

God's Liberty Bell

From Ronald L. Dart's Program Notes

In the movie, *The Ten Commandments*, a voice said, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land and the inhabitants thereof." Did you know those words were inscribed on the Liberty Bell in 1753?

When you think about it, the dominant theme of that movie was liberty—liberty for a people who had just been set free. In the same way, the central idea of what Jesus taught is liberty or freedom. That was intended from the beginning. Jesus wants us to have freedom.

The purpose of the Law was to guarantee freedom. The whole idea was freedom for man. When at last you are given freedom, you don't want control to rear its ugly head. The Law and freedom are no problem until man steps in and tries to control you.

Try to find freedom taught in Islam and you will fail. Islam teaches submission, not freedom. Ask yourself why is this so important.

After Jesus had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, he was full of the Holy Spirit. The devil said to him, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread" (Matthew 4:3). You know the story. The devil tried to tempt

Jesus three times; each time Jesus quoted Scripture and resisted the devil's temptation.

On the Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up and read this statement: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" (Luke 4:18).

Jesus went on to say he was

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anointed "to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (v. 19).

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A Famine of the Word? . . .

We in Texas and in other areas are experiencing unprecedented temperatures—100+ degrees for more than 78 days—and drought—not half our average rainfall. Not getting rain usually precedes a famine. This is not what God intended we have. So, why are these things happening? When Israel crossed the Jordan to possess the Promised Land, God told them, "So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul—then I will send rain on your land in its season." Did you notice the power of God's provisions in those words? The conditions God sets up to experience his promises are few, yet compelling: 1) Faithfully obey his commands; 2) Love God; and 3) Serve him with all of your heart and soul. The *Born to Win* broadcast is our lifeline—our responsibility to reach the world with the Gospel. Yes, a famine of the Word can be prevented with your help. We're counting on you.

Volunteers Wanted

Calling all volunteers! If you are interested in helping at the Feast of Tabernacles this year, please email your name and contact information to Heather Holmes, CEM's volunteer coordinator, at holmes_hl@yahoo.com. If you prefer to make a phone call, please call Paula Hughes at 1-888-BIBLE-44.

If you have never volunteered before, please let this year be your year. CEM still needs help at the Feast in many areas. Please look over this list, and choose an area where you can help. It takes many special people to make the Feast happen. Please let Heather or Paula know right away if you can help.

Audio-visual: We need help to run sound at all worship services. We need someone to operate the camera, and establish and maintain the Live Streaming for each worship service.

Logistics: We always need help unloading the trailer full of supplies and equipment, and distributing each item to its destination. We also need help packing up and reloading after the Feast. If you will be there by October 12th, we plan to begin unloading the trailer that morning. We pack up and reload the afternoon of October 20th.

Family Picnic: We need men

and women volunteers to help with the family picnic. Supplies will need to be purchased, tables will need to be set with food and drinks, and supplies replaced as needed. Families with small children and the elderly will need assistance. We need someone to take care of the special piñata activity for the kids.

Fun Show: The show must go on. If that's your motto, we need you to help with the Fun Show. We need someone to review proposals for fun show acts, and to schedule the performances. You'll need to be present for the rehearsal at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18 (the Fun Show is that night).

YEA Feast Classes and Seminars: We have wonderfully qualified Lead Teachers for all age groups who need your help. We need teachers and assistants. Lead Teachers are responsible for teaching the lesson, but YEA Feast Classes and Seminars are active and interactive. We need teachers and assistants to take attendance, listen to memory verse recitation, help with crafts in the younger age groups, and assist with breakout groups in the older age groups. If you'd like to help, please contact Paula Hughes by email at paulahughes@borntowin.net.

YEA Feast Books Now Available

Specifically designed for 2011, these books are tailor-made for the Feast of Tabernacles and for our beliefs. They make learning about the Feast, about Jesus Christ, and about God's Law entertaining and fun for children and teens with lessons that will be long remembered. Active forms of learning are used in lessons for all five age groups, from age three to 20. No Feast site should be without these special lessons that reflect the core beliefs of our Feast-observing people. Each student should have his own book, and the easy-to-use companion Teacher's Guide makes class preparation easy and effective. We print only what is ordered. September 16, 2011 is the cut-off date to place an order for your Feast site or your family's use. Call 1-888-BIBLE-44 for bulk rates when ordering in quantity. Visit www.borntowin.net under the Feast of Tabernacles tab, then select "Feast YEA" to view the books and lesson titles. Place your order online or call 1-888-BIBLE-44.

