

Announcement Letter May 2011

Dear Brethren:

Thank you for the opportunity to address you again in this letter, and to reaffirm our love, respect and deep appreciation for the firstfruits of God's salvation plan.

We hope that you had a very rewarding Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread. What a blessing we still enjoy to be able to observe those holy occasions in peace and tranquility. Reports received thus far from many of you are that these Holy Days were especially blessed and uplifting. That is certainly what we experienced, with an incredible sense of love and unity manifested by those who were able to gather in groups with other brethren. We have not always enjoyed such peace, because God intentionally allows us to be tested from time to time for reason (1 Corinthians 11:19). So when we actually experience such easy-going unity and equanimity, it is a true blessing indeed. That never happens naturally or coincidentally. Only the active work of God's Holy Spirit in so many can produce that intangible—yet real—fruit of oneness. To all of you who made special sacrifices to help others enjoy the Feast, thank you for your very willing and loving service.

Now that Passover is behind us again, it is always good for us to take stock of what we learned, and to reaffirm our own personal goals to continue that "spiritual deleavening" as a year-round habit. Why let new problems and distresses derail us on that path? Why permit the accumulation of sinful baggage to begin weighing us down, little by little, through the coming year? Why not refuse to arrive at next year's Passover season with the need to scurry and "fix things" which could have been corrected much earlier? Let us commit to keeping a *Passover preparation state of mind* as our new "normal" year-round. If we do so, how can we help but grow spiritually and to draw nearer to God than ever before? May God bless you all and provide the strength you each need to push forward in putting on more of the mind of Jesus Christ, day by day. With Pentecost now on the horizon, we have that next benchmark to help encourage our spiritual focus and to provide a foundation for our hope of salvation in the Kingdom of God.

Holy Day

Pentecost

Monday, June 13

New Moon

The new moon, Iyar (second month), will begin on the evening of May 4. The new moon day is May 5.

The new moon, Sivan (third month), will begin on the evening of June 2. The new moon day is June 3.

Trip Schedule

Mr. Brisby:

June 4 Mansfield, Massachusetts

June 11 Lausanne, Switzerland

June 13 Grenoble, France

Mr. Richard Litz:

May 7 Mansfield, Massachusetts

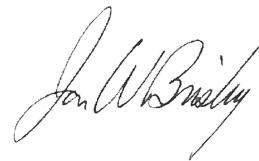
Recorded Sermon Label Change

We have decided to reformat our labeling on the Fundamental of Belief series #25, Marriage and Divorce (for example: WSE-JB 22-128-25R). This change will help us in cataloging those sermons in our archive and should not affect most of you. If you need to order a previous sermon in this Marriage and Divorce series and encounter trouble with the new labeling, please feel free to contact the church office staff for help.

Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
CL 1-18	04-07-11	04-30-11	Resolve All Difficulties (#1)
WSE-JB 22-127-25E-13	04-07-11	05-07-11	Fund. of Belief #25: Marriage and Divorce: God's Marriage in a Song #13
CL 1-20	04-28-11	05-14-11	Resolve All Difficulties (#2)
WSE-JB 22-128-25F-1	04-28-11	05-21-11	Fund. of Belief #25: Marriage and Divorce: What Makes a Marriage? #1
CL 1-21	04-28-11	05-28-11	Resolve All Difficulties (#3)
Holy Day Sermons	05-12-11	06-13-11	Pentecost Sermons
CL 1-22	05-19-11	06-04-11	Resolve All Difficulties (#4)
WSE-JB 22-129-25F-2	05-19-11	06-11-11	Fund. of Belief #25: Marriage and Divorce: What Makes a Marriage? #2
CL 1-23	05-19-11	06-04-11	Resolve All Difficulties (#5)

In Christ's service,



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