

## Spotlight on Your Support

While December revenue was over \$20,000 less than last year and over \$40,000 under our target, January revenue was outstanding.

We minister at the good pleasure of the Lord and His people. Our commitment is to use the funds you contribute wisely.

Thanks so much for making it possible for us to spread the grace message, both on evangelism and discipleship, to people via our newsletter, journal, conferences, commentary, books, booklets, etc.

At times we face tough opposition and tough choices. But God gives us the grace to press on. And you are a part of that. Our prayer is that God blesses you richly and in the life to come for your generous support of this ministry. ▲

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for finances, for our staff and staffing needs (we are in need of an administrative assistant), for the physical and spiritual health of our conferees and conference speakers, for the upcoming Mar 4-6 conference to be highly edifying, for the completion of the NT Commentary project this year, for our new website as it is being designed, and for the conversion of our data to a new database program (which should occur in late March). ▲



## Notes and Letters

### Debunking Decisional Regeneration

Bob:

Thank you so much for taking the time to give your impressions of what my friend wrote about “decisional regeneration.” Your comments just solidified my conviction that faith is not a decision but a conviction or persuasion that something is true based on credible evidence. Please continue to pray for me as I seek to communicate with my friend. I want to respond with love and conviction and not just have a “knee-jerk” reaction. Above all I want to be a Berean who searches the Scriptures to see if what men are teaching squares with what God says in His Word. Let us continue to stand for the Biblical declaration that Jesus Christ guarantees eternal life for anyone who simply believes Him for it based upon the evidence of Who He is and What He has done.

DL, email

### Help Finding a Church

Bob,

Some people from our church are relocating to the Katy area outside of Houston. Any Free Grace churches that you would recommend?

DS, email

*Note: I sent the names of five churches near Katy. It is always a pleasure to help link FG people with FG churches.*

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## Winter GES Board Irving, TX January 21

Two new members joined our Southern California and Walt Miller. Two of our previous members, J. L. OK and Troy Jensen of Phoenix, AZ, off the board.

The winter board meeting is now over. We set the new budget. Instead, it was to evaluate how the various ministries are doing. We have a journal, commentary, conferences, newsletter, journal, etc.



*Ges Board from left to right: Walt Miller, Jeff Bryant, Bob, Br...*

have many years of fruitful ministry ahead, at age 55 it is time to be thinking of a successor. The board would like me to find such a person in the next few years and then mentor him for the next few years after that. Five to ten years down the line he would take over the role as executive director and I would continue to work for GES, but in a different capacity, with an emphasis on writing more.

Walt and his wife Rosy drove up the day before and Sharon and I were able to host them that night. We enjoyed a great time together. ▲



*Bob, Jeff Bryant, Brad Doskocil, and Walt Millet about to chow down*

## GES's Thirteenth Annual Conference: The Grace Conference SWBTS, Fort Worth March 4-6, 2008

Registrations at press time are above where they were last year at this time. If you haven't registered yet, don't wait until the last minute. SWBTS is handling the registration. You can go there via our website (click on

In other words, until a person believes that what he has received from the Lord Jesus is permanent and cannot be lost, whether he understands that as eternal life, salvation, or living forever with Him in His kingdom, he is not yet born again. A person cannot believe in Christ alone for his eternal destiny and also believe that he must do something to keep it.

If you have any questions about our clarified Affirmations, please call or write. I would love to talk with you about them. ▲

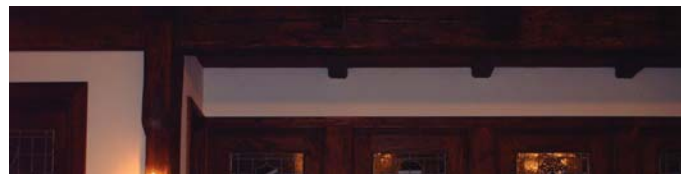
## Frisco Bible Study January 19

For over a decade now a group of Free Grace friends have had a Bible Study at Burt Jordan's home in Frisco, TX, a Dallas suburb. The group includes two friends who are fellow Dallas Theological Seminary grads, Bob Swift (Th.M. 1975) and David Renfro (Th.M. 1978). Both of them are outstanding Bible scholars.

Others in the study, besides Burt, Bob, David, and I include the guy who led me to the Lord in 1972, Warren Wilke, Lisa Kelly, Carol Swift, Linda Renfro, Cathy Beach, formerly the Chief Operating Officer at GES and now Warren's COO, and Sharon. It is such a joy to meet with these friends and occasional guests once or twice a month.

Joining us this time was GES Board member Frank Tyler and George Niemelä, eldest son of John and Diane. (George drove out from Southern California with Frank, bringing thousands of copies of the Living Water Gospel of John booklets, as well as displays, many of which will be displayed and given out at the GES National Conference Mar 4-6.)

I taught on the healing of the paralytic and of Tabitha in Acts 9:32-43. ▲



## Victor Street Bible Study Dallas, TX January 13

Continuing in a series on Acts of Chapter 9: "Miracles Prepare the Way" (Acts 9:32-43).

It is somewhat surprising in Acts 9 that Peter, the apostle to the Jews, is the first one to minister to the Gentiles, not Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles. It is such a powerful event that it covers chapters 9, 10, 11, and 15.

At the end of Chapter 9 God tells us the place he will be when God gives the sign to Cornelius and where he is when he comes to him.

Once again two cities are featured. The two miracles which are reported were ministering in the power and authority of the Lord for both of these miracles are on record as well.

In Lydda Peter heals a paralytic who had believed in the Lord in faith. This reminds me of the Lord Jesus did as reported in Acts 9. It sets the stage for the conversion of Cornelius's household. Cornelius is a sort of Gentile who never moves in the story. God will use him to set him free from his spirit of bondage.

In Joppa Peter raises a woman who had been dead and many believe in the Lord. This miracle reminds us of two times the Lord Jesus raised the dead, Luke 7:11-17 the widow's son, who was lifted up in Acts 9:40-41. Luke 8:40-56 (Jesus raises Jairus' daughter). Those miracles are reminiscent of the raising of young boys from the dead in Acts 13:17-24 and 2 Kings 4:32-37).

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