

Announcement Letter October 2016

Dear Brethren:

Many of you may not receive this mailing until after you return home from keeping the Feast of Tabernacles. In many past years we have suspended publication for the particular month of the autumn Feasts, and we certainly contemplated doing that this year as well. But in the interest of staying in touch with all of you as much as we can and in maintaining that connection with those who understand and love God's Truth, we wanted to make the extra effort to send you this letter, and we pray that you are holding fast and facing each trial with conviction and hope.

It is not easy to keep this Way of Life. It is not easy to make the changes God requires of us to emulate His dear Son. It is not easy to maintain the good habits we have already developed and to *persist* in them year after year. It is not easy to face the increasing abominations in this world and to stay optimistic. It is not easy to deal with attacks coming from our own carnal minds—not to mention those coming from that great enemy of man—without making errors of judgment. It is not easy to see others we dearly love make serious mistakes that put them in jeopardy. In short, what God has called us to do in order to receive an eternal reward is the hardest thing a human being will ever experience. The process of learning to value and to love a way of life that is not natural to us—manifested in the character and behavior of Jesus Christ—will never be easy for any human being.

It is also not easy to enjoy a very small foretaste of the Kingdom of God—by celebrating in God's presence at the Feast of Tabernacles—and then have to maintain that spiritual euphoria when we get back home and have to deal with the world once again. In fact, making that transition successfully is another hurdle that God allows us to face, and one that He wants us to clear. Are you prepared this year for that mental challenge you will face when you get home? Will you fight to hold firm to the positive things God has given to you and refuse to let anyone or any force snatch away your joy? If you are determined, and if you are asking God for the power of His Spirit to help you repel every discouragement, He will indeed fight for you, and you can carry the blessings and the inspiration of this Feast season into the coming year.

May God grant each and every one of you to "make hay while the sun shines" with this incredible opportunity. What a privilege we have to be called at this very time to know the one true God and to prepare for His Son's triumphant appearance.

New Moon

The new moon, Heshvan (eighth month), begins Tuesday evening, November 1. The new moon day is Wednesday, November 2.

Holy Days

Atonement..... October 12
Feast of Tabernacles..... October 16 (evening service)–October 23
Last Great Day. October 24

Feast of Tabernacles

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.

Please take note that the weekly Sabbath services on October 15 will be held in Townsend, TN, (at 1:00 p.m.), and in Yachats, OR, (at 2:00 p.m.) since the Feast of Tabernacles will begin the next evening, Sunday, October 16, (at 7:30 p.m.). Please make your plans and reservations accordingly.

FOT—Townsend, October 15

For those coming early to the Feast, Mr-s. Richard Litz will host a BBQ at their home for the meal following the weekly Sabbath service of October 15. They will provide the burgers and drinks and ask the brethren to bring salads and desserts.

FOT—Family Night/Potluck

If you would like to showcase your talents in the family night/potluck in Townsend, Tuesday evening, October 18, at 6:00 p.m., please contact Mr. Davin Arroyo at 919-655-5789 or at jpgadal@att.net.

In Yachats, the family night/potluck will be held Thursday evening, October 20, at 6:00 p.m. The emcee for that night will be Mr. Ryan Armstrong. Anyone who is interested in performing, please contact Ryan at: 401-864-0081 or by email at: ryan.armstrong08@ymail.com.

Trip Schedule

Mr. Jon Brisby

October 12 (Atonement)..... Townsend, TN
October 16–19 (FOT)..... Townsend, TN
October 20–24 (FOT)..... Yachats, OR
November 12..... Somerset, Tasmania, Australia

Mr. David Brandenburg

October 12 (Atonement)..... Modesto, CA
October 16–24 (FOT)..... Port Sorrell, Tasmania, Australia
October 29..... Port Sorrell, Tasmania, Australia

Mr. Richard Litz

October 16–24 (FOT)..... Townsend, TN

Mr. Robert Litz

October 12 (Atonement)..... Boise, ID
October 16–24 (FOT)..... Yachats, OR
October 29..... Phoenix, AZ
November 5..... Stephenville, TX

Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
WSE-RC 39-23	09-15-16	10-01-16	Confrontations and Responses of Jesus Christ #23
WSE-JB 22-152-26B	09-15-16	10-08-16	Fund. of Belief #26: Worldly Holidays: What God Hallowed
WSE-RC 39-24	09-15-16	10-15-16	Confrontations and Responses of Jesus Christ #24
FOT Sermons	—	10-22-16	Feast of Tabernacles
WSE-RC 39-25	10-06-16	10-29-16	Confrontations and Responses of Jesus Christ #25
WSE-JB 22-153-26C	10-06-16	11-05-16	Fund. of Belief #26: Worldly Holidays: Calendars #1
WSE-RC 39-26	10-06-16	11-12-16	Confrontations and Responses of Jesus Christ #26
WSE-JB 190	11-03-16	11-19-16	What Did Jesus Know (and When)?

In Christ's service,



Jon W. Brisby