

Born to Win

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Personal from. . .

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Dear Friends,

It is really sad watching people work their lives away and end up with so little to show for it. I hear from people all the time who apologize for not sending a contribution to CEM because they are living on a fixed income and have no slack at all. They can't even afford their much needed prescription drugs and they can't find a way to give money to a ministry. I always write and tell them not to worry about it, that others give so we will have the resources to make our materials available to them free of charge.

But I still wish more people had found a way to use the biblical keys to financial security so they wouldn't be faced with this in their old age. The biblical principles are not difficult or complicated. They are really quite simple, as most great ideas are.

Part of our problem is that we don't consider this question early enough. "Financial security" doesn't mean much to us in our younger years. We have our health, and we have abundant energy to tackle any challenge. We have a job and credit and can buy most things we need and some of what we merely want.

Besides, real financial security seems absolutely impossible to attain, so why try? But somewhere between the ages of 40 and 45 we start looking at things a little differently. Only 20 years stand between us and the usual retirement age—perhaps even a compulsory retirement age—and we suddenly have to face up to how *little* we're going to have when retirement comes.

Also, as we get older we begin to pay a little more attention to older people, partly because all of our friends are getting older. Our circle of acquaintances may even include a few senior citizens. You may hear something like I heard from an old-age pensioner not too many months ago: "When I first went on Social Security," she said, "I got about \$80 a month. It wasn't much, but it was enough to pay for my food and my utilities. Since I own my home out-right, I was able to make it on that. Over the years my Social Security increased to \$300 a month, but now it falls well short of paying for my food and my utilities. The cost of things I need keep on going up, but my income simply does not go up at the same rate."

Fortunately for this lady, she didn't have to make it on social security alone, because her husband had followed one of the biblical principles. Even that one principle had made all the difference for this lady at the end of her life. For too many others, Social Security has merely allowed them to starve more slowly.

I will confess that I am hesitant to talk about money

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sometimes, because some religions, churches and preachers have given all of us a reputation for money grubbing. But if I am going to teach the Bible and speak to the real world needs of our readers, I can't let this pass. The Bible has more to say about personal economics than you think, and there are two key principles that have everything to do, not only with your own financial security, but with the prosperity of your family and society in general. You may think you already know at least one of these keys, but I may have a surprise for you.

I want you to have a *free* copy of a booklet entitled, "The Lost Keys to Financial Security." The booklet is free, so just check the box on the return card and send it back to us. You don't have to send any money, although any contribution is appreciated. We just want to be sure you and your family prosper.

Be comfortable in your old age,
and keep in touch,

Ronald L. Dart

YOUNG ADULTS... **You Asked for it - you GOT it!**

Many young adults have requested a forum at the Feast where they could join other young adult Christians to study God's Word and discuss issues they face in living a Christian way of life. We're happy to announce that the Festival in Niceville this year will have just such a forum!

Plans are underway to develop a Bible Study based on

results of the Young Adult Survey that was included in April's newsletter and on CEM's web site. Details are still being worked out, but you can expect a lively, interactive study that addresses issues important to young adults. And, it's not too late to share your ideas for the Bible Study. Send your suggestions to Jeff Osborn at 110 West Wood Road, Filmore, IN 46128 or e-mail him at jmosborn@crt.com.

Make plans to join other young Christians in Niceville for a meaningful, upbeat study of God's word. Watch for more information in future newsletter articles and on the CEM web site.



**Tune in for the latest
weekly broadcast.**

June 15 - June 21
A Father in the House

June 22 - June 28
Christian Origins 56

June 29 - July 5
American Prophets

July 6 - July 12
Overcome By the World

July 12 - July 19
Christian Origins 57

Calendar Of Events

July 20th - Chicago, Illinois Christian Renewal Conference

Ronald L. Dart will be conducting a Christian Renewal Conference in Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday, July 20th and Sunday July 21st. Watch for more information or contact Faye Brown at 1-888-BIBLE-44.

August 2nd - Brisbane, Australia Christian Renewal Conference

Ronald L. Dart will be speaking in Australia for a Christian Renewal Conference at the Watson Park Conference Centre on the northern outskirts of Brisbane. The CRC will begin Friday evening, 8:00 p.m. and go through Sunday afternoon, August 4th. For more information, please contact Geoff Robertson at Christian Educational Service, Inc. by e-mailing to info@cesa.org.au.

