

# Born to Win

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Dear Friends,

If you were sitting on a jury and were asked to decide whether Jesus was actually resurrected from the dead, how would you decide? What evidence would you consider? The truth is that the resurrection of Jesus is the fulcrum upon which the whole Bible turns. It was Paul who said it: "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14).

So the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus is crucial to our faith. And you would be shocked to know how few Christians could actually outline that evidence if they were asked to do so. That evidence is contained in the four gospel accounts, but no one gospel presents the whole picture. This is odd, in a way, because one might naturally expect each writer to give us a complete account and that all those accounts would agree in every particular. There is a reason why it is not so.

The Bible leans very heavy on a concept that is only partially understood by most readers of the Bible. The concept is found in words like witness, testify, and testimony. Facts, in all manner of questions, legal, criminal, and otherwise, were to be established by witnesses giving testimony.

One witness was never enough (Matthew 18:16). In the case of the resurrection, we are presented with four primary witnesses, plus Paul and a few others.

If you want to establish something by witnesses, you must also establish that the witnesses were not in collusion. If they have been taken to the woodshed to get their story straight, then they are no longer of any value as witnesses. If Matthew, Mark, Luke and John had all gotten together to write their accounts, they would be very different from what they are—and they would be of much diminished value.

What you have in the gospel accounts are snippets and blocks of information about the events surrounding the resurrection of Jesus that have to be carefully fitted together to give us a complete picture. It is not a terribly difficult challenge, but it does require careful attention to detail. It is not dissimilar to the work of a lawyer in a courtroom who must present his witnesses in order, and put the testimony together in a way that the jury can understand.

In a recent sermon, I played the role of a lawyer calling his witnesses, taking their testimony and piecing it together for you, the

jury. The title of the sermon is: "The Resurrection Story." I think the message is important because increasingly, people are calling into question the testimony and the authority of the New Testament. It is important that all of us be prepared to meet these questions for people who become confused. To get a cassette tape of this message, just check the box on the enclosed card and send it back to us. The cassette is *free*, but your contribution will help greatly in the work of CEM and *Born to Win*.

With love in Christ's service,  
**Ronald L. Dart**

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# Calendar of Events

## **May 27<sup>th</sup> - Terrell, Texas Pentecost Services**

Ronald L. Dart will be speaking in Terrell, Texas, for Pentecost services on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Services will again be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church, 503 W. College, in Terrell. Services will begin at 2:00 p.m. and there will be a potluck meal immediately following services. If you need more information, please contact either Ralph Collins, in Forth Worth, at (817) 246-1874 or Faye Brown at the CEM office at (903) 509-2999.

## **June 16<sup>th</sup> - Cincinnati, Ohio Meet the Teacher**

Ronald L. Dart will be speaking at a "Meet the Teacher" session in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the afternoon. The meeting will be held at Christ, The Prince of Peace United Methodist Church, 10507 Colerain Avenue. For more information, please contact Lee and Judy Creech at [J777CLC@aol.com](mailto:J777CLC@aol.com) or call (513) 385-6076.

## **July 14<sup>th</sup> - Salina, Kansas Meet the Teacher**

Ronald L. Dart will be speaking at a "Meet the Teacher" session in Salina, Kansas, on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the afternoon, at the Salina Red Coach Inn, 2110 W Crawford. For more information or directions please contact David Hays at [hays@informatics.net](mailto:hays@informatics.net) or John B. Nelson at (913) 523-4240.

## **July 15<sup>th</sup> - Kansas City, Missouri Meet the Teacher**

Ronald L. Dart will be speaking at a "Meet the Teacher" session in Kansas City, Missouri, on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 in the afternoon, at the Adams Mark Hotel, 9103 E. 39<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information or directions please contact Leonard or Diane Cacchio at (816) 524-2442 or [l\\_cacchio@yahoo.com](mailto:l_cacchio@yahoo.com).

