

# Living to Win

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## A True Theocracy

We need your help. Recently, we lost a few of our daily stations due to what appears to be an organized effort to get the *Born to Win* program off the air. It is amazing how small minded some religious people can be and how intolerant of views that differ with their own. We never ask people to change their present religious affiliation, nor do we even hint that they should leave their church. We feel our role is to promote a biblical world-view in society at large, and help people take a fresh look at the Bible.

Radio stations are generally not charitable institutions, and they are somewhat vulnerable to outside pressure. Smaller radio stations especially can be intimidated if they think they will lose audience and revenues. *This is where we could use your help.* Our first request is that you pray about the matter. So far, God has given us an open door, and we ask you to join us in praying that He will keep it open. But as faith without works is dead, there may be something else you can do. From time to time, you can call or write the station where you hear the program and tell them how much the program means to you.

Just as radio stations are vulnerable to negative pressure, they are also influenced by positive responses. They need to know you are listening and that you want the program to continue.

I hope the station where you've been hearing the *Born to Win* program hasn't been cancelled. We're trying to do everything we can so you can hear it. We've recently added several new stations, replacing those we've lost, and we're searching daily to find other markets for the *Born to Win* program. We'll keep you posted as we find them. In the meantime, a current radio log is enclosed to help you locate other stations where you can hear the *Born to Win* program. CEM also provides additional services to ensure that you can hear each broadcast. Every program is available on cassette, often on

CD, and they are always available for direct listening and downloading from the Internet. Our online availability is being increased. If you have problems downloading from the Internet, please let us know so we can help you.

Meanwhile, there is a program coming up in future weeks that I want you to hear titled,

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## OFFICE MANAGER NEEDED

CEM needs someone with vision and a very special skill set. This person needs leadership ability, management experience, solid computer skills, knowledge of the Bible, and sensitivity to the belief system and dedication to the goals and purposes held by CEM. If you are interested in a unique career opportunity in ministry, send resume, salary requirements, and references to Ronald L. Dart, P.O. Box 1956, Whitehouse, TX 75791.

## You've Asked . . .

How are CEM and the *Born to Win* broadcast sponsored? They are sponsored by friends like you who give their tithes and offerings so that others may hear the clear message Christ taught. Many *Born to Win* programs are sponsored by individuals or by a group of people who want to anchor others to Christ. If you are interested in helping or sponsoring a program in your local area, contact Larry Watkins at 1-888-BIBLE 44.

## Plan for a Memorable Paris Landing, TN Retreat

*Starting the evening of May 26<sup>th</sup> till noon May 29<sup>th</sup>*

YEA classes and the yet-to-be-finalized seminar schedule for the Memorial Day Family Retreat are shaping up with something for every taste! Seminars subjects include:

**He Said/She Said - Decoding Gender Talk:** Trisha Svehla - The difference between men's and women's communication styles which can cause conflict will be explored. Learn how you can enhance your communication effectiveness with the opposite gender.

**The Transmission of Your Faith:** Matthew Steel - If faith is the engine of your Christian walk, the transmission of faith is what puts the faith into motion. Learn a new vocabulary and spark innovative ideas for bringing your friends to a new level of understanding God, His love, and His plan for them.

**Using History to Make Disciples:** Michael Deering - Tips will be given on how to use the facts of the true religious heritage of America as an effective evangelism tool.

**Star Wars and Christianity:** Michael Deering - Using examples from contemporary culture in evangelism efforts can be very effective, especially in reaching young people. Amazing expertise (and maybe a few surprises!) on the topic of Star Wars movies will be used.

**Running with the Chickens:** Pam Dewey - Have you wished you could fly high with your faith, but find yourself bound to the ground by mounting frustrations, nagging hangups, etc.? Come explore – “If you want to soar like an eagle, you need to run with the chickens.”

**Getting Personal:** Pam Dewey - James 2:23 says that “Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.” Gain a deeper respect for God and a personal, new intimate relationship while becoming His friend.

**This is the Day:** Ramona Leiter - Do your days all blend into one another with a mind-numbing sameness? What can you do about it? Learn some godly ways to get out of the rut.