The 7 Course CEM Feast in Niceville

The Festival Association in concert with CEM has prepared a literal spiritual and physical Feast for all who will be joining us in Niceville this year. What has been called “The Cadillac” of all Feast sites continues to improve and build upon the progress of the years before. Your suggestions have been taken to heart. A group of volunteers are preparing the most exciting and inspiring Feast to date. You are probably wondering what I mean by a seven-course Feast. Read on. The seven courses are outlined below:

1. Inspiring, encouraging, educational and timely messages for your life.
2. The most comprehensive, relevant, child and teen centered Youth Educational Adventures classes and Youth Day service you will find at any Feast site.
3. Uplifting worship services and a special praise and worship service.
4. An extensive number of activities for young, old, teens and everyone in between providing numerous opportunities for fellowship and building relationships.
5. Quality, affordable housing at a wonderful coastal location for families and people to enjoy God’s creation.
6. Workshops and seminars providing unique information on various biblical and Christian living topics from talented presenters.

You’ll notice above, if you’re sharp, or maybe just alive, that number seven is missing. What do you think that number might be...?

Well, number seven is actually quite simple. IT IS YOU! The Festival Association and CEM are asking you to serve the seventh course at our Feast site by making plans *now* to attend with us. You will find helpful information that will make planning quick and effortless right on our website at www.cemnetwork.com. We want you to share the wonderful experience that has become the Feast of Tabernacles in Niceville. Only you can make the decision to serve this last course with us at this Feast. And we hope that you will. We look forward to seeing you in Niceville September the 21st through the 28th. Great things are planned to give you a time to refresh, recharge and grow. If there is any way that our volunteer Festival Association can help with your decision, we would like to. Please E-mail me at or call me at 281-419-9104 and I will personally work to get you the information or answers you need.



Also, there is still time for you to volunteer to serve in the Festival Association. In that way you can be involved in serving the other six courses as well. This army of volunteers share their time, effort and love with others at the Feast and throughout the year. See you at the Feast; I’m looking forward to the seventh course.

- Stephen M. Clouthier, D.C.
Chairman Festival Association

All You Need to Know About Seminars

The CEM Feast of Tabernacles is intended to be the people's Feast, a Feast where there are many opportunities to participate. One way you can participate is by giving a seminar. And NOW is the time to send in your suggestions.

What is a seminar? It is a 45-50 minute presentation on any subject that would be of interest to a Christian. About the only thing it is not is a sermon. Subjects last year ranged from "Understanding Islam" to "Understanding Dysfunctional Families." The format may be a formal lecture, a completely interactive discussion, or any other format that makes sense for the presenter and subject matter.

Who can give a seminar? Anyone! You do not need to be an elder, or a regular speaker. More than one person may work together to present a seminar. There are no gender requirements, or even age requirements, within reason. [mature teens, take note]. We do ask that you have some credentials related to the subject matter you want to present, even if the credentials are nothing more than an avid interest in the subject that has led you to pursue it in great detail.

If you have been thinking about giving a seminar at Destin, there is still time to suggest your topic! Because of the way the Feast falls this year, there will be one extra day for seminars, which means there are more slots available than last year. So please, get your topic suggestions in soon.

If you have an idea, or would like to discuss an idea, 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 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, contact the seminar coordinator at:

Email: rossj@msn.com

Snail Mail: Jim Ross, 608 Havencrest Drive,
Desoto, Texas 75115.

We also need a couple of volunteers to help with coordinating the seminars at the Feast. Duties will include helping to put up signs directing people to the seminars, making sure the rooms are properly set up for the presenters and making sure that recording equipment is working properly. If you are interested in helping with this aspect of the seminars, please contact Jim Ross at the address given above.

The Feast is your festival, and we need your involvement to help make this a very special time for all.

- Jim Ross
Festival Seminar Coordinator

Feast Activities For Everyone!

Dedicated Festival Association volunteers are knocking themselves out for you to have a Feast in Niceville like no other. You've asked for it, and it looks like you will have it. Jeff Osborne has been working extremely hard this year to reinstitute the *Family Fun Show*. Don't miss this show the evening of September 25th at the Destin Community Center. The Feast will be here before you know it.

Teens - you guys have got it made! There will be Laser tag, a beach party, the Festival dance, again featuring CEM's great counter part to "Big Bad Voodoo Daddie," The White Sands Dance Band, the fun show, pie and ice cream social, mini golf, roller skating and the *incredible teen dance!* Teens bring your parents and be ready to celebrate the Feast in a fun way.

Seniors and singles - that same great get together for lunch is going to be available again this year. Plan to be there and meet new friends, while renewing old and familiar friendships.