## **June 24<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup> - Summer Camp**

This year's summer camp, sponsored by Christian Educational Ministries, will be held from June 24 to July 1 and will again be held at Camp Wewoka Woods, near Wewoka, Oklahoma. Summer camp is open to all teens who have reached their thirteenth birthday by the time camp ends and who have not yet reached their nineteenth birthday. Camp is open to all teens, regardless of their church affiliation, or that of their parents. We will have water skiing, tubing, softball, swimming, horseback riding, volleyball, and indoor basketball as well as group initiatives. Lots of great fun will be provided at the annual funshow and dance. For more information call (903)509-2999 or write P O Box 560, Whitehouse, TX 75791 or email [lsw@cemnetwork.com](mailto:lsw@cemnetwork.com). Visit our website for the latest updates on summer camp.

## **July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> - Chicago, Illinois Christian Renewal Conference**

Christian Educational Ministries and the Church of God-Downers Grove are sponsoring a "Christian Renewal Conference" in the Chicago, Illinois, area on Saturday and Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Speakers include Ronald L. Dart, C. Wayne Cole, and David L. Havir. The meetings will begin at 9:30 each morning, at the Oakbrook Park District Activity Center, 1450 Forest Gate Road, in Oakbrook, Illinois. For more information, please contact Ken or Trisha Svehla at (630) 968-6153.

# A Call for Seminars

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Participation. If there is a single word that summarizes one of the things that makes the CEM Feast at Destin very special, it would have to be participation. One way that anyone can participate is to give a seminar. The seminars are 45 minute presentations on subjects related to Christian living and discipleship. They run concurrently with the YEA Sabbath schools, in the morning before regular services. Last year almost every seminar was given to capacity and sometimes even overflow audiences.

The seminars are a time for anyone who is part of the Body of Christ to share their experience or knowledge with others. Is there a Christian subject you are passionate about? Maybe you have had experience in some area of Christian living or family life that would be of great interest or benefit to others. Has your fellowship or congregation accomplished something, or met some challenge that would benefit other fellowships or congregations to hear about? Maybe you have deeply studied some aspect of Bible history or Christian apologetics. If so, or if you have any other subject that you think would be of interest to other Christians then you have a potential seminar subject.

## **Who can give a seminar?**

Anyone who has a worthwhile subject and is able to present it may give a seminar. We ask only that a presenter have some experience or other qualification to speak on their subject. Qualifications do not have to be formal or academic. Anyone who has lived a particular subject, or

applied it in their lives, or done a deep study outside their normal education may be an ideal candidate to present a subject.

## **What is a seminar's format?**

Seminars do not have any fixed format, other than a time limit of approximately 45 minutes. You may choose to present your subject as a formal lecture or a talk illustrated with slides or other visual/audio aids. Two or more people may decide to share the duties of presentation, or a group may want to present a panel discussion. Or you may decide on an interactive or directed discussion in which all participate, or a lecture followed by a question and answer period. The format is up to you.

## **What kind of subjects do the seminars cover?**

Seminars may be on any subject that touches on some aspect of Christian living and discipleship. Past topics have included family living topics, dealing with various life crisis situations, health subjects, topics of interest to young adults and singles, topics focused on families having difficulty, how to relate to our modern society, historical subjects related to the Bible or Christianity. There have also been subjects about the Internet and computers.

## **How do I volunteer to give a seminar?**

To volunteer, please send the following information to the Festival Seminar Coordinator:

### **Title of Seminar:**

**Description:** A short paragraph

describing the subject, the benefits attendees will receive from the subject, and the general contents of the seminar. The description will be used in the Festival schedule to advertise and inform attendees about the seminar.

**Personal information:** Include a short bio that explains who you are and your church background. If you have any special qualifications related to the seminar subject, please mention them either here or in the description.

**Special requirements:** If you have any special needs such as potential schedule conflicts, include them here. The presentation rooms include basic audio equipment, but other equipment, such as a slide or overhead projector, will need to be arranged for ahead of time. Presenters who need a computer will have to make their own arrangements.

**Contact information:** Please tell us how we can reach you. Include your address, phone number where you can be reached, and, if you have e-mail, your e-mail address.

