

# Notes & Letters

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## Ministering to Australia Through the Internet

Thank you very much for letting us read about your thoughts relating to God's Word which sets us free which is the truth indeed! Yours in Christ Jesus,

R.P. - Queensland, Australia

## Sound Teaching!

Thank you for your sound teaching. I hope you will return to Omaha soon.

M.R. - Omaha, NE

## A Blessing to Many

I wanted to thank you for the wonderful ministry that you are fulfilling in the Evangelical world. I think I go to your website almost every day for help in my studies. If it wasn't for GES, I think my Bible teaching would be like a ship without a rudder...If it wasn't for GES, I shudder to think what I might have been teaching to others these past ten years. THANK YOU and keep up the good work. You ARE making a difference—even in remote places like Montana. (Most of the people in the church here have never heard that eternal life is theirs simply and only by believing in Jesus Christ for it! I love to see the lights come on in their eyes!)

J.M. - Fortine, MT

## The Gospel in Booklet Form

Your booklets are still a positive influence here. I leave them at my bookstore...many people take extra copies to give out....Keep up the good work.

C.B. - Conyers, GA



Bob visiting with his mother and sister on July 4th

## A Little Confused

By his [Bob Wilkin, "Testing the Spirits in Evangelism," GIF (May/June 2002)] argument C.S. Lewis would not be saved. I spent the first five years in a [particular denomination]...Thank goodness it was not as legalistic as some I have encountered, but nevertheless I understood what their position was, i.e. one unconfessed sin at your death and off to hell with you...I also experienced my utter failure to live to their standards...and later understood no one in the church was living up to them

either but they couldn't even admit it, never mind seek help...The few that were upright were somewhat self-righteous. Now I loved these first brothers and sisters in Christ and I believe they will get to heaven, (though I think they will be somewhat surprised)...I do not think one has to have full understanding of everything to be saved...

R.P. - Bristol, TN  
Internet Reader

## Frisco Bible Church

### Frisco, TX

July 9, 11

Frisco, Texas is an up and coming area Northwest of Dallas. This was my third or fourth time to speak at Frisco Bible Church. The church continues to experience consistent growth. Now they have three services, one on Friday night and two on Sunday morning.

They were in the midst of a series on 1 Timothy 3 and Pastor Wayne Braudrick asked me if I could simply take the next part of the series. I found out that I'd be covering only the second half of verse 8 which reads: "not given to much wine, not greedy for money." What a challenge! Alcohol and money are two of the most controversial issues in Christianity.

It was actually good for me to preach on such a small portion of Scripture. Normally I preach paragraphs or even chapters. But this allowed me to explore in detail the biblical teaching on alcohol and on money.

I received lots of positive comments.

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Frisco Bible Church on Sunday morning

## Grace Church of Fountain Valley

### Orange, CA

July 4

Since Pastor George Meisinger was out of town for the Fourth of July weekend, I was privileged to speak at Grace Church on Independence Day. The entire third chapter of Second Peter was the text. "Promised Righteousness Is Coming Soon" was the title of the message.

I've preached 2 Peter 3:9 several times. But this was my first time to preach the entire chapter. I felt it was much more effective. The people at Grace Church were very encouraging.

I was also able to visit with my Mom a number of times on this trip, which was great. My sister Pam and I took Mom to our nephew Bob Sihler's house for the Fourth of July.

Mom came down with a touch of pneumonia and bronchitis after I left and was briefly hospitalized. Your prayers for her recovery, and for her to come to faith in Christ, would be much appreciated.



Grace Church members after Bob's message on 2 Peter 3

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## Financial Report

July Revenue	\$23,988
July Budget	<i>pending approval</i>
YTD Revenue	\$23,998
YTD Budget	<i>pending approval</i>



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## Grace on the Go

### August

8 RidgePointe Fellowship, Dallas, TX

### September

5 Oak Hills Community E-Free Church  
Argyle, TX

### October

3 Bayside Community Church, Tampa, FL

### November

16-19 The Annual Meeting of the Evangelical  
Theological Society, San Antonio, TX

Note: If you would like to schedule Bob to speak at your church, please contact us by phone at 972.257.1160 or by email at ges@faithalone.org.




*Bob & Sharon enjoying dinner with Arch & Carolyn*

## Arch and Carolyn Rutherford


### July 7

Arch and Carolyn were in Dallas for a conference and also Sharon and I were able to go out to eat and visit with them one evening. (Arch is the Pastor of Coast Bible Church in Southern California and was one of our featured speakers at this year's GES Conference.) We had a great time at the new Gaylord Texan Hotel, which is like the Grand Ole Opry Hotel in Nashville.

Arch suggested we look into having our annual conference there in the future. I saw the meeting rooms and their hotel room and it is really nice. Possibly in 2006 we might consider them, although the Harvey Hotel continues to be a great venue. 

## The 2005 Grace Conference

We're excited about next year's conference. We have five speakers already committed and are in the process of contacting several others.

Thus far Dave Anderson, Kem Oberholtzer, Brian Fisher from Grace Bible Church in College Station, J.B. Bond from Countryside Bible in Oklahoma City, OK, and Bob Wilkin have committed. Pray that we will find several more speakers and that next year's conference will have a great impact on those that attend and those that hear the messages on tapes and CDs after the conference. 




*FBC elders Richard Bush and Tom Sears visiting with Bob*



*Tracy Bush, her daughter Patricia, and Deanna Eells*

## Frisco Bible

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In a sense it was a bit of a miracle I could speak because I had a bad case of bronchitis. But it let up some Friday night and again Sunday morning so I could get through the sermons. The next day I could hardly talk, so it really was God's grace that carried me through. 


## Spotlight on Your Support

As I reflect on 17 years as the head of GES, I'm amazed at what God has done. We have grown beyond my wildest dreams. Our publications are reaching people all over the world. The annual conference had over 300 attendees this year!

Success concerns me, however. Whenever we grow, I check to make sure that we are taking an uncompromising stand on grace issues. If we lose our message, then GES should cease to exist. In our ecumenical age, there is always the temptation to compromise theologically so more people can be involved. But our message is our ministry.

Rest assured that we at GES are totally committed to standing firm for clarity in evangelism and discipleship.

We do hope to grow. But if we do, our commitment is that it will not be because we have broadened our theology to bring more into our tent.


Thank you for your support of the Free Grace message. Together we are making a big difference. 

## Missionary Mike Duffy Visits GES



I've known Mike Duffy for nearly 20 years. He is a DTS graduate who for a time actually lived at Art Farstad's house as he worked as a Dallas Firefighter. Zane Hodges once taught Mike and I the book of Second Peter in a discipleship group.

Mike has been a missionary in the Netherlands for about a decade. He ministers there to Hindustani people.

We met on July 23 to discuss the possibility of my speaking in the Netherlands next Spring to the missionaries there. 



*Grace Church members visiting with each other*



*Sunday morning at Grace Church*



*Mike and Letitia Lii with their son Payton at Grace Church*