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Personal from. . .

Ronald L. Dart

Not so long ago, I was discussing the Sabbath with a fellow who dismissed Sabbath observance as non-essential for Christians. One of the scriptures he cited was Galatians 5:1, where Paul urged the new Christians, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." In the opinion of the fellow I was talking with, the Sabbath was a part of that "yoke of bondage."

To tell the truth, I was dumbfounded. "Let me get this straight," I asked him, "these people had been in slavery all their lives working seven days a week from daylight until dark. God rescues them from that and tells them to take a day off from work once a week, and that's a yoke of bondage?" I never did get a satisfactory reply from him. But it's an interesting illustration of how we tend to look at things from a narrow 20th century perspective. And how easily we forget that the Law of God is, and always has been, a law of

liberty. God didn't bring Israel out of Egypt to put them in a new set of shackles and chains.

Yes, the fourth commandment does have a negative element in it: "Thou shalt not do any work." But more than that, it says you are not to require work on the Sabbath of anyone who works for you. To the people you let off work, that is hardly a yoke of bondage. It is freedom in action!

And yes, there are a lot of questions to be asked about what constitutes work, what we should and should not do. The law is not that specific, because life is full of variables, and we are smart enough to figure out some of these things for ourselves. God lets us do that, you know. And He allows us to use common sense in making our personal decisions about the Sabbath.

Having said all that, I'll bet there are people reading this who still want me to tell them what I think about many of the vexing questions about the Sabbath. Since anticipation is one of the traits of a winner, I have just written a booklet

titled, "Keeping the Sabbath Holy." It will not answer all your questions, but it will outline the things you have to think about when making a decision. To get a *free* copy of it, just check the box on the enclosed card and mail it back to us. By the way, single copies are free, but all of our printed material is available in multiple copies for our cost, if you want to give some to friends.

Be sure and read all of this important "Feast of Tabernacles Issue" of the Network. It is not too early to plan for the feast. I just made my reservations this week. God bless, and keep in touch.

With love in Christ's service,

Ronald L. Dart

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Festival Travel Information

Delta Airlines will once again provide their services for the Feast of Tabernacles in Niceville, Florida for 2002. You may fly into the Ft. Walton Beach-Destin airport, Pensacola or Panama City and receive the same discount (not necessarily the same fare).

For passengers originating within the continental U.S., Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, San Juan, Nassau and the U.S. Virgin Islands, the discount will be 10% off the "lowest applicable published fare." However, your reservation must be made sixty or more days in advance of your trip. The discount will be 5% if the reservation is made less than sixty days in advance.

On tickets purchased at a fare other than the "lowest applicable published fare" the discount will be 15% for flights booked sixty days or more in advance and 10% for flights booked less than sixty days in advance.

Reservations can be made directly with Delta's reservations desk at (800)241-6760 or with your local travel agency. You *must* identify the **Delta File Number 182600A** to whoever is making your reservations and this number must be designated on your ticket. This discount covers only the base fare and any other taxes, fees or charges are the responsibility of the passenger.

Northwest/Continental Airlines will also provide services for the Feast in Niceville. Their discounts are the same as Delta. Their telephone number is (800)328-1111 or use your own travel agent. As with Delta, you must identify the **WorldFile No.166716** to whoever is making your reservations.

Avis Rent a Car is offering those attending the Feast in Niceville special discounted rates for 2002. The rates are available on a full line of cars, including free unlimited mileage and no drop fee anywhere in the state of Florida. Availability can be limited, so please reserve today. Reservations can be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week through Avis at (800)331-1600 or through your travel agent. Be sure to mention the special CEM discount number of **J955207**. These special rates will be guaranteed one week before and one week after the feast. All special Florida fees, sales tax and gas charges are extra.

