

Announcement Letter June 2017

Dear Brethren:

Special greetings to all of you who are part of this remnant body and who have just finished observing the one-and-only Holy Day of Pentecost on this past Monday, June 5. We, as your devoted servants, greet you, and express once again our love for all of you who are holding firm to the real Truth.

Within that opening paragraph are the kinds of *dogmatic statements* that drive many others crazy—ones who hold to a liberalized, ecumenical view of "truth." To them, anyone who claims to know *the Truth*, and who touts it as "the only Truth," is being divisive, arrogant, and self-deluded.

But is that what they would say about the Apostle John?

They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error (1 John 4:5–6).

John was drawing a very bright line of distinction, making no room for anyone who disagreed with him about the definition of *Truth*. Those who think the proof of genuine Christianity is an *inclusive tolerance* for many different ideas fail to remember that Jesus Christ died because He refused to pander to the Jews and their various "takes" on Truth. The Apostle John was declaring with authority his knowledge of real Truth, even as Jesus Christ declared His knowledge of real Truth. And anyone today who truly represents that same God is likewise going to manifest dogmatic assurance about Truth, not some mealy-mouthed interpretation to placate the diversity of human concepts.

Please do not misunderstand. There are a lot of *bold speakers* out there proclaiming provocatively that they represent Jesus Christ to the exclusion of all others. That is not a proof of legitimacy either. The other key element of the *legitimate ministry* is a servant who proclaims *only that which he was given by another*, never that which has originated within himself. Jesus Christ, although He of all individuals—as the Son of God—had the right to declare Truth on His own part, never did it! He came as a *representative* of His Father, proclaiming only that which He had been given and instructed to deliver!

Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him (John 7:16–18).

In this statement, Jesus Christ provides a key yardstick to use in verifying the true ministry from all pretenders. Even as Jesus Himself proclaimed only that which came from the Father, so did the Apostle John proclaim only that which came to him from Jesus Christ. And any servant in our day who is of that same Spirit will be doing the very same thing.

So when we proclaim that there is only *one Pentecost*, and it was celebrated only on this past Monday, June 5—no other date being acceptable to God—we are not just trying to be provocative. It is simply *the Truth*. How do we know it is real Truth? That must be a matter of your own faith, but this ministry is not giving you concepts that came out of our own thinking. We are repeating the things that *we were taught* from those we earnestly believe were called and commissioned by Jesus Christ in the twentieth century to establish His true Church. Wherever you find the *true Church*, it will have a chain of authority through *inspired servants* from its inception, and there will be a defense of those original teachings in any later generations. Any repudiation of foundational principles is proof of doctrinal error. And any minister who claims you have to be willing to *change doctrine* in order to *grow* is proving he is an imposter. Likewise, any who claim that they have Truth without needing an inspired ministry is also proving their own ignorance.

In spite of prolific deception in this evil world, a loving God has made it possible for the sincere among His people to discern between the true and the false. If we know what to look for and how to measure, it is actually very easy.

Therefore, all of you who just completed making your spiritual offerings upon God's true day of Pentecost on June 5, and did so with a correct orientation of mind, are very bright lights in a very dark world. You truly are part of God's prophetic promise that the gates of hell will never prevail against His Body (Mark 16:18). By keeping Pentecost correctly again this year, you have participated in the manifestation of God's promise, and we are all gratified to share unity with you through that Spirit which makes this great miracle possible.

New Moon

The new moon, Tammuz (fourth month), begins Sabbath evening, June 24. The new moon day is Sunday, June 25.

Scheduling Emcees, Opening and Closing Prayers

We are beginning preparation of printed schedules for the Feast of Tabernacles, so we need to know as soon as possible if any will be attending at a different Feast site than usual. We must soon begin work on the scheduling of emcees and those who give opening and closing prayers. We thank you in advance for your help.

Part of our preliminary work involves the music program for the two Feast sites. Any member who has attended one of our Holy Day convocations in the past is eligible to participate in the fall Festival music program. This year's performance material will be mailed out within the next few weeks to individuals involved. Anyone who would be interested in participating at either Feast site, please contact the church office.

Trip Schedule

Mr. Jon Brisby

- June 3, 5 Lausanne, Switzerland
- June 10. Orgères, Normandy, France
- July 1, 8 (Camp Tejas). Camas, Washington

Mr. Richard Litz

- June 10. Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota
- June 17. Billings, Montana
- June 24. Meridian, Idaho
- July 1..... Little Rock, Arkansas

Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
CL2-RC 151	05-11-17	06-03-17	Principles of Christian Living (Series 2): Humility #14
WSE-JWB 22-159-26I	05-11-17	06-10-17	Fund. of Belief #26: Worldly Holidays: Acceptable Days
WSE-JWB 197	06-01-17	06-17-17	Mockery: A Danger
WSE-JWB 22-160-26J	06-01-17	06-24-17	Fund. of Belief #26: Worldly Holidays: Halloween
CL2-RC 152	06-01-17	07-01-17	Principles of Christian Living (Series 2): Humility #15
CL2-RC 153	06-22-17	07-08-17	Principles of Christian Living (Series 2): Humility #16
CL2-RC 154	06-22-17	07-15-17	Principles of Christian Living (Series 2): Humility #17

In Christ's service,



Jon W. Brisby