

# Church of God, The Eternal

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## Announcement Letter July 1999

Dear Brethren:

Warmest greetings to those who love and honor God in faithful obedience. You are special to God and to us.

The work of God continues today. Regardless of individual beliefs, actions, and purposes what God willed for these last days continues apace. What man does or thinks is not going to change that fact. The intelligent and honest ones are diligently praying and studying to understand these actions and the ways in which they are affected. Others will merely shrug the shoulders and mentally dismiss anything which does not fit their concepts or desires. Intellectual honesty is probably the greatest problem facing man. In general he is ruled by his carnal desires and emotions. The day of revelation will make that fact apparent.

Those who can stand confidently in the presence of Jesus Christ at His return are those who continue in that way of life to which they were called initially. They will have grown in grace and knowledge. But, their fundamental premise will not have changed. They love the truth and will respect it to the end.

### **Feast of Tabernacles**

With proper mental and physical preparation let us make the upcoming Feast of Tabernacles the best Feast one could possibly have. It is entirely within our ability if we *will* it by the power of Christ's mind within us. Good things do not just happen. They are created by design and purpose. Will it be our will? The fruits borne will tell the story.

## **Fundamental Doctrines**

Every word of God is important and worthy of fear and respect. No converted mind will take exception with that fact. Yet, what ought to be equally evident is the fact that due to times, conditions, circumstances, and other factors a slight variation of emphasis may not only be practical but absolutely essential. For example, the acceptance of Christ in His human form and the belief of the words which He espoused took on monumental significance only after He was born of woman. In like manner other concepts vary in significance based on time and circumstance. The general relevancy of truths of God is perpetually the same. But, at times a specific doctrine assumes a special relevance due to the times in which specific human beings live. On the basis of this concept two doctrines are of grave significance in these times of last-day turmoil. They are the doctrine of divorce and remarriage and the doctrine concerning the holidays of this world. Therefore, these two doctrines will be specifically added to the fundamental beliefs of The Church of God, The Eternal.

## **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.

## **Trip Schedule**

August 7	Baltimore	R.C.C.
September 11	Austin	J.W.B.

## Prayer Request

[Omitted for confidentiality]

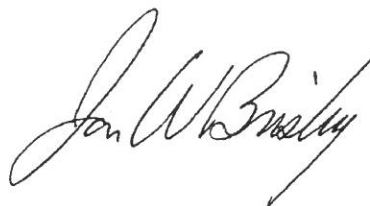
## Tape Schedule

<u>Tape Series</u>	<u>Sermon Date</u>	<u>Mailed</u>	<u>Title/Tape #</u>
WSE-RC 90-12	05-29-99	06-09-99	An Analysis of Jude #12
WSE-RC 90-13	06-05-99	06-23-99	An Analysis of Jude #13
WST-JB 9	05-24-99	06-23-99	Where Does God Attend Services?

In Christ's service,



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