

# Church of God, The Eternal

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## Announcement Letter June 2008

Dear Brethren:

As we near the celebration of Pentecost this month, it is an honor to greet you all around the world and to confirm again our heartfelt love and devotion to every one of you endeavoring to hold fast to God's revealed way of life. You are all most dear, and increasingly more significant in God's plan as time moves on.

There are so few at this time who are truly keeping the original faith delivered to God's church in this era. Many are out there claiming faithfulness, but their definition of *the faith* invariably includes many changes to doctrine which God never sanctioned. They claim faithfulness to what Mr. Armstrong taught, but that is not sufficient. It requires us to ask *when* did Mr. Armstrong teach it, and what are the specific doctrines to which they are holding? Liberal-minded men who had no love for the truth successfully dismantled a number of key doctrines even while Mr. Armstrong was still alive and leading the church in the 1970s. And the church (our parent organization) never went back to keeping the original teachings, in spite of claims of "getting back on track." The keeping of Pentecost was a prime example. Although Mr. Armstrong vehemently claimed by the power of His divine inspiration that God would never have founded His Church upon Satan's pagan day of worship—Sunday, the church changed to Satan's day in 1974 and has never yet returned to the faith originally delivered through Mr. Armstrong. Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit were effectively kicked out of the church in 1974, and neither that body nor any of its other daughters (save one) held fast from that time forward. Being a remnant body which has consistently existed since that time of apostasy and has held firm to a Monday Pentecost is still the unique distinction of a little group named Church of God, The Eternal. There are no others that we know of who fit that bill.

That is why each one of you is priceless at this particular time of spiritual darkness in the world. Never underestimate your value in God's plan. Your light, by continuing to hold fast to these original doctrines—because you believe it was the Church of God, not the church of Herbert Armstrong or any other man—is a bright beacon indeed, and remains the conscience of the entire scattered body. The majority keeping Sunday or some other day may laugh and say that we are stuck in the past, not "growing," but the Bible never shows God's faithful children being chastised for failing to *abandon* the original doctrines they were first taught by a true apostle. No, God's people have always erred in *throwing over* the original teachings through God's inspired servants and turning to doctrines substantiated by "better human wisdom." There is no more well-documented or easy-to-verify principle in all the Bible. History has certainly repeated itself in our day. Likewise, it is those holding fast to the *first works* which are pleasing in His sight, even though they have always been the minority throughout time.

So never lose heart. The day is coming when God is going to set His hand to do a great work of reformation, and He is going to show His wayward children their error in turning from the living God. The day is coming when the entire body of spiritual Israel will collectively keep a Monday Pentecost together in unity. Those who refuse to do so will be plucked up and burned. It is that serious with God, and therefore it is all the more imperative to each one of us who want to be counted as faithful.

### **New Eugene Office Facility**

God has answered our prayers for a new office facility in Eugene for the work of the church, and hopefully we will be moving our headquarter's operation into that building before the end of this month. The new facility will provide not only the increased space we need for our administrative functions for this work of service to God's people worldwide, but also will include a congregational meeting facility for the local Eugene Sabbath and Holy Day services. Having our own meeting hall for the first time will finally allow us to begin doing much more in the production of sermon programs which will benefit the entire church. We will finally be able to configure our recording technology in a permanent hall which was never possible in a daily rented facility. This will truly expand the quality and variety of services available to our expanding audience on the Internet.

There has been much interior renovation of our new space going on since the last of March, and that work is going very well, as of this writing. Your prayers are appreciated for God's continued blessing on this project, as He has given markedly to us over the past few months. There is no doubt He has been leading us forward and opening every door and

dissolving every obstacle in our path. If the final weeks go just as well, we plan to begin our transition to the new facility soon after Pentecost this month, and complete the move by the first of July.

