

Announcement Letter May 2017

Dear Brethren:

A very special hello to all of you, dear friends and brethren, in every place where you live around this globe. Your servants here in Eugene, Oregon, greet you once again and take this opportunity to express a sincere appreciation for every one of you making priority to put on the mind and behavior of the true Jesus Christ. Your sacrifices are significant, worthwhile, and inspiring.

By the time you receive this letter, we will be very near the keeping of Pentecost. So very few of God's called children in this world today will be keeping the true Pentecost on Monday, May 21. The majority have been seduced by those claiming that human scholarship is a better source of spiritual knowledge than God's purposeful revelation through a chosen vessel. Too bad! The very best we can do at this time is to let our few lights shine in keeping the only hallowed day that God has appointed, and then trust that in His own perfect timing, He will bring back many of His deceived children to recognize that immutable Truth. That day will come. We simply must be patient and trust in His perfect plan to accomplish it.

In the meantime, most of them will be gathering on a Sunday, thinking they are pleasing God. They will not be! Many may be innocent in their intent, simply trusting the ministers they think have God's backing. But the day is coming when they will finally see that those last-day prophecies concerning the corruption of God's Truth *through His very own ministers* will have finally hit home (Jeremiah 23; Malachi 2). We pray for that day.

Ironically, there will be many thousands who will be setting aside time for religious observance on God's *true day of Pentecost* for the first time this year. Why? Not for the right reasons. It will happen because Pope Francis has recently decreed it! Notice this excerpt from a digital article entitled, "Pope Francis establishes new feast of Mary as '*Mother of the Church*,'" written by John L. Allen, Jr. on March 3, 2018, published at www.cruxnow.com:

Pope Francis, whose devotion to Mary is well-known, on Saturday established a new feast for the Catholic Church devoted to Mary as the "Mother of the Church," to be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost.

The decision was announced in a decree by the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, released on Saturday by the Vatican Press Office. . . .

In 1964, at the close of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), Blessed Pope Paul VI formally declared Mary as the "Mother of the Church," and invited Catholics to invoke Mary's help under that title.

During the jubilee year of 1975, the Vatican produced a special Mass, called a "votive Mass," for Mary under the title of *Beata Maria Ecclesiae Matre*, or "Blessed Mary Mother of the Church," and also approved inserting the title into various prayers in honor of Mary.

With the new decree, devotion to Mary as Mother of the Church now becomes an approved feast for the universal Church.

So the Catholics will now begin worshiping on the true Day of Pentecost (even though they believe it is the day *following* Pentecost). And the majority of God's *truly called brethren* will be keeping a *false Pentecost* on the day prior to God's Holy Day. Those Catholics now having devotion services on the true Pentecost will not be honoring Jesus Christ for raising up His very own Church on that day, but instead *attributing to Mary* the creation of the church. How perverse!

Who did God make the symbolic mother of us all? "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all" (Galatians 4:26). That true "mother" is the Church—symbolized by the city of Jerusalem—which is also *the very Body of Christ Himself*. It has nothing to do with the human mother of Jesus!

Is there no limit to the wily perversions of Satan, the enemy of God and His Church? He has successfully duped the majority of God's *true spiritual children* into accepting a counterfeit Pentecost on the wrong day, even though they understand the day's spiritual meaning. Simultaneously, the deceived people of the world who only *think* they are "Christian" will be hallowing the true Day of Pentecost, but in honor of a false deity—the goddess, Isis—in the form of "Mother Mary."

All the more reason for a faithful remnant of God's true Church to observe the correct Holy Day, and in the correct manner. May every one of you find strength, joy, and inspiration in your participation in that legitimate and respectful worship of the One True God.

New Moon

The new moon, Sivan (third month), begins Monday evening, May 14. The new moon day is Tuesday, May 15.

Holy Day

Pentecost..... Monday, May 21

Camp Tejas for Teens

Plans for Camp Tejas 2018 are well underway. The purpose of the camp is to provide a special opportunity for teenage children in the church to participate in positive, structured, and wholesome activities with their peers, founded on our spiritual beliefs. This all takes a great deal of time and expense. If anyone would like to give a donation to help out, it would be greatly appreciated.

This year the camp will run from July 12 through July 23 and again will be held in the Camas, WA, area. There will be a variety of exciting group activities and fun events throughout. You may contact Mr. John McNeil at (541) 915-7924 or john@mcneilonline.com for more information.

Trip Schedule

Mr. Jon Brisby

May 12. Duluth, Georgia

May 19, 21 (Pentecost). Lausanne, Switzerland

Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
WSE-JWB 213	04-05-18	04-28-18	Excess Baggage
WSE-RC C-4	04-05-18	05-05-18	Change #4
WSE-JWB 22-165-260	04-05-18	05-12-18	Worldly Holidays: Mother's/ Father's Day
WSE-RC C-5	05-03-18	05-19-18	Change #5
WSE-JWB 214-1	05-03-18	05-26-18	God in Symbols and Metaphors #1
WSE-RC C-6	05-03-18	06-02-18	Change #6
WSE-JWB 214-2	05-24-18	06-09-18	God in Symbols and Metaphors #2
WSE-RC C-7	05-24-18	06-16-18	Change #7

In Christ's service,



Jon W. Brisby