

Announcement Letter April 2014

Dear Brethren:

The true New Year has come, and with it another Passover season is now upon us. We greet all of you who are part of that very small body called out of this world to take part in the legitimate ordinance of Passover and in the keeping of God's Feast of Unleavened Bread.

It is a sobering time of year because the meaning of Jesus Christ's sacrifice is very serious. It requires all of us to prepare diligently in advance so that we may be acceptable in God's sight when we come before Him to offer our gifts. Will God accept your offerings this year? There is no reason that He will not if you have followed the protocol laid out for all of us.

If we have made a habit of evaluating ourselves against the standard of God's law and being honest with God about our failings, we are on the right path. God seeks most of all those who are humble and pliable in His hands. If we stiffen and chafe against His laws because they are inconvenient to us, and if we justify our own actions as do most people in this world, then we besmirch the very image of Jesus Christ as the Word made flesh. Such ones can never offer an acceptable offering to God. But if we are sincere in acknowledging where we stand against the perfect standard of that One Christ, then God will honor our offerings.

If we have done the spiritual preparation—as well as the physical preparation—for Passover and Unleavened Bread, then God will honor our sacrifices before Him.

If we have made every effort to plan to be in a designated place to appear in God's presence for the Passover service and the High Holy Days, then God will honor our gifts when we present them. If we are truly unable to travel to one of those places because of health restrictions or some other legitimate inhibitor which God (not man) approves, then God will accept our offerings, even if we are alone.

If we have a true love for the plan that God has offered for the salvation of mankind—highlighted by the symbolism of Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread as the beginning steps of that master plan—and if our true hope is in that glorious Kingdom to come, not in the things of this world today, then God will indeed accept our gifts and then honor us in return with special favor.

Yes, it is a sobering time of year because there is much at stake in how we handle these responsibilities. But it is also a time of great celebration. To be part of the few who have been called out to understand this Truth, and to be given the opportunity to share a close, personal relationship with the Creator God is an awesome privilege.

May each one of you have an inspiring and enriching Holy Day season, and may God preserve and bless you in anticipation of receiving a glorious crown in His Soon Coming Kingdom.

New Moon

The new moon Iyar (second month), begins Wednesday, April 30. The new moon day is Thursday, May 1.

Deaths

We are saddened to announce the deaths of two of our long-time members:

Mrs. Marie-Louise Poulat, of Charavines, France, died peacefully of age-related causes Monday, March 24, at the age of ninety-seven. She is survived by her daughter and two grandsons.

Mr. Kermit Stoneberg, of Eugene, Oregon, died peacefully March 25, also of age-related causes. Kermit was eighty-four at the time of his death. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Lorinda LeBleu.

We offer our condolences to the extended families and friends of both of them. They will be missed by all of us.

Births

Mr-s. Jesse LeBleu of Coburg, Oregon, would like to announce the arrival of their second daughter, Dayla Dawn. She was born Thursday, March 6, weighing nine pounds, nine ounces. She was twenty inches long. Angela and baby are doing well.

Mr-s. Justin Nalder of Bridgeport, California, also would like to announce the birth of their first child, Gemma Katherine. She was born Wednesday, April 2, and weighed eight pounds. She was twenty and one-half inches long. Olivia and baby also are doing well.

Holy Day

Pentecost..... Monday, June 9

Trip Schedule

Mr. Jon Brisby

April 12, 13, 14, 15..... Appleby-in-Westmoorland, Cumbria, UK

April 19..... Cheticamp, Nova Scotia, Canada

April 21..... Barrie, Ontario, Canada

June 7, 9..... Lausanne, Switzerland

Mr. David Brandenburg

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Mr. Robert Litz

April 12, 13, 14, 15..... Stephenville, Texas

April 19..... Derby, Kansas

Recorded Sermon Schedule

Sermon #	Mailed	Played	Title
HD Sermons	03-06-14	—	Passover/NTBMO/UB
CL-2 124	03-13-14	03-29-14	Faith #33
WSE-JB 149-7	03-13-14	04-05-14	Prophecy Revisited #7 Matthew 24 for Today #2
WSE-JB 149-8	03-13-14	04-12-14	Prophecy Revisited #8 Matthew 24 for Today #3
CL-2 125	04-03-14	04-19-14	Faith #34
CL-2 126	04-03-14	04-26-14	Faith #35
WSE-JB 149-9	04-03-14	05-03-14	Prophecy Revisited #9 Matthew 24 for Today #4
CL-2 127	04-24-14	05-10-14	Faith #36
WSE-JB 149-10	04-24-14	05-17-14	Prophecy Revisited #10 Matthew 24 for Today #5

In Christ's service,



Jon W. Brisby