This means that on at least one day before the end of this month, our office telephone service and other support functions will be temporarily interrupted. We will work to limit this inconvenience as much as possible, but we beg your patience if you should happen to contact us and experience a difficulty. Any emergency requirements for ministerial contact can still be made to Mr. Brisby at his home number (541) 242-6876, or always by e-mail at [jonbrisby@cogeternal.org](mailto:jonbrisby@cogeternal.org). Contact numbers for the other elders are: Mr. John Byrd (325) 628-3257, Mr. Richard Litz (865) 984-0649, Mr. Robert Litz (651) 451-3518, and Mr. Leon Whitaker ((360)887-8028. We thank you in advance for your patience with us, and affirm our intention of providing you with the level of responsiveness appropriate for the beloved children of God. We remain your humble and willing servants.

## **Death**

We are saddened to report the death of Mr. George King on Monday, May 19 at his home in Hernando Beach, FL, after enduring a prolonged illness. He was 64 years of age. George devoted his life to his faith and to serving the church with his musical talents which were a special gift from God. George was a significant figure for many decades within God's church, and his legacy of composed sacred music will continue to inspire us and to provide a means to show honor and glory to God in our holy convocations. We are ever grateful for the blessings which he brought to us through God's use, and offer our heartfelt expressions of sympathy and support for his wife, Sheila, and for the entire extended King family.

Sheila also would like to thank all of the brethren who have shown so much outpouring of support and kindness through this very difficult time. She and the entire family appreciate those kindnesses very much.

## **Scheduling Emcees, Opening and Closing Prayers**

We are beginning preparation of printed schedules for the Feast of Tabernacles, so we need to know as soon as possible if any will be attending at a different Feast site than usual. We must soon begin work on the scheduling of emcees and those who give opening and closing prayers. We thank you in advance for your help.

Part of our preliminary work involves the music program for the two Feast sites. Any member who has attended one of our Holy Day convocations in the past is eligible to participate in the Fall Festival music program. Any who qualify and are interested this year should notify Mr. Richard Meyn at the church office concerning the Newport, Oregon, site and Mr. Timothy Sherwood concerning the Townsend, Tennessee, site before the end of June. These men are already working on this year's performance material. They would like to hear from anyone who would like to participate at either Feast site.

## **Holy Day**

Pentecost	Monday, June 16
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## **New Moons**

The new moon, Sivan (third month), will begin on the evening of June 3. The new moon day is June 4.

The new moon, Tammuz (fourth month), will begin on the evening of July 3. The new moon day is July 4.

## **Trip Schedule**

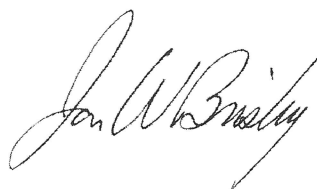
June 7	JWB	Cape Town, South Africa
June 14, 16	JWB	Lausanne, Switzerland; Grenoble, France
July 12	JWB	Lake Tahoe, California
July 19	JWB	Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota



## Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
WSE-JB 22-92-24E	05-01-08	05-31-08	Fund. of Belief: Divine Revelation The Apostle Paul and Divine Revelation
CL2 54 (RC)	05-22-08	06-07-08	Principles of Christian Living: Gentleness #4
WSE-JB 22-93-24F	05-22-08	06-14-08	Fund. of Belief: Divine Revelation Mr. H. W. Armstrong and Divine Revelation
CL2 55 (RC)	05-22-08	06-21-08	Principles of Christian Living: Gentleness #5
WSE-JB 22-94-24G	06-12-08	06-28-08	Fund. of Belief: Divine Revelation Moses and Divine Revelation
CL2 56 (RC)	06-12-08	07-05-08	Principles of Christian Living: Gentleness #6
WSE-JB 22-94-24H	06-12-08	07-12-08	Fund. of Belief: Divine Revelation Prophets and Divine Revelation #1
CL2 41 (RC)	07-03-08	07-19-08	Principles of Christian Living: Longsuffering #1

In Christ's service,



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