

# Church of God, The Eternal

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## Announcement Letter September 1999

Dear Brethren:

Violence abounds. Tragedies of major dimension continually occur. Costly and exacting health problems grow uncontrollably. Accidents and war take multitudes of lives. Millions live virtually useless, valueless, and deprived lives. Is it all just the price of human life? What is it all about? Have men learned anything from these conditions? Is there any people, or even an individual, who has learned, changed, and profited by the costly experiences mentioned above?

Major tragedies have ravaged countries, specific geographical areas of the world, families, and even smaller social groups. Yet, can you point to a single entity which has changed? How hard for human beings to admit wrong and then change! Examples in the book of Revelation make it abundantly clear that softening human pride and arrogance is almost impossible. The cost in human misery and suffering to bring human defiance under control is staggering. Just take a good look at what is happening to those once called of God. The world is under the sway of a very destructive power. It is his intent to destroy humankind whom he views as a threat to his kingdom. His actions and deceptions are everywhere evident.

For those who really love the truth of God, there is a way to resist. But, few will take it because of a superior love for self and the ways of this world. When reality sinks in to consciousness, it may well be too late to make a change. Now is the time to stand tall and firm. May God help us all!

## Monthly Letter

Due to the fact the Feast of Tabernacles reaches into the first part of October, it may be impossible to put out a timely *Monthly Letter* for the month.

It is my hope to write the second half of the subject of *demonism in the last days*. With the heavy sermon preparation required for the Feast and my restricted eyesight, I may not be able to complete everything needed to issue the October *Monthly Letter*. If you do not receive the *Monthly Letter* in a timely fashion, you will know that one is not being issued. If such happens, may we extend our appreciation for your understanding.

## **New Board Members**

Due to a number of factors a major overhaul of the church Board is essential this year. These changes must be substantiated by the church membership at the Feast of Tabernacles this Fall.

In the past we tried to accommodate most men of the church. Regardless of age or years in the church an effort was made to at some time include them all on the Board for a period of seven years. With the number of Board members being established at seven and a required reinstatement of one member each year, in effect the length of tenure for each member was seven years.

We would still like to keep the required number of members at seven. However, after some deliberation, it was felt imperative that the basic Board should be made up of members of good chronological age as well as years of trial, experience, and proving in the church. Further, it is felt the church would be better served by not removing the older, tried, and proven men from the Board by a tightly controlled rotational system—frequently, therefore, at the end of seven years, to be removed from the Board.

The above considerations must be presented to the church for consideration and approval. Please be thinking about the factors involved. Also, our legal counsel may feel other specifics need to be addressed. If so, those will be presented in the Annual Business Meeting this year.

For this year we are suggesting the following men be approved for Board duty—three from the eastern region and four from the western region.

West: 1) Gary Arnebeck  
          Chairman (To be reinstated)  
2) Homer Jamison  
3) Leon Whitaker  
4) Garner Kirby

East: 1) Bill McCammon  
2) Bill Wakefield  
3) Gene Leeb

## 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: Sabbath, September 11.

Atonement: Monday, September 20.

## Slide Show: Townsend Feast Site

Annually Mrs. Tom Turlington has prepared a slide show relevant to some facet of ancient life in Israel. This year her presentation will cover components of temple life in the Herodian temple.

For your benefit a list of topics with corresponding Biblical texts is being sent for your reading. In this way the slide show will become much more meaningful. You will be able to identify with that which is being shown and the explanation given.

Recommended reading for this year's slide program: Worship and ritual in Herod's temple.

Exodus 25:23-30	Table for shewbread.
Exodus 24:31-40	Lamp stand.
Exodus 28 (all)	Priestly garments.
Exodus 30: 1-10	Alter incense.
Exodus 39 (all)	Priestly garments.
Leviticus 24:5-9	Shewbread.
Leviticus 25:1-7	The Sabbath year.
Numbers 5:1-31	The test for an unfaithful wife.
Numbers 6:1-21	The Nazarite vow.

Numbers 10:1-10  
Numbers 29:12-40

The silver trumpet.  
The Feast of Tabernacles offering.

Happy and informative reading!

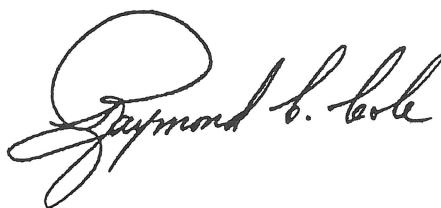
## Feast of Tabernacles

Please continue to pray that God will grant us a peaceful and rewarding observance in all areas where He has set His name—the appointed areas. Your fervent prayers will make a very great difference.

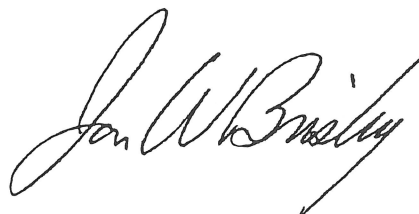
## Tape Schedule

Tape Series	Sermon Date	Mailed	Title/Tape#
WSE-RC 90-17	07-17-99	08-04-99	An Analysis of Jude #17.
WSE-RC 90-18	07-31-99	08-18-99	An Analysis of Jude #18.
WST-JB 12	05-24-99	08-18-99	Grieve Not the Holy Spirit.
WSE-RC 92	08-14-99	08-25-99	What is Essential for Eternal Life?
WSE-JB 13	08-21-99	09-01-99	Who Should Be Baptized?
WSE-RC 19	08-28-99	09-01-99	An Analysis of Jude #19.

In Christ's service,



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