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The Culture Wars

Are Christians losing the culture wars? All the various battles seem to be about such trivial things. Take the battle over the statue commemorating the Ten Commandments in the Alabama courts. It isn't a very big deal. After all, no one was talking about an attempt to *govern* on the basis of the Ten Commandments. What is at issue is an art work, a sculpture commemorating one of the most ancient law codes in the world. We could have a statue of the god Eros there, and no one would complain. But put up a code that says, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," and all hell breaks loose.

Make no mistake about it. That is where the problem lies. The Ten Commandments interfere

with our moral conduct. Sure, there are the first four commandments about God and who He is. But putting the sculpture in the rotunda of a court building doesn't mean the State demands the worship of that God.

Unless there is a constitutional amendment that allows God back into public life, the courts – not the people in congress assembled – *the courts* will continue to disallow every aspect of God in public life. So I ask the question. Are Christians losing the culture wars?

Did you know that the University of Michigan has a course on "How to be a homosexual?" I didn't, until Ben Shapiro pointed it out in a recent column. The course, he said, is English 317, "How to be Gay." It is a real

course. According to Shapiro, the course description states: "This course will examine the general topic of the role that initiation plays in the formation of gay male identity . . . In particular, we will examine a number of cultural artifacts and activities that seem to play a prominent role in learning how to be gay: (including) camp, diva-worship, drag, muscle culture, taste, style and political activism."

This is not an exceptional course. Similar courses exist at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Maryland, and UCLA. And according to Ben Shapiro: "Amherst Regional High School in Massachusetts began offering a course on gay and lesbian literature in 2002, designed to explore the "sexual identity" of homosexuals."

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You've Asked. . .

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All of this was in the closet, so to speak, until the Supreme Court of the land declared that we have a constitutional right to commit sodomy. Homosexual studies have been there for a while, but they have been buried in English departments. Now, everyone is free to talk about it. Since the Supreme Court decision, we have been virtually assaulted with information about the gay subculture. It's not a subculture any longer. It seems on the way to being the dominant culture of the day.

How on earth did we get to the place where the highest court in the land is reduced to ruling on sex acts?

I don't think Christians are losing the culture wars. I think we have already lost. We may have lost when we decided to try to fight on the level of politics instead of the spirit. It was this that I began to see clearly in a recent presentation. I would like to send you a *free* cassette tape of that presentation, entitled "The Culture Wars," because the information is vital to all Christians and especially with those who are concerned with our youth. To get your copy, just check the box on the enclosed card and return it to us in the envelope provided. Don't delay. Important freedoms are slipping away day by day.

Sincerely, in concern for our country.

Ronald L. Dart

Feast Sermon Album

Recapture the Feast Spirit of 2003

Whether you were at the Feast at Okaloosa Island and want to hear the sermons again, or if you missed them altogether, you still have a chance to get your cassette tape or CD of each inspiring message. These special sermons will come to you in a most attractive album cover for only \$24.95 or CD's for only \$34.95, or order them individually for \$3.95 or \$5.95, respectively. Here is what you will be receiving:

Opening Night '03 - by Ronald L. Dart

Jesus came in the flesh lowly, like one of us from a working class family. This was a meaningful thing. Not even the High Priest was told of His birth. Why were only lowly shepherds and men from the East told of His birth? Who were these men of the East? (O3F1)

Zechariah - by Ronald L. Dart

Walk through Zechariah's prophecy and gain insights into Israel's 70 year exile, why God was unhappy when the earth was at rest and quiet, and which prophecies are yet to be fulfilled. (O3F2)

God's Gift, Our Package - by Jeff Osborn

This sermon lays out a challenge for you to consider: Do you accept and maximize the gift God has given you? (O3F3)

A Story to Tell - by Steve Sanders

The Bible speaks of Christians being a "remnant." Is there a remnant among the masses today? Does the remnant have a story to tell to the masses? Learn what your responsibility is. (O3F4)

The Little Things of Love - by Larry S. Watkins

Great marriages are built on a lot of little things. All of us can do more. Hear this sermon and learn how it's done. (O3F5)

Come Out of This World - by Peter Kamen

Learn how we've been delivered from the force that drives this world to a life led by Christ. We accept Christ as our Savior and become Abraham's seed. (O3F6)

