

# Notes & Letters

## Such Wonderful News!

I just finished reading *Secure and Sure* and I absolutely loved it! I always know when I'm reading a book filled with the grace of God, because I don't want the book to end. That's how it was for me reading this precious book. I giggled out loud several times while reading this book, because the gospel is such good, glad, glorious, wonderful news! This book is definitely a grace gem and one that I will gladly give away to others! Many thanks to Bob and GES for your vital ministry!

V.L. - Valparaiso, FL

## GES—An Integral Part

The ministry of GES was part of my pilgrimage out of Lordship salvation. The tapes and writings of GES were a great resource for me at the time, and continue to be so today as well. I hope you will find encouragement from my testimony.

K.M. - Jacksonville, FL

## Written Just for Me

I recently ran across the Nov/Dec issue of *Grace in Focus*. I had put it aside and never read it. The "Present Faith" article was written for me! For over thirty years I have doubted my

salvation because I could not remember the experience as a child. Actually I believe I was asked to repeat the sinner's prayer and never understood. It has only been a little over a year that I truly believed Jesus' promise for eternal life.

C.B. - Marietta, GA

## Walking in Faith

First of all, I would like to express my thankfulness for your publication *You Can Be Sure!* by Bob Wilkin. For years I lived in fear and doubt about losing my salvation. One of the blessings of being incarcerated is that I learned that my salvation is secure and does not depend on my works. That I can now walk in faith and not fear, motivated by God's love and joy. I am no

longer insecure that I must be perfect, walking the fine line of a treadmill of works. Hallelujah! Keep on spreading the great word. God bless you and thank you!

J.M. - Lakeland, MI



So-Sheung Fong, a DTS grad, with Mike & Letitia Lii

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## Christ Community Church Modesto, CA

May 15

I've known Pastor Darrell Cummings and his wife Sherry for about 5 years now. Twice I spoke at his previous church.

Darrell and Sherry's new church meets at her parents' almond orchard in a tent. This was the first time I can recall preaching in a tent. It was great. They now have over 100 present each week and they need a bigger tent! What a great problem to have. I spoke on assurance from John 11:25-27 where we learn that Jesus is the Christ—the resurrection and the life—and all who believe in Him have (presently) everlasting life. There is no reason to doubt Him!

Everyone was so friendly and receptive.

On this trip I was able to visit with Mike (a former employee and close friend) and Letitia Lii as they live in nearby South San Francisco. It was great to see them and their son, Payton, again. We enjoyed some nice meals and fellowship together. 




Pastor Darrell Cummings leading worship

## Berean Memorial Church Irving, TX

May 8

I spoke on the incident in First Chronicles (Chapter 13) where David with good intentions tried to move the Ark of the Covenant with a cart. The result: Uzzah died when he reached out to steady the Ark. What lesson can we learn from this today? Do God's work God's way. No amount of good intentions or religious fervor will compensate for doing things the wrong way. For example, God gave us the gospel for a reason. We aren't free to try to improve on it!

It was good to be back at this solid church while Pastor Adkins was on a youth retreat. 



Berean Memorial before Bob spoke on Sunday morning

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## Financial Report

May Revenue	\$23,201
May Budget	\$27,320
YTD Revenue	\$335,100
YTD Budget	\$300,520



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Mark Piland (left) and Bob (right) visiting with Bob Rowley at his graduation party



Sharon visiting with the Rowley's and a friend



Daniel, a new GES employee, and his wife Jennifer


## New Taping Ministry with Zane Hodges

May 5

Zane and I met and taped an interaction on two texts in Matthew 7:15-20 and 7:21-23. Both discussions ended up great.

Zane has agreed to do this once a month as a joint venture for Kerugma (his ministry) and GES. Eventually Kerugma and GES will offer CDs and tapes of these discussions. For now you can hear the first two discussions on the computer at our website.

What a joy it was and will be to do this. Zane is so easy to talk to and his answers are so profound.


We also have plans to transcribe these interactions and make them into a book someday. 

## Next Year's Conference

Dallas, TX

February 27–March 2

The date of next year's conference is Feb 27–Mar 2. We will meet for the first time at the Crowne Plaza Hotel which is a fantastic hotel. Every guest room is a suite with a microwave and refrigerator and a couch that makes into a bed. Please mark your calendars.

We are in the process of lining up speakers for next year. So far Zane Hodges, Brian Fisher (Pastor of Grace Bible Church, College Station, TX), Kem Oberholzer, and J. Paul Tanner (just returned from Jordan Theological Seminary) have agreed to speak, in addition to Bob. And Tony Evans essentially already committed himself when he spoke this year! 

## Grace on the Go

June

- 5 Brenham (TX) Bible Church
- 19 Grace Chapel, Orange, CA
- 26 Lake Cities United Methodist Church, Lake Dallas, TX

July

- 3 Frisco (TX) Bible Church
- 10 Vista Ridge (TX) Bible Church
- 28-29 Grace Leadership Conference, Lake Zurich, IL
- 30-31 TBA, preaching in the Chicago area


August

- 12-14 Northgrove Evangelical Church, Forreton, IL
- 20-21 LSU (Baton Rouge, LA) Faculty Club, Nick Kalivoda's Bible classes
- 26-27 So. Cal. Regional GES Conference, San Juan Capistrano, CA

## Dallas Seminary Discipleship Group


May 4

We had our last meeting for the Spring semester. And it was a very good one. We reviewed my debate with Dr. James White (even watching some of the DVD). And we did impromptu sermons. I gave each one 5 minutes to pick a passage and rough out a sermon outline. I spoke first, on James 2:14-17. Each one really enjoyed the experience. All indicated this would be a good thing to continue next year as well.

Shawn Leach and Mark Schmahl will no longer be in the group as they both graduated. Mark is going back to Tennessee to serve on the staff of his home church. Shawn is going to Nebraska to serve as the pastor of a church. We wish them both well and hope to see them in their ministries soon. 

## Help Us End the Year Well


Our fiscal year ends June 30th. For the past few years we've come in well under budget. This year is a big change. We are in a position to end the year well above budget. If so, this will improve our reserves and allow us to increase our budget for the next fiscal year.

For those who are able to make a special gift this month, it would be very helpful to our ministry for the coming year. We greatly appreciate your support. Thank you for your partnership with us in proclaiming the grace message. 

## Two GES Regional Conferences

LaGrange, GA and Orange County, CA

Those of you who live in California should mark your calendar for August 26-27. Zane Hodges, Bob Wilkin, and Arch Rutherford will be the keynote speakers. In addition, there will be as many as 12 workshop speakers, including area pastors, and Chafer Seminary faculty and students. We will meet Friday night from 7-10 and Saturday from 9-6.

Those of you in or near Georgia should mark your calendar for September 22-24. Colonel Ken Yates, an Army Chaplain who will just be returning from South Korea, and Bob Wilkin will be the keynote speakers. Each will speak 6 times. The conference will run Thursday night through Saturday afternoon. 



Sunday morning at Christ Community



GES partners Dave & Olga Erkenbrecher with their daughter at Christ Community



Jeremy, a new employee, with his wife Wendy and their two kids, Taylor (3) and Selah (1)