**Just One More Thing:** Ramona Leiter - The Columbo method to win friends and influence people. To turn the world upside down for Jesus we have to be able to relate to people.

**Join the Revolution:** Chris and Lisa Gregor - Have you joined the digital revolution. . . or do you want to? Learn how modern technology can encourage personal growth, empower small groups, and enhance worship services for your whole congregation.

**Landmarks in Christian Liberty:** Jim O'Brien - There are people who have made significant contributions through the years to the freedom we have in the 21<sup>st</sup> century to worship God with minimal persecution. Meet some of them and learn their stories.

**Marriage, Love, and Submission:** Larry Watkins - How does the principle of mutual submission play out in marriage? Paul's primary directive to women in marriage dealt with submission. His primary directive to men dealt with love. Learn why and how mutual submission can change your life.

**How to Do a “Camp Outreach” in Your Congregation:** Guy Swenson - Learn how your congregation can do a perfectly natural thing where “new “ people are invited to church and young people are fired up to be a magnet for others through “Camp Outreach.”

YEA has gone all out to make this Family Retreat special for our children and young people. Every student should register, pick up their full-color YEA book Friday night, read their lesson, and attend classes between 10 and 11 a.m. Sabbath, Sunday, and Monday. Meet new friends, see old ones, enter an atmosphere of love, acceptance, and fun. *Celebrate Freedom!* is the theme for all lessons/seminars.

Come to the pavilion Friday evening for Food and Fellowship, and plenty of it. CEM is providing our traditional Pie and Ice Cream social, tied with a scavenger hunt that will help everyone get to know each other. Kids, join us at the pool Sunday afternoon for food, games, a splash in the pool, and a blast! Again CEM is proving charcoal grilled hamburgers with all the fixings Sunday evening

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*A True Theocracy.* It is not clear what people are worried about when they fight so strenuously to keep religion out of the public square. Take Barry Lynn, for example. He is a spokesman for “Americans united for the separation of church and state.” In a debate about school vouchers, he made this argument: “I believe there are many reasons why vouchers are bad public policy and dangerous to public education. But my bedrock reason for opposing them is constitutional: These plans violate the separation of church and state.”

This seems obviously not true, because there is nothing in the Constitution about the “separation of church and state.” It says simply that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.”

One might ask Mr. Lynn to rephrase his argument to say: “School voucher plans violate the Constitution because they amount to the establishment of a religion.” Putting it that way would be absurd, because school voucher plans do no such thing. Violating the separation of church and state has become a catchphrase for those striving to keep God out of the public square.

Barry Lynn went on to say: “Most private schools in America have a religious affiliation. Many are Roman Catholic, but others

are Jewish, fundamentalist Protestant, or affiliated with other denominations. These schools certainly have the right to exist and should not face undue or burdensome regulation by the State. But at the same time, they should absolutely be barred from receiving as much as one dime in taxpayer aid.”

But why? What is unconstitutional about diverting taxpayer money from public schools to private? There is a group in the chattering class who seem to forget whose money they are spending. Schools are financed by state and local taxes, mostly local. Why should this be any business of the federal government?

Property taxes I pay locally help educate kids in Smith County. Never mind that I have never had any kids in school. I am willing to accept the fact that it is to my benefit that kids are educated up to a certain standard. But why should I care whether that money goes to a public school or a private school, religious or otherwise? If it costs, say, \$5000 a kid per year, how am I harmed if that \$5000 is removed from the budget of the public school and transferred to a private school – especially if that private school exceeds the performance of the public school? Which, in most cases, they do.

There is one more question. Why not allow the taxpayers to decide whether they object to vouchers? I would cheerfully sign a form that allowed my tax dollars to go to a voucher program. Who gets hurt? The teachers’ unions, and the politicians who lose power when money

leaves the system. The argument is made that the public school system has been an important good in the American way, and that vouchers threaten the public school system.

But what if the public school system is becoming a dinosaur? What if its time of departure is nigh? It isn’t, of course. There will continue to be a need for public schools, but they are going to have to pull up their socks and get in the game. But, this program is about something bigger than school vouchers. What started me on this theme was an editorial by Mort Zuckerman, the respected Editor in Chief of *US News and World Report*, March 6, 2006.

