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The God of Time

It's Feast of Tabernacles time again, and all of us are gearing up to return to the Emerald Coast of Florida for the first time in two years. We were forced to move last year, on the spur of the moment as a hurricane blew in and damaged a lot of the housing and other facilities. But unless the same thing happens this year, we are headed back to Okaloosa Island off Fort Walton Beach.

The hurricane situation is becoming somewhat worrisome, and we may be forced to consider another location. If you have any thoughts on this, be sure to let us know. We hope to send a survey out to our list soon to ask some important questions about your needs and wants relative to the Feast.

We have the usual full line up of events and activities to provide not only the requested family recreation and fellowship, but the spiritual edification and worship that is so much a part of our festival. Check out the rest of this newsletter for various festival schedules and information.

One thing I am doing this year is personally hosting the

young adults (ages 17-25) for lunch, Thursday, October 20th after service. We have a lot of things to talk about in that group, and I am looking forward to that lunch with great anticipation. There's one thing I need, though. This will have to be an RSVP luncheon, which means I need a response from those who will be there to attend (we have to decide where to have it). So RSVP to me personally at my email address (Ron@rondart.com) or the regular CEM address, and tell me you will be there. You can also call the office. Be sure to give us your name, address, phone number and email address. If you know someone in that age group who might miss this announcement, be sure to let them know.

We also have a need for volunteers in every aspect of Feast service, and if you would

be willing to give part of your Feast in service to others, we would like to hear from you by all the usual means. We'll pass your information on to Skip Martin, Chairman of the Festival Association. The CEM festival is staffed by volunteers who cheerfully give up part of their Feast to make your Feast better.

Our special tape offer to you this month is titled, "The God of Time." As I understand my basic science, time can speed up or slow down depending on the speed at which an object travels. That is a little hard to grasp, but they say it has been scientifically demonstrated, so we will take that as a given.

But my proposition is that, fast or slow, time is a one way street. There is no such thing as time travel, nor will there ever be. Time travel is a useful literary device, because it allows an author to develop ideas that cannot otherwise be developed. But in the real world, it will never be done.

The reason for this is sim-

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Make a Difference

If you're currently looking for new ministry opportunities, consider helping CEM and the *Born to Win* broadcast. Among our greatest financial challenges are large broadcasting expenses. Every dollar helps in getting the Gospel out. We invite you to share in this ministry. Your donations can make a real difference!

A Smorgasbord of Seminars

Seminars will be presented on the afternoons of the first Holy Day and the weekly Sabbath, in lieu of afternoon service on those days. On other days, they will be held during the same morning time-slot as YEA classes. The following schedule is subject to possible last-minute changes. Check the printed schedule at the Seminar information table before selecting which sessions to attend. **Please Note:** Since there will be no YEA classes in the afternoons, parents are welcome to bring their children to those sessions.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 18

Bill Jacobs: *Abstaining from Premarital Sex: a Seminar for Young People and Their Parents* – What happens to our hearts and spirits when we’re sexually active outside of marriage?

George Dewey: “*Judge Not*” – *NOT!* To everything there is a time and a season – including judging.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 19

Pam Dewey: *The Wonderful World Tomorrow – What It Won’t Be Like!* Can – and should – prophecy be used as a tool of evangelism?

Guy Swenson: *Things Your Minister Was Never Taught About Healthy Congregations* – Some churches don’t attract and retain new people. Why? Learn how to have a healthy congregation.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 20

Joan and Jeff Osborn: *God is Talking – But Can We Hear Him?* – Our relationship with God is the most important thing in our lives. Are there things in your life that might be interfering with it?

Michael Deering: *Recapturing Our True History and Heritage: God’s Role and The Founders’ Intent for Christians in America* – Discover the role Scripture had in the shaping our of nation.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 21

Pam Dewey: *Escaping from the Matrix* – Even Christians live in the world of illusion. Which pills will you choose - red or blue?

Alan Ruth: *Email Evangelism: The New 21st Century Evangelistic Tool* – Learn how Christians can, affordably and from home, play a dynamic role in fulfilling the *Great Commission*.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 22

Sabbath Seminar Smorgasbord! Seminar sessions will begin at 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. You may choose to attend and one, two, or all three.

HOOR ONE

Lisa Laughton (moderator) and Panel: Jeff and Joan Osborn, Brian and Stephanie Smith, Bill and Scarlett Stough, Kimberly and Danny Joe, Skip Martin: *The Church that Meets at Their House*. Two-session workshop on building healthy small fellowship groups and churches.

Stephanie Smith: *Surrendered Motherhood* – Especially designed for young mothers, exploring biblical principles for dealing with the challenges, trials, and joys of the role of mothers.

HOOR TWO

Lisa Laughton: Audience participation continuation of the small group seminar.

Brian Smith: *Congregational Worship Workshop* – A hands-on session focusing on how to enliven and deepen the musical worship experience in local congregations.

HOOR THREE

Jennifer and Guy Swenson and Young Adult Panel: *Practical Steps to Opening Up Your Congregation to Community Evangelism* – Creating excitement about sharing our faith.

