

# Church of God, The Eternal

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## Announcement Letter December 1999

Dear Brethren,

It seems that we just finished the mailing of last month's letter; here we are preparing for the next month. Time surely does evaporate all too quickly. With its passage are we consistently reminded of the urgent need to prepare for that ultimate day—the day of Christ's Second Coming?

Here we speak about that preparation which leads to faith and confidence, "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming" (1 John 2:27–28)—not the arrogance and foolishness of some who will likewise stand before Christ in that day, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:22–23).

As with a runner, the greatest effort must be expended just before the finish line. We are already weary, troubled, and perhaps racked with pain, yet, to give up is fatal. It is at this very time when our archenemy becomes even more aggressive—he knows that his time is short. Our only recourse is to draw ever closer to God. Our faith must increase. A good place to commence this endeavor, perhaps is to make Ephesians, chapter six, a part of our daily Bible reading.

Remember God is still in heaven. He is a perfect and Almighty Father. He loves His faithful children. Put your trust in Him—and Him only.

## Prayer Request

[Omitted for confidentiality]

## Office

Mr-s. Jon Brisby: As conveyed in last month's letter, Mr. Jon Brisby and his family are now settled in their new home in Eugene. 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. His new address is 3861 Kevington Ave., Eugene, OR, 97405. Also, Mr. Brisby's e-mail address is <jbrisby999@aol.com>.

Tithes: The cutoff date for 1999 tithes will be January 5, 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.

## Births

Mr-s. Michael Todd: A son, William Phillip, was born to Mike and Sandy Todd on November 16. William weighed eight pounds, twelve ounces, and was twenty-one inches long. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

## Trip Schedule

December 18, 25	Philippines	J.W.B.
January 22	Baltimore	J.W.B.

## New Tape Procedure

Please remember we will be returning to an assigned tape schedule this month. As of this 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. As you will note, the first assigned sermon was

mailed November 10, and assigned for the Sabbath of December 11. We hope this adjustment will not cause too much difficulty, and that the benefits of this structure will outweigh any temporary inconvenience.

### **Tape Schedule**

<u>Tape Series</u>	<u>Mailed</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Title/Tape #</u>
WSE-RC 90	11-10-99	12-11-99	An Analysis of Jude #21
WSE-JB 16	11-10-99	12-18-99	Applying Patience
WSE-RC 92-4	11-24-99	12-25-99	What is Essential for Eternal Life? #4
WSE-JB 17-1	11-24-99	01-01-00	Fundamentals of Belief #1 (God is One)
WSE-RC 92-5	12-08-99	01-08-99	What is Essential for Eternal Life? #5

In Christ's Service,



Raymond C. Cole



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