

Born to Win

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Dear Friends,

Driving home from the Feast this year, I found myself marveling all over again at how far the CEM festival has exceeded my expectations. When we were planning the first CEM festival (Kissimmee, Florida, 1996), we had a vision for what we hoped the Feast could be. We conceived of a festival run, not for an organization or a church, but for God and the people.

We wanted to emphasize several things that we felt had been, if not neglected, at least under emphasized in previous feasts. The first was worship. Instead of a church service, we looked for a *worship* service. Since the one thing we all do together in worship is sing, we dropped the sermonette, shortened the sermon and gave much more time to the song service. I still believe this, along with a better selection of music and our song leader, Brent Kern, is one of the things that gives the CEM festival it's character. This gave us an hour and a half service instead of the customary two hours, and made the service more inspirational and (dare I say it) less boring.

The next thing we wanted to emphasize was edification, so we set aside time for workshops and

seminars on various topics. We wanted people to have the option of going home refueled and ready to face the world better than ever before. Those handling the seminars felt we averaged over a hundred people in seminars every day.

We felt the Feast should be special for the children, so we planned the Youth Educational Adventures series of lessons for the Feast. These follow a curriculum designed to turn the hearts of the children to God and His family, to educate them on the Bible, and to provide active learning experiences they will never forget. One year, when we did not have classes one day, some of the little ones turned up at the classrooms and cried because there were no classes on that day. The YEA classes are held at the same time as the seminars.

The fourth thing we wanted to accomplish was to provide opportunities for fellowship. This is crucial to a festival, because it is awfully easy for a person to be alone in a crowd. The seminars and workshops provided for this in small measure, but the people said they wanted more. So we scheduled pie, ice cream and game night, the family picnic, a skating party, and various

other activities to provide opportunities to meet new friends, fellowship with old friends, and just have a good time together. Someone has suggested some new ideas for spiritual fellowship that may take shape next year.

All these things formed our original vision for a CEM festival. They have come together in ways that exceeded all our expectations. I have never attended a festival where there was a greater diversity in the beliefs of those attending, and where there was less trouble. I still can't explain the success of the Feast in any way except as the blessing of God. For that, I am truly thankful. He has touched the hearts and minds of His people, and they come to honor Him. What

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more could we hope for?

One of the things that has made this Feast work is the wonderful spirit of the volunteers who make things happen. Without them, this vision could have never come to fruition. The volunteers have formed a "Festival Association" to coordinate and organize their work.

Anyone can join. Anyone can participate. It is God's Festival, and it is your Festival, too.

I am still experiencing a warm glow from the Festival. If you missed it this year, we hope you will be able to join us next year. We have plenty of room for you, not only in our auditorium, but in our hearts as well.

Many of you who were not at the Feast this year, as well as many who were, have inquired about tapes from the Feast. Our special offer this time is you can choose any one tape from the flyer accompanying this letter *free* or you can order the entire Feast series at a drastically reduced price. Be sure to notice that on two of the tapes, two messages have been combined.

With love in Christ's service,

Ronald L. Dart

Seminars Solid Success

One of the trademarks of the Feast each year with CEM has become a variety of informative and educational seminars. The 2001 Feast was no exception. All seminars were filled to capacity, with most having to bring in additional seating.

The first day saw Reinhard Klett present a very practical seminar on "Simplifying Your Life to Make Room for God and Family" and Dr. Michael Linacre's popular and timely presentation on "Islam and New Testament Christianity."

On Thursday, we heard from Tony Kuczynski in his very informative seminar entitled "Dysfunctional Families" and Richard Schultz in part 1 of the "The True Christian Adventure," dealing with how we can and should be involved in our communities.

On Friday, Larry Watkins discussed the use of the *Born to Win* program in your local evangelistic efforts and Ron McKown and Lenny Cacchio presented part two of "The True Christian Adventure" with presentations on their prison ministry and truck-stop ministry, respectively.

