

# Partners in



# NOVEMBER 2008

## Victor Street Bible Chapel

### October 26

# Grace

Acts 14 is the account of the ministry of Paul and Barnabas in the region of South Galatia (Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe). There they had amazing initial results, followed almost immediately by Paul being stoned and drug out of Lystra and left for dead. But the apostles didn't cut and run. They went on to Derbe, then back to Lystra and Iconium and Pisidian Antioch, strengthening the new disciples. This is an amazing account of perseverance in the face of tremendous opposition.

The assembly enjoyed my sermon and we then followed it with a discussion of what success is in God's eyes during my Lord's Supper message. And then the Dallas Cowboys won too.



## Cypress Valley Bible Church

### Marshall, TX

### October 12

Pastor Bob Bryant was in Moldova on a missions trip so I was privileged to speak. Sharon and I went on Saturday and spent the day with Martin and Stella Clark at their lake home. We had a lot of fun there. I even caught some fish!

I was thrilled to be able to speak because the previous weekend I had to cancel a speaking engagement in the Houston area due to the lingering effects of a kidney stone. I wasn't even sure I'd be able to go to Marshall.

Testimonies are a powerful thing. However, a Christian testimony is only good if it accurately communicates the truths of Scripture. I spoke the need to have a clear testimony that accurately reflects the message of John 3:16. We looked at the Biblical testimonies of Paul (1 Tim 1:16), the Samaritan woman (John 4:28-29), the men of Sychar (John 4:42), and John (1 John 5:9-13).

People at both service responded very positively to my message. I even was able to visit with long-time friends Dr. Ken and Lynn Wilson. They were in town visiting their daughter who is going to nearby Letourneau University.



### Jordan Bible Study

## New Office and New Phone Number

We moved the GES office to Denton, Texas on Saturday, November 1st. This allows Kyle and me to be closer to the office. Ginger will be driving from Irving, but she has agreed to stay and help us until at least the end of the year. There are two large universities from which to draw employees. We will be looking for one or more students to work part-time with administrative details, computer work, and, depending on what Ginger decides, shipping and/or data entry.

Mail sent to our old P.O. Box will get to us. We will have new reply envelopes printed and should have them ready for the January-February 2009 Grace in Focus. We have put a recording on our old phone number giving the new one.

We've been told that our new phone number will be 940.565.0000.

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### Where are the loaves?



If for some reason we get another number, our old number (972.257.1160) will have a recording giving the new number, and the new number will be on our website too.

The physical address of our new office is 100 W. Oak St. Suite G, Denton, TX 76201.

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for excellent early registrations (by Dec 31) for our national conference March 30-April 2 at SWBTS in Fort Worth, for Kyle and I as we work to complete the NT commentary, for our Autumn journal that we hope to get in the mail in December, for settling in to the new office, for GES's finances, for me to have a full recovery from kidney stones, for my Mom's recovery from a very serious urinary tract infection (in which her white count was a whopping 52!), and for the finances of GES partners in these financially-troubled times.



Walt Millet



Steve Lewis

## Grace on the Go

### November

- 9 Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas, TX
- 22 Bible Conference at Grace Bible Church, Charlotte
- 23 Grace Bible Church, Charlotte

### December

- 14 Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas
- 21 Grace Chapel, Orange, CA
- 28 Grace Chapel, Orange, CA

## Notes and Letters

### Jesus Who?

As always, thanks for sending Grace in Focus. I read with great interest, "The Hyrda's Other Head," in this last issue. I can certainly fault neither you nor Zane Hodges for being unclear. You have emphasized repeatedly (both of you) that, "Jesus gives eternal life to all those who believe in Him for it." I don't think that you two have touched on the issue of, "Jesus who?" Does a person need to believe anything about the identity of this Jesus other than the fact that He is an eternal life Giver?

—T.O. (not Terrell Owens), email

*Ed. Note: I replied to this email and several subsequent ones as well. My Nov-Dec newsletter article, "Essential Truths about Our Savior," addresses his concerns and at least in part answer the question, "Jesus Who?"*

### Free Grace Interpretation Is New and Narrowly Held?

Thank you very much for the materials posted on the GES website. For years I've felt that there must be an alternative to 5 point Calvinism and Arminianism. The free grace teaching is the only approach that harmonizes Scripture in my viewpoint.

One thing does concern me. The Free Grace interpretation doesn't seem to be a very old or widely held perspective. Is this correct? I've always felt that sound doctrine should have been tested over time and found to hold up. Any thoughts on this?

—HH, email

*Ed. Note: I replied to this email with several paragraphs of explanation. But in a nutshell I pointed out that the Reformers held many of our views (some of which they changed when responding to criticisms from Catholics), and that many since the 1500s have as well (the Marrow Controversy, Sandemanianism, J. N. Darby, C.H.M., and so on). Our position is narrow, but that is a good thing. The way is narrow that leads to life. If most people in Christianity agreed with us now and in the past, then we hold to works salvation.*

### October Financial Report

October Budget	\$27,740	YTD Budget	\$110,960
October Revenue	\$31,633 +\$3,893	YTD Revenue	\$94,357 <\$16,603>

\* Our fiscal year runs from July to June