

Partners IN Grace

SEPTEMBER 2008

Omaha Regional Conference

August 1-2

Since I'd had kidney stones the previous week, I was concerned I might not be able to make this trip. But all went well.

This year all of the messages were main sessions and that worked out well. John Niemela and I spoke three times each, Dan Hauge spoke twice, and Lonnie Hofer spoke once. Most of the messages dealt with eternal rewards and all were well received.

We had people from three different churches in Omaha, as well as Pastor Paul Carpenter from Jansen, NE, and Hal and Marlene Mills from Iowa.



Community Bible Church

Omaha, NE

August 3

The 8:15 service seemed a bit early. Yikes. But it went well, as did the 9:45 adult Sunday school class and the 11:00 service. I spoke on Gal 5:1-6, "Don't Fall from Grace!" People were very receptive.



Bob, Walt, Brad, and Frank

Summer Board Meeting

Long Beach, CA

August 4

After church and lunch in Omaha, I caught an afternoon plane to Dallas, changed planes, and then flew on to John Wayne Airport in Orange County, CA with Board member Walt Millet. Board chairman Brad Duskocil picked us up and put us up for the night at his home.

We had a great meeting on Monday in Long Beach, though secretary-treasurer Jeff Bryant was unfortunately unable to attend due to a family matter.

Bayside Community Church

Tampa, FL

August 22-24

Sharon and I flew to Tampa and enjoyed several days of the warm hospitality of Margaret Riedel. She says she's 85, but she looks 65.

On Sunday I presented two messages on rewards: Keep Your Eyes on the Prize (1 Cor 9:24-27 and 2 Tim 4:6-10) and The Great Epitaph: Well Done, Good Servant (Luke 19:11-27). Both messages were well received by the people at BCC.



Shreveport (LA) Bible Church

August 9-10

On Saturday night I had supper and fielded lots of great questions from a number of people from the church.



Then on Sunday morning (picture lower right) I spoke on I Cor 9:24-27, "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize."

After lunch I fielded questions from the audience. There were lots of super questions.

Spotlight on Your Support

We need lots more money to finish this commentary. We'll probably need things like a couple of kegs of beer, some massage therapy, a hot tub, and maybe even a private jet that we "swear" will only be used for the purpose of the ministry.

If you can find it in your hearts to give five, ten, or even fifteen thousand dollars, we promise that it will be well spent. If you can only afford a few hundred, we understand and can assure you that you have a place in Heaven. Probably not as good as the guy that gave fifteen thousand, but it will still be nice. Thanks.

Though this was meant tongue in cheek let me say that we really could use your help. Any donations you can send to the commentary fund will be greatly appreciated and used to get this exciting Free Grace resource in print.

Notes & Letters

Free Grace To the Rescue

I am 27 years old and wanted to thank you for your awesome ministry that centers on the clarity of the gospel... My church invited a local free grace evangelist to come preach... He turned to numerous places in the New Testament that proved that salvation is received by one, and only one, condition: believing in Jesus. That sermon got my attention like no other sermon ever had... I finally understood that salvation is a free gift by faith alone in Christ alone with no other conditions. I was sure that I had eternal life. I was so thankful to God and wanted to share the gospel with EVERYBODY. For the first time, the whole Bible began to make sense to me. The evangelist had copies of your book *Confident in Christ* on his table, and I brought one home. Man, what an awesome book. It has cleared up so many "problem" passages in Scripture for me... I visit your website frequently and listen to many of your online sermons and discussions. Thank you for preaching the true gospel of Jesus. May God bless you richly.

BRS - email

Free Grace Worldwide

Thank you for your insight. I'm so glad I have come in contact with you. You have been blessed with wisdom as evidenced from your writings.

SM, Japan - email

Anticipating the Commentary

Thanks sooo much for your help and you've been such a blessing in my time of need these past few months. I can't express enough how God has helped me through you. I really look forward to your commentary.

BP - email



August Financial Report

August Budget	\$27,740	YTD Budget	\$55,480
August Revenue	\$17,860 < \$8880 >	YTD Revenue	\$46,767 < \$8713 >

* Our fiscal year runs from July to June