held by Jewish rebels which was eventually conquered by the Romans. For those interested, you may read this account in Josephus under *Wars of the Jews*, Book 7, Chapter 8.

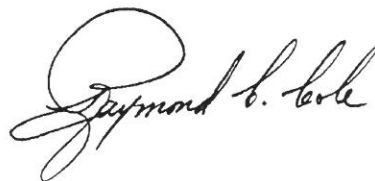
Trip Schedule

August 8	Baltimore	R.C.C.
August 22	Vancouver	B.G.C.
August 29	Denver	R.C.C.

Tape Schedule

<u>Tape Series</u>	<u>Mailed</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Title/tape #</u>
WSE-BC 159-9	05/13	08/01	Ten Commandments As They Relate to Statutes & Judgements #9
WSE-RC 79-1	05/13	08/08	Who Will the Overcomers Be?—Manifestations of Overcoming (Part One)
WSE-BC 159-10	05/27	08/15	Ten Commandments As They Relate to Statutes & Judgements #10
WSE-RC 79-2	05/27	08/22	Who Will the Overcomers Be?—Manifestations of Overcoming (Part Two)
WSE-BC 162-1	06/10	08/29	How Does God Think? #1
WSE-DC 15	06/10	09/05	On What Stone Do We Build Our Foundation?
WSE-RC 80-1	06/24	09/12	How Can We Live the Life God Requires of Us? #1
WSE-BC 162-2	06/24	09/19	How Does God Think? #2
WSE-RC 80-2	07/08	09/26	How Can We Live the life God Requires of Us? #2

In Christ's service,



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