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*That the man of God may be
proficient and equipped
for every good work.*

2011 Feast of Tabernacles

Sermon Schedule

All Services will be held in Ballroom A of the Sevierville Events Center

Date	Time	Speaker
Wednesday, October 12	7:30 p.m.	John Klassek
Thursday, October 13	11:00 a.m.*	Brian Bettes
Friday, October 14	11:00 a.m.	Ray Wooten
Saturday, October 15	11:00 a.m.	Richard Crow
Sunday, October 16	11:00 a.m.	John Klassek
Monday, October 17	11:00 a.m.	Hugh Buchanan
Tuesday, October 18	11:00 a.m.	Rick Hoot
Wednesday, October 19	11:00 a.m.**	Youth Day
Thursday, October 20	11:00 a.m.	Mardy Cobb

* A Holy Day offering will be taken

** Youth Day 2011

Seminar Schedule

(subject to change)

All seminars start at 9:30 a.m. and are held in Cades Cove A or B meeting room in the Stone Hill Lodge of Wilderness at the Smokies, located on the lobby level near the first set of elevators.

Christian Educational Ministries is pleased to present a full schedule of seminars with many opportunities to learn and enjoy. Join us and partake of this wonderful feast of presentations.

Friday, October 14, 9:30 a.m.

Matt Hees - *Examining Yourself: What is Searching and Fearless.* You've heard the Christians life is about "Getting the plank out of our own eye," "finding the hidden leaven," and "putting off the old man." As 1 John says, mankind has been prone to corruption by "the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life" from the beginning. This seminar will show a way to identify and get character defects down on paper in black and white so that little question remains about what each person needs to overcome. We hope that you will be searching and fearless from the start.

Rick Hoot - *Reformation Overview.* After a thousand years of spiritual darkness and many false starts, the Protestant Reformation shattered the unity of the medieval church and completely transformed society in 16th century Europe. This colorful and informative PowerPoint presentation reviews the causes and major events surrounding the Protestant Reformation and explains the lasting impact of Martin Luther, John Calvin, and many others on the churches and theological traditions of the modern world. Consider the parallels with contemporary issues in the church and possible lessons for dealing with them.

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Sunday, October 16, 9:30 a.m.

Matt and Tami Hees - *Community Service: How Helping Others Helped Us*. Matt and Tami share a little of what their personal ministry looks like since they began in 1999. They will share the lessons and the miracle they begin to experience after they began to apply James 1:27, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." They began to serve as God asked in James but could never have guessed the opportunities that God had in store for them.

Hugh Buchanan - *Our Eternal Inheritance*. The physical creation is vast and awesome. This seminar will explore the nature and the fate of the physical creation as revealed in the Bible and will discuss the eternal inheritance promised to the saints. The accompanying slide show will feature stunning portraits of the magnificent objects God has created and set around us in the heavens.

Monday, October 17, 9:30 a.m.

Ron Masek - *The Land of Palestine—5000 Years of History*. The history of Palestine through the establishment of the nation of Israel in 1948, God's promises to give this land to Abraham's descendants for an everlasting possession, God's millennial promises to make the desert bloom with bountiful harvests, and the recent history of Palestine since the founding of the modern state of Israel will be discussed.

Rick Hoot - *Theology Overview: An Introduction to Christian Ministry*. Every Christian is called to serve others and support the work of the church in some capacity. Whether explaining the Holy Days to a co-worker, presenting a YEA Sabbath School lesson, or starting a non-profit organization to send missionaries to India, anyone can serve more effectively (and in new ways) if they improve their ability to study and explain the Bible. This seminar will explain the basic terms and concepts involved in biblical and theological studies, point out several dangerous pitfalls, and provide some practical options for further study.

Tuesday, September 28, 9:30 a.m.

Mardy Cobb - *Child of God Rescue*. An outreach to help fatherless and orphaned children. It has been a three year journey with many adventures ahead. Their experiences in Africa make for an interesting story we think you will be encouraged to hear.

Rod Martin - *Economics and the New World Order, Part 2*. This will be a continuation and update of this popular 2010 seminar. The history of economic thought and its impact over the past 100 years will be discussed. You will examine the current crisis and what the future may hold for the new world order.

Wednesday, September 29, 9:30 a.m.

Hugh Buchanan - *The Head of the Body*. As members of the body of Christ, how do we need to respond to the head?

Scarlett Stough - *You've Got Mail - Philippians and Rejoicing*. Examine the letter to the church at Philippi, with an emphasis on rejoicing.

YEA Feast Classes That Rock!

Put a bunch of fun in the Feast for kids three to 20 with well-planned, action-packed daily classes and seminars, from Friday, October 14 through Wednesday, October 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (No classes on the Sabbath and high holy days.) A dedicated group of volunteer teachers is ready to inspire kids of all ages with fun lessons about the awesomeness of God's Feast, how kids fit into God's plan, and what kids can do to make this their best Feast ever! For five days there will be untamed excitement that will make Bible lessons long remembered. Music practice immediately follows classes for 15 minutes. Kids and/or parents should register Wednesday night, October 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m. or Thursday morning between 10 and 10:45 a.m. *FREE* YEA full-color books will be provided to each student. Children three through 11 should pick up the special Sabbath lessons at the Registration desk on the holy days and the Sabbath.

