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Announcement Letter November 1999

Dear Brethren:

Once more we have completed the Fall Holy Day season and pictured again God's plan for the salvation of mankind. What a glorious picture it is, and how rewarding and fulfilling for those who kept those commanded assemblies honorably before God during this past year.

While the blinded masses of this earth seek spiritual enlightenment through every conceivable religious orientation of their own making, and even while the majority of those God called out of this world have likewise corrupted the beauty and simplicity of His revealed Truth, those few who have faithfully held to their first love without compromise are those who enjoy true peace of mind. That peace of mind comes not only from knowing what is included in that perfect Way, but how to evaluate current and future circumstances to avoid deception from any force or power. Only those who are faithful to the very end will receive the fulfillment of the promises encompassed within the Holy Day picture.

We now head into another winter season, conjuring natural feelings of foreboding for many, and the longing for the beginning of God's new year in the Spring. Do we now possess the spiritual strength and fortitude to see us through the dark times of doubt ahead? Is our faith sufficient to allow the peace of God to reign in our hearts regardless of the climate or season? Will we maintain the spiritual depth needed to see us through to honorably keep the annual Sabbaths of God again next year?

If we focus to keep the picture of God's eternal purpose ever in mind, we can walk with absolute confidence no matter what trials, spiritual or physical, may await in the coming years. That peace is a priceless gift to the called and faithful remnant of God in the last days.

Deaths

Mrs. Rachel Quenzer: We were saddened by the death of Rachel Quenzer of Modesto, California. She died in the early morning hours of Friday, September 24. We express our condolences to her family.

Mr-s. Kenneth Bowman: We were also saddened by the deaths of Verna and Ken Bowman of Clearville, Pennsylvania. She died Sabbath afternoon, October 16. Ken died Tuesday, October 26, of an apparent stroke or heart attack. It is felt the strain of the loss of his wife of sixty-one years may have contributed to his death. We extend our condolences to all family members.

Mr. Myron Dressler: Mr. Dressler of Eugene, Oregon, died Monday, October 4. He was 99 years of age. His death came as a result of age-related complications.

Office

Mr-s. Jon Brisby and their boys, Sam and Tom, have arrived safely in Eugene following their move from Tampa, Florida. Mr. Brisby is now working full-time in the church office. He can be contacted at the office or his home phone number, which is (541)242-6876. Their new address is 3861 Kevington Ave., Eugene, OR, 97405. Also, Mr. Brisby's e-mail address is <jbrisby999@aol.com>.

The cutoff date for 1999 tithes will be January 4, 2000—all 1999 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 1999 statement. Remember, they must be dated 1999.

Trip Schedule

December 18, 25

Philippines

J.W.B.

Tape Schedule

Tape Series	Sermon Date	Mailed	Title/Tape #
WST-JB 14	08-14-99	09-15-99	Are We Lukewarm?
WSE-RC 92-2	09-18-99	10-13-99	What Is Essential for Eternal Life?
WSE-RC 90	10-09-99	10-13-99	An Analysis of Jude #20
WSE-RC 92-3	10-16-99	10-27-99	What Is Essential for Eternal Life?
WSE-JB 15	10-23-99	10-27-99	What Is God Like?

New Tape Procedure

In response to your feedback, we will once again begin assigning taped sermons to specific Sabbaths in future *Announcement Letters*. This seems to be a service many brethren appreciated in times past, so we are happy to accommodate. Because you regularly receive more sermon tapes than there are Sabbaths to hear them, a decision must be made by someone as to which tapes will be used for Sabbath services, and which will be designated for separate listening by each member. There seems to be advantage in our providing a consistent determination to avoid confusion. When all of us use the same sermon tape each Sabbath, it also provides an added sense of oneness, as well as a benefit for those who may travel to meet with brethren in other areas from time to time.

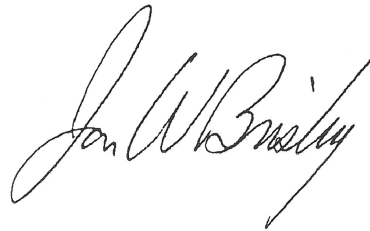
Our goal will be to assign each sermon to be heard no later than six weeks from the date the sermon was originally recorded. Beginning in the December *Announcement Letter*, you will see the date each tape was mailed, and the date each tape is designated to be heard. Sermons which will not be assigned to a specific Sabbath will be listed in a separate category. To get us all in the same place, we realize many of you will need to make decisions about the existing inventory of sermons. The first assigned sermon is scheduled to be mailed November 10, and assigned for the Sabbath of December 11. Lead men should select which sermons to use for Sabbaths prior to December 11, and which to designate for separate individual

listening. We hope this adjustment will not cause too much difficulty, and that the benefits of the future structure will outweigh any temporary inconvenience.

In Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond C. Cole". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'R'.

Raymond C. Cole

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon W. Brisby". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'J'.

Jon W. Brisby