Nancy Vandemark: *How People Grow* – Adapted from principles in the book *How People Grow: What the Bible Reveals About Personal Growth* by Dr. John Townsend and Dr. Henry Cloud.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 23

Jeff and Joan Osborn: *It’s Not About the Toothpaste!* – “Toothpaste issues” drive wedges between us and others we love in both physical family and church family relationships.

Larry Watkins: *God’s MRSP for Marriage!* – What is God’s MRSP for marriage? And how do we know if our marriage is pleasing to God and to our mate?

Lenny Cacchio: *Struggling Through Your Conversations with God* – Examine how Old and New Testament great prayer warriors connected with God.

Guy and Jennifer Swenson: *How to Make Your Wife Deliriously Happy* – Explore often neglected and misunderstood biblical principles that can transform marriage and family relationships. For men and women.

Speaking Schedule

<u>Time/Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Mon. Oct. 17 7:30-9:00 p.m	Opening Night Service	Ronald L. Dart, Sermon
Tues. Oct. 18 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m 2:30; 3:30; 4:30	Holy Day Afternoon Seminars	Ronald L. Dart, Sermon * Various topics
Wed. Oct. 19 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m	Morning Service	Bill Jacobs, Sermon
Thurs. Oct. 20 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m	Morning Service	Guy Swenson, Sermon
Friday Oct. 21 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Morning Service	Larry Watkins, Sermon
Sat. Oct. 22 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m 2:30; 3:30; 4:30	Morning Service Afternoon Seminars	Ronald L. Dart, Sermon Various topics
Sun. Oct. 23 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m	Praise & Worship Service	Jim O'Brien, Sermon
Mon. Oct. 24 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m	Youth Day Service	Presented by our youth
Tue. Oct. 25 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Morning Service	Ronald L. Dart, Sermon

* A Holy Day offering will be taken.

Great Activities

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Tue., Oct. 18	After Service	YEA Orientation	Linda Benton
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Sr. Teen Bible Study	Chris and Lisa Gregor
Wed., Oct. 19	After Service	Senior's Luncheon	Jan Oehlman
	After Service	Single's Luncheon	Nancy Vandemark
	1:00-5:00 p.m.	Teen Beach Party	Diane Cacchio
Thur., Oct. 20	After Service	Young Adult Luncheon	Ronald L. Dart
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Pie and Ice Cream	Wayne and Nita Hinton
Fri., Oct. 21	After Service	Golf	Wade Hamil
Sat., Oct. 22	After Service	YEA Lunch Reception	Linda Benton
	7:00-10:00 p.m.	Family Dance	Wade & Shirley Hamil
Sun., Oct. 23	After Service	Youth Day Practice	Katie Swenson & Lisa Gregor
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Fun Show	Jeff and Joan Osborn
Mon., Oct. 24	1:00-5:00 p.m.	Family Picnic	Carl & Pat Dillenback

Feast of Tabernacles 2005



Calling All Kids, Teens, and Young Adults *Best Ever YEA Feast Classes*

Hear ye! Hear ye! Every young person between the ages of three and 20 make your way to action-packed YEA classes or YEA seminars on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday, and Monday at 9:30 a.m. Surprises, awards, fun and meaningful things to learn and do await you. Never before have YEA classes been so good. Below are the class themes and what your kids will learn each day of the Feast. Register at the YEA desk on the opening night or first day of the Feast and pick up your *FREE* YEA book.

Beginners (3-5) - All Aboard!

Wednesday: All Aboard for the Feast!
Thursday: Follow the Leader
Friday: It Costs Money
Sunday: God Loves Sharing
Monday: The Final Stop

Primaries (6-8) Ready For Takeoff!

Wednesday: A Joyful Trip
Thursday: Safety First
Friday: The Pilot's Orders
Sunday: Got Troubles?
Monday: Final Destination

Juniors (9-11) Be A Winner!

Wednesday: The Assembly
Thursday: Team Spirit
Friday: Banner of Truth
Sunday: Keep Your Focus
Monday: Closing Ceremony

Intermediates (12-15) Hot Topics

Wednesday: Learn Something!
Thursday: Life's Puzzle
Friday: Your Gifts
Sunday: Bumps in the Road
Monday: Where Are We Going?

Senior Teens Seminars (16-20) Smart Talk

Wednesday: Feast Talk
Thursday: Parent Talk Isn't Cheap
Friday: Say It Better
Sunday: Tune-In
Monday: Power Talk

Build the Future TODAY! Teach YEA!

Special Feast Lessons

Notice to parents and students: The morning of each Sabbath or Holy Day, stop by the YEA desk before service and pick up a special lesson for Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors to do during the worship service.

*The God of Time
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plicity itself. Neither the future nor the past exist. The only reality that *exists* is right now, and it is escaping from us at an alarming rate. I can't go back into the past and see my father again. He is not there any longer. Right now the only way I can go back to my father is to visit the cemetery where he is buried. I had my chance to love and honor him while he lived. And even though I may get that chance in the future, at the present *time*, the ways I can love and honor him are limited.

