

# Partners *in* Grace

March 2008

## Ridge Pointe Fellowship Church

Dallas, TX

February 3

Pastor Bob Vacendak was out of town for the weekend and so I was privileged to speak at his church for both adult Sunday school and church. Bob knew I've been preaching through Acts, so he asked me to do Acts 5:1-11 in Sunday school and Acts 9:19-31 in church. Both messages were well received.



## Bayside Community Church

Tampa, FL

February 23-24

On this occasion I spoke on two famous passages from Daniel: The three men in the fiery furnace (Daniel 3) and Daniel in the lions' den (Daniel 6). While these are narratives, they do contain outstanding and highly practical doctrine. Plus the author of Hebrews alludes to both of these passages in Hebrews 11:33-35, "[Time would fail me to tell of...those who] stopped the mouths of lions [Daniel], quenched the violence of fire [Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego]...that they might obtain a better resurrection." I pointed out that the better resurrection was not the kingdom of hell, but abundant life and ruling with Messiah in the life to come versus simply being in the kingdom forever.

## Victor Street Bible Chapel

Dallas, TX

February 11

The train that is slowly moving through the Book of Acts made it to Acts 10:1-23, "Openness Is Vital to Christian Maturity." Both Peter and Cornelius show that they are open and responsive to God. In some ways this passage shows Peter in his finest hour. He overcomes a lifetime of prejudice against certain foods and against Gentiles in a few moments as a result of a vision from God. God first had to change the messenger before He could send him to Cornelius and his household to deliver the message.

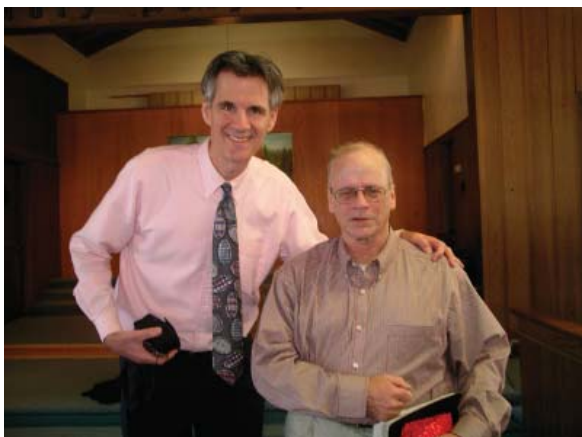


I really enjoyed everyone there. Once again I played a few word games (Boggle and Upwords) with Margaret Riedel and her daughter Heidi. And they slaughtered me again. I am amazed at the words they know. Something is lacking in my education.

## Prayer Requests

Praise: conference registrations are good; conference speakers appear to all be healthy; final details for the conference are going well; we've started making excellent progress on the NT commentary; Sharon is really enjoying her new jobs, working for a chiropractor 2.5 days a week and working for a woman in an assisted living center (and even helping out in the GES office occasionally).

Please pray for: the conference to be highly edifying; the finances needed to run the ministry; Kyle's efforts to hire an administrative assistant; Bob's Mom (she's been in the hospital for several weeks recovering from a fall that bruised her hip; and she had anemia that required her to receive 3 units of blood); changes to our website and to our database program; completion of the editing of our NT commentary by mid-September; churches on our Grace Church Tracker list; Zane's ministry and his work on his Roman's commentary; and the impact of our newsletter, journal, and website in the lives of people all over the world.



*Bob and Vince Deegan from Victor Street Bible Chapel*

## Thirteenth Annual GES Conference

**March 4-6**

We will give loads of pictures next month. At press time, with a week to go before the conference, there are 164 people registered. It looks likely that we will have around the same number as last year (200).

If you aren't able to attend this year, you can get the MP3s of all 48 messages, or you can get DVDs of the 12 plenary sessions. In addition, it appears that Don Reiher, a long-time friend of GES, will be stream-

ing the audio of the 12 main sessions on his website. There you can listen to the messages live. Here is his website: <http://connect.palcs.org/fgconnect>



*Bob fellowshiping with members from Bayside Community Church*

## Spotlight on Your Support

Although we have been the object of a fair amount of criticism over the last year or two from others in the Free Grace movement, we continue to produce many excellent of Free Grace articles, booklets, books, commentaries, conferences, etc. Your partnership makes this possible. While we may not have a lot of praise from men, it is the Lord's praise and His "Well done" that we long for.

This July will mark the start of my 24th year heading up GES. Many of you have been partners in this ministry most or even all of that time. Thank you for your fellowship in this gospel ministry.

## Grace on the Go

- March 4-6 GES Conference, Dallas, TX
- 14-16 Jansen (NE) Bible Church and Conf.
- 28-30 Coast Bible Church Retreat, Big Bear, CA
- April 4-6 Faith Evangelical Bible Church,

## February Financial Report

February Budget \$32,100 YTD Budget \$256,800\*

February Revenue \$17,087 <\$15,013>

YTD Revenue \$207,442 <\$49,358>

\*Our fiscal year runs from July-June