

## New Leipzig (ND) Baptist Church

September 10-11

Don den Hartog, pastor of New Leipzig Baptist Church, and I were classmates together at DTS. We graduated together in 1982.

New Leipzig is about 3 hours from Williston. So Tuesday was another driving day. That night I spoke to the board of the West Plains Bible Institute. We had a great time together. They are establishing a teaching center designed to instruct believers about the free grace gospel, eschatology, and hermeneutics (principles of Bible study). I was glad to lend some encouragement and a few ideas. Don is one of the leaders of this institute.

On Wednesday night I spoke at the midweek service. After a presentation on the doctrine of eternal rewards from Galatians 6, I fielded questions on rewards and a variety of other subjects.

My thanks to Don and Patty for their hospitality. 



Pastor Terry Kern of First E-Free Bismarck and his youngest son Luke



Wednesday night at New Leipzig Baptist Church (Don & Patty den Hartog, front left)

## Grace on the Go

### October

- 2-3 TUA Church Leader's Conference, Dallas, TX
- 4-5 Grace Bible Church, Charlotte, NC
- 10-12 Community Bible Church, Omaha, NE
- 13-15 Grace Univ Bible Conference, Omaha, NE
- 17-20 Faith Evangelical Bible Church, Winkler, Manitoba, Canada
- 26 Coast Bible Church, San Juan Capistrano, CA

### November

- 4 University of Texas at Dallas, Campus Ministry
- 13 Waxahachie (TX) Bible Church
- 15-16 Bayside Community Church, Tampa, FL
- 18-21 Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA

### Financial Report

Sept Revenue	\$16,707
Sept Budget	\$25,919
Fiscal YTD Revenue	\$62,153
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$77,757



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## in Grace

## Oklahoma State University Campus Ministry

September 18

Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM), Campus Crusade (Cru), and Navigators met together for a first-time united meeting on the campus of OSU. I was privileged to be the speaker. In addition to 450 enthusiastic students, the gracious and friendly staff members from these three ministries were present as well.

I spoke on the question, "What Is the Gospel." My text was John 11:25-27. I suggested that three points must always be made in order to share the gospel clearly. We must tell about 1) Jesus, 2) eternal life, and 3) believing. In John 11:26 Jesus put it this way: the person who is living and who believes in Him will never die spiritually. That is the promise of eternal security. The students were very open and responsive and asked great questions during the Q & A time.

My thanks to Pastor J.B. Bond for working with the various staff from these campus ministries to make this happen. 



450 OSU students in a combined campus ministry meeting

## Ponca (AR) Bible Camp Young Adult Retreat

September 26-28

I met my wife, Sharon, in Northeast Arkansas in 1974. Now nearly 30 years later I went for the first time to the Northwest part of the state.

My three topics were "You Can Be Sure," "Why Live for God If You Are Sure You are Eternally Secure," and "Fellowship with the Father Is Better Than the World" (Luke 15:11-32). I also did a brief overview of First John and of James because of questions that were raised.

A number of those who attended had spent one or more years in Bible Colleges. They had lots of questions both in the session and even more between sessions and at meals. It was great to answer lots of questions from thoughtful young men and women.



Before a meeting at the Ponca Bible Camp

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*Sunday morning at First E-Free Church Bismarck*

## First E-Free Church Bismarck, ND

September 5-7

Pastor Terry Kern is a fellow DTS graduate whose church is one of the largest Evangelical churches in North Dakota. This Sunday there were around 700 adults in two services.

On Friday night I spoke to the staff and leaders of the church about contemporary issues in Evangelicalism. Then on Saturday morning I covered Lordship Salvation, evangelism and assurance, and the doctrine of rewards. On Sunday morning in the two worship services I discussed the sowing and reaping principle in Gal 6:6-10.

I really enjoyed meeting Terry and his wife Sandy and two of their four boys. I like North Dakota and Bismarck. I was very encouraged by the believers there. **PG**

## College Retreat Stillwater, OK

September 19-20

On Friday and Saturday a group of about 30 college students from Countryside Church went out to Camp Lela. We had a super time of fellowship and interaction.

The Friday night message I gave was a follow up to my Thursday night message on the campus of OSU. I told those at the retreat that they can and should be absolutely certain that they had everlasting life. Then on Saturday morning I gave two messages: "A Biblical Evaluation of Lordship Salvation," and "Why Live for God If I'm Sure I'm Eternally Secure?"

I enjoyed the meals, conversation, and even a game of Ultimate Frisbee.

My thanks to a good friend, Pastor J.B. Bond who invited me to such a wonderful retreat. **PG**

## Together We Are Making a Difference

What a privilege it is to travel all over the country and the world representing Jesus Christ and His Free Grace message. You Partners in Grace make that possible.

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And what a joy it is to conduct our annual conference, counsel via email, letters, and the phone, and to teach via our internet school of theology. We are truly blessed to have such abundant ministry opportunities.

Thank you for your support. Together we are making a difference—a big difference. **PG**



*J.B. with College students from Countryside at Camp Lela*



*J.B. and Bob at Eskimo Joe's*

## Trietsch Memorial Flower Mound, TX

September 14

I've known GES Partners John and Mary Ann Yantis for a little over a decade. They lined me up to speak to their Sunday School class about the subject of assurance of salvation.

Sharon and I really enjoyed this. The people asked good questions and were very receptive to what I had to share. Afterwards we enjoyed having lunch with John and Mary Ann. **PG**

## Ponca Bible Camp

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I haven't been as physically active in sports in probably a decade. While I walk 3-4 miles daily, the young adults, mostly 18 to 22, at this camp really gave me a work out. I played volleyball till I nearly dropped. I jumped in a freezing river. I went on a short hike in the mountains and watched two of the guys climb a 5.9 rock up about 50 feet. And I played a rugged Ultimate Frisbee game.

I came away from the retreat with a lot of sore muscles, but very encouraged. These were a great group of young people. My thanks to Steve and Vicki Anderson, Lorin and Sandee Ensz, and Joel and Michelle Sherman for coordinating the event and lining up all the details. **PG**

## Liberty E-Free Church Williston, ND

September 7-9

I've known Pastor Daryl Thompson for over 10 years, but this is the first time we met face to face. GES Partners Ron and Pat Vickers are in his church and told me about Daryl in 1992. Since then we've spoken on the phone and via email a number of times.

Williston is about a four-hour drive from Bismarck. So I got to Williston about 45 minutes before I was to speak Sunday night at the 6:00 service.

For two hours Sunday night we discussed the doctrine of assurance of salvation. It was a very profitable time. Then on Monday night we spent two more hours dealing with the place of grace in the Christian life. Again the discussion was very edifying.

I enjoyed Williston a lot. **PG**

## Urgent Prayer Request



Bob Vacendak, former GES board member, has been diagnosed with a temporal-lobe tumor. Please pray that the Lord will shrink the tumor through diet and medication thereby avoiding surgery. **PG**



*John and Mary Ann Yantis with Bob and Sharon*



*Bob with Ron and Pat Vickers*



*Sunday night at Liberty E-Free Church Williston*