CAR GROUP	DAILY	WEEKLY
Subcompact	31.99	110.99
Compact	32.99	119.99
Intermediate	34.99	157.99
Full size 2DR	38.99	180.99
Full size 4DR	40.99	195.99
Premium	43.99	206.99
Convertible	57.99	293.99
Mini-Van	50.99	264.99
Luxury	57.99	293.99
Sport Utility	50.99	264.99

Festival Housing

A wide variety of accommodations with *excellent discounts* are already available for the 2002 Feast of Tabernacles. Check CEM's website at www.cemnetwork.com for a more extensive layout of housing accommodations. CEM will provide other housing information as we get it. Although you can check rates and other rental information on-line, you can only *qualify* for the discount *by telephoning the realtor, resort, or hotel directly*.

Deposits and cancellation policies vary with each facility. Sales taxes vary from as much as 12% on beach properties in Walton county to 6% in Niceville. Sales taxes are in addition to any prices quoted. Abbott Resorts adds a 3% service charge to all their rates.

If you encounter any difficulties making reservations, contact Horst Obermeit, the FA Housing and Travel Director for the 2002 Feast. You may reach him at horstw@juno.com or at (919) 242-6273.

CEM is very grateful to Horst Obermeit, Deborah Collins, Janet Hughes, Wade and Shirley Hamil, and Llavonne Schnell for their hard work and dedication in providing you with excellent discounted rates on your housing accommodations for the 2002 Feast.

Houses/Condos

Newman-Dailey

Office: 12815 Highway 98 W., Suite 100, Destin, FL 32541

Phones: (800)225-7652, (850)837-1071, (850)654-1932 Fax: (850)654-1932

E-Mail/Web Site: newday@ndrp.com, www.destinvacation.com

Newman-Dailey's office is located across from McDonald's. Rates vary widely depending on the type of accommodation you desire. Check out their web site for their 2002 vacation guide or call their toll free number. To get your 20% discount off the published rates call their toll free number and ask for the reservation department. You must tell her that you are a part of the Christian Educational Ministries group. Additional days over a week will be prorated rather than priced at a daily rate charge. Their rates contain the FUNtastic Recreation Program which includes: complimentary golf, video rentals, tickets to The Track Amusement Park, tokens to Morgan's Video Arcade, passes to the dolphin cruise and discount coupons to various shops and restaurants.

Abbott Resorts

Office: 35000 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, FL 32541

Phones: (800)336-4853, (850)837-4853

Web Site: www.abbott-resorts.com

Abbott Resorts' offices is located one block east of the Mid-Bay Bridge access road. We are a "Call-in group." To get a 10% discount off their fall condo or house rates in the Destin area you must identify yourself as part of the Christian Educational Ministries group *and give this customer number 741146*. Check out their web site for available lodging or call their toll free number. Emerald Towers two bedroom beachfront condo starts at \$138 a night and the three bedroom at \$187 a night. One bedroom beachfront condo at Sundestin starts at \$90 a night and the price range goes up to \$130 a night for a two bedroom beachfront condo.

Anchors Resorts Realty

Office: 970 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, FL 32541

Phones: (800)874-0162, (850)837-9163

Fax (850)654-1784

Web Site: www.anchorsrestors.com

Check out their web site for a variety of accommodations or call their toll free number. Prices will vary depending on the particular lodging. To get a 10% discount off their daily or weekly rates on condos and houses in the Destin area, call and identify yourself as being with Christian Educational Ministries.

Bluewater Bay Resort

Office: 1950 Bluewater Boulevard

Phones: (800)874-2128, (850)897-3614

Fax: (850)897-2424

Check CEM's web site for more specifics or call Bluewater Bay Resort's toll free number. Rates vary widely depending on the location and amenities. To get Bluewater Bay's discounted daily and weekly rates, call their toll free number and let them know that you are with Christian Educational Ministries.

