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Our Beloved Brethren:

Once again God's Fall Feasts are fast approaching. These are times of great enjoyment and spiritual enrichment to all who have mentally performed well for the past year—the time lapse between the conclusion of the Feast last year and the present.

Once again, some will not be present at the Feast! Why? Logic and honesty allow for only three or four possible explanations. None of these reasons will appeal to the offenders. As has always been true, those who lose their way seek explanations which will justify the self. This ministry will not indulge in any form of conciliatory back-slapping or obsequious fraternization. As the called ministry of Jesus Christ, the Truth must be given no matter how it affects us (2 Timothy 4:1–4). The Apostle Paul minced no words when he wrote of these last days. "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

The unvarnished reasons are as follows: 1) Too many simply did not hear what was said for the past many months. 2) Some have lost faith in that which was delivered. 3) Some have turned to perversions of the Truth in order to protect the self. 4) Some may have lost their perspective due to the times of trouble which Jesus said would transpire in our day. 5) And, finally, there is a good chance some have simply grown weary in well doing.

Whatever the reason, we will always urge them to reconsider, completely repent, and turn back to God. How many will have the courage to face reality and amend their ways?

While our former brothers and sisters of Christ struggle to right themselves, let us, brethren, be praying that our God and Father will assist them to achieve that lofty and rewarding objective. To fail could be a frightening and devastating experience. Neither God

nor Christ, as well as all their earthly friends want to see that happen. On an even more sobering note, brethren, let us guard our minds so that a similar fate does not await any of us.

Again, brethren, we love, admire, and respect everyone who honestly and correctly fulfils the will of God. As always we are your servants.

Internet Website

In addition to the articles currently available online for viewing and printing, we are also now providing an archive of past years *Monthly Letters*. There is nothing that captures the history of this small remnant group better than the *Monthly Letters* written by Mr. Cole since the inception of Church of God, The Eternal in 1975. With the vast amount of spiritual meat contained in these letters—substantiating the consistent premise of this endeavor over the last twenty-five years—we decided to make selected letters available to those searching for the Truth. We continue to receive increased contacts through the Internet, and are greatly encouraged by the number of people who seem to be expressing an interest in the original church teachings. As the number of visitors to our website increases, we want to continue to provide new material that will help them understand what really happened to God's Church, why it was necessary in God's plan, and where a legitimately faithful remnant can be found. The first group of letters to be posted are from 1975-76—including the very first letter from Mr. Cole. We plan to continue adding additional letters to this archive, as well as a section for all new *Monthly Letters* on a continual basis.

Deaths

Mr. Albert (Nick) Fladung: We were saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Fladung of Knoxville, Tennessee. He was 56 years of age and died August 8 from injuries incurred in a traffic accident. Our condolences to his friends and family.

Holydays

Feast of Trumpets: Sabbath, September 30.

Atonement: Monday, October 9.

Feast of Tabernacles

Slide Show: Mrs. Jeannette Turlington's slide program at the Townsend Feast site this year is entitled "Journeys of the Ark of the Covenant." The story based on archaeological evidence and Biblical text is interesting and informative. Those who attend will be better prepared by reading the Biblical text cited below.

Exodus 40:17–21	2 Samuel 6 (entire chapter)
Numbers 2 (entire chapter)	1 Chronicles 28 (entire chapter)
Exodus 25:16 and Hebrews 9:14	1 Kings 6 (entire chapter)
Numbers 33 (entire chapter)	1 Kings 7 (entire chapter)
Numbers 22 (entire chapter)	1 Kings 8 (entire chapter)
Numbers 23 (entire chapter)	

The slide show will be presented Thursday evening, October 19.

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.

Please remember that before returning the tapes, look on the side of the tapes for marks. If there are three marks on the tape it has been used and erased three times. For a good quality recording a tape cannot be reused more than three times. When these tapes come back to the office they are discarded. So, if you receive any tapes that have three marks, there is no need to return them.

Trip Schedule

September 30 (Trumpets)	Modesto, California	J.W.B.
October 9 (Atonement)	Knoxville, Tennessee (Site location—Williamsburg, Kentucky)	J.W.B.
October 14, 21 (FOT)	Townsend, Tennessee	J.W.B.
November 11	Austin, Texas	R.C.C.

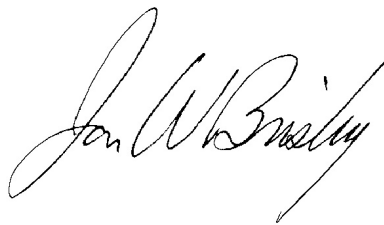
Tape Schedule

Tape Series	Mailed	Played	Title/Tape #
WSE-RC 92-15	08-09-00	09-02-00	What Is Essential for Eternal Life? #15
WSE-JB 17-15-9B	08-09-00	09-09-00	Fund. of Belief #9B (Christ, Our High Priest and Advocate)
WSE-RC 90-31	08-30-00	09-16-00	An Analysis of Jude #31
WSE-JB 17-16-10A	08-30-00	09-23-00	Fund. of Belief #10A (Spiritual Conversion)
Trumpets Holyday Tapes A.M./P.M.		09-30-00	_____
WSE-RC 92-16	09-13-00	10-07-00	What Is Essential for Eternal Life?
WSE-JB 17-17-10B	09-13-00	10-14-00	Fund. of Belief #10B (Spiritual Conversion)

In Christ's service,



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