## **Send your ideas to:**

We need your ideas and your participation. If you have an idea for a subject that you would like to present, a subject that you would like to hear presented or would like to ask a question or discuss an idea before proposing it, send an e-mail to Jim Ross at [rossj@msn.com](mailto:rossj@msn.com), or write to Jim Ross, 608 Havencrest Drive, Desoto, Texas 75115. The Festival is your festival, and we need your involvement to help make this a very special Festival for all.

# Feast Sabbath School Classes

## A Wealth of Practical Answers

The problems and challenges our kids face today surpass anything their parents encountered growing up. School shootings were unheard of. Children were not bombarded with pornographic materials on the Internet. Abortion was not aided and abetted by schools and Planned Parenthood groups. Oral sex among teenagers was not an after school sport. True, your world was not righteous, but today's world is shockingly different. How we approach the needs of our kids is very different than a few years ago. "Our kids aren't interested in high-sounding ideas. They want practical answers they can use right now in the "heat" of real-life problems they can't ignore . . ." *Get Real: Making Core Christian Beliefs Relevant to Teenagers.*

When a child becomes a teenager he enters the most critical period in life. It's far too easy for them to undermine everything that will follow because of mistakes during this adolescent period. This is not the time for kids to stop attending Sabbath School. They need the practical answers and godly support they will gain by attending every Feast class. But it must be given in a way they will receive it. Teenagers need action, they need to think, to analyze and they need to talk.

Television, movies, and theme parks have acclimated our kids to expect a lot of action, drama, visuals, etc. YEA uses these tools for more effective classes.

We start by selecting a theme to which each particular age group will relate. Action packed, one point lessons are selected to repeat and reinforce each theme. Here's a preview of the class themes and lessons for Feast 2001:

*Smart Talk* is the senior-teen theme. This class is made up of our 16 through 19 year-old teenagers. In the first lesson, "Feast Talk," we stress the importance and benefits of continuing to keep the Feast throughout life.

Senior-teens will learn to "Say It Better" in a hands-on lesson in which small groups outline a speech or sermonette addressing a particular need teenagers face. A "TV Teen Talk Show" will be staged with an open and frank panel discussion about "Parent Talk Isn't Cheap." Teens will discover things that hinder and things that help parent/teen communication. They will examine how to improve their listening skills in the class entitled, "Tune-In." Spending time with God should be their number one priority and will be covered in the lesson entitled, "Sharpen Your Ax."

Previous Feast classes stressed the importance of knowing God, accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior, repenting, and being baptized. Many moral issues teens face daily have already been addressed. The 2001 classes are crafted to take our teens yet another step forward in developing leadership qualities.

*Hot Topics* is our early teens' theme. Activities done in small group team efforts focus on real life situations. They are designed to help teens discover the missing piece to the puzzle in their relationship with Christ. Early teens will come to see that a personal relationship is not necessarily present just because one attends church or has an active church life.

*Stay on Course* is our preteen theme. These juniors will discover that if they will "Stay on Track" God will take care of them and provide for their needs as He did for the Israelites. We aren't supposed to blend in with the world like a chameleon. God wants us to always "Show Our True Colors." As juniors *Stay on Course* they will "Gain Momentum." "Bad Stuff Happens" even when we are being obedient. This is not a time to feel sorry for ourselves, but to ask for God's help. Juniors will discover how

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# Improve Your Website with a



## FREE Daily Broadcast Feed!

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### What kind of broadcast is *Born To Win*?

The *Born To Win* daily broadcast is hosted by Ronald L. Dart, who has been teaching the Bible's basic truths for more than 40 years. He is founder of Christian Educational Ministries (CEM).

### What is the *CEM InterNetwork*?

The *CEM InterNetwork* is composed of Internet Websites that host the *Born To Win* broadcast. The network was created and developed by The Bible Study Website for and in cooperation with CEM.

### Why would a Website want to be a part of the *CEM InterNetwork*?

Ronald Dart explains the Bible in a clear and understandable manner. His conversational style of teaching and preaching helps his audience grasp the timeless truths of God's word. God created Mankind to have a relationship with Him and Jesus Christ, to ultimately learn what is the best and most abundant way to live, and to live joyfully together, forever, with them in love. Humans from the beginning were created by God to win. Ron's programs uniquely point his listening audience toward this awesome goal. Your participation in the *InterNetwork* helps spread the Gospel to the whole world.