Silver Shells Beach Resort

15000 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, FL 32541

Phones: (877)44-RESORT, (877)447-3767, (850)650-9998

E-Mail/Web Site: info@silvershells.com, www.Silvershells.com

They also have a new property called Silver Beach a quarter of a mile down the road from Silver Shells. Check out their web site for published rates on both properties or call their toll free number. To get a 10% discount call and tell them you are with the Christian Educational Ministries group. This luxury accommodation offers such amenities as a European spa, fitness center, indoor/outdoor lap pool, two hot tubs, children's pool, basketball, volley ball and tennis Courts, beach side cabanas, jacuzzi tub in the master bath, etc.

Jetty East

500 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, FL 32541

Phones: (800)368-0222, (850)837-2141

E-Mail/Web Site: rentals@jettyeast.net, www.jettyeast.net

Jetty East is a six-story mid-rise with covered parking, 24 hour guard, top quality tennis courts and heated pool offering one to three bedrooms and duplex suites with fully equipped kitchens. Check out their web site for further details on rates or call their toll free number. To get your 10% discount call their toll free number and tell them you are with the Christian Educational Ministries group.

Hotels

Comfort Inn – Destin

19001 Emerald Coast Highway (Hwy 98), Destin, FL 32541

Phone: (850) 654-8611

Located on 98 near the Henderson Beach State Park. When booking your room let them know that you are with Christian Educational Ministries to benefit from their discount. One to two people \$60 (\$10 additional for adults, kids under 18 are free) per night. Rooms include microwave/fridge combo, coffee maker, iron and ironing board and Continental breakfast. Indoor/outdoor pool and fitness area available.

Comfort Inn – Niceville

101 Highway 85 North, Niceville, FL 32578

Phone: (850)678-8077

When making reservations let them know that your are with Christian Educational Ministries to get your room for \$65 per night including a Continental breakfast. Kids under 12 stay free. Rooms include a microwave/fridge combo, coffee maker, iron and ironing board.

Holiday Inn Express – Niceville

106 Bayshore Drive, Niceville, FL 32578

Phone: (850) 687-9131

Reservations for these rooms have to be made by August 18, 2002 to cover the time period of September 18 - October 1. Tell them you are with Christian Educational Ministries to get a king size or double beds for \$65 per night with a Continental breakfast. Kids under 12 stay free.

Regency Inn – Niceville

4577 Highway 20 East, Niceville, FL 32578

Phone: (850)897-0600

To get a room for one or two people for \$55 per night with a Continental breakfast, tell them you are with Christian Educational Ministries. There is a charge of \$5 for each additional person. Kids under 12 stay free.

Camp Sites

Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Recreation Area

4281 S.R. 20, Niceville, FL 32578

Phone (904)833-9144

This is located on the bay in Niceville about five miles from the college. Plenty of campsites are available and no reservations are taken. You must register by 4 p.m.

The Destin Army Recreation Area

557 Calhoun Avenue, Destin, FL 32542

Phones: (800)642-0466 (reservations), (850)837-6423 (information)

This is located on the bay in Destin. You must be active or retired military or civil service (DOD) to stay here. The site also has motel rentals.

Crystal Beach RV Park

2825 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, FL 32541

Phone (850) 837-6447

It is located several blocks from the Mid-Bay Bridge entrance and across the road from the beach. Good Sam and AAA discounts.

Lake Phippen

Phones: (334) 953-3501 (reservations), (850)897-2411 (rec area number)

This is located on the Choctawhatchee Bay on the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico in the Maxwell-Gunter Recreation Area. It is about seven miles from the college. You must be military, retired military or civil service (DOD) to stay here.

Destin RV Resort

150 Regions Way, Destin, FL 32541

Phones: (850)837-6215, (850)837-5698

The RV resort is located several blocks from the Mid-Bay Bridge entrance, three blocks from the beach near Abbott Realty's main office.

Feast Activities Then and Now

Carl Dillenback

In spite of having to work around the Seafood Festival in 2001, we were able to meet all the challenges at hand. Very competent and dedicated volunteers, the good will of the community, and the folks who run the Community Center gave us support in making necessary, creative changes. The end result was a very fine Feast indeed.

