

Announcement Letter August 2017

Dear Brethren:

August is here, and that means our planning for the next Holy Day season is in full swing. Time is already short, and there is always much to accomplish. Are you completing your plans for traveling to keep the Feast of Tabernacles? If not, what are you waiting for? After all, it is a command of God—a command performance. Obeying God in these days takes aggressive commitment. A wishy-washy, wait-and-see approach is a recipe for failure. Your spiritual enemy is just waiting to pounce, to discourage, to up-end, and to construct any obstacle that will prevent your appearance before God to make your commanded offerings. Who will win? How much do you seek the Kingdom of God *first* in your life? God is evaluating.

Along with that very bold introduction, we also offer our expressions of sincere love and devotion to every one of you. It is ever a privilege to address you in these monthly mailings, and to do the best we can to encourage you in your spiritual pursuits. You are among the very few at this time who have an opportunity to serve God correctly, and the ones who have shown in the past an appreciation and desire for eternal things. It is so easy to be derailed in this world, thrown off track, and to despair because of our setbacks. But our communications with you are meant to encourage you to hold firm, to "get back on the horse," and to get back into the fight, no matter what discouragements you may have suffered. You each have the promises of a loving Heavenly Father, and He is ready and willing to fight for you. Just show Him you are serious about wanting to do it, and He will open up every door required for your success. What a blessing to know these truths and to have those assurances from a perfect and all-powerful Father.

Enclosed with this mailing is an historical *Monthly Letter* written to the church by Mr. Raymond Cole twenty-two years ago, in July 1995. Not only is the material just as timely for us today as when it was first composed, it also provides an historical perspective about circumstances within our fellowship in the mid-1990s. Likewise, it provides a reminder of Mr. Cole's personal style in writing and expression, which is comforting and nostalgic for many of us who knew him personally.

Within Mr. Cole's letter, you will take note of his personal desire to write a detailed article on the topic of health and healing. A major article was published a couple of years later, which is available for order, but not one penned by him personally. The article we do have gives an excellent history of modern medicine, and we encourage you

to read it in order to see from this history the fallacy of man's system. But that article does not cover the true spiritual aspects of divine healing that Mr. Cole desired to provide to the Church. Time simply never allowed him to complete that or many other projects that he had in mind. But the enclosed letter will nonetheless provide the gist of his orientation on the topic, and that perspective is very relevant for every one of us today.

New Moon

The new moon, Ellul (sixth month), begins Tuesday evening, August 22. The new moon day is Wednesday, August 23.

Townsend FOT Family Night/Potluck

In Townsend, the family night/potluck will be Monday evening, October 9, at 6:00 p.m. The emcee in Townsend will be Mr. Davin Arroyo, who states: "I'm looking for dancers, singers, stand-up comics, etc. of all ages. If you would like to participate and be a star for the evening, please contact me at 919-655-5789, or at jpgadal@att.net. Let's make this Family Night the best ever."

Yachats LGD—Catered Meal

For the last few years, we have enjoyed having a catered noon meal on the Last Great Day. We need to order this meal early in the year, but we also realize peoples' plans change. To have an accurate count of participation, we are asking that each of you pre-pay for that meal, which is \$15.00 per adult (free for children). If you are unable to pre-pay before the Feast, but still want to enjoy the catered meal, that is not a problem, just let us know. Paying for the meal by the brethren has not been the issue. We simply are striving for a more accurate head count when we place the order. The meal this year will be prime rib (not rare), mashed potatoes, mixed green salad, vegetables, and rolls. We appreciate you helping us to solve our ordering challenge.

Trip Schedule

Mr. Jon Brisby

August 26. Boise, Idaho
September 2. Stephenville, Texas
September 23. Modesto, California

Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
WSE-JWB 199	07-13-17	08-05-17	Gone in an Instant
CL2-RC 156	07-13-17	08-12-17	Principles of Christian Living (Series 2): Humility #19
CL2-RC 157	08-03-17	08-19-17	Principles of Christian Living (Series 2): Humility #20
WSE-JWB 200	08-03-17	08-26-17	What Does God Really Want?
WSE-JWB 201	08-03-17	09-02-17	Contentment vs. Covetousness
CL2-RC 158	08-24-17	09-09-17	Principles of Christian Living (Series 2): Humility #21
WSE-JWB 22-161-26K	08-24-17	09-16-17	Fund. of Belief #26: Worldly Holidays: More Holidays

In Christ's service,



Jon W. Brisby