An Angry World - by Ronald L. Dart

The very first human ever born was an angry man. Learn where the hatred Cain had for his brother came from, where it led, and what you can do to ensure that you're not enslaved with it. (O3F7)

The Five Stages of Love - by Dave Havir

Forgiveness does not always mean reconciliation. Sometimes distance is required. (O3F8)

No Man is an Island - by Ronald L. Dart

When we reach the peak of our utility we die. But is this life all there is to it? What about those who die in unbelief? What if they've never heard Christ's name? What happens to them? (O3F10)

To order this album call, write, e-mail or order from our online bookstore. A cassette of the Feast Special Music is also available for \$3.95, or a CD for \$5.95, and a VHS tape of Youth Day for \$5.95.

2003 Feast of Tabernacles

A review of the fantastic things that occurred at the 2003 Feast of Tabernacles!

Music Brings the Feast Together

At the Feast this year, the question was asked, what makes the CEM music program so special and unique? The music program is one of the major drawing cards for people to join CEM on Okaloosa Island for the Feast of Tabernacles. Many factors go into making this so special. First, the many God-loving people who come to the Feast on Okaloosa Island have freedom. They have the freedom to worship and feel comfortable to express themselves through song. The second factor is that the quality of our music is second to none. The third is the passion and energy that every participant brings to each service. No matter if it is a hymn, a choral anthem, a meditative closing song, special music, or rehearsal, everyone has the passion, desire, and energy to create the best music they can to worship God. But, the factor that truly sets us apart from everyone else is that *our Music Brings the Feast Together*. Our music is selected and performed to bring all people closer to God, to set an atmosphere to inspire the speaker and listener, to help people forget about the world outside, to start each day with song that can be recalled all day long. Music is the one thing during each service that every member of the congregation can actively participate in themselves. It gives an opportunity for every person present to audibly praise God. It gives the opportunity for everyone to join together in one unified sound that exalts God. *Music Brings the Feast Together!*

- Brent Kern

Memorable YEA Classes Make A Big Impression

Youth Educational Adventures provided lively classes and lasting memories to more than 183 children and teenagers at CEM's feast site on Okaloosa Island. God's Spirit was certainly moving among the 45 YEA teachers and assistants as they created a friendly, inviting classroom environment conducive to students learning how to know, love and obey God. Seven separate classes comfortably met in the convenient Emerald Coast Convention Center at 9:30 a.m., Sunday through Friday. The Beginners (3-5) class heard *Tales From the Kingdom* lessons in a room with a throne and castle decorations. Energetic Primaries (6-8) entered a classroom decorated to carry out their theme, *Going Places*. They got their "passports" stamped each day after saying their memory verse. An explorer theme made God's Word come alive in the Junior (9-11) classes. Thirty-seven Intermediates (12-15) learned the importance that *Impressions* play in their lives as they made new friends and renewed old friendships. More than 40 older teenagers got a head start in getting acquainted at a "Fun, Food, and Fellowship" get-together on the evening after the first Holy Day. The next day, Senior Teens Classes began a memorable six-day study *In Search of God*. The week of fun, effective and relevant YEA classes concluded on Friday evening with a final teen get-together and a farewell wrap-in of the Feast. Many thanks to the dedicated team of YEA teachers and assistants who graciously volunteered their time and talent to ensure that every Bible-focused feast class will long be remembered by every child and teenager who attended.

- Toni Coffee

Youth Day Program

On Friday at the Feast children and teens took over services and presented a program titled, *Brave Believers: The Young People of God*. From the opening hymns and prayer to the closing hymns and prayer, teens and children extolled the outstanding character of the young heroes of the Bible. Younger children acted out songs about Daniel in the Lion's Den and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace. Youth choirs sang about David and Joshua. As they marched around the wall seven times, the Wall of Jericho did come down. Four teens gave presentations about each of the courageous young men of the Bible. These talks showed us how, regardless of the danger and consequences they might face, the young men followed God and obeyed Him. They exhibited courage, loyalty, honesty, and faithfulness, all qualities that every young person needs today.

Eleven talented kids performed Special Music – there were piano solos, violin solos and duets, vocal solos, and one vocal trio. It was a real joy to see and hear so many of our young people. . . Many thanks to every single young person who stepped forward and gave his or her best to make this a special day for us all! They all honored God with their contributions to the program.