The 2002 Feast promises to be even better. It will again open with our Festival Dance and Social Mixer featuring a live orchestra and a delicious buffet. The Fun and Talent Show will return this year better than ever. Our standby favorites – Family Picnic and Pie and Ice Cream Social, will again be enjoyed by all. An exciting full schedule of events are planned for our teens and preteens. A luncheon is scheduled for our singles and seniors. Our young adults have not been forgotten. Activities are being planned for you and parents of younger children. In addition we are exploring the possibility of a baby sitting service at the Feast. Your ideas and *involvement* are most welcome!

Although it is only January, I personally can't wait to see all of you again in September. Pat and I, along with all the wonderful, dedicated people who make up the Activities Committee thank you for your support. Your contributions to the Festival effort, and most of all, your participation are greatly appreciated. It makes all the work and effort that the Activities Committee puts into the Feast of Tabernacles each year well worthwhile.

Our Youth Need You in 2002!

Toni Coffee

Are you wondering how to make Festival 2002 in Niceville especially memorable? One terrific way to make the Feast very special for yourself and others is by sharing your Festival time with the children there! If you were at last year's Festival, do you remember how you felt when you saw the youth on stage on Youth Day – the children's choir, the play, the testimonials, and the youth sermon? Many thought that Youth Day was the best day of the Feast! Did you visit one of the YEA classes and see the youth making friends while learning more about God's word? These activities benefit the whole congregation – not just the children. But their success depends on having enough adult volunteers, *men and women*, available to staff the many jobs involved.

Christian Educational Ministries has several opportunities for you to serve the Church's next generation during the Feast. We need adult volunteers – men and women – for each of the Youth Educational Adventures age groups and for Youth Day activities. Whether you're an experienced teacher or just have an interest in supporting the Church's youth, please join the YEA Team. There are opportunities for teachers and assistant teachers in the YEA classrooms and for acting and dialogue coaches, choir directors, stage assistants, and others for Youth Day. *To let us know that you'd like to participate, complete the accompanying questionnaire and return it to CEM, Attention: Toni Coffee, by February 15, 2002.* We will contact you in March with information about your volunteer opportunities.

Working Behind the Scenes

Gerald Chalmers

Plans are already underway to make the 2002 Feast of Tabernacles the best ever! Part of the preparation includes a team of people working behind the scenes before and during the Feast to ensure everything runs smoothly. In the Logistics group, we've already started brainstorming new ideas and methods to improve the following areas: ushering, parents room/child care, anointing and baptism, festival registration, information, stage management/AV support and set-up/clean-up. If you are interested in contributing your ideas and/or would like to serve on this committee, please contact Gerald Chalmers at (281) 298-2943. We would love to have you join our enthusiastic and fired up group!

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. & 10:45 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**
8:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.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**
4:30 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

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

- Dallas, Texas**
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- Jacksonville, Texas**
5:30 p.m. daily - KLJT 102.3 FM
- Ephrata, Washington**
6:00 a.m. Monday - Saturday
KTRW 970 AM
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- Ephrata, Washington**
KTAC 93.9 FM
- Moses Lake, Washington**
KGER 95.9 FM
- Pasco, Washington**
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- Spokane, Washington**
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- Wenatchee, Washington**
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- Yakima, Washington**
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January 26 - February 1
Middle East & Prophecy 4

February 2 - February 8
Middle East & Prophecy 5

February 9 - February 15
Middle East & Prophecy 6

Calendar Of Events

January 19th - Arlington, Texas Meet the Teacher

Ronald L. Dart will be speaking at a "Meet the Teacher" session on Saturday, January 19th at the Bob Duncan Community Center, 2800 Center Street, in Arlington. The session will begin at 2:00 p.m., followed by a question and answer period and refreshments. If you would like more information, or directions, please contact Ralph or Becky Collins at (817) 246-1874, or call Faye Brown at the CEM office.

February 16th - Tampa, Florida Meet the Teacher

Watch the Network for information TBA.

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