

# THE INTERCONTINENTAL CHURCH OF GOD

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Dear Brethren in Christ:

**W**ELCOME to this very special weekend in New Orleans, the city of everything from the Super Bowl to Mardi Gras— and now the city hosting this NEW BEGINNING in God's work--the REAL "Saints"-- and what a TEAM this is! We are OFF AND RUNNING on what may well be, finally, the "gun lap" in the work of God and the race that is set before us!

We are very, very busy in our new offices in Tyler. As I am writing this, there are huge piles of envelopes containing dozens of video tapes and hundreds of audio tapes in our workroom. Mr. Widd Boyce and my son David are having to laboriously put stamps on each one of them--a labor of love, because we all know what these tapes mean to hundreds of God's people from Tasmania to Texas, and from Canada to Norway!

I am doing television each week--we are very excited to announce that we will be on FOUR TV stations over the weekend of April 4, 5--here in New Orleans, in Springfield, Missouri, in Syracuse, New York, and in Sacramento, California. Some of the brethren have already been placing our television station on "public access" stations.

Just before driving here, I was completing the last portions of the next edition of "Worldwatch". I will send out a letter to the whole mailing list just after returning home, announcing it. The first of this last week, Mr. Tony Brazil was busy printing the new booklet, "The BEST NEWS You Could Ever Hear." We're anxious to see it completed, and in the mails. I produced another television program on Tuesday, so we will have at least five of them ready to go to the newly-acquired stations.

What an EXCITING time this is! Somehow, out of all the chaos, hurt and pain of a few months ago, God has poured out His Holy Spirit of love, joy, peace--and of ZEAL upon His people! I almost feel like shouting out with Dr. Martin Luther King, "Free at last--free at last--THANK GOD ALMIGHTY, I'm FREE at last!" Free from the fetters of corporate inertia. Free from the shackles of church politics. Free from judgemental, self-righteous ones who seem to have forgotten the very first principles of Jesus Christ's teachings.

I hope all of us experience a WONDERFUL renewal of faith; a rededication to God, and a renewed determination to accomplish His great WORK as we near the end of a century!

So, once again, WELCOME to New Orleans and this exciting conference and special Sabbath meeting! May God bless all of you!

Your Brother in Christ,

  
Garner Ted Armstrong

The fact is they granted the founder of the work and the person who gave them their jobs about a month's severance pay. After almost 20 years as the founder and president of the work.

After numerous unsuccessful attempts to remain unified, Mr. Armstrong said he would take whatever they gave and simply start over. At 68 years old he will be building again from nothing. The council and the board have taken everything. The council even rejected a proposal by the churches attorney that would have prevented the split.

About 40 to 45% of the ministry, and their could be as many as 50% of the members that have chosen to leave the CGI, including the New Orleans congregation, the Hattiesburg congregation and myself. We will begin anew as the ICG (Intercontinental Church of God). It was chosen by Mr. Armstrong because we have brethren on the different continents who come together to make us an Intercontinental church. Please see the bottom of the letter for the new address.

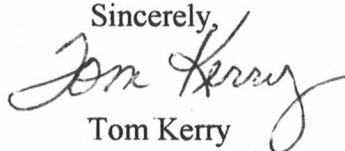
It is planned for this year to have at least one Feast site with possibly a couple of satellite sites for those who are unable to travel great distances. There are many things in the planning stages that we will keep you informed of. In the meantime do not forget to write in to be put on the mailing list.

One last thing I would like to share. I want to personally thank all of those in the N.O. congregation who have remained so loyal and faithful to the work, to Audrey and to me personally. It has been a very horrible and traumatic time for us over these past few months. Without the love and support, it might have been impossible. Yet we understand that God says He will not place on us more than we can handle. They, along with the Holy Spirit, have given us the hope, the love, and determination to get on with the work.

Time is drawing short, brethren. Satan will use any measure at his disposal to destroy us. He knows he has but a short time. Jesus said, "by this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that you love one another." Should we lose that love, we are lost and will become pawns in Satan's power.

We need to focus on our calling and the warning message we were called to cry aloud. Let us focus as never before to get the job done. We know it will get done, for we read in Revelation, "His wife has made herself ready." (Rev. 19:7). If we hold fast to our calling and be diligent to God's word we will be apart of that marriage supper. Let us be ready so that Christ will say to us, "Well done good and faithful servant." "Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper." (Rev. 19:9). We will be posting you as things continue to grow and prosper.

Sincerely,



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