

Partners in Grace

August 2009

Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX July 12

Nearing the end of the multi-year series on Acts, I came to Paul's journey to and ministry and arrest in Jerusalem (Acts 21:1-23:10). Paul exemplifies two great virtues that servants of Christ should have: compassion and courage. In the face of certain hardship and even arrest, he boldly and yet lovingly called those who had just attempted to kill him to faith in Jesus Christ. May we follow Paul's example, as he followed Christ's example (1 Cor 11:1), of the vital blend of compassion and courage.



Community Bible Church Congregation Community Bible Church Omaha, NE July 16

They put me through my paces, having me give the same sermon three times, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:10. Between services I had just enough time after visiting with people to grab a cup of tea and take a short break.

Second Peter 2:18-22 deals with the danger of falling from discipleship. Believers who advance on the path of righteousness and then fall away are in for a terrible moral collapse. Their later condition morally is worse than before they began on the path of righteousness.

I enjoyed staying and visiting with Dean and Pat Thompson, my adopted older brother and sister. And it was good to visit with Pastor Chuck Tschetter and his wife Lydia, both at church and at lunch afterwards.



Omaha Conference Attendees

Omaha Regional Conference, Believer's Bible Church, Omaha NE July 24-25

We moved the conference this year from Community Bible Church to Believer's Bible Church. Once again we had an excellent conference. The messages by John Niemela, Dan Hauge, Ken Pierce, and I, all were very helpful and well received. The two panels were as well. The Friday night attendance was down from previous years, but the attendance on Saturday was about the same.

It was good to be back to Believer's Bible Church. I have spoken there several times in the past on Sunday morning. This time John Niemela spoke there on Sunday morning and I was able to speak at Community Bible Church (see above).

Aug 9th
Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas TX

Aug 22nd
Summer GES Board Meeting, Coast Bible Church,
San Juan Capistrano, CA

Aug 23rd
Church of Hope, Laguna Hills, CA (2:00-5:00 PM)
Coast Bible Church, SJC, CA, Evening Beach Service
(6:00-7:00 PM)



Budget Notes

While, as you can see below, we fell short of our budget by over \$25,000, we managed to end fiscal year 2009 in the black, since we spent less than we took in. by tightening our belts.

The summer board meeting is August 22 in Southern California. Last year's budget was 17% less than the previous year. Our tentative 2010 fiscal year budget (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010), which will be discussed and debated at the board meeting, is a 4% reduction from our current budget. Of course, a 4% reduction would still be a slightly larger budget (by \$12,000) than the amount of money we actually took in this last fiscal year! Please pray for this important meeting.



Look
Who
Dropped
By!

We had two lunch visits this month, one with Josh Baker and one with Bill Lee.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for: Kyle's recovery (how well he will recover is still up in the air), the typesetting and proofing of our one-volume NT commentary, our support, the August 22 board meeting, the well being of Holly and her husband Chris and of Mark and his daughter Michelle, and for the Free Grace controversies that are currently swirling around GES.

July Financial Report

Tentative** July Budget	\$25,657	Tentative** YTD* Budget	\$25,657
July Revenue	\$11,875 <- \$13,782 >	YTD* Revenue	\$11,875 <- \$13,782 >

*** Our fiscal year ends on June 30th. **Budget will be finalized at Aug 22nd Board Meeting.**

Your support allows us to promote the grace message in so many ways: with our newsletter, journal, books, booklets, website, blog, facebook, conferences, commentary, etc. We are very grateful to be able to do this important work. Thanks so much for your partnership. It really is making a big difference.

In the previous Partners in Grace newsletter we made a few errors in reporting our budget and year-to-date giving. The final numbers for the 2009 fiscal year should be as follows:

Corrected June Financial Report

June Budget	\$27,740	YTD* Budget	\$321,780
June Revenue	\$11,875 <- \$13,782 >	YTD* Revenue	\$295,750 <- \$26,030 >

*** Our fiscal year ends on June 30th.**



Notes and Letters

Feedback for the July/Aug Grace In Focus Newsletter

I read your article in the latest issue of Grace in Focus and I would like to commend you for its irenic nature. The Free Grace movement could use a lot more of that. I believe the "factions" truly are a test—a test to see who will follow the law of love.

—DB, email

I appreciated your carefulness, and irenic posture throughout, in your article in the latest GIF. You're at your best when simplifying seemingly complex issues to their elemental level. Thanks.

—PC, email

Thanks for the latest issue of Grace in Focus. It is never a discouragement but always an encouragement to receive your newsletter. I have never sensed you or even GES being "hostile or vitriolic" but simply seeking to lovingly expound the Scriptures. The articles by Zane Hodges were excellent. And you can count on my prayers for the hastening of the completion of the commentary—if the Second Advent does not occur first.

—BF, email

In reading this NEW Newsletter I could not agree with you more. I have been saying basically the same thing for months now. Bob, you cannot believe the differences I am finding with just the Free Grace people here. I am thankful to you for leading me in the right direction through your books & writings. Thank you.

—SL, email