

# Church of God, The Eternal

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## Announcement Letter May 2006

Dear Brethren:

Greetings to the faithful of God in all areas where He has placed you around the world. It is an honor to address you in this letter and to encourage you to continue fighting to hold fast to the faith once delivered. Your efforts to defend God's Truth in your lives and to let your lights shine—reminding others of those teachings originally revealed by Jesus Christ in this age by your examples—is a continual inspiration to this ministry.

It is interesting to contemplate the differences in the focus of peoples of this world vs. the true people of God. While sharing the struggles of this physical life in common with them all, our orientation is, however, very different regarding the things that matter most. During the spring Holy Day season that just passed, our focus was on the true Jesus Christ, what He represents as the Word made flesh, and our responsibility to put out sin and become more obedient to His perfect laws. The world, by contrast—even those claiming Christ—were absorbed in their own man-made customs of the season.

They focused upon their sacred day of Easter this year on Sunday, April 16. They had no clue as to the real significance of that particular Sunday in God's plan. Although it is not a commanded Holy Day of God, that Sunday was none other than Wave Sheaf Day, the day following the weekly Sabbath falling within the seven-day Feast of Unleavened Bread. It is the day from which God commanded us to begin the count for Pentecost (Leviticus 23:15–16). A full fifty-day count from Sunday, April 16, ends on Sunday, June 4. Once the last day of that count—Sunday—is *fully* completed (at sundown Sunday evening), Pentecost then begins. (According to the separate and distinct count of forty-nine days commanded in Deuteronomy 16, beginning from the first full day of harvest—Monday, April 17—Pentecost is likewise confirmed as Monday, June 5.)

So the deceived "Christians" of this world attached great significance to that Sunday during the Feast of Unleavened Bread this year, but for all the wrong reasons. They are totally ignorant of its real meaning in God's plan for man's salvation. But the called children

of God understand that particular Sunday to represent Jesus Christ as the first of the firstfruits. It was the historical day—not of His resurrection, as they falsely believe—but when He ascended to the throne of His Father to be accepted, and to become our new High Priest. It was the day upon which the High Priesthood transferred away from the sons of Aaron and back to Melchisedec, from whence it began. It was the day which made possible our opportunity to enter into a very personal relationship with the Father—never having been offered to human beings before—and receive the hope of eternal life as part of the firstfruits harvest.

The day is coming when all of these peoples of the world will come to recognize the foolishness of their former deceived practices, including Easter. When Jesus Christ returns to this earth, the knowledge you now love and cherish will become opened to all of them as well. In that day, the knowledge of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea (Isaiah 11:9). What a glorious time that will be for humanity.

In the meantime, how richly you have all been blessed to be called out of that ignorance and foolishness, and to be offered the chance to worship God in Spirit and in Truth. There is nothing more satisfying than the keeping of those Holy Days God has commanded, understanding why we are here, and appreciating the bright future that awaits the faithful for eternity.

## **Office**

As announced last month, we have just completed masters of four compact discs containing special music performed here in Eugene for regular Sabbath services. They include music from the past two years, in addition to some of the best recordings we have of music performed in the 1970s. If you wish to receive copies of these four CDs, please contact Miss Rebecca Engel. Her office e-mail address is: [rnengel@cogeternal.org](mailto:rnengel@cogeternal.org).

We also have available hymnal accompaniment CDs with keyboard accompaniment only (no voice). It is available on one single disc for those with MP3 players, otherwise, it is available on five CDs in standard CD format.

## **Holy Day**

Pentecost: Monday, June 5, 2006

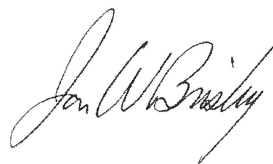
## Trip Schedule

June 3      Lausanne, Switzerland  
June 5      Grenoble, France  
June 10     Carlisle, England

## Tape Schedule

Tape #	Mailed	Played	Title
WSE-RC F-2	03-30-06	04-29-06	What Is the Work? #2
WSE-JB 80-8	04-12-06	05-06-06	A Survey of the Book of Job #8 Job's Friends Arrive
HFT-TT RC 89-5	04-12-06	05-13-06	Grace #1
WSE-JB 86	04-27-06	05-20-06	What Is Godly Attire?
HFT-TT RC 89-6	04-27-06	05-27-06	Grace #2
WSE-JB 80-9	05-11-06	06-03-06	A Survey of the Book of Job #9 Eliphaz's First Speech
HUB-RJL 2006	05-11-06	06-10-06	Ultimate Salvation Revolves Around Conditioning
WSE-JB 80-10	05-25-06	06-17-06	A Survey of the Book of Job #10 Job Replies to Eliphaz

In Christ's service,



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