## Church of God, The Eternal

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# Announcement Letter February 2001

#### Dear Brethren:

As we draw nearer to the beginning of a new year within God's calendar, we once again express our love and respect for the scattered members of the faithful Body of Christ. Our appreciation and admiration continues and grows ever stronger for all of you who have remained steadfast in the foundation of our mutual calling.

Since our last letter to you, a new President has been peacefully installed into office within the United States, exhibiting a remarkable transition of power that still continues to amaze many around the world. Our new President even commented on this very point at the outset of his inaugural address when he stated, "the peaceful transfer of authority is rare in history, yet common in our country." Other countries frequently wrestle with political upheaval, like the turmoil now plaguing the Philippines, where Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has just been sworn in after President Joseph Estrada was swept from office by the protesting masses. Yet in the United States we assume that our liberty—and our peace—will never be challenged.

While the American people and their leaders take for granted the continuing blessings of the birthright we enjoy, there is scarcely the recognition that it was not the democratic act of a nation whatsoever that positioned Mr. George Walker Bush in office, but the declaration of a sovereign God who sets up and takes down world leaders as He chooses (Daniel 4:17). It is also ironic indeed that while this nation shows increasing disdain for the laws and statutes of the living God, we still make a pretense of respect for that Creator every four years in the inaugural ceremony, as a new leader places his hand upon the Bible and affirms his oath in the name of God. President Bush went even further in his inaugural address by proclaiming, "We are not this story's author, who fills time and eternity with His purpose. Yet His purpose is achieved in our duty, and our duty is fulfilled in service to one another." If only our national leaders truly knew that God whose name they use, and comprehended the real duty they so often reference. They are indeed fulfilling their duty through His purpose, even though they know not how. But that final purpose will not be fulfilled until

a truly unique "inauguration" occurs upon this earth, when "...The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15). In that day, all men will come to know the God who made them—the God who assigned every office in past human government, according to His will.

Until then, we await the fulfillment of those living prophesies, in full assurance that no matter how evil this world becomes, nor how base are the men whom God installs as Heads of State in today's world governments, a glorious King is yet coming to fulfill every hope of peace, tranquility, and the happiness that eludes mankind today. Our real hope looks forward to the day of that unique, glorious, and incomparable coronation.

#### **Holy Days**

Passover	Friday, April 6
Night to be Much Observed	Sabbath, April 7
1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Day—Days of Unleavened Bread	Sunday, April 8

### Trip Schedule

March 10	Knoxville, Chicago	J.W.B.
April 6, 7, 8	Austin	R.C.C.

#### **Church E-mail Address**

This is another reminder that our Internet service provider changed their domain name from uswest.net to qwest.net. Consequently, our e-mail address is automatically changing. Our new e-mail address is <cogeternal@qwest.net>. The old address will still work for a while, but the sooner we begin using the new address, the better.

### Tape Schedule

Tape Series	Mailed	Played	Title/Tape #
WSE-RC 94-4	01-03-01	01-27-01	The Faith Once Delivered
WSE-RC 94-5	01-03-01	02-03-00	The Faith Once Delivered
WSE-JB 22-21-11D	01-17-01	02-10-01	Fund. of Belief (Jews Passover vs Christ's Passover)
WSE-RC 95	01-17-01	02-17-01	Pre-Passover Message (Have We Checked Our Minds?)
WSE-JB 22-22-12A	01-31-01	02-24-01	Fund. of Belief (Sabbath, The Seventh Day)
WSE-RC 93-6	01-31-01	03-03-01	The Continuing Body of Christ #6
WSE-JB 22-23-12B	02-14-01	03-10-01	Fund. of Belief (Sabbath or Sunday for Christians?)

In Christ's service,

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