Themes and lesson titles are listed below:

Beginners (Ages 3 through 5)

Theme: ***All Aboard!***

- Lesson 1: All Aboard for the Feast!
- Lesson 2: Follow the Leader
- Lesson 3: It Costs Money
- Lesson 4: God Loves Sharing!
- Lesson 5: The Final Stop

Juniors (Ages 9 through 11)

Theme: ***Be A Winner***

- Lesson 1: The Assembly
- Lesson 2: Team Spirit
- Lesson 3: Banner of Truth
- Lesson 4: Keep Your Focus
- Lesson 5: Closing Ceremony

Primaries (Ages 6 through 8)

Theme: ***Ready for Takeoff***

- Lesson 1: A Joyful Trip
- Lesson 2: Safety First
- Lesson 3: The Pilot's Orders
- Lesson 4: Got Troubles?
- Lesson 5: Final Destination

Intermediates (Ages 12 through 15)

Theme: ***Impressions***

- Lesson 1: First Impressions
- Lesson 2: Impressions of Truth
- Lesson 3: Impressions of Friendship
- Lesson 4: Impressions of Greatness
- Lesson 5: Lasting Impressions

Senior Teens (Ages 16 to 20)

Theme: ***In Search of God***

- Seminar 1: A Time to Remember
- Seminar 2: Footprints of God
- Seminar 3: Does the Church Matter?
- Seminar 4: In Search of Faith
- Seminar 5: A Reason to Repent

Youth Day

October 19, 2011

Worship Service 11:00 a.m. This service is dedicated to our youth and conducted by them.

Activities for All Ages

The Feast is a time for great rejoicing. Whether young or old, we have something for *you*. Every activity is planned to give a joyful atmosphere. Many opportunities are available for fellowship. **Please check the Activity Table and your Feast brochure for any changes in this schedule.**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

YEA Orientation Meeting 1:00 p.m., Cades Cove meeting room B, Stone Hill Lodge. All teaching staff are required to attend.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

Family Picnic 2:00 p.m., Douglas Dam Pavilion. Lunch provided by CEM. Games, piñata, and fellowship.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Buckaroo Bob Puppet Show 6:00 p.m., Ballroom A, Events Center.

Pie and Ice Cream Social 7:00 p.m., Food Court, Events Center.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Family/Teen Combined Dance 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Cades Cove meeting rooms, Stone Hill Lodge.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

Festival Association Meeting 1:00 p.m., Cades Cove meeting room B, Stone Hill Lodge. Members of Festival Association are required to attend. Everyone interested in becoming part of the FA is encouraged to attend.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Youth Day Practice 1:00 p.m., Ballroom A, Events Center. All YEA choir members should be present for choir rehearsal. Younger children should be accompanied by parent. All Youth Day participants should be present. Lunch for kids and Youth Day participants provided by CEM in Cades Cove meeting room B Stone Hill Lodge.

Senior Luncheon - 1:00 p.m., Pavilion at Mainstay Suites, 410 Pine Mountain Rd., Pigeon Forge

Fun Show Practice 4:30 p.m., Ballroom A, Events Center

Fun Show 7:00 p.m., Ballroom A, Events Center

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In the Book of Exodus, Israel was freed from slavery on the Passover beginning their 40 year trek out of Egypt. After 40 years they arrived at their destination—the Promised Land. Each tribe was given a portion of land. It was designated by lot. The Israelites were told to sow their fields and prune their vineyards. But the seventh year they were not allowed to harvest and sell crops. It was a sabbatical—a Sabbath for the farmer, as well as for the land, to have their rest. The trumpet sounded on the Day of Atonement every 50 years to proclaim liberty.

“And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed. For it is the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall

eat the increase thereof out of the field” (Leviticus 25:8-12).

This was a great plan for economic liberty. You were not to take advantage of anyone. If you had a need to sell your property, it was sold as kind of a “lease hold”—the price was calculated on the years that were left before the Jubilee when the land was returned to its original owners. This is what Jesus was driving at when he said, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me . . . to preach the acceptable year of the Lord”—the Jubilee year.

How much do you appreciate the central idea of what Jesus was saying? It's liberty. God wants us to have freedom. After Jesus told Adam and Eve in the garden not to eat of one tree, he left them with their freedom to decide. And they made the wrong choice.

