

Announcement Letter April 2015

Dear Brethren:

In the midst of this new Passover season, your devoted servants in the Eugene church office greet you with sincere appreciation and renewed commitment to your spiritual service.

This is the true new year, and it cannot help but solicit in our minds a nostalgic review of the past twelve months, coupled with anticipation for the next ones before us. What will this new year bring? Will we continue much as we have in the past few decades? Or instead, will things change dramatically for those of this scattered remnant body? God does not intend for any of us to know those answers in advance, but He has promised to provide for every need, no matter how harrowing circumstances in this world may become. To that end we wish to renew our declaration to serve you as long as God makes it possible for us to do so. Indeed you are few and scattered, but you are among those rare ones today who understand the real Truth about God's plan for humanity, and you are among those few with whom God is aggressively working now to grant salvation at the Second Coming of His dear Son.

Your lights (spiritual examples) may be small in number, but bright in intensity when the Truth of God is being practiced honestly in your daily lives. Above all, despise not the day of small things (Zechariah 4:10) nor underestimate the value and importance of what you are doing at this time. Do not allow yourselves to think that we are all just waiting in limbo, stalled in animated suspension, or otherwise treading water until "something finally happens." No, something *is happening* right now! It is not visible to the world. It is not being measured or acknowledged outwardly. But the true children of God are using this very time to prepare themselves for those dramatic events to come.

It is why God admonishes His people to awaken from spiritual slumber and to *redeem the time* (Ephesians 5:16; Colossians 4:5). There truly is no time to waste for the called of God. This is our moment of preparation and qualification for glory. The trials that you are each enduring right now are neither mundane nor happenstance. They are part of the crucible—the difficult environment for training and preparation—that God is *intentionally using* for our spiritual mastery. He is pruning us as beloved plants and purging each one of us so that we may indeed produce more abundant and more valuable fruit. That process is painful for us, humanly. But the end result, if we are willing to persevere and to hold firm, is most worthwhile and fulfilling beyond measure.

It requires continual refocus and grounding for us to keep these things in mind and to avoid despondency. But if we will use the time granted to us in this coming year to master these carnal natures and to put on more of the mind, orientation, and behavior of Jesus Christ—our perfect example—then the pains and discomforts endured will produce results that will be eternal. It is worth every sacrifice. And those who are engaging in that constructive conversion process will be rewarded, both now and in the times to come.

Whatever this new year in God's plan may bring, we renew our love and respect for each one of you, pledging our devotion to serve you to the very limit of our ability, in the name and by the authority of our most worthy High Priest and soon-coming King, Jesus Christ.

New Moon

The new moon, Iyar (second month), begins Sunday, April 19. The new moon day is Monday, April 20.

Holy Day

Pentecost..... Monday, May 25

Trip Schedule

Mr. Jon Brisby

May 16. Mansfield, Massachusetts

May 23, 25. Lausanne, Switzerland

Mr. David Brandenburg

May 25. Elkhart, Indiana

Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
Holy Day Sermons	02-26-15	—	Passover/NTBO/UB
WSE-RC 59-51	03-19-15	04-11-15	Despair or Glory, Which? #51 Habakkuk Chapter 3 #21
WSE-RC 59-52	03-19-15	04-18-15	Despair or Glory, Which? #52 Habakkuk Chapter 3 #22
WSE-JB 163	03-19-15	04-25-15	Prepare for Old Age and Death
WSE-RC 59-53	04-09-15	05-02-15	Despair or Glory, Which? #53 Habakkuk Chapter 3 #23
WSE-JB 138-29	04-09-15	05-09-15	The Family Handbook #29 Child Rearing #1
WSE-RC 59-54	04-09-15	05-16-15	Despair or Glory, Which? #54 Habakkuk Chapter 3 #24

In Christ's service,



Jon W. Brisby