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Announcement Letter December 1998

Dear Brethren:

Unknown to most people of the world, a battle of life and death dimension is being waged by the called. The enemy is a force from the spirit world. Spirits of powerful influence and devious in intent. Several authors of books in the Bible were inspired to write and warn of these conditions. I have covered, in part, some of these warnings in this month's *Monthly Letter*. Please, be sure to read, study, and absorb those instructions. You are going to need them frequently as you course the traumatic last days—the days through which we are passing at this very moment. I want to see you become successful in your endeavor. To do so, you must *endure* to the end.

On Sunday, November 15, 1998, Mr. Bryce Clark resigned from his duties in the ministry. The only reason alluded to was our differences regarding social issues (makeup), holidays (Mother's Day and Father's Day). Bryce wants the people to determine, individually their conviction and faith regarding these customs. On the other hand, I do not intend to leave the assumption such practices are godly and therefore acceptable for the called to accept and practice. Mr. Armstrong strongly condemned them in either 1972 or 1973.

In part, at least, resulting from the weeks of conflict over doctrine and administrative judgment Mr. Dave Carter has created a situation both in Portland and Eugene which has alienated many of the members. He has been temporarily suspended from the ministry until he can resolve these issues and once again gain the confidence of the people. You will be informed of the change if and when it occurs.

Until a major change occurs, the tapes of both Mr. Clark and Mr. Carter will be pulled from our library. They will not be available for ordering or shipping.

You might want to take careful note: From what I have heard Mr. Clark has sought the advice of a lawyer regarding the use of our literature—work for which he was paid well. That literature belongs to you, the body of the church. Apparently he has been told that all

he needs to do is change the titles of the articles and make insignificant word changes within the body of the articles.

It may be legal in this world; but in the sight of God such activity is classified as "robbery." He left the body. He was paid well for his endeavor while in the church.

I felt you, as the owners of the items in question should know. I will be contented to leave the results in the hands of God. At issue is the same thing which affected me at the time I left Worldwide. I attempted to help only those whom God sent. I could not justify any aggressive effort to destroy the people. You are now required to make many decisions.

Prayer Requests

[Omitted for confidentiality]

New Address

Mr-s. Jon Brisby have a new address. It is 7649 Richland St., Wesley Chapel, FL 33544. Their telephone number is (813)994-9405.

Office

The cutoff date for 1998 tithes will be January 4, 1999—all 1998 tithes must be received at the office by this date. Please keep this in mind for those contributions you wish to have included in your 1998 statement. Remember, contributions must be dated 1998.

PO Box 1530—Will be Discontinued

Effective, January 1, 1999, we will no longer receive mail/tape returns at PO Box 1530. Please direct *all* mail <u>and</u> tape returns to PO Box 775.

Trip Schedule

December 19, 26

Philippines

J.B.

Tape Schedule

Please make note that the Feast of Tabernacles tapes will be sent out a little later than planned this month. With recent reorganizing it has set the mailing slightly behind schedule. Thank you for your patience.

Tape Series	Mailed	For	Title/tape #
WSE-BC 162-6	09/02	12/05	How Does God Think? #6
WSE-RC 82-1	09/16	12/12	In Retrospect #1
WSE-BC 162-7	09/16	12/19	How Does God Think? #7
WSE-JB 3	09/29	12/26	Is the Way of Truth a Burden to Us?
WSE-BC 163	09/29	01/02	Christian Examples and Principles
WSE-RC 82-2	10/28	01/09	In Retrospect #2
WSE-BC 162-8	10/28	01/16	How Does God Think? #8
WSE-RC 83-1	11/11	01/23	A Watchman's Warning! A Post-Feast Message for '98
WSE-BC 164	11/11	01/30	The Name! What is in the Name of God?

In Christ's service,

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