



Berean Memorial Church

Irving, TX

July 20

I was the guest preacher this Sunday since Pastor Leon Adkins was out of town. I spoke on Acts 8:4-25 and Philip's ministry in Samaria.

The message was well received, but it was quite unusual. All went well for the first 30 minutes or so. I had about 10 minutes left. As though someone threw a switch in my body, I lost all energy, felt shaky, weak, slightly nauseated, and a strong headache.

Moon Valley Bible Church

Phoenix, AZ

July 12-13

As Pastor Bob Kerry was out of town, I was privileged to speak at this Free Grace church in Arizona. I spoke on 2 Tim 2:1-13, "Be Strong in His Grace." They have two services, at 9:00 and at 10:45. The people were very receptive and I really enjoyed my time there.

It was great to visit with GES Partners Troy and Leslie Jensen and their sons Ross and Warren. Troy recently rotated off the GES Board and might come back on the Board again in the future.

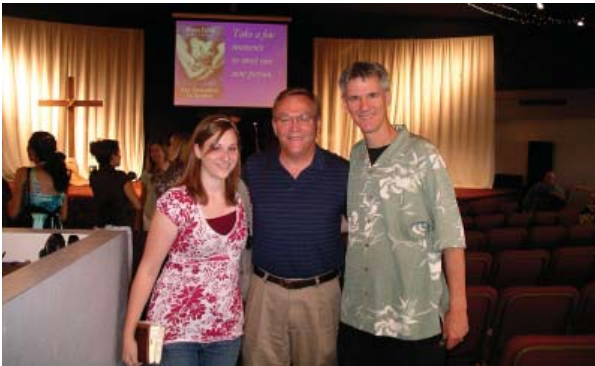


I was concerned I couldn't finish. I rushed through the applications and conclusions in less than two minutes and closed in prayer. I sat down and started drinking water. Slowly my strength came back and I was able to stand and talk with people.

The next morning around 6AM I had terrible pains in my right side. I thought it was appendicitis. Sharon took me to the Emergency Room. The verdict: kidney stones. Evidently what hit me on Sunday at church was the start of the kidney stones. Fortunately God gave me the grace I needed to finish the message and get home safely.

Monday and Tuesday were two of the worst days in my life. Finally I started feeling better on Wednesday, with pain down to the manageable level. On Thursday I was able to work 4 hours. What an ordeal!

It was great to see many friends there, including former GES graphic artist Veneeta Thomas and her son Abraham.



Victor Street Bible Chapel

Dallas, TX

July 6

Continuing my series on Acts, we came to the start of Paul's so-called First Missionary Journey. We looked at Acts 13:4-12. The title of my message was "Israel's Blindness Is Temporary." The man whom Paul temporarily struck blind, Bar-Jesus, also called Elymas, illustrates the Jewish nation. For a time the Jewish people will reject the Messiah and be spiritually blind. But a day is coming soon (the Tribulation) in which Israel will come to faith in her Messiah and the blindness will cease.



Veneeta, Abraham, and Bob

Spotlight on Your Support

While we ended up under budget for our fiscal year that ended June 30th, we found out from Robert Perkins, our CPA, in mid July that we actually spent less than we took in. So we managed to end the year in the black! Again. This surprising news is super.

We had an option to opt out of our office lease October 31st and we took it. We are hoping to find a smaller and less expensive space that is a bit further north, easier for Kyle and me. Kyle has been driving over an hour each way for over a year now. And my typical commute is 45 minutes each way. If we can find something further north it will still be close enough for Amanda.

Our summer Board meeting is August 4. We will iron out the new budget then.



Victor Street Bible Chapel

Prayer Requests

1. My recovery from kidney stones.
2. Kyle's recovery from back surgery.
3. Ministry financial needs.
4. Spring and Fall Journal, that we are able to get them both out by the end of the year.
5. NT Commentary, that we are able to complete the editing and proofing and get it to the printer by the end of the year.
6. That we are able to find a new office closer to Kyle and me and one that will save the ministry some money.
7. John Goodding and Amy Paige's beginning of their work with GES, that they are able to learn typesetting, web design, proofing, and editing.

Notes & Letters

Questions about a New Book

I would really like to talk to you personally about what is going on in the Free Grace Movement. I have been reading [the] book Getting the Gospel Wrong and I have some questions that I would like to discuss with you about some of the things said in that book.

—DLM, email

Editor's note: We've received a number of emails like this about this book. I have written a twenty-page article length review that will come out, Lord willing, in our Spring Journal, hopefully in mid September. We will also put that review online as soon as the journal is in print, rather than waiting one year as we normally do.

Appreciates Latest Article

I just read your article in July/August 2008 issue. Outstanding! It clearly puts life in its proper perspective and is an encouragement to me.

—BH, email



Leslie, Troy, and Bob

July Financial Report

July Budget	\$27,740 (tentative)**	YTD Budget	\$27,740**
July Revenue	\$28,907 <\$1167>	YTD Revenue	\$28,907* <\$1167>

* Our fiscal year runs from July to June

**Note: Starting in August we will be bringing on two new staff, John Goodding and Amy Paige. They are fully-supported already, so hopefully all of their supporters will transfer their support to GES. John and Amy are graphic artists who will do that for GES, as well as help us with typesetting, web design, the journal, the annual conference, and the commentary. Thus our budget will go up in August to reflect their salaries and reimbursements. We will include more about them in the next few Partner's newsletters.