

## Announcement Letter March 2014

Dear Brethren:

It is an honor to address you in this new month and to reconfirm our sincere respect and devotion to all who are working to hold firm to the real Faith. Your servants here think of you and keep you often in our prayers, and we relish the chance to devote our energies in your particular service. There is truly no greater blessing than to pour out our efforts to encourage and to uplift those whom God has called for a very special purpose in this world.

We send you similar sentiments every month, but they are nonetheless sincere, even as our prayers to God on your behalf are sincere. Each of you prays daily to God to express your thanks and appreciation for all of His mercy and special blessings. And even though it seems that you may repeat the same or similar words in those prayers, if you are not just going through the motions, allowing those prayers to become vain repetitions, then your sentiments are accepted of God because He knows you are *earnest* in what you are expressing. How many different ways can you think of to confirm many of the very same thoughts when you come before God day by day? It is very difficult to do. We all have a tendency to fall into redundant patterns of thought and of expression. God understands that also. The challenge is never to allow that "habit of worship" to become a *mindless repetition*. It is always good to challenge ourselves to find different words to describe our appreciation and our requests to God, but He knows that we are all, at best, very limited in creativity. If our hearts are sincere, then the use of the same or similar words to describe those feelings is no less earnest today than it was when we used them yesterday.

Be careful of the trap of vain repetitions, but likewise be sure that we always keep uppermost in mind what really matters—our intent of heart and mind. God knows and reads those hearts before we ever even attempt to express them. He is an awesome Being and worthy of our conscious appreciation and regular praise. And each of you is likewise precious because of who you are in His glorious plan of salvation.

May your work and special efforts in preparing for the upcoming Holy Day season be very fruitful indeed, and may you remember always how priceless is this way of life that we have received through the divine revelation of His dear Son and our High Priest, Jesus Christ.

## Holy Days

Lead men should be making appropriate preparations for these days:

Passover (evening)	Sunday, April 13
Night to Be Much Observed	Monday, April 14
1st Holy Day—Days of Unleavened Bread	Tuesday, April 15
2nd Holy Day—Days of Unleavened Bread	Monday, April 21

## New Moon

The new moon, Nisan (first month), will begin on the evening of Monday, March 31. The new moon day is Tuesday, April 1.

## Trip Schedule

### Mr. Jon Brisby

April 12, 13, 14, 15..... Appleby-in-Westmoorland, Cumbria, UK  
April 19..... Cheticamp, Nova Scotia, Canada  
April 21..... Toronto, Ontario, Canada

## Changes in the Sermon Schedule

Weather has been a deterrent to regularly-scheduled services for many brethren this winter. Please be aware that it was necessary to make a few changes to the sermon schedule because of weather upsets, etc. in Eugene, Oregon. If you are hoping to listen to the same sermon as the rest of the brethren, you will find the revised schedule in this month's letter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

## Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
WSE-JB 149-6	01-30-14	03-01-14	Prophecy Revisited #6 Matthew 24 for Today #1
WST-JB 150	02-20-14	03-08-14	A Closer Look at Short and Long-range Prophecy
WSE-DFB 1	02-20-14	03-15-14	Pre-Passover Exam: Sleeping With the Enemy
WSP-JB 144	02-20-14	03-22-14	Anatomy of Offence
CL-2 124	03-13-14	03-29-14	Faith #33
WSE-JB 149-7	03-13-14	04-05-14	Prophecy Revisited #7 Matthew 24 for Today #2
WSE-JB 149-8	03-13-14	04-12-14	Prophecy Revisited #8 Matthew 24 for Today #3
CL-2 125	04-03-14	04-19-14	Faith #34

In Christ's service,



Jon W. Brisby