

Announcement Letter May 2010

Dear Brethren:

We greet again the assembly of our dearly beloved friends, wherever you may live around the world. It feels very often like we have not done nearly enough to support you in your spiritual walk, given that so many of you are isolated and receive only these monthly letters along with the weekly sermons through the mail. How glorious it would be for every one of you to have a local congregation to meet with each week, including a local pastor who could provide assistance, guidance, and encouragement along the way. Yet, so few of you have that blessing at this particular time.

The number of ordained ministers who truly love God's revealed Truth are few indeed at this moment, and because our membership is scattered so diffusely around the globe, there is a lack of sufficient resources to provide that ideal environment for each of you. Thus it has been during the entire thirty-five year history of this little remnant group. For twenty-five years, Mr. Raymond Cole made a priority of making personal trips to visit as many brethren as he could in major areas where our brethren resided. He could afford only so many days out of every year away from home base because of the need to write and record messages for the benefit of the entire Body (not to mention to run the church office). But he certainly tried to maximize those days on the road for the benefit of as many dear brethren as he could possibly serve.

Likewise, this current ministry has continued to prioritize very much the visiting of many of you throughout the year. Even so, one visit each year sometimes seems like very little. And what about the many of you who are too isolated to be able to gather in those places where we travel? Some of you who receive this letter have never met any of the other brethren who share your beliefs, let alone one of the ministers. It is indeed a very difficult time to practice this way of life we love so much.

We are not happy with leaving any of you without that very personalized service. All of our decisions to travel to certain areas as opposed to others seem like a compromise. Yet a very few men can do only so much. We only pray that God is guiding us to make the best possible use of those travel days so that we may do as much as possible to help as many as we can. Mr. Cole used to say that those ministerial trips were the life's blood of the church. God helping us, we do not intend to forget or change that priority. We only pray that those of you we have not been able to visit personally might still persevere and hold fast that revealed truth of God. Times will get harder, not easier, but He has promised to sustain us.

Now we are approaching the observance of that auspicious Feast of Pentecost. It is the Holy Day which pictures God's work with a firstfruits harvest of His children, of which Jesus Christ is the very first. But like Him, we have been blessed to receive the gift of His Holy Spirit, and through that begetting, we are growing toward that time of spiritual birth into the very Family of God. Pentecost represents that life—through the Spirit—of the New Testament Church. What a glorious opportunity we all have to worship God on the right day, and in the right way.

So very few of God's dear children will be worshiping correctly this year, because they have been deceived by teachers who have repudiated the real Truth about Pentecost and so many other doctrines. That is why so many of you have no alternative at this moment but to be alone, scattered like singular grains of salt across the face of the earth. But always remember that God will not honor great numbers at the expense of His Truth, but instead He is looking for those few who truly are willing to show honor to Him by obeying His commands.

And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams (1 Samuel 15:22).

By keeping *the true Pentecost* which God gave as a miraculous gift through a chosen servant to His Church, no matter how few you all may be at this time, you will be the light in this world which will shine most brightly in honor of the real Creator. Never doubt that, and never underestimate the value of your faithfulness. If you hold firm, the day is coming when the history of our time will record the honor of those faithful few.

Tennessee Motel Tax Exemption

If anyone would like to take advantage of the tax exemption on their accommodations for the Feast, they should make their reservations using a credit card (asking for the church tax-exempt discount), then prior to the Feast send Mr-s. Richard Litz a check for the total amount made out to Church of God, The Eternal, they will deposit the money in the church account in Tennessee, then issue a church check to the establishment with the tax-exempt letter. Because Mr-s. Litz will be in Oregon during the month of July, they ask that you send your checks in June or wait until August. Please **do not send checks in the month of July** because there will be no one available to process them. When you do send a check, please include the name and address of the establishment, the reservation number or name of the cabin, and a copy of any reservation paperwork that you received. This will help Mr-s. Litz make the correct reservations and not have to issue two checks. If you have any questions, you may call Mr. Litz at (865) 984-0649. Note: This is a voluntary service offered to you, but it is not mandatory. You are always free to pay for your accommodations directly to the vendor without involving the church.

Births

Mr-s. Bob Burke would like to announce the birth of their second child. Alexandra Renée was born Tuesday morning, April 6. She weighed 10 pounds, 13 ounces and was almost 22½ inches long. Donna and baby Alexandra are doing fine.

Mr-s. Roy Pell would also like to announce the birth of their daughter, Karsyn Jacquelyn. Karsyn was born Wednesday, April 14, and weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces. She was 20 inches long. Her four older siblings are enjoying getting to know their new little sister.

New Moon

The new moon, Sivan (third month), will begin on the evening of May 13. The new moon day is May 14.

Trip Schedule

Mr. Brisby:

May 15 Carlisle, England
May 22 Lausanne, Switzerland
May 24 Grenoble, France
June 19 Elkhart, Indiana
June 26 Toronto, Ontario, Canada

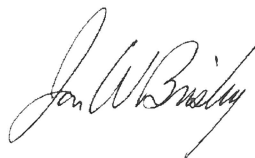
Holy Day

Pentecost Monday, May 24

Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
WSE-RC 65-1	04-01-10	05-01-10	Prophetic Events Leading to the Return of Jesus Christ #1
WSE-JB 118-13	04-22-10	05-08-10	The Truth About Tithing #13
WSE-RC 65-2	04-22-10	05-15-10	Prophetic Events Leading to the Return of Jesus Christ #2
WSE-JB 118-14	04-22-10	05-22-10	The Truth About Tithing #14
WSE-JB 118-15	05-13-10	05-29-10	The Truth About Tithing #15
HFT-2003-6-1	05-13-10	06-05-10	Basics of Child Rearing #1
HFT-2003-7-2	05-13-10	06-12-10	Basics of Child Rearing #2

In Christ's service,



Jon W. Brisby