

Announcement Letter June 2018

Dear Brethren:

Special greetings to all of you who receive this letter—the faithful who have supported this little remnant group and helped to fulfill God's promise that the gates of hell will never prevail against His Church. We are very small indeed, but we continue to be blessed to accomplish our work of preserving the original doctrines revealed through Mr. Herbert Armstrong, and also to teach those same doctrines to new generations who are even now embracing that same Truth.

God has fulfilled His promise by working strongly in the lives of many like you who love that Way and have made significant sacrifices to put Him first. The Church of God is an assembly of chosen brethren who have embraced that calling and are being converted in minds and hearts. What you are doing in your own life right now really matters. How easy it is for you to conclude that you are insignificant, but you are not. Without sincere individual members there would be no church assembly. Your struggles are real, and in many cases heart-rending. You battle all manner of pressures in this world, and your carnal minds incessantly badger you to take the easy way out. Some of our beloved ones have succumbed to that pressure and made very poor choices. But many of you have battled back—in spite of mistakes along the way—and refused to give in to the false promises of this world. Good for you! You have embraced a path that is incredibly difficult, and you make yourselves sport for ridicule among those who hate what you stand for, or else simply do not understand your faith.

You are indeed very peculiar people (Deuteronomy 14:2). But it is the collective example of those very few—peculiar—brethren who make up the assembly God calls His Church, and those who are writing historical lessons for the whole world right now. Please, never forget it.

Now that we have completed the first part of God's Holy Day plan this year with the keeping of Passover and Pentecost, we look forward to those holy convocations commanded for the last part of the year. As always, that time comes faster than we realize, so it is not too soon to be making provision for those commanded assemblies. It will be the next best opportunity for many of us to gather together in our largest assemblies of the year. It is the best time for such peculiar people to convoke together

and to feel just a little bit less excluded, meeting with others who share a love for the very same things. Through much of the year we may feel isolated, and the reality of our scattered state can take its toll upon our minds. Therefore, it is worth every sacrifice to convoke when we are permitted. May God grant us to endure until the very end in this precious Way of Life.

New Moon

The new moon, Tammuz (fourth month), begins Wednesday evening, June 13. The new moon day is Thursday, June 14.

Death

Mr. Milton Bergstedt of Paarl, Western Cape Province, South Africa, died suddenly of a heart attack Monday, May 7, while at work. He was a solid member of the small group in South Africa and will be sorely missed. We offer our sincere condolences to his wife, Lizette.

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 be considered for participation 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.

CD Mailings

As some of you are aware, we have been dealing with an increased number of CDs being broken because of mishandling at the post office. We are working to resolve the problem, and would like to know how many CDs from each mailing are being broken.

We ask that you please open your CD envelopes as soon as you receive them, and let us know if your CD is broken, cracked, scratched or damaged in any way. We appreciate your patience as we endeavor to find the solution to this problem.

Trip Schedule

Mr. Jon Brisby

July 14..... Camas, Washington (Camp Tejas)

July 21..... Elkhart, Indiana

July 28..... Mansfield, Massachusetts

Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
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
WSE-RC D-1	05-24-18	06-23-18	Divine Revelation #1
WSE-RC D-2	06-14-18	06-30-18	Divine Revelation #2
WSE-JWB 214-3	06-14-18	07-07-18	God in Symbols and Metaphors #3
WSE-RC D-3	06-14-18	07-14-18	Divine Revelation #3

In Christ's service,



Jon W. Brisby