Then on Sunday, Dr. Melissa Clouthier gave her highly regarded seminar on "Sin and Sickness: The Connection Between Sin and Health" and Jim Ross gave part 1 of his

informative seminar on "How We Got the New Testament."

Finally on Monday, Jim Ross gave part 2 of his seminar on the New Testament and Tony Prettyman, a public school teacher himself, presented his practical seminar on "How to Get the Most Out of a Public School Education."

All seminars were scheduled to be taped, but due to technical difficulties, not all seminars are available. If you have an interest in a particular seminar, call or email CEM and request information on the seminars.

Born to Win
Making Life Work

Tune in for the latest weekly broadcast.

November 17 - November 23

The Destroyer

November 24 - November 30

Saving the Truth

December 1 - December 7

Covenant Marriage

December 8 - December 14

Love and Marriage

December 15 - December 21

Love and Sex

Calendar Of Events

December 1st - Waco, Texas Sabbath Service

Ronald L. Dart will be speaking at a special Sabbath Service on Saturday, December 1st, starting at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Redman Hall, 4521 Speight Road. To find Redman Hall, take I-35 South (past Baylor University), exit on New Road (exit 331), go through one stop light, turn right on the next street, which is Speight. Redman Hall is a red brick building with a dome on top. If you would like more information, or directions, please contact Darrell Slinkard at (817) 645-9212.

Awesome Feast Youth Program

Excited kids and teenagers picked up their full color YEA books on the opening night of the 2001 festival. Nearly forty members of a trained teaching staff decorated classrooms carrying out the particular theme for each of the five age groups. Door hangers, name tags, posters, attendance and memory verse charts, balloons, etc. were there when 112 students entered their rooms. Young adult teenagers came into their music filled room with Krispy Kreme donuts and juice awaiting. Practical lessons to help develop leadership were enjoyed through active forms of learning. Among other things, these young adults were challenged to outline a speech using the five steps in the "Motivated Speech Sequence."

The highest attendance was in the intermediate class – our younger teens. Each relevant action-packed *Hot Topic* addressed issues teens face in today's world. They are now better equipped to put *Life's Puzzle* together, to know what their gifts are and where they are going.

Our nine through eleven year old juniors imagined what it would be like to be in the stands at a motocross race as they learned to *Stay on Course*. *Flat Tires* happen and Christians must *Avoid the Ruts*. They also must *Gain Momentum* in their race toward the Kingdom.

Friends kids make at the Feast are very important to them. The six through eight year old primaries learned all about being *Friends Forever*. Their souvenir pictures made with their heads stuck through the holes of the funny favorite friends will be long remembered.

They will also remember that *Kindness Makes Friends* and that Jesus Christ is their best friend.

Last, but certainly not least in enthusiasm, were our three to five year old tots. Each day they entered their "beehive" centered on a white picket fence decorated with flowers and bees. What a sight to behold seeing these little busy bees learn to *Bee Joyful*, *Bee Kind*, *Bee Helpful*, *Bee Still*, and *Bee-lieve!*

A dedicated, hardworking teaching staff was our greatest asset. They enhanced all five lessons with their imagination and creativity. Many long hours were put in to making each class outstanding and memorable.

Youth Activities

A jammed packed schedule of social events were provided to ensure every teenager had a Feast of a life time. Paula Frazee helped organize such activities as Laser Tag, a skating party, mini golf, a dance and a picnic to keep them having fun and providing opportunities to build relationships with others of like faith.

Youth Day

As some said last year, Youth Day is not only the best day of the Feast, but it was the best day of any Feast. The Bee-ginners were dressed in their bee costumes and delighted everyone in the congregation with their spirited version of "Bee Joyful" and "Down in My Heart." Many thanks to Joyce Green and Beth Cain for directing this choir.

Friends Forever tee shirts

were worn by the primaries as they played their band instruments and sang with the juniors who wore decorated caps. What a joyful noise! As always, Pat Nelson did a great job with this choir and band.