The piece was titled, “Faith, in its Place.” This is a very unfortunate title, in a way, because no one really likes to be reminded to stay in his place. But that is precisely what this entire issue is about. Keeping people in their place.

Here is Mr. Zuckerman’s opening paragraph: “Has America anything to learn from the violent reactions to those Danish cartoons? We are proud of our tradition of freedom but expect it to be exercised responsibly: There has been a remarkable degree of acknowledgment here that the cartoons were insensitive, matched by shock at the viciousness of the rioting and the rabid level of intolerance. Even Muslim journalists in Jordan and Yemen who published the cartoons so as to condemn both them and the incitement and overreaction now face trial. Ominously, that’s because the authorities in these Islamic societies are fearful of

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losing ground to the extremists. This confluence of religion and politics can be malign.”

Well, yes. But to compare the riots across the Muslim world to the attempts of, say, Christians in America who want to bring some morality back to public life is absurd. It isn't the confluence of religion and politics that is malign. It is Islamo-fascism that is malign. Mr. Zuckerman's argument is summed up with this: "At a time when religion is becoming a more potent force in America, the Muslim cartoon riots remind us that God and politics are often a volatile mix."

In other words, the lesson we should learn from the cartoon riots is that religion should be kept in its place. Forgive me, but I find this idea intensely annoying. He continued to say, "Moral inspiration drawn from religion has been central to America's great political and social movements – from the abolition of slavery, to women's suffrage, to civil rights."

Really? Then why try to silence religion on political issues? Because that is what the argument is all about. Zuckerman worried that our cherished tradition "is vulnerable to an inclination to mix religion with politics over issues like abortion, gay rights, and stem cell research."

But wait. Didn't we mix religion and politics on the issues of slavery, women's suffrage and civil rights? This argument really boils down to this: Religion is fine as long as it is kept private. We mustn't mix religion and

politics. Especially your religion with my politics. Equating efforts of people of faith to influence government on issues of morality to the Muslim cartoon riots is absurd beyond words and offensive to boot.

Catchwords can be revealing, if we just understand what they mean. One is "Theocracy." Newsman Bill O'Reilly seems to worry a lot that the increasingly vocal Christian right wants to create a Theocracy in this country. Theocracy may be the solution to the problem that plagues us.

But It goes beyond anything I can discuss in this newsletter, so please use the enclosed card to order the program, *A True Theocracy*. Learn what would really work if we had the courage to try it and the faith to keep God first.

And don't forget to pray for the *Born to Win* program. With God's help, we can go forward.

*Paris Landing Retreat  
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at the pavilion. Last but not least is a Sabbath worship service with Mr. Dart speaking. He'll also have a few final words for us on Monday before we go. Rooms for this Retreat are affordable. Call 1-800-250-8614, give 3043 for the reservation number, and join us for a true spiritual renewal.

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Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Three Months Ended  
January 31, 2006

Receipts:	
Contributions	\$342958
CEM Bookstore	32458
Interest Income	6179
	<u>\$381597</u>
Expenses:	
A/V Supplies	\$ 7893
Rent	9474
Office & Adm. Expenses	2477
Mailing Expenses	3853
Postage	17916
Printing	13967
Radio Expenses	155263
Telephone & Utilities	2182
Youth Ministries	5676
CEM Bookstore	10107
Foreign Operations	1479
Conference Expenses	1211
Employee Benefits	20954
Wages & Payroll Taxes	91108
Total Operating Expenses	343560
Increase in Fund Balance	<u>\$ 38037</u>

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good work.*

### Radio Update

Ironwood, MI  
**WJMS** 590 AM  
Sunday 7:30 a.m.

Lexington, TN  
**WZLT** 99.3 FM  
Sunday 7:00 a.m.

Chattanooga, TN  
**WFLI** 1070 AM  
M-F 12:30 p.m.  
Sunday 7:00 a.m.

Pittsburgh, PA  
**WJAS** 1320 AM  
Sunday 6:30 a.m.