Do you want your Website to flourish and attract more visitors? Sites that frequently update their content not only draw new visitors, but keep their guests coming back again and again! The daily program feed, which needs to be set up only once, will give your site the effective, quality content it deserves.

### How can my site be set up to receive *Born To Win*?

All you need to do is visit our website at [www.cemnetwork.com](http://www.cemnetwork.com) and click on the link to the FREE Broadcast Feed. All of the instructions are provided for the RealAudio format: the HTML code and pictures you need in order to put the daily broadcast on your site.

Visit us at [www.cemnetwork.com](http://www.cemnetwork.com)!

## Daily Radio

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

**Huntsville, Alabama**

3:30 p.m. daily - WBXR 1140 AM

**Little Rock, Arkansas**

5:30 p.m. daily - KAAY 1090 AM

**Denver, Colorado**

5:00 a.m. daily - KLT 670 AM

**Pensacola, Florida**

7:00 a.m. daily - WSAG 550 AM

7:00 a.m. daily - WZNO 1230 AM

**Augusta, Georgia**

5:30 p.m. daily - WFAM 1050 AM

**Morrow, Georgia**

7:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. daily

WSSA 1570 AM

**Richmond, Kentucky**

12:30 p.m. daily - WCBR 1110 AM

**Denton, Maryland**

10:00 a.m. daily - WKDI 840 AM

**Omaha, Nebraska**

3:30 p.m. daily - KLNG 1560 AM

**Asheville, North Carolina**

4:00 p.m. daily - WSKY 1230 AM

**Mount Olive, North Carolina**

11:00 a.m. daily - WDJS 1430 AM

**Charleston, South Carolina**

4:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. daily

WZJY 1480 AM

**Greenville, South Carolina**

4:30 p.m. daily - WELP 1050 AM

**Chattanooga, Tennessee**

5:00 p.m. daily - WLMR 1450 AM

**Beaumont, Texas**

8:30 a.m. daily - KQHN 1510 AM

**Dallas, Texas**

6:30 a.m. daily - KSKY 660 AM

**Jacksonville, Texas**

5:30 p.m. daily - KLJT 102.3 FM

**Ephrata, Washington**

6:00 a.m. Monday - Saturday

KTRW 970 AM

The following stations broadcast daily at 2:30 p.m.

**Northeastern Oregon**

KGDN 101.3 FM

**Central Washington**

KGER 95.9 FM

**Moses Lake, Washington**

KTAC 93.9 FM

**Northwest Washington**

KTBI 810 AM

**Spokane, Washington**

KSPO 106.5 FM

**Yakima, Washington**

KYAK 930 AM

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to "Avoid the Ruts." This can't be done by lying to God as Ananias and Sapphira did.

*Forever Friends* is the theme for the 6 through 8 year-old primaries. "Feast With Friends" teaches that this world is not their real home. We look for a much better home with Jesus in His Kingdom. "Kindness Makes Friends," "Magic words - 'I'm Sorry!'" "A Host of Happy Hearts!" and "A Labor of Love," are also lessons these children will learn and love.

*What Will You Bee?* Is the theme for the 3 through 5 year-old beginners. The Bee-ginners will learn that God wants them to "Bee Joyful," "Bee Helpful," "Bee Still," "Bee Kind" and "Bee-lieve."

YEA's goal at the 2001 Feast is to give the parents a beehive of support in teaching their little ones and teenagers practical, godly answers. We need your support in seeing to it that your children and teenagers are in every class!



Tune in for the latest weekly broadcast.

**May 12 - May 18**

*Christian Holidays 11*

**May 19 - May 25**

*Christian Holidays 12*

**May 26 - June 1**

*Christian Holidays 13*

**June 2 - June 8**

*Christian Holidays 14*

## Radio Update

Please note the following new stations:

**Pensacola, Florida**

WSAG 550 AM

Monday - Friday

at 7:00 a.m.

WZNO 1230 AM

Monday - Friday

at 7:00 a.m.

WVTJ 610 AM

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

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