- Sharon Richardson

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Stimulating Seminars

A wide variety of subjects were covered in educational seminars. These ranged from the beauty of God's universe, individual evangelism, communication, women of faith, to six outstanding daily subjects on the Old Testament presented by Dr. Michael Linacre of Australia who plans to return next year. Plans are already underway to make full use of the ECCC's facility for next year's seminars. Come join us next year and grow from the knowledge gained. Contact Nancy Vandemark at vandemark@womeninchrist.org if you are interested in giving a seminar next year.

- Nancy Vandemark

Festival Variety Show

About 400 people enjoyed 18 acts which made up an evening's true Variety Show. Everything from singing, fiddle music to Hebraic dancing added pleasure to this event. This show was such a success that two other families have volunteered to help organize an even better Variety Show for next year. Polish up your talent and contact Jeff and Joan Osborn to get in the act for next year's show.

- Jeff and Joan Osborn

The All Important Logistic's Team

It's often what goes on behind the scene that makes a feast such a success. This Feast was no exception to that rule. Team Logistics did a fabulous job! Before the Feast ever started a truck was rented for strong men to load and transport hundreds of pounds of hymnals, choir robes, and YEA supplies and decorations from Gary and Shirley George's garage to the ECCC. After unloading everything on Thursday, the crew with the help of others, returned to unpack boxes, put everything in its place, and have everything ready for a virtually flawless feast. At the end of the Feast a climate controlled storage facility was rented for these strong men to break down everything and safely store all of these supplies for next year's Feast.

Gary and Shirley George anchored Registration and Information with their warm smiles while helping many a soul with their knowledge of the area. Many thanks to everyone who played a part behind the scenes to make this an exceptional feast.

- Roger Armer

May I Help You?

An average of 805 people attended the 11:00 a.m. worship service for eight days. The back wall to the largest seminar room had to be opened up on Wednesday when more than 1000 people packed the meeting hall.

There was no problem spotting efficient ushers who were anxious to assist you this year. Their bright yellow usher's badge with a blue ribbon made them easy to spot. One main entry at the rear of the Emerald Grand Ballroom made it easy to handout announcements and songbooks and to greet the people joining us for worship. James Shortridge greeted feast goers as they were dropped off just below the main entry doors outside the convention center. We need more volunteers to be outside greeters next year. Ralph Collins, a gentleman who recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary, faithfully assisted people with their needs each day as an usher. We would like to see more younger men and women volunteer to help in this area. Please contact Jim Cookman by slow mail at 6133 E. Sierra Morena Street, Mesa, AR 85215 or e-mail him at jjcookman@ev1.net if you would like to serve as an usher one service or all eight days.

- Jim Cookman

Your Home Away From Home

The 2003 Feast was a great success partly due to the convenience of housing units located near the ECCC. We are in the process of gathering information for 2004. Some have already booked their reservations for next year. Start making your plans now! The following management companies are working with us again next year and on an average, they are offering 15 percent discount if you will tell them you are with CEM when making your reservations: Abbott Resort 800 336-4853; Anchors Realty 800 874-0162; Dale E. Peterson Vacation 800 336-9669; Newman Dailey 800 225-7652; and Southern Realty 800 225-7652. More information will be provided in the near future.

- Horst Obermeit, Gary and Shirley George



2003 Feast of Tabernacles Reaches A New Level

Wonderful, amazing, fantabulistic, yes, fantabulistic! These are just a few of the accolades that have been showered on the 2003 CEM Feast of Tabernacles at the beautiful Emerald Coast Conference Center on Okaloosa Island, Florida. It truly was the “best Feast ever” for more than 1250 registered people from all over the United States, Canada, Australia, and other countries.

Pleasure could be seen in the eyes of everyone as they arrived Friday night and saw the new facility for the first time. As they gave the building a once-over, excitement built and friendly faces shared their anticipation and joy with old and new friends.

The Feast began with a roar as several hundred people lifted their voices in song praising God. Music Leader, Brent Kern again got more out of the audience than even the audience thought they had to give. He then introduced the founder of CEM and the voice of the *Born to Win* radio program, Ronald L. Dart for a short, inspiring sermon showing that Jesus Christ was most likely born at this season of the year.