Teri Osborn surprised everyone with such confidence and competence in directing congregational singing. A beautifully piano presentation of "Colors of the Wind" was done by Precious Yutangco. Katherine McCommon treated us with "You Move Me" as she sang it so beautifully. Church members listened quietly as Aaron Quinn, Heather Hamilton and Precious Yutangco told how God has impacted their lives through the YEA program. Nineteen year old Bob Quinn finished off Youth Day with a sermonette on Faith.

Plans are being made for another great Youth Day in 2002 to include every teenager. Don't be left behind. Come join us for a great Feast in 2002!

Heartfelt Gratitude

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Richard and Debbie Schultz, the YEA FA Directors and all of the teaching staff who tirelessly gave of their time and organizational skills. We would also like to thank Lora and Gene Garcia-Carreras, Lisa and Chris Gregor, Pat Scott and many others who burned the midnight oil to ensure a great drama production. A big thanks as well to those who provided other youth day activities, and those who saw to it that our youth had plenty of fun things to do.

Daily Radio

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

Huntsville, Alabama
3:30 p.m. daily - WBXR 1140 AM
Montgomery, Alabama
8:30 a.m. daily - WAPZ 1250 AM
Jonesboro, Arkansas
6:30 p.m. daily - KBTM 1230 AM
Little Rock, Arkansas
5:30 p.m. daily - KAAV 1090 AM
Denver, Colorado
5:00 a.m. daily - KLT 670 AM
Pensacola, Florida
7:00 a.m. daily - WASG 550 AM
7:00 a.m. daily - WZNO 1230 AM
Atlanta, Georgia
10:30 a.m. daily - WGKA 1190 AM
Augusta, Georgia
5:30 p.m. daily - WFAM 1050 AM
Morrow, Georgia
7:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. daily
WSSA 1570 AM
Kansas City, Kansas
4:00 p.m. daily - KCNW 1380 AM
Richmond, Kentucky
12:30 p.m. daily - WCBR 1110 AM
Gretna, Louisiana
4:30 a.m. daily - WLNO 1060 AM
Denton, Maryland
10:00 a.m. daily - WKDI 840 AM
Jackson, Mississippi
7:00 a.m. daily - WTWZ 1120 AM
Omaha, Nebraska
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
Mount Olive, North Carolina
11:00 a.m. daily - WDJS 1430 AM
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
4:40 p.m. daily - WWNL 1080 AM
Anderson, South Carolina
9:00 a.m. daily - WRIX 1020 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 1360 AM
Chattanooga, Tennessee
5:00 p.m. daily - WLMR 1450 AM
Knoxville, Tennessee
5:00 p.m. daily - WITA 1490 AM
Beaumont, Texas
8:30 a.m. daily - KQHN 1510 AM

Radio Update

Please note the following new stations:

Pittsburgh, PA
WWNL 1080 AM
Monday - Friday 4:30 p.m.
Green Bay, WI
WGEE 1360 AM
Sundays 9:00 a.m.
Natchitoches, LA
KDBH 97.3 FM
Sundays 6:30 a.m.

Daily Radio

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

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.
Ephrata, Washington
KTAC 93.9 FM
Moses Lake, Washington
KGER 95.9 FM
Pasco, Washington
KGDN 101.3 FM
Spokane, Washington
KSPO 106.5 FM
Wenatchee, Washington
KTBI 810 AM
Yakima, Washington
KYAK 930 AM

Thank You

Dear CEM,

On behalf of Harvest House, Inc. and the many families we assist, I want to thank you for blessing us with the donations of food items on the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles. I would personally like to thank Pastor John Currier and Shirley George for the recommendation of Harvest House.

Harvest House is a community-supported ministry based on Isaiah 58. We assist those who are less fortunate with food and clothing, all in the name of Jesus Christ. Our logo states "from the abundance of God," and you, CEM, blessed us out of your abundance.

May the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob continue to use and bless the work of your hands.

Embrace His Grace,
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