

Announcement Letter August 2012

Dear Brethren:

We are all so scattered, physically, and yet our mutual love for a singular way of life nonetheless sustains us together in real unity. No distance can ever separate us as long as we have that spiritual Truth in common. It is therefore a privilege to have the chance to write to each of you again this month and to affirm our love and respect for you. Hopefully you do not get tired of our repetitive expressions of love and appreciation. Many times such words by men are hollow. You can be assured that ours are not. Please never forget that you are the children of God, and more than that, you are the *particular children* who have held fast to God's revealed Truth in a very dark time of apostasy. We know that and will not forget it, and so we continue to regard you with much love and affection for your work's sake. Thank you for allowing us to be your servants and to pour ourselves out to support and to encourage you in your spiritual endeavors.

August is usually a very busy time for us all, and especially when the Feasts begin in mid-September as they do this year. We are happy to report that our preparations for the Feast of Tabernacles are going very well thus far. It is always challenging to plan for every need when we have limited personnel resources to cover so many responsibilities. But God has continued to provide a way for us to do all that is required to provide a rich and inspiring festival experience for God's people. Thanks to every one of you who are contributing to making that a reality. Whether it is our volunteers for the special music program, our helpers for setting up the physical meeting facilities, or those who quietly contribute in so many other ways, your willingness to sacrifice personally is an incredible blessing. We know that you do it because of your love for God and your desire to honor Him, and in doing so you are certainly making a very noteworthy offering. Even when you offer to help someone else to be able to attend the Feast (like by providing transportation, a room to stay, etc.), you are making a significant contribution to the success of the Feast as a whole. It is that spirit of service and outpouring of concern for others which adds so much to the collective inspiration of the whole group. The level of enthusiasm and degree of "volunteer spirit" is very often a key indicator of the overall orientation of the group. It is an honor to work shoulder to shoulder with so many who manifest such a sincere and heartfelt commitment to those holy convocations which represent *the sign* between God and His people.

Even if you are unable to contribute in some "extra" way, your determination to set aside every other care and distraction in these lives and to make provision to *attend the Feast* is a very significant sacrifice. This is the time when you are likely to be challenged the most to consider "not coming." Your enemy, Satan the devil, will pull out the stops to convince you that you have a legitimate excuse for not attending the Feast this year. Perhaps you are

suffering physical disability. Maybe you are grappling with personal, family, or economic trials which seem to take up all of your energies. Maybe you are afraid to make a long journey or to be away from home for such an extended period of time. Whatever it may be, those thoughts are a temptation being presented by your natural minds—augmented by the subtle influence of an enemy voice—seeking to get you to stay home. Some of you have legitimate reason to stay home, but many do not. For many of you, it all hinges on how much you are willing to fight to fulfill God's command to appear before Him in His appointed place. How strongly are you convinced that this is important to God? How determined are you to prove that God is really first in your life? Do not let your religion be an exercise in vanity. Those who say "Lord, Lord," but fail to obey His commands, are proving by their actions that the cares of this world are truly where their heart lies. But when you pull out all stops to be at the Feast, even against great obstacles, not only are you showing God that your spiritual profession is real, but you are also serving your brethren with an inspiring example that just may help others likewise learn to do the same.

There is not much time left to prepare. The diligent will be working with urgency right now to make it a reality. Thank God we have so many in this little remnant who are focused and determined in spiritual priorities. Your examples are truly inspiring, and it will be an incredible privilege to share those festival celebrations with so many of you.

Camp Tejas Report

We are very happy to report another very blessed summer program for the young people who participated in Camp Tejas last month in Oregon. Everything went very smoothly overall, and thus far we have heard only good reports from campers, parents, and staff alike. God has certainly blessed this volunteer project over the last eleven years, and the fruits of it continue to demonstrate the substance of the underlying philosophy and management plan being executed. A hearty thank you to Mr. David Brandenburg for again making such a significant sacrifice of his personal time and energies to make this program possible. He would tell you, however, that Camp Tejas could never be a reality without the collective efforts of so many volunteers who contribute in many ways, and that is absolutely true. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Litz were key this year (as in so many recent years), as well as the other staff assistants, Mrs. Carolyn Fowler, Mr. Duane Garland, Miss Michele Bourget, and Mr. Justin Nalder. Likewise, the church office staff in Eugene and many of the local brethren in Oregon and Washington contributed to share significant loads in making food, managing the logistics of transportation, activities, and other support needs. We thank all of you most sincerely for making this program possible for these precious young people.

New Moon

The new moon, Ellul (sixth month), will begin on the evening of Sabbath (Saturday night), August 18. The new moon day is Sunday, August 19.

Trip Schedule

Mr. Jon Brisby:

September 15, 17 Stephenville, Texas

US Feast Site Addresses

In Yachats, OR, the Feast will be held at the Yachats Commons, located at 441 Hwy 101 N.

In Townsend, TN, the Feast will be held at The Barn, Event Center of the Smokies, 7264 East Lamar Alexander Pkwy.

If you need further information, please call the church office at (541) 344-8880.

Holy Days

Feast of Trumpets Monday, September 17

Atonement Wednesday, September 26

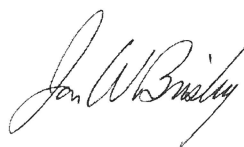
Feast of Tabernacles September 30 (evening service)–October 7

Last Great Day October 8

Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
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
CL-2 32	08-02-12	08-18-12	Peace #3
WSE-JB 138-1	08-02-12	08-25-12	The Family Handbook #1
WSE-RWL 15	08-02-12	09-01-12	Spiritual Blindness to God's Truth
CL-2 33	08-23-12	09-08-12	Peace #4
WSE-JB 138-2	08-23-12	09-15-12	The Family Handbook #2

In Christ's service,



Jon W. Brisby