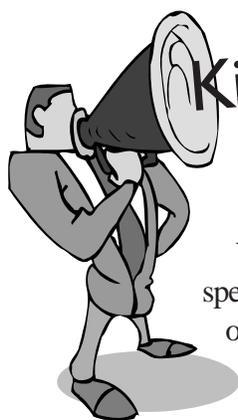
Cruise - we're sorry to say that we've been unable to schedule a cruise this year because of a lack of interest. If this is something you can't live without, check with Carl Dillenback at the activities table. Information will be available and assistance given to anyone interested in organizing a cruise.

We welcome your ideas - if you have an idea and believe there is sufficient interest in it, let Carl know. There is still time and space to get it on the schedule.

Golf - make your reservations now for "Golf At The Feast" on September 26. Meet us at the Bayou Country Club to tee off at 2 p.m. Reservations must be made and Wade Hamil must have \$65 per person no later than September 6, 2002 or you will miss out on the big event. There will be no sign up sheet at the Feast. Wade may be reached at s.hamil@att.net.

Have a wonderful summer. Pat and I are so looking forward to being with you again at the Feast in Niceville. Our love to all of you in Christ Jesus.

- Carl R. Dillenback



Kids and Teens!

We Need *YOU* for Youth Day

You are a very precious gift! Because you are so important to us, we've dedicated a special day at the Niceville Feast to you. We call it Youth Day. If you are between the ages of three and 19, we want to include you in this *special service*.

Every youth voice is needed in one of the three choirs. In addition to that, can you perform special music, give a testimonial, or would you like to perform in a skit? Here is an opportunity for you to share your talents and gain experience on stage. If you would like to be a part of this very special Youth Day, send an e-mail immediately to John Vonderhaar at jvonderhaar@juno.com and give me your name, age and what you feel your talents are.

Attention adults: Youth Day in Niceville has been said to be not only the best day of the Feast, but the *best day of any Feast*. You'll find it a delightful and gratifying experience. Please give your full support on Youth Day to our very precious gifts. Come see them perform.

- John Vonderhaar
Youth Day Coordinator

Feast Housing Tips

If you're joining us for the first time in Niceville for the Feast or just looking for the best place to stay, these tips will be helpful.

Know the designations - Having the word "ocean" or "gulf" in the designation for your accommodations may sound great. But if you want a "gulf front" don't settle for a "gulf view" or an "ocean cottage." These terms may only mean that you can see the gulf from a distance. Ask when you make your arrangements to be sure that you are getting exactly what you want.

Distance - There are hotels, condos and other accommodations in Niceville, such as the Blue Water Bay Resort, but there are more in Destin – especially on the beach. Keep in mind that if you stay in Destin, you could be 15 miles from the Okaloosa Walton Community College where services are held. This will depend on how far up or down the beach you are from the Mid-Bay Bridge. If you are staying in Destin, it may be important to find how far your accommodations are from that bridge. The college is on the north side of Niceville (but Niceville is small).

Activities - No matter where you stay, there are advantages and disadvantages. Those staying in Destin will have the advantage of being closer to most activities because they are usually scheduled on the Beach.

Toll Bridge - For those crossing the Mid-Bay Bridge there is a \$2 toll every time you cross it. If you stay on the beach in Ft. Walton, there is a road to Niceville that is a little shorter and has no toll to be paid.

Traveling By Plane - You may be able to fly into Ft. Walton Airport or the one at Pensacola. Since it's an hour by car to Destin from Pensacola, arriving at Ft. Walton Airport could be more convenient. It is within ten minutes of the Okaloosa Walton Community College and about 20 minutes from Destin.

For any further question about housing and travel arrangements, send your e-mails to horst2@juno.com or call me at 919-242-6273.

- Horst Obermeit
Housing and Travel Director

Computer Technology Improves Niceville Feast

Do you remember Mindy Czuchra's marvelous rendition of the national anthem? When we all saw the Stars and Stripe displayed along with the moving scenes of September 11 devastation, we were moved with patriotism. What a powerful opening to the 2001 Feast of Tabernacles! For the first time special computer technology was utilized at the Feast. It was a breakthrough in communications in Niceville.

It has been a real challenge to get information about activities, seminars, and YEA classes to those who attended the Feast with us. The answer came in the form of computer technology. Through the use of a computer projection system a slide program was updated daily and projected on a giant screen over the stage in the beautiful OWCC Performing Arts Center. While you brethren gathered for service or fellowshiped afterwards, information about the seminars, sermons, YEA classes, ministerial services, daily activities such as teen parties, golf tournaments and the family picnic were projected on this huge screen for you to read.