During the eight day festival, the audience was treated to uplifting, edifying sermons. More than 183 students between the ages of three to 20 enrolled in YEA Feast classes designed to anchor them to Christ. Six days of classes culminated on Friday with Youth Day where the entire service was conducted by children and teenagers. More than 180 people averaged attending one of the three educational seminars per day which ran concurrent with the YEA classes. An amazing feast choir performance of “When the Saints Go Marching In” led appropriately into the last sermon by Ron Dart challenging us to look forward to, and prepare ourselves for the wonderful meaning portrayed in this last feast day.

Ask anyone who was there and they will tell you this was a *very special Feast!* We will be returning to the Emerald Coast Conference Center September 29, through October 7, 2004. Come join us in praise and worship of the Almighty God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Don't delay. Accommodations are all ready filling up. Make your reservations today. The Feast will be here before you know it.

- Skip Martin

Festival Association Chairman

Daily Radio

The *Born to Win* broadcast can be heard daily on these stations:

- Birmingham, Alabama**
11:15 a.m. daily - WDJC 850 AM
- Huntsville, Alabama**
9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. daily
WBXR 1140 AM
- Mobile, Alabama**
9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. daily
WMOB 1360 AM
- Montgomery, Alabama**
8:30 a.m. daily - WAPZ 1250 AM
- Phoenix, Arizona**
8:30 p.m. daily - KPXQ 1360 AM
- Little Rock, Arkansas**
5:30 p.m. & 5:15 a.m. daily
KAAY 1090 AM
- San Francisco, California**
1:00 p.m. daily - KCBC 770 AM
- Denver, Colorado**
5:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. daily
KLT 670 AM
- Deland, Florida**
6:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. daily
WYND 1310 AM
- Pensacola, Florida**
7:00 a.m. daily - WASG 550 AM
7:00 a.m. daily - WZNO 1230 AM
- Augusta, Georgia**
9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. daily
WFAM 1050 AM
- Kansas City, Kansas**
6:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. daily
KCNW 1380 AM
- London, Kentucky**
12:00 noon daily - WGWM 980 AM
- Richmond, Kentucky**
12:30 p.m. daily - WCBR 1110 AM
- Gretna, Louisiana**
4:30 a.m. daily - WLNO 1060 AM
- Denton, Maryland**
8:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. daily
WKDI 840 AM
- Jackson, Mississippi**
7:00 a.m. daily - WTWZ 1120 AM
- Omaha, Nebraska**
12:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. daily
KLNG 1560 AM
- Buffalo, New York**
4:30 a.m. daily - WDCX 99.5 FM
- Asheville, North Carolina**
4:00 p.m. daily - WSKY 1230 AM
- Portland, Oregon**
12:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. daily
KKPZ 1330 AM
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**
4:30 p.m. daily - WWNL 1080 AM

Calendar Of Events

November 22nd - Thanksgiving Meeting - Terrell, Texas

Ronald L. Dart will be speaking in Terrell, Texas for a Thanksgiving get-together on November 22nd. We will be meeting for services and a Thanksgiving theme potluck meal at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, 503 W. College, in Terrell. Services will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the meal will immediately follow services. If you need more information, please contact either Ralph Collins, in Fort Worth, at (817) 246-1874 or Faye Brown at the CEM office at 1-888-BIBLE-44.

Daily Radio

- Anderson, South Carolina**
9:00 a.m. daily - WRIX 1020 AM
- Charleston, South Carolina**
7:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. daily
WZJY 1480 AM
- Greenville, South Carolina**
6:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
daily - WELP 1360 AM
- Chattanooga, Tennessee**
7:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
daily - WLMR 1450 AM
- Knoxville, Tennessee**
4:30 p.m. daily WITA 1490 AM
- Dallas, Texas**
10:30 a.m. daily - KSKY 660 AM
- The following stations
broadcast daily at 2:30 p.m.**
- Moses Lake, Washington**
KTAC 93.9 FM
- Pasco, Washington**
KGDN 101.3 FM
- Spokane, Washington**
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- Wenatchee, Washington**
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- Yakima, Washington**
KYAK 930 AM



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Absence of Holiness

November 22 - November 28

Real Worship

November 29 - December 5

Free Love

December 6 - December 12

The Tree #1

December 13 - December 19

The Tree #2

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