The whole idea of Passover is freedom. The Israelites took their dough before it was leavened and strapped it to their backs in a kneading trough. This was what Moses had instructed. They were free at last and didn't stay around for their dough to rise. They left in haste.

It's freedom that Christ came to bring.

The early church had a crisis. Gentiles were accepting the Gospel. It was being taught in Acts 15 that men had to be circumcised after the Law of Moses. Jesus rejected their teachings. God gave the Holy Spirit to the Gentiles the same as to other Christians.

Later Paul assured them they could be saved but they didn't

have to keep the *Oral Law* of the Jews. This understanding—this little-understood key—opens up the Book of Galatians and dispels many wrong ideas about which Law was done away.

We face a time when more and more of our freedoms are being taken away. You need this unique message to prepare you for the future and help you understand the importance of God's plan for man to be free. This is essential to understanding the Bible—God's will for mankind. Please return the card enclosed to receive your *FREE* copy of the *Born to Win* program by Ron Dart titled, *God's Liberty Bell*.

Learning from the Past

By Rick Hoot

Christians generally understand the importance of daily Bible study, but there are additional areas of study that are also beneficial. Here are several reasons why you should set aside some time to learn about the history of Christianity.

First, study of church history will help you explain your beliefs to others—denominations formed due to doctrinal disagreements or as a reaction to social conditions. When you understand where your church fits within the development of Christianity, you are better equipped to explain and describe your church to those who aren't familiar with your beliefs.

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Second, the study of church history provides guidance and solutions to contemporary problems. There are very few unique problems in the world; almost every issue churches face today has been tackled and solved by other Christians in the past. Church history provides a wealth of wisdom and experience in dealing with contemporary theological and social problems.

Third, the study of Christian history helps you understand the development of God's plan of salvation. History is moving relentlessly toward a climax. Important patterns and trends become visible when you consider the last 2000 years of religious history.

Ron Dart's *FREE* booklet, *Basic Christianity—the Opening Gambit* sheds light on the early origins of Christianity. To learn more about this valuable topic, I also recommend "Christianity through the Centuries" by Earle Cairns or "Historical Theology" by Alister McGrath.

What Kind of Example Are You Setting?

by Mardy Cobb

What kind of example are you setting? Has anyone ever asked you this? We often resent this question when we hear it. Why? One reason: because we feel the person asking is accusing us. Another reason might be: We feel the person asking the question has no right to judge. In other words, we often want to reply, "I don't care what you think." By the way, we are often right about the person asking the question.

Rather than taking offense at the thought of "example," let's try to see it from another angle. Example is not about other people's opinion. Other people have opinions, and they may pass judgment. But that is an issue of judging. That is not an issue of example. We need to be careful not to let our resentment for false judgment cloud the issue of example.

Example is one of the most important teachings of the Bible. In fact, the Scripture is filled with examples. We are taught by example from God. Abraham is our example. Moses is our example. The Apostles are our example, and above all Jesus is our example. So what does example mean to you? More importantly, what does it mean to God?

Example is really about what you do and say. Jesus taught us that we would be judged by what we do and say (Matthew 7:16; 12:36). Jesus also taught us to follow his example (John 14:6). Christianity is a religion with expectations that can be measured in conduct. A Christian will do or not do certain things. A Christian will say or not say certain things. We all fall short in these areas. We all need to pick ourselves up, change direction, and start again. We are called to correct our own example to others.

The fact that many people wrongly assume they can judge us does not mean that there is no judge. There is a judge. His name is Jesus Christ. He will ask us about the example we set and the example we followed. Let's be certain we are prepared to answer his questions.

Calendar of Events

Feast of Trumpets - September 29, 2011 is the Feast of Trumpets. CEM will celebrate in Hawkins, Texas, at the Hawkins Community Center, joining the Texas Fellowship for services at 2:00 p.m. followed by a potluck meal. For more information and directions, please call Paula Hughes at 1-888-BIBLE-44.

Day of Atonement - October 8, 2011. Please join CEM as we host John Klassek of Australia, who will present the sermon at the CEM offices, 312 W. Main (FM 346) in Whitehouse, Texas at 2:00 p.m. For those of you who live too far away to join us, please tune in via Live Streaming at: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/cem-network>.

Feast of Tabernacles - Join us in celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles hosted by Christian Educational Ministries at the Sevierville Events Center in Sevierville, Tennessee, October 12-20, 2011. Opening night services begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12. You will also be able to view all services via Live Streaming at: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/cem-network>. New information is added often to CEM's website. While you're on the site, please take our short survey to let us know you are coming. It will be a big help in planning the best Feast ever. Please check back for continuing updates, or call the office at 1-888-BIBLE-44 or 903-839-9300, or email Paula Hughes at paulahughes@borntowin.net.