The Festival Association communication group is exploring other ways to make use of this technology. Who knows, maybe the outstanding Youth Day presentation can utilize this giant screen this year? Or perhaps a mixed-media sermon or seminar may be presented. We welcome your input. If you have ideas about this or other subjects related to communications please drop us a line.

- Ken Swiger
Communications Director

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Yes, there's construction going on – but you don't need to wear a hard hat at this construction site! At Festival 2002 in Niceville, we'll be busy working to build tomorrow's church today through YEA!

CEM has a strong commitment to its youth ministry and the Festival's YEA classes and Youth Day are highlights of the year. This year's blueprint for a memorable experience learning God's way of life begins with daily one-hour classes (except on holy days). Through full-color, state-of-the-art lessons, five different age groups will enjoy interactive classes. Students will participate in relevant activities to make learning about God and our Savior Jesus Christ memorable. These are classes the youth truly enjoy!

YEA Festival lessons are designed to motivate our young people to return to their local churches as active participants. Students attending the YEA classes in Niceville will be given their very own YEA book **FREE** so they can be prepared for every class. If you are not able to attend these excellent classes in Niceville, you can have the same books we'll be using in Niceville for your children, grandchildren, or your own Feast site. Please see the flyer enclosed in this mailing, "7 Biggest Mistakes You Will Make By Overlooking The YEA Feast Book."

Lessons for Festival 2002 include these themes and lessons for each age level:

Beginners (ages 3 to 5): *All Aboard!*

- Lesson 1: Aboard For The Feast
- Lesson 2: Our Leader
- Lesson 3: Talk To Him!
- Lesson 4: It Costs Money
- Lesson 5: Sharing
- Lesson 6: Last Stop

Intermediates (ages 12 to 15): *Zero In!*

- Lesson 1: On Loving The Feast
- Lesson 2: On A Clean Heart
- Lesson 3: On Personal Power
- Lesson 4: On The Consequences
- Lesson 5: On Worship Music
- Lesson 6: On The Greatest Day!

Primaries (ages 6 to 8): *Ready for Take-Off?*

- Lesson 1: A Joyful Trip
- Lesson 2: Safety First
- Lesson 3: The Pilot's Orders
- Lesson 4: Got Troubles?
- Lesson 5: Fellow Passengers
- Lesson 6: Final Destination



Juniors (ages 9 to 11): *Be a Winner!*

- Lesson 1: The Assembly
- Lesson 2: Team Spirit
- Lesson 3: Banner of Truth
- Lesson 4: Keep Your Focus
- Lesson 5: Who's The Greatest?
- Lesson 6: Closing Ceremony

Senior Teens (ages 16 to 19): *Plan-It on Planet Earth!*

- Lesson 1: Plan A Great Feast!
- Lesson 2: Plan to Be Free
- Lesson 3: Plan to Believe
- Lesson 4: Plan to Receive
- Lesson 5: Plan to Win!
- Lesson 6: Plan Your Reward

YEA lessons are an important part of building tomorrow's church today. Join with us in building our ministry to youth, for "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD" (Psalm 127:3) – we don't want to neglect God's heritage!

- Toni Coffee
YEA Feast Class Director

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 - KAAZ 1090 AM
- Oakdale, California**
1:00 p.m. daily - KCBC 770 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 - KLNK 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

Praising God With Music

The Niceville Feast site is known for its great music. Plans are underway to create an environment where everyone can come and enjoy the days God has set aside for worship.

In order to continue the success that we have enjoyed, we need help. Last year's Praise and Worship music was the rave of the Feast. We have listened to your feedback. But, to incorporate these changes we need your help. At least four vocalists, four guitarists, two pianists and a drummer are needed. We are also looking for anyone who can play the saxophone, trumpet and trombone. If you play an instrument or sing, and would like to volunteer your services, please let us know.

A tradition we started two years ago, was the wearing of choir robes. We will continue to do that this year because they give a uniform look. To enjoy the growth we've experienced since 1996 in Orlando, we invite any and all people desiring to sing to join us in the Festival choir. Rehearsals are loose, fun and about an hour once a day. The music is challenging, but not overly difficult. If you have the desire to sing, this should be your year to join us. Plans are to perform "Shine Jesus Shine," "Lamb of God," and one other undetermined song. The choir will continue the tradition of opening each service with an inspirational hymn. Join us in Niceville and help us raise the rafters in praise to our Great God!

- Brent Kern
Music Director
brent.kern@eds.com

Daily Radio

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

- Dallas, Texas**
10:30 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

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