

Announcement Letter July 2012

Dear Brethren:

We pray this letter finds you strong in mind and heart, bolstered by the power of God's Spirit, which is the special gift given to those who sincerely love His Truth. The world cannot have access to that power today because God has not yet chosen to call them. But upon you very few dear ones, He has bestowed this incredible opportunity, and that makes you the most blessed people on the face of the earth. It is a privilege to be able to address you as His dear children and to communicate with you to encourage and support you to hold fast to that priceless way of faith.

It is a joy to report to you that God continues to bless, protect, and to prosper this little remnant body as much or more today than at any time in our thirty-seven year history. That is not to say that we are "better off" than when Mr. Raymond Cole was still alive and shepherding this flock. No way. There is not a day that goes by that those of us who knew him as pastor, mentor, and friend do not miss him. How often it comes to mind that it would be such a comfort to have available his personal counsel, as in days before.

Even though an increasing number of our members today never had the privilege of meeting him (joining us after his death in 2001), his stamp is still strongly upon this organized body, and God helping us, that will continue to be so. We are insuring that in part by continuing to release his sermons as a major component of the spiritual meat you receive throughout each year to use in your Sabbath convocations. What a blessing to have twenty-five years of recorded sermons, which are just as valuable for God's people today as when they were first recorded.

More importantly, we continue to honor Mr. Cole's memory by holding fast to those spiritual principles he loved and for which he sacrificed so much in his own life to preserve. Please do not misunderstand. We do not keep those laws of God ourselves to honor any man. We each keep them because we believe it is *the correct way* to show honor and respect to God the Father and to Jesus Christ, the Righteous Judge, who holds our futures in His hand. But as more individuals come to value that same *faith once delivered* and to adopt that way *personally* as a means to prepare for a place in the very Kingdom of God, they are certifying the value of that which Raymond Cole held most dear himself, whether they ever knew him personally or not. It was through him that God made it possible for the rest of us to come out of doctrinal confusion and to see what was really happening in the last-day church. It was his leadership amidst that prophesied apostasy which allowed us to find a path through that

demoralizing spiritual wilderness and to come through it by His miraculous grace. Our thanks and our praise is always to the Creator God who called us and gave us this incredible opportunity for eternal salvation.

In recognizing and showing appreciation for those faithful ministers who allowed themselves to be used by God to accomplish that divine work, we do not transfer our allegiance to the men. Mr. Cole would have hated for any one of us to look to him for confidence in place of God. A key part of his ministry was to admonish us to take responsibility for our own salvation within the inspired framework of the Church which Jesus Christ heads. When we do that, we establish our bond with the One True God who alone deserves our worship and adoration, but at the same time we also commend the work of that human servant whom God used to bring us into that spiritual relationship.

May you always remember what you are fighting for, and may your faith sustain you to the very end, not only as an enduring legacy to the work of Raymond Cole in this age, but more importantly to the very saving of your souls (Hebrews 10:39).

Camp Tejas

This year Camp Tejas for the teenagers is once again being held in Walton, Oregon, July 12–22, and we are asking you to keep it in your prayers so that it may be an enjoyable, successful and safe experience for everyone involved.

Excess Second Tithe

This is a reminder of the yearly need for second tithe to cover administrative and facility costs for the Feast. We want to reserve adequate for an enjoyable and meaningful Feast. At the same time, we all must remember, to keep the Feast requires the rental of halls, transportation, aid to those who are deserving, etc. If we all contribute, the burden for each is relatively small. A huge thanks to those whose hearts and minds are willing. May God richly and abundantly bless you in all ways.

Second Tithe Requests

Please be reminded that requests for second-tithe assistance for the Feast of Tabernacles need to be in by September 1. Any who need assistance should notify us in ample time.

New Moon

The new moon, Ab (fifth month), will begin on the evening of July 19. The new moon day is July 20.

Trip Schedule

Mr. Richard Litz:

July 14, 21 Eugene, Oregon

Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
WSP-JB 135-2	06-21-12	07-07-12	God's Omniscience and Free Moral Agency #2
WSE-JB 22-148-25-J1	06-21-12	07-14-12	Fund. of Belief #25: Marriage and Divorce: History of the Doctrinal Change on Marriage #J1
CL-2 30	06-21-12	07-21-12	Peace #1
WSE-JB 22-149-25-K1	07-12-12	07-28-12	Fund. of Belief #25: Marriage and Divorce: The Administration of the Marriage Doctrine #K1
CL-2 31	07-12-12	08-04-12	Peace #2
WSE-JB 22-150-25-K2	07-12-12	08-11-12	Fund. of Belief #25: Marriage and Divorce: The Administration of the Marriage Doctrine #K2

In Christ's service,



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