

Grace Bible Church

Charlotte, NC

October 14

Pastor Donnie Preslar invited me to speak at his church after the regional conference. This was the church's 27th anniversary and I was privileged to take part. I spoke in Sunday School on "What's the purpose that drives your life?" (2 Cor 5:1-11) and in the worship service on "It's a wonderful life" (John 11:1-57).

After a nice dinner on the grounds, Donnie took me to the airport. I hoped to go standby on the 3:20 flight. No luck. I ended up and had to wait over 4 hours for the next flight! Then there was trouble in Dallas getting a gate, so we sat on the plane for 40 minutes in the gate area! Then I just missed the bus to remote parking and had to wait another 15 minutes! Then, to top it all off, the checkout line at remote parking stopped working on the person in front of me and I had to sit there for 10 more minutes! What a riot. And the Cowboys were beaten badly by the Patriots on top of everything. Ah, but the conference and the ministry on Sunday went very well, so I was happy in spite of the circumstances—well, mostly I was.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for excellent early registrations (by Dec 31) for our national conference March 4-6 at SWBTS in Fort Worth, for Jeremy and I as we work on the NT commentary, for our Autumn journal, that we get it in the mail by mid-December, for our staff's walks with their Lord and for their families, for GES's finances, which lagged through the summer months and leave us well behind budget at this time, for Sharon Wilkin as she looks for a new job, and for all of the speakers for the national conference to be set by the end of November.

Thank you for your prayers for my health. My kidney/prostate problem (hematuria, blood in urine) seems to have passed. My urologist said I don't need to return for six months.



Notes and Letters

Really Likes New Tract

I really like the new "best news" tract that you are offering. I will be ordering some soon.

Email

Faith Alone Is of Satan?

Please don't use this address. I'm moving [overseas] to preach the true Gospel of Jesus: repent, trust, and obey. [Doing that] will bring a sinner to eternal life.

How can you read the Bible and still promote such false teachings as you do is unbelievable to me. Your "faith alone" is of Satan.

Letter, New York

Encouraging and Uplifting

I just wanted to thank y'all for your website and work on the behalf of free grace...

Our previously vibrant and growing Baptist church (150 yrs old) went into a rapid decline and split last year after our young pastor (of 5 years) "converted" to a very militant and mean-spirited form of Mark Dever/John Piper/John MacArthur Reformed Baptist/Calvinism. We are in the process of rebuilding, and it has been exciting to see God's faithfulness, but it has been so sad and wrenching to go thru this...

I cannot tell you how encouraging and uplifting it is to see your group holding fast to the blessed assurance of eternal salvation for ALL who would accept the gift of saving faith in Jesus Christ...

Take care and please keep on going!

Email

Fiscal Year-End Financial Report

October Budget \$32,100

YTD Budget \$128,400*

October Revenue \$39,158<+ \$7058>

YTD Revenue \$101,948 <- \$26,452>

*Our fiscal year runs from July-June

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Charlotte GES Regional Conference

October 12-13

This was one of our best regionals of the year. We had a good turnout (70), excellent messages, and a super time of fellowship and interaction. Pastor Donnie Preslar gave a great message on assurance. Dr. Barry Leventhal, facing hip replacement surgery in less than a month, blessed us all with a very insightful message on Psalm 44. Donnie, Barry, Bernie Hunsucker, an elder at Grace Bible Church and GES partner, and Pastor Bruce Abercrombie were our Bible Answer Men on our panel, which was outstanding.

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The Urban Alternative (TUA) Dallas, TX

October 3rd

Three sessions in one day was a bit much. In previous years I've given three workshops over three days. This is the first time at TUA that I've done three on the same day.

Each session ran 1 hour and 45 minutes. Thus I taught for over five hours this day. By the end my voice was raspy and I was exhausted.

