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Announcement Letter March 2000

Dear Brethren:

Warm and personal greetings from all here in Eugene—the ministry, the office staff, and the church. All the faithful are constantly in our minds and prayers. Of course, we have earnestly desired your prayers and abiding affection, too. It is our hope we all can routinely manifest the true and genuine love for one another which God requires. Without that love we can never become a part of the God family—a family which is based on the concept of all goodness and love. For as we are taught, God is love.

This ministry is devoted to teaching that way of life which was first given to Moses. That way which was practiced by Christ and for which He gave the Holy Spirit by which we can honor and live the truths which Israel could not. With the Holy Spirit came the faith necessary to correct the faults inherent in flesh. There never was a problem with the laws, statutes, and judgments of God. Being spiritual in essence they could not be obeyed by flesh—the carnal mind. As we are informed, at the time of Christ, the letter obligation was influenced heavily by the addition of faith. (Compare Jude 3, 2 Corinthians 3:2–3, and Galatians 5:22). By faith—a gift of the Holy Spirit—the called can and will obey that which is being written indelibly into their minds and hearts.

Those who manifest the fruits of that conversion process become pliable and teachable. They are the ones who will hear the truths of God as they are taught by a chosen ministry. That which the Church of God in these last days lived and practiced for forty years prior to the prophesied apostasy. We all will do well to remember that the beauty and efficacy of God's Word is found not in its mere existence but in the fact it is taught, heard and lived. Indeed, man shall live, not by bread alone, but by every word which proceeds from the mouth of God (Deuteronomy 8:1–4, Luke 4:3–4).

The great work of Christ and the operation of the Holy Spirit is making man capable of living the truths of God—not the ways of the world, ways given to Gentiles at the very time God gave His matchless Truth to Israel.

Holydays

Passover for our scattered brethren: If any of you need instruction on how to keep Passover in your own home, please inform us immediately. We have just a short time to get the information to you.

The Spring Holydays are as follows:

Passover: April 19 (observed the previous evening, April 18).

Night to be Much Observed: April 19

First High Day of Unleavened Bread: April 20 Last High Day of Unleavened Bread: April 26

Lead men should be making appropriate preparations for these days.

Internet Address Change

As mentioned in the last issue of the *Monthly Letter*, the new Internet web site for Church of God, The Eternal is now available at <<u>www.cogeternal.org</u>>. Although there is still much additional material to be added, we are now on our way to providing meaningful information to any of the scattered sheep who may be searching for that truly faithful remnant of Jesus Christ. The decision to make church articles available online and to provide additional means to contact us through e-mail is not an effort by this ministry to perform a "work." Instead, it is our way of making sure those who really have a desire to find us can do so. It still requires the efforts of an individual to specifically seek us out, much in the same way one goes to the library to seek out a particular book. However, through this project we are finally making it easier for the chosen of God to find us. Our goal is eventually to make most of our published literature available in full on the web site. As we expand the scope of the site content in new ways in the future, we will be sure to keep you apprised.

Trip Schedule

March 25	Knoxville	J.W.B.
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April 22 Knoxville R.C.C.

Tape Schedule

Tape Series	Mailed	Played	Title/Tape #
WSE-RC 90-24	02-16-00	03-18-00	An Analysis of Jude #24
WSE-JB 17-5-3A	02-16-00	03-25-00	Fund. of Belief #3: What is the Holy Spirit?
WSE-RC 92-8	03-01-00	04-01-00	What is Essential for Eternal Life? #8
WSE-RC 90-25	03-01-00	04-08-00	An Analysis of Jude #25

In Christ's service,

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