

Church of God, The Eternal

P. O. Box 775
Eugene, Oregon 97440
www.cogeternal.org

The late Raymond C. Cole
Founding Pastor
Jon W. Brisby
Pastor, Director

Offices in: United States
Philippines
Switzerland
Kenya

Announcement Letter January 2008

Dear Brethren:

We greet you again this month with very warm regards and hopes that you are feeling thankful and appreciative for the many blessings we share together. Lest this expression should ever seem repetitive or redundant, you—dear brethren—are of all people most blessed upon this earth, because you have been given the incredible gift of a relationship with your Creator which very few today have yet to be offered.

Many of you are without doubt troubled by trials and difficulties in this life. Yet unlike the masses of troubled peoples in this world, you have the basis for putting such trials into perspective and using them to grow and develop more true Christian character. Your trials are for a reason, and God is shaping positively every one of you so that you can become an effective King and Priest in His eternal Family. Yes, it is easy to lose sight of that lofty goal when we are in the depths of pain, suffering, mental strain, and seemingly relentless pressure in the here-and-now. Our natural reaction is to reject such "platitudes" in favor of some elusive balm to provide immediate relief. But we will continue to remind you of "what it's all about," because focus on the "end goal" is the only thing that will really matter when all is said and done. And if you can find a way to keep that invisible yet substantial goal in mind during your present sufferings, you will find the means to tap a source of spiritual strength you never had before, nor ever thought possible to summon to your aid. As Jesus Christ benefitted greatly by the things that He suffered in order to perform His current duties as High Priest (Hebrews 5:8), so we are intended to be made more effective instruments of God by the same process. "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted" (Hebrews 2:18).

No matter what physical, mental, or spiritual struggle you may be fighting right now, whatever you do, never lose sight of who you are in God's plan, or the fact that this trial is being allowed for a good and profitable reason in your life. It really is. It is true because of who you are. You are not just a random person being buffeted by time and chance in this world. If you will keep that in mind at all times, it will give comfort and context to the struggles you must endure to qualify for eternal glory. Is it worth it? Without doubt.

Camp Tejas for Teens

Mrs. Jackie Wakefield and Mr. Dave Brandenburg are already making plans for this year's camp, which will be held in the Lake Tahoe, California area, July 10–21. Judicious planning is necessary for a well-organized, fun-filled experience. There are many activities planned, and we hope every family with a teen will take advantage of this opportunity for their son or daughter to share constructive time with others in a positive environment. If you have any questions concerning the camp or registration forms, you may contact Mrs. Jackie Wakefield at (254) 965-7882 or Mr. Dave Brandenburg at (602) 482-2999.

Mr. Corsino Canta of Luzon, Philippines

Concerning a critical colon condition for which Mr. Corsino Canta recently asked prayers of the brethren, he writes:

I am feeling better through God's intervention. Although my problem still exists in my system, I know God is intervening with the strength and comfort that I am having at the present. Thank you all for your prayers and please continue to include me in your prayers that our Father will heal me completely.

Trip Schedule

February 2	Dade City, Florida
February 9	Maryville, Tennessee

New Moon

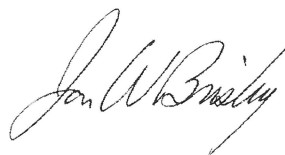
The new moon, Shebat (eleventh month), will begin on the evening of January 7. The new moon day is January 8.

The new moon, Adar I (twelfth month), will begin on the evening of February 6. The new moon day is February 7.

Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
WSE-JB 80-40	12-20-07	01-05-08	A Survey of the Book of Job #40 God Addresses Job #3
WSE-JB 80-41	12-20-07	01-12-08	A Survey of the Book of Job #41 God Addresses Job #4
WSP-RC 12-2	12-20-07	01-19-08	God Has One Mind; Not Divided #2
WSE-JB 80-42	01-17-08	01-26-08	A Survey of the Book of Job #42 God Addresses Job #5
WSP-RC 12-3	01-17-08	02-02-08	God Has One Mind; Not Divided #3
WSP-RC 12-4	01-17-08	02-09-08	God Has One Mind; Not Divided #4
WSE-JB 80-43	02-07-08	02-16-08	A Survey of the Book of Job #43 The Final Summation

In Christ's service,



Jon W. Brisby