

Announcement Letter March 2019

Dear Brethren:

Our reasonably mild winter here in the Willamette Valley of Oregon suddenly turned into something more challenging in recent days, as several very unusual snowfalls made the roads hazardous, prompting us to close the church office on more than one occasion. We hope our service to each one of you was not hampered by these temporary closures. We are ever mindful of our responsibility to be there for you, and when the safety of our office staff is not at issue, we always seek to be responsive to your calls, letters, and other communications. May we never forget that our "customers" are the beloved children of God. You deserve our love, our loyalty, and our best efforts to respond to your needs. We are blessed indeed to have the special opportunity to be your servants.

In this new calendar month before the coming Passover season, we are happy to report that God continues to bless us as a remnant body, with the opportunity and ability to continue the services that we have provided to this scattered fellowship for so many consecutive years. We have faced serious threats before. We know that in the future we will face new threats. But it is nice to report to all of you that to date, we enjoy the blessing of relative peace and tranquility. Our sermons and letters will continue to admonish you to be watchful and to encourage spiritual urgency, but please know that it is not because of any perceived danger that we are experiencing at the moment. As a fellowship, God has blessed us indeed.

On a personal basis, many of God's people are facing serious trials and challenges, as has ever been true wherever that true Church exists. Mr. Raymond Cole once said that trials are the anvil upon which true character is forged. For that reason, we do not forget the trials that many of you are facing, whether in personal health, family difficulties, finances, or in battles of the mind. Your struggles are real, and they are important. They are allowed by God to help you move to a higher level of spiritual achievement. It is painful, but profitable. You each have our unfailing support, our prayers, and our desire for your triumphant victory against every obstacle. As the beloved of God—with the hope of a glorious eternal reward—you each have reason to celebrate as no other people on the face of the earth. May you never forget your calling, or give in to the downward forces of this world. You each have every reason for confidence, and for hope.

Death

We are saddened by the death of Mrs. Jean Williamson, of Creetown, Scotland. She died peacefully Wednesday morning, February 27, in a nursing home in Newton Stuart. She was a longtime member of the church and had suffered from dementia toward the end. We offer our sincere condolences to her son, David, and her extended family.

New Moon

The new moon, Adar II (thirteenth month), begins Thursday evening, March 7. The new moon day is Friday, March 8.

The new moon, Nisan (first month), begins Friday evening, April 5. The new moon day is Sabbath, April 6.

Holy Days

Passover	Thursday, April 18
Night to be Much Observed	Friday, April 19
First Holy Day—Days of Unleavened Bread.	Sabbath, April 20
Second Holy Day—Days of Unleavened Bread.	Friday, April 26

Trip Schedule

Mr. Jon Brisby

April 18, 19, 20	Stephenville, Texas
April 26, 27.	Maryville, Tennessee

Mr. Robert Litz

April 18, 19, 20	Stephenville, Texas
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Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
WSE-RC 90-3	02-07-19	03-02-19	An Analysis of Jude #3
WSE-JWB 225-1	02-07-19	03-09-19	Just What Do You Mean—Faith Once Delivered? #1
WSE-RC 90-4	02-28-19	03-16-19	An Analysis of Jude #4
WSE-RC 90-5	02-28-19	03-23-19	An Analysis of Jude #5
WSE-JWB 226	02-28-19	03-30-19	Pre-Passover Exam: Estrangement from God
WSE-RC 90-6	03-21-19	04-06-19	An Analysis of Jude #6
WSE-JWB 225-2	03-21-19	04-13-19	Just What Do You Mean—Faith Once Delivered? #2
Holy Day Sermons	—	—	Passover/NTBMO/UB

In Christ's service,



Jon W. Brisby