Attendance was good, with 20 to 35 people in each class. The audiences were extremely receptive to what I shared. I believe this is the best audience reaction I've ever had at TUA. Here are a few of the comments from the evaluations: "Amazingly insightful. One of the best

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Bob's morning TUA class

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I spoke five times (argh!) – “Remember the Bereans” (Acts 17:11), “What is an Evangelist?,” “How to tweak your testimony so it’s crystal clear,” “Where does God tell us the content of saving faith?,” and “Four possible responses to Jesus and His teachings” (Luke 8:11-15 & Luke 19:11-27). The audience was Berean in that they



This couple came the furthest for the conference. Angela and Brian Stich, West Africa missionaries

received the word gladly and searched the Scriptures to see if what I was saying was so.

My thanks to Grace Bible Church for opening their facilities and providing not only coffee, tea and snacks, but lunch on Saturday for everyone as well!

We will put the entire conference on our Podcast area for free download (www.faihalone.org) for anyone who visits our website. If you need a CD in MP3 format, let us know and we will mail you one.



Bob and Pastor Donnie Preslar at Grace Bible Church (story p. 4)

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classes I’ve had at TUA in over 4 years.” “Very enlightening.” “Awesome.”

My workshops were on the doctrine of eternal rewards (8:30 to 10:15), eternal security, assurance and good works (1:45 to 3:30), and the Book of Hebrews (3:45 to 5:30).

I really appreciate Tony Evans inviting me to do this each this. This is the eighth year I’ve taught at TUA and I always enjoy it a lot.



After Bob’s Last TUA Session

Grace on the Go

November

- 11 Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas, TX
- 14-16 Evangelical Theological Society National Conference, San Diego, CA
Paper: “Our Evangelism Should Be Exegetically Sound”
- 18 East Clairemont Southern Baptist Church, San Diego, CA

December

- 10-12 Pre-Trib Study Group Annual Conference, Dallas, TX
- 23 Grace Chapel, Orange, CA

Victor Street Bible Chapel

Dallas, TX

October 7

Luke’s account of how Saul of Tarsus came to faith in Jesus on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-9) and then the response of Ananias to Saul’s conversion (Acts 9:10-19a) was the focus of this sermon. I was moved by the power of Luke’s words. You should be able to listen to this message by going to our Podcast area on our website.

Meeting with a Number of Free Grace Leaders

October 17

I had the opportunity to meet with Dave Anderson and J.B. Hixson for several hours. We talked about various Free Grace issues. It was a very cordial and profitable discussion. Afterwards I went out to eat with Steve Lewis, President of Rocky Mountain Bible College and Seminary, and Tim Nichols, Professors at Chafer Theological Seminary. We enjoyed a good time of discussion as well. Unfortunately, I didn’t take the digital camera!

Commentary Update

by Jeremy Myers

The NT Commentary continues to make progress. We now have rough drafts for nearly every book of the NT, and have completed a first edit on Matthew, Mark, Romans, 2 Corinthians, Philippians, 1–2 Thessalonians, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 1–3 John, Jude, and Revelation. I have also begun work on the interior typesetting layout and the cover design.

Please pray that the rest of the rough drafts would get completed and sent in, that Bob and I would get adequate time to complete the first and second edits of all the books, and that we would have adequate finances to go to print when the time comes. Thank you for your patience and your prayers as we press forward on this very important project!

Campus Crusade for Christ Retreat

Hot Springs, AR

October 19-21

Sharon and I drove to Hot Springs, Arkansas for a 30+ year reunion from the Campus Crusade for Christ group from Arkansas State University. I was on staff with CCC there from 1974 till 1976. Sharon was a student active in the CCC ministry until she graduated in 1976 and we married. About 30 of the former students and staff were present for this retreat.



Crusade Reunion: Bob is in the upper left and Sharon is sitting in the middle

I had been lined up to speak at a Free Grace church, Grace Bible Church, there in Hot Springs. Unfortunately due to a series of unexpected events, including the father of the Pastor, Troy Swafford, suffering a major heart attack, that will have to wait to a future time. I was able to attend the church and enjoyed good fellowship there.



Bob and Sharon with 3 Friends at Crusade Reunion