

Partners In Grace

February 2009
Presidents and Groundhogs



Coast Bible Church San Juan Capistrano, CA January 18

I spoke in Sunday School on 1 Thess 5:1-11. See below under Church of Hope for more details. I also gave a short five-minute presentation in the worship service about GES and the passing of Zane Hodges. I enjoyed a great time of fellowship over lunch afterwards at a nearby mall with a large group from the church, including Pastor Neil, his wife Casey, and their son Bennett.

Church of Hope Laguna Hills, CA January 18

Pastor Freddy Cortez picked the same passage as did Pastor Neil Anderson of CBC. Church of Hopes meets in the afternoon. So at 2:00 I preached, calling believers to realize that we will not go through the wrath of the Tribulation, but that we should be watchful, not morally asleep. Watchful believers are prepared for the Rapture and the Lord's "Well done."

After the service we had a nice meal together, and then from 4:00 to 5:00 I fielded some outstanding questions from the congregation.

It was a very encouraging time.



Winter GES Board Meeting Fullerton, California January 17

Frank Tyler presided over this meeting as the new chairman and did a fantastic job. Troy Jensen of Phoenix, AZ has come back on the Board after a time away. Brad Daskocil rotated off. The other Board members are Jeff Bryant (secretary/treasurer), Walt Millet, and me.

We met in Southern California since the chairman lives there and Troy Jensen and I have family in the area we're able to stay with while there, thus saving hotel costs.

We had a very productive meeting. The major issue was a mandate. The Board gave me a mandate to get the commentary in print by the end of October. I believe we can do it if I keep the Board's mandate in mind.

Financially we have almost identical half-year revenue (July-Dec) as we did last year. That is good news. In spite of the bad economy, we are doing okay. While we are behind where we'd like to be to reach budget, we have a good shot at our revenue coming close to budget. Thank you for your support.



Ges Board Members (left to right) Frank Tyler, Jeff Bryant, Bob, Troy Jensen, Walt Millet

Grace on the Go

February	8	RidgePoint Fellowship, Dallas, TX
	27-28	Jansen (NE) Bible Church Bible Conference
March	1	Jansen (NE) Bible Church
	30-Apr 2	GES National Conference, Ft. Worth, TX

Free Grace Bible Church

Richardson, Texas

January 4

Pastor John Brumett was out of town and he asked me to speak on tough texts in First John in relation to assurance. I spoke twice and thus discussed several passages in First John in each of the two services. In the first hour we looked at the purpose of First John as well as at 2:3-11; 2:19; 3:9; and 3:10. In the second hour we considered 3:14; 4:8; and 4:17-19.



Free Grace Bible Church



08 Conference Banquet

GES's 14th Annual National Grace Conference:

March 30–April 2, 2009

SWBTS, Fort Worth

We have another great line up of speakers. The plenary speakers include Jody Dillow, Tony Evans, Steve Lewis, Lon Gregg, John Niemela, Dan Hauge, Bob Bryant, and me. We are even having a best-of message by Zane Hodges. There will also be one session in which about ten of us share what Zane taught us.

Registrations at press time are a bit behind where they were last year at this time. SWBTS is handling the registration. You can go there via our website or by calling the Riley Center at 817-923-1921 x2440. Please help us get the word out.

I believe there are a few guest rooms left in the Riley Center. If they run out, there are many hotels very close to the Riley Center including the Amerisuites, Radisson, and Hampton Inn (or a Motel 6 if you really want to save). You can get their phone numbers from SWBTS.

Notes and Letters

Liked Grace In Focus Article on Mac

Thanks for the article in the latest GIF responding to MacArthur. Good in so many ways. I share your feelings over the passing of Zane, and count myself specially blessed of God to have been taught by him.

—PC, Email

Liked Grace in Focus Article by Lon Gregg

Wow. Great issue. Seeing Lon Gregg on the cover was blessing. I need to get a hold of him. He was very influential 20 years ago as many of us wrestled with the free grace issue.

—KD, email

Cheers for Assurance Help

I really wanted to thank you for your pages on assurance of salvation [on the GES website]. I found they were amazing. They have helped me find the peace I have needed for so long. They have shown me what the faith is all about: not about my works, but about believing in Jesus Christ, God's gift. Not my works. Cheers. I can now relax and live my life normally without being fanatical or burdened by works, praise God.

—CB, email

Prayer Requests

Please pray for us to have the entire commentary edited and typeset by April 16th (then proofing begins), for our finances, for our hiring of part-time staff, for the physical and spiritual health of our conferees and conference speakers, for the upcoming conference to be highly edifying, for Kyle's back, and for Bob's recovery from the fog he's been in since Zane and his Mom died.



Burt and Bob



Bob & Sis in Nephew's New Electric Car

January Financial Report

January Budget	\$27,740	YTD* Budget	\$194,180
January Revenue	\$20,313 <-\$7427>	YTD Revenue	\$189,335 <-\$4845>

* Our fiscal year runs from July to June

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