

Notes & Letters

Ovation from Omaha

We want to thank you for the conference this last weekend in Omaha! We appreciated the teaching and also the workshops. It takes planning and some sacrifice to make these conferences a reality!

I.D.K - e-mail

Kudos for the Journal

I just received my first issue of the Journal of the Grace Evangelical Society. I think it is absolutely "awesome!" Thanks!

M.S. - Baltimore, OH

Freedom in Prison

I'm 66 [and have been] in prison for 30 years... Quite a while ago...about 6 or 7 months...I was reading Faith Works by John MacArthur, when I read a quote he attributed to the Journal of the Grace Evangelical Society. I thought, "What is that?" I'd never heard of it, and due to my restricted condition, it has taken me until last night, in a letter from a friend, to learn what it is... Please add me to the mailing list for Grace in Focus.

T.O. - Raiford, FL

Grace and Eternal Security

I am still wading thru all the articles and Scriptures about saving faith. As I was studying and coming across papers on eternal security from other perspectives, I noted the anger most, if not all, have who do not hold to the eternal security of the believer. I noticed also that the Free Grace position is always seeking Scripture first. God bless you today!

B.Y. - e-mail

Prison Security

I used chapter 17 of Secure and Sure last night to talk to an inmate who was struggling to believe that he was still saved. I had spent about 20 hours with him over the last 3 months going chapter by chapter through Stanley's book [Eternal Security] and we concluded our study last night using Bob's book. The inmate

who is in his 40's has reached the point in his faith where he is convinced of his salvation, and now wants to be baptized.

L.P. - Pearl River, LA



Dean Thompson, Shannon & Jim Meisinger & John Niemelä



Bob at Victor Street with Joe, Carlos, and Luis

Financial Report

July Budget	\$29,212*
July Revenue	\$24,374 (-\$4,838)
YTD Budget*	\$29,212*
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*Budget approximate until July 31 board meeting

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Omaha GES Regional Conference Omaha, NE

July 7-8

Regional conferences are a new and exciting ministry for us. Last year we had two, one in CA and one in GA. This year we have five planned: Omaha, Southern California, Atlanta, and two in Washington State.

Our first Omaha regional had slightly over 100 in attendance, which is fantastic. The main sessions by Dr. John Niemelä, Col. Ken Yates, and myself were well received. There were also nine outstanding workshops presented by Dan Hauge, Paul Carpenter, Shawn Leach, Lonnie Hofer, John Niemelä, Ken Yates, and myself. All fifteen messages are available on MP3 format for just \$15. Here are the main session titles by speaker:

Niemelä: "Believers' Who've Never Known Christ's Promise?"
 Yates: "Grace Theology in the Book of Hebrews, I & II,"
 Wilkin: "Whatever Happened to the New Earth?"
 "What's the Purpose that Drives Your Life? (1 Cor 5:1-11)"
 "Uncertain Christianity: Beware of Postmodernism."

The conference was held at Community Bible Church, a great place to have a conference. Pastor Chuck Tschetter (pronounced like Cheddar) and his staff were wonderful hosts for this conference. My thanks to them for all they did to make this an excellent conference.



Omaha Regional Conference



Community Bible Church before Bob spoke on July 9

Community Bible Church Omaha, NE

July 9

Pastor Chuck Tschetter graciously opened his pulpit for me to speak on the day after the Omaha Regional Conference. He selected one of my favorite messages: *I Wish We'd All Been Ready* (1 Thess 5:1-11). I gave that message at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Paul wants believers to know that whether we are watchful for Christ's soon return or morally asleep at the switch, we will all live with Christ forever (1 Thess 5:9-10). In between I spoke to a huge combined Sunday School class in the fellowship area. I imagine there must have been about 200 people. After a brief lesson about the relationship between the Rapture and the Bema, I took questions for twenty minutes. The questions were outstanding and I wish we'd had more time to interact.

After church we all enjoyed a nice covered dish lunch in the fellowship area.

Highlights

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Bob's workshop at the Omaha Regional Conference



Chuck Tschetter with CBC Members



Bob at Victor Street with Darrell, Terry, and Vince

Spotlight on Your Support

What a blessing it is for us to put on a Regional Conference with over 100 in attendance from probably ten different churches! Your support made that possible earlier this month. We were able to have excellent speakers (see report above). Your partnership made this possible.

Later this month we will be having our second annual Southern California Regional Conference. Again we will have excellent speakers, including Dr. John Niemelä and Pastors Arch Rutherford and René Lopez as plenary speakers. Plus we have an outstanding lineup of workshop speakers. Once again, your partnership with us makes this possible.

Atlanta will be the place we meet in September for a Southeastern Regional. October will find us putting on Northwestern regionals in Spokane and in Auburn, Washington.

One day we may have regionals all over the United States. But we already have a good start on that thanks to your support.

Our aim is to use the money given to this ministry wisely so that our partners have not given their hard-earned money in vain. We want your gifts to have a maximum benefit to your Bema account (Phil 4:17). **PG**

Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX

July 23

The "sin unto death" is only mentioned by that name in 1 John 5:16-17. I've spoken on the sin unto death often. Yet only when preparing for this message did I realize that the context is one of prayer. We are to pray for sinning saints who are not committing a sin unto immediate death. While we surely should wish to avoid sinning unto immediate death ourselves, as we walk in the light our immediate concern is rather for fellow believers who have strayed. The proper response is to pray for them to repent. This is true life-saving work, John says.

During the Lord's Supper meeting I spoke on what perseverance is from Matt 24:45-51 as well as few texts in Paul. **PG**

Grace on the Go

July

- 30 Westcliff Community Church, Dallas, TX
- 31 Summer Board Meeting

August

- 6 Bayside Community Church, Tampa, FL
- 20 Northwest Community Church (EFCA), San Antonio, TX
- 25-26 So Cal GES Regional, Coast Bible Church, San Juan Capistrano, CA
- 27 Coast Bible Church, San Juan Capistrano, CA

September

- 17 Blue Ridge Bible Church, Kansas City, MO
- 22-23 Atlanta GES Regional Conference
- 24 County Line Church, Hampton, GA
- 25 Attending a Conference at DTS on "Current Trends and Traps in Theology"
- 28-1st Prison Ministry in Kansas (6 messages total)

October

- 6 The Urban Alternative Conference, Dallas, TX
- 13-15 Ministry in Ft. Collins, CO
- 25-26 GES Regional Conference in Auburn, WA
- 27-28 GES Regional Conference in Spokane, WA
- 29 Spokane Bible Church

Financials

Correction on Fiscal 2006 End of Year Results

Last month we mistakenly reported that we took in \$37,000 more than our budget. The actual difference was \$14,000. However, since we spent slightly more than budget, our net excess revenue to expenses was really \$9,970. We realize now the source of the error and will correct in future reports. Still, ending the fiscal year \$10,000 over spending is a blessing. Thanks so much for your support. **PG**

Prayer Requests

This past month was a very stressful one for me. It is sometimes difficult to head this ministry. Much of what we do is controversial. I wish to thank you for your prayers for me. I believe they are vital in sustaining me through the tough times.

I would appreciate your prayers for my upcoming speaking (see Grace on the Go), and especially for the Southern California Regional Conference later this month. **PG**



Community Bible Church Sunday School



Pastor Chuck Tschetter and Bob



Col. Ken Yates speaking at the Omaha Conference