

Announcement Letter June 2011

Dear Brethren:

Our love and special greetings to every one of you who receives this letter, with hopes and prayers for your strength to endure every test set before you. Hopefully you do not tire of hearing our expressions of respect and love. It is truly genuine because we are certain of who you are in God's plan. Because of that special calling, you are due every kind consideration and every heartfelt expenditure of energy we can muster to serve you. May God grant us the power and determination to continue that service with relish.

We will all be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost in just a few short days. This particular Holy Day has always held special meaning in God's salvation plan, but even increased prominence for us because of its unique role in the history of God's last-day church. Who would have ever guessed in advance how Pentecost would become a lightning rod to distinguish between those who truly cherish what God revealed vs. what man generates from his own thinking? There were no "prophets" permitted by God to "tip us off" about that test in advance. The whole church had to face it unexpectedly in 1974 (or whenever we were called later on) and prove by our choices what we truly believed. In spite of the fact that the entire church once kept a Monday Pentecost together in unity, there are very few left today who do so. Is that not amazing? The great majority of *multiple thousands* who still value the overall master plan of the true God have nevertheless rejected the Pentecost tradition which was observed during those decades when that church was so miraculously prospered by God.

Given how diversely fickle human reasonings can be, it is amazing that virtually none of them have opted to preserve a Monday Pentecost (virtually only those who were once part of this remnant body). In the case of every other doctrine there is a mixed bag of acceptance or rejection, but with a Monday Pentecost there is almost *universal rejection!* It is "beyond the odds" that some *reasonable percentage* of former Worldwide members have not chosen to preserve a Monday Pentecost, if only to set themselves apart. They adopt all kinds of other bizarre interpretations of Scripture to justify their practices and make a splash. Why then has Monday Pentecost become treated universally as so leprous? It defies statistical explanation.

It truly seems that God indeed sent them *strong delusion* (2 Thessalonians 2:11) to intentionally *prevent them* from valuing the true Pentecost. Once they showed that they lacked any regard for God as the Revelator of Truth, it is as if He followed their infidelity by making the correct Pentecost an absolute absurdity to them.

But if so, why single out Pentecost for special distinction? Many of these deceived brethren are still holding to the faith once delivered on many other doctrines, like the calendar, the correct date for Passover and the other Holy Days, the Sabbath, the nature of God, the God Family plan, etc. So why has Monday Pentecost become so anathema to them all? Since Pentecost represents the small firstfruits harvest in God's plan—and the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower those faithful—it could be that God has made this particular doctrine a beacon within the church at large. We have not tried to make ourselves "stand out" by keeping Monday Pentecost. We simply refused to change and have tried to hold fast to the original gift of God. But the end result—not of our making—is that Monday Pentecost surely makes this little group stand out from all the rest. Perhaps that is just coincidental, but it is doubtful. It surely seems God has made the correct Pentecost an identifying sign in this age.

We do not keep Monday Pentecost to try to be distinctive from others. We also do not do so smugly, as if we are better than anyone else. Any of them could begin keeping Monday again if they only chose to do so. We are not preventing them. We keep the correct Pentecost out of fear and respect for the God who holds our future in His hands at the Judgment. We keep Monday Pentecost as a confirmation that we are branches attached to the Vine which we require to feed us in order to live, spiritually. Without that Holy Spirit coursing through us, we will wither and die. Rejecting the only revealed Pentecost would be the same as cutting ourselves off from that life-sustaining Vine. God requires that we acknowledge Him as the Revelator of Truth, Jesus Christ being the sure foundation of that whole Church. He will not share His glory with any man. He will never condone human scholarship to be worshiped alongside His own revelation as the source of true wisdom. In conscience, we therefore refuse to reject the precious sign which God has given in our day as a blinding beacon to remind His apostate people of their history.

May you keep this special Holy Day with deep appreciation and reverence for the God who taught us His Truth, and who continues to bless and sustain those who put real trust in Him. What a blessing we have received. What an honor to be able to appear before Him this year in convocations on Monday, June 13, with absolute confidence that we are hallowing the correct day, and that He will truly be in our midst.

New Moon

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

The new moon, Tammuz (fourth month), will begin on the evening of July 2. The new moon day is July 3.

Weekly Mailing CDs

Recently, some of you have notified us that your mailing CDs have been broken or damaged in the mail. Due to the thinner mailing envelope we are using, this may occur from time to time. We have notified the post office, and they have assured us that they will do all they possibly can to ensure the safe arrival of our CDs. However, it is very likely that a small percentage of the CDs we mail will get broken or damaged by improper handling. We request that you examine your CDs upon receipt and contact the office right away if they appear to be damaged in any way. This gives us plenty of time to send you a replacement so that you may have the sermon corresponding to the Sabbath on the Recorded Sermon Schedule.

US Feast of Tabernacles Sites

For those of you who may not have yet made a final decision about which US Feast site you will attend this fall, might we encourage you to consider Yachats, Oregon? You are still very free to choose where you would like to attend (we have never required permission to change sites), and in past years those free choices have usually resulted in a fairly even divide in attendance between Oregon and Tennessee. But this year, based upon the feedback we have received thus far, many seem to have chosen 2011 to attend in Tennessee. At this point in time, it appears attendance may be very lopsided, putting a strain upon support resources in Tennessee, while reducing our volunteer structure in Oregon. Therefore, if you have not already made reservations, made a final choice, or if you do not have limitations which prevent attending on the West Coast, you just might be able to aid the church by choosing to come to Oregon this year.

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. This year's performance material will be mailed out within the next few weeks to individuals involved. Anyone who would be interested in participating at either Feast site, please contact the church office.

Holy Day

Pentecost Monday, June 13

Trip Schedule

Mr. Brisby:

June 4 Mansfield, Massachusetts

June 11 Lausanne, Switzerland

June 13 Grenoble, France

Mr. Richard Litz:

July 2 Vancouver, Washington

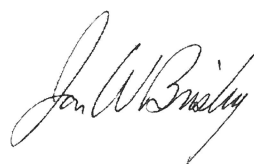
July 9, 16 Eugene, Oregon

July 23 Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota

Recorded Sermon Schedule

| Sermon # | Mailed | Played | Title |
|---------------------|----------|----------|--|
| 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 22-129-25-F2 | 05-19-11 | 06-11-11 | Fund. of Belief #25: Marriage and Divorce: What Makes a Marriage? #2 |
| CL 1-23 | 05-19-11 | 06-18-11 | Resolve All Difficulties (#5) |
| WSE-JB 22-130-25-F3 | 06-09-11 | 06-25-11 | Fund. of Belief #25: Marriage and Divorce: What Makes a Marriage? #3 |
| CL 1-24 | 06-09-11 | 07-02-11 | Resolve All Difficulties (#6) |
| WSE-JB 22-131-25-F4 | 06-09-11 | 07-09-11 | Fund. of Belief #25: Marriage and Divorce: What Makes a Marriage? #4 |
| CL 1-25 | 06-30-11 | 07-16-11 | Resolve All Difficulties (#7) |

In Christ's service,



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