

Berean Memorial Church

Irving, TX

July 22

Faith without works is unprofitable. That is what James is saying in James 2:14-17. While Pastor Leon Adkins was out of town I was privileged to speak on this key passage. I also touched on a number of verses in the entire book (1:19-22, 25; 2:12-13; 4:12; 5:15, 19-20) since to understand this passage one needs a basic grasp of the whole letter. The message was well received. It was great to see many dear friends there, including former GES graphic artist Veneeta Thomas and her son Abraham. Veneeta is now working at Dallas Theological Seminary doing graphic design.



Veneeta Thomas and her son, Abraham

Notes and Letters

Finest Short Presentation of Gospel

From my point of view, the booklet, The Best News You'll Ever Hear, is the finest short presentation of the Gospel I have ever seen ~Bill Fiess, email

Editors note: This tract will be available for purchase in September of this year!

Newsletter Answers Questions

God used you guys to help in everything I was questioning. Thank you for these newsletters. They help me understand so much when I am lost. ~Becky, email

Carrying the Banner of Biblical Teaching

I was so blessed I had to write to express my great encouragement for young men like you carrying the banner of Biblical teaching to this modern generation. I will continue to pray for you and your speaking and trust our Lord to bless even more.

~Dr. Jim Raiford, email

Enthusiastic about Omaha Regional

Just wanted to say thank you (John Niemelä and Bob Wilkin) for your time and dedication for being well prepared in your presentations at the Omaha regional GES conference. My wife and I consistently came away with renewed enthusiasm to study God's Word. ~KR, email

Liked Article on The Way of the Master

At least once a week my wife and I sit and use one of Bob's Grace in Focus writings for a personal Bible study. I have a folder filled with them dating back to 98 or so. "The way of the Master" article has been added. Thanks for all you do.

~Pastor P.L., email

Prayer Requests

Please pray that we would find a good solution to our computer needs; that our staff (Jeremy, Kyle, and Bob) would be well physically and spiritually; that the Southern Californian regional conference is well attended; that we wisely respond to those who are attacking us verbally and in print; that finances meet our needs; that Jeremy and Bob are able to focus exclusively on the

commentary project and that we might get it in print next year; that Zane would be able to continue to work efficiently on his Romans commentary (he told me the other day that he is almost finished through the end of Chapter 9!) with the hope that he would finish it next year; for Kyle as he takes on the responsibility of getting the newsletter, partner's letter, and journals out on time.

July Financial Report

July Budget	\$ 31,343	YTD Budget	\$ 31,343
July Revenue	\$ 30,968 (-\$375)	YTD Revenue	\$ 30,968 (-\$375)

*Our fiscal year runs from July-June

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Omaha GES Regional Conference

July 27-28

Our second annual Omaha regional was well attended with over 100 present on Friday night and fifty-plus on Saturday. The messages were excellent. I highly recommend you get an mp3 of the conference for just \$5 (S&H included). Just call the office if you want one.

We had two guest speakers who came all the way from Southern California, Dr. John Niemelä of Message of Life Ministries and Pastor and Chafer

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The Bible Answer Men, Omaha

Community Bible Church

July 29

The day after the regional conference I was pleased to be able to speak at Chuck's church for the two morning worship services. In each service I spoke on a key NT passage, James 2:14-17. (See below under Berean Memorial Church for more details on this sermon.) The congregation was very positive in its response.

In between the two services I spoke to a combined Sunday School class of several hundred people in the fellowship area.



Congregation of Community Bible

Tying this time in with the sermon, I gave a brief overview of the Book of James and then I answered questions for about thirty minutes. The questions were outstanding.

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Tim Nichols, Dean Thompson, John Niemelä, and Bob

Seminary instructor Tim Nichols. Both did an excellent job with their plenary messages and workshops. Conferencees came from Iowa and Minnesota and various parts of Nebraska.

Pastors Dan Hauge, Ken Pierce, and Paul Carpenter also presented outstanding workshops. And there was a super panel discussion with all the conference speakers answering questions. You can see everyone's titles on our website by clicking on regional conference and then clicking on the dot over Omaha on the U.S. map.

Once again the conference was held at Community Bible Church. It is a great place to have a conference since it is centrally located, has great facilities, and the people of the church really support our conference with their prayers, attendance, and encouragement. Pastor Chuck Tschetter (pronounced Cheddar) and his staff were again super hosts for this conference. My thanks to them for all they did to make this an excellent conference.



Dan Hauge's workshop at the Omaha Conference



Pat Thompson and friend at the Omaha Conference

Summer GES Board Meeting Irving, TX July 30

In the summer board meeting we set the budget for the next fiscal year. We reduced the budget slightly in light of last year's revenue.

We also discussed the state of the ministry, the upcoming national conference (March 2008), the commentary project, and a number of pressing theological concerns.

Ralph Grant was not able to be at the Board meeting. He stepped down from the board due to two strokes he had. While he has done well in recovery, he did not feel up to being on the board. Please pray for Ralph and his wife, Eva.



Bob, Jeff, Troy, and Brad

J. B. Bond was also not able to attend due to several things which came up at his church in Stillwater, OK. He was much missed, but we were able to call him and get his feedback during the meeting.

Since we have several board members who rotate off in the next year, we also discussed possible additions to the board. We will likely add 2-3 new members by the January meeting. Brad Daskocil was elected as the new Board Chairman. Jeff Bryant was reelected as Secretary-Treasurer.

Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX July 1

Continuing my series on Acts, I spoke on the testimony and death of Stephen (Acts 6:8-8:3). While I covered a lot of verses (71!), it was a powerful message because Stephen is a giant of the faith. You can listen to the message online, or download it to your iPod or to a CD, by going to the audio area of our website.



Above and below: Victor Street Bible Chapel members



Part of the Sunday School class at Community Bible Church in Omaha

Grace on the Go

August

- 5 Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas, TX
- 24-25 So Cal GES Regional, Coast Bible Church, San Juan Capistrano, CA
- 26 Coast Bible Church, San Juan Capistrano, CA

September

- 28-29 Seattle GES Regional Conference, Tukwila, WA
NOTE NEW DATES!
- 30 Lakeland Bible Church, Tacoma, WA

October

- 5-6 Atlanta Regional Conference
- 7 County Line Congregational Church
- 12-13 Charlotte Regional Conference, Grace Bible Church, Charlotte, NC
- 14 Grace Bible Church, Charlotte, NC



Bible study that Bob taught in Frisco, TX