Time travel is impossible, because there is no other time to travel to. I have heard people speak of God existing outside of time, and they draw a mental picture of God sitting on a hill where He can see the entire time line of man. He sees it like a road. We can't see around the

next bend, but God sees it all.

But let me pose a problem for you. As I write this, I am sitting in Tyler, Texas. Can God see me right now, this minute in, say, Mexico City? Of course not, because I am not there. I am here. Have I limited God? Not at all, the original question was an absurdity.

But here comes the stinger: If it is true that God cannot see me right now in Mexico City, then can God see me next year? No, not really. I am not there. I am here.

Am I limiting God? Can't God travel in time? Can't God see the future? I suppose He could, but **God does not do things merely because He can.** So how, then, does God foretell the future? That also is simple. If you had a big enough computer and enough facts, you could easily predict most of the stuff

coming down the road. Add to that the simple truth that God can tell us what is going to happen *and then make it happen*, and all becomes clear.

There is much more to say, but I'll let the taped message tell the story. The Bible answers these questions in no uncertain terms. Just check the box on the enclosed card and rush it back to us. The tape is *FREE*.

Keep in touch, and come join us at the Feast,

Ronald L. Dart

P.S. Young adults, don't delay your RSVP and spread the word to others. I am anxious to see you there.

Feast of Tabernacles 2005

By Skip Martin – Festival Chairman

It will be nice to hear and feel the ocean breeze and listen to the waves wash onto the beach in Fort Walton again this year. We missed seeing the ocean last year because of Hurricane Ivan. Of course, the Arkansas Ozarks were a nice change of pace.

I recently heard a sermon about the Feast recorded in the Book of Nehemiah. The scriptures imply that the Nation of Israel had never kept a Feast "like that." It truly must have been a most inspiring site to see an entire nation praising God and truly "celebrating" the Feast of Tabernacles. That is the mission of CEM, and the Festival Association. We want everyone to feel they have never attended a Feast "quite like" the CEM Feast. Our goal is to send everyone home prepared to "do the work," as the cliché goes. Sermons, seminars, and YEA Feast classes are all designed to teach and edify the people at the Feast and to give them the tools they need to teach the nations as Jesus Christ commanded.

Come join us at the Emerald Coast Conference Center in Fort Walton Beach, Florida for a truly inspiring Feast. See you there.

A Not-to-Miss Youth Day

By Katie Swenson

Join us for Youth Day 2005 in Fort Walton Beach, FL on October 24th. Youth Day will be a worship service (complete with choir performances, special music, group presentations, Scripture readings, skits, and personal testimonials) exclusively run and presented by young people ages 3-20. We attempt to empower our youth in the church today while grooming them as leaders of tomorrow. This is an opportunity for youths to serve and share their gifts with a broader community. If interested in participating this year, please contact Katie Swenson, Youth Day Team Leader at kswenson@7words.com or 317-442-1097.

Calendar of Events

Tyler, TX- Feast of Trumpets, October 4, call for time and location 1-888-BIBLE 44

Fort Walton Beach, FL - Day of Atonement, October 13, 2 p.m. at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. Ronald L. Dart will be speaking.

Fort Walton Beach, FL - Feast of Tabernacles, October 17-24 at the Emerald Coast Conference Center.

Let's Do Lunch

By Linda Benton

If you:

- want to discover how to anchor our youth to Christ . . .
- want to know if YEA would work for your children at church, in your fellowship group, or at home . . .
- want to learn how many children or teens it takes to have an effective YEA program . . .
- want to know if you have what it takes to be a YEA festival volunteer . . .
- want to know more about the CEM summer camp . . .

. . . then join the YEA group on Sabbath afternoon, October 22 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. for lunch, fellowship, and an insightful presentation. You can address your questions to youth, teachers, and the YEA development staff. You can see and hear the impact that the YEA program and summer camp is having on our youth. Gain insights for implementing a YEA Sabbath School program in your congregation/fellowship. See how you can make a difference as a YEA volunteer at the CEM Feast site. RSVP by signing the sheet at the YEA registration table at the 2005 Feast.

The Gift of Music

By Brent Kern

Each year at the CEM Feast, the music team works to create an environment that will bring all of us closer to God. The music portion of every worship service is essential in creating an atmosphere in which everyone can feel safe while being challenged, feel worshipful while being taught, and feel loved while loving others around us. This is accomplished through a cooperative effort of volunteers.

This year, we have some challenges ahead of us, as we are lacking in a few key areas. We need a choir director, additional volunteers for the Praise and Worship Band, and other talented musicians to be part of our program. If you enjoy sharing your gift of music with others and are willing to give some back to God at this Feast, please feel free to contact me at brent.kern@eds.com.

In Memory

CEM gratefully acknowledges the generous donation given in loving memory of Mr. George Gookin of Danville, CA.

Radio Update

Tulsa, OK
KAKC 1300 AM
6:00 p.m. M-F & 7:00 a.m. Sun.

Dallas, TX	Stockton, CA
KAAM 700 AM	KUYL 1280 AM
7:00 a.m. Sun.	5:30 p.m. M-F & 7:00 a.m. Sun

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