



Partners In Grace

May 2009



Bob Wilkin with members of VRBF

NT Commentary in Proofing Stage!

Finally. This commentary was begun in 1990. It was put on hold from around 1994 till around 2002, with the emphasis shifting to stand alone commentaries. Over the last few years we have really pushed to get this in print. Now, at last, we are close enough to completion to believe the commentary will be in print by the end of the year, if not sooner. Our goal is to have it in print by November 1st.

We have sent out ten of the commentaries already. We are sending more daily. We hope to have all of them to the authors in the next few weeks. Some of the commentaries are still too long. Each author will read his own work carefully, eliminating typos and other errors. If they are over in their word count, they will also reduce its length at this time. Please pray for this important process.

What a joy it is to read these commentaries. They are filled with excellent insights into the text. Of course, not only is it a joy. It is a challenge too. Doing a good job at editing is as hard as doing a good job at writing.

We hope to have the commentaries back from the authors by the second half of May. Then we will typeset the entire commentary before we then proof the entire commentary one last time.

BTW, you can see the proposed commentary cover at our new facebook site. See below for details on facebook.

Visit New GES Facebook Site

We finally gave in. There are just too many excellent free features available on facebook. If you don't have a free facebook account, please get one. I did and it only took about 2 minutes. Once you have an account go to: www.tinyurl.com/gesfacebook. This will take you right to our "wall" and from there you can see pictures, articles, and blog posts.

From now on our extra Partner's in Grace pictures that we can't fit in this short newsletter will be posted at our facebook site. Check it out. If you do, then you become a fan of GES. How cool is that? Peace out.



Victor Street Congregation

Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship

April 19

Pastor Philippe Sterling asked me to speak on the salvation of Lydia and the Philippian jailer (Acts 16:6-40). I love those passages. Acts 16:31 is the John 3:16 of Acts. I love telling the story of John Harper, the Titanic's last hero. While floating in the wreckage he managed to lead a fellow shipwreck victim to faith in Christ using just Acts 16:31.



VRBF Congregation

Victor Street Bible Chapel

April 26

Continuing our journey through Acts, we came to Acts 18:1-17 and Paul's planting of the church in Corinth. Unlike in other cities, Paul was not attacked and was not forced to leave. He was able to spend 18 months there leading people to faith in Christ and then building them up in the faith.

The people in Corinth were not a particularly godly bunch. Indeed, Corinth was well known in the Roman Empire as a notoriously immoral city. Yet God had Paul spend lots of time here. We may think the best strategy is to minister to the well born, the wealthy, and the highly educated. But God wanted Paul to minister to all, and especially to the low born, the poor, and the poorly educated (cf. 1 Cor 1:26). I take comfort in that.

Meeting with Dr. Earl Radmacher

April 20

On Monday morning I received a call from Dr. Radmacher. He was in town and wanted to know if I could join him and Joe Lombardi for lunch. Off I went for a delightful time. We spent nearly 3 hours together and most of the time they were encouraging me. Dr. Radmacher indicated that he was concerned that I might be down after several negative things that have been written about me, GES, and Zane Hodges in the past few months. He and Joe wanted me to know that I was loved and appreciated.

I was very touched. God sent them at just the right

Final Days of Annual Conference Went Well

April 1-2

The last two days of the conference were not in any way a drop off. All four days were powerful times of Biblical exposition and fellowship. The conference MP3s just arrived at our office in late April and we've started mailing them out. There's one with your name on it if you want it. Just let us know.

We had trouble getting the conference pictures online. Now you should be able to see them. We have included a few in this newsletter as well.

The conference evaluations were very favorable. I quote some under "Conference Comments."



2009 GES Annual Conference Attendees

Conference Comments

- "First time, and will return."
- "I loved everything!"
- "I am a first timer conference attender. This was excellent."
- "Great as usual."
- "Can't wait for the next conference."
- "A great time of renewal."
- "Great job; great topic; great speakers; thoroughly enjoyed."
- "Sweet fellowship this year."
- "Our best conference yet."
- "Coffee!"
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- "I ate too much."
- "Enjoyed very much."
- "Always a great refreshment and time of good fellowship."
- "Great! Best yet!"
- "Outstanding—Keep them coming!"
- "Thank you!!"
- "Awesome—I enjoyed it!"
- "Great job! I appreciate the in-depth look at Scripture."

April Financial Report

April Budget	\$27,740	YTD* Budget	\$277,400
April Revenue	\$21,980	YTD Revenue	\$255,429
	<-\$5,760>		<-\$21,971>

* Our fiscal year runs from July to June