

## Prayer Requests

We would appreciate your prayers for the health of the staff and their families, for my wife Sharon as she starts two part-time jobs, for the annual conference speakers and registrations (we now have all but one plenary speaker lined up and all but a few workshop speakers), for the commentary project (Jeremy is making progress editing Luke and I am nearly finished editing my commentary on John), for our financial support, especially that we have an excellent December (typically we take in 25% of our total revenue in that one month, which would mean us taking in a little over \$90,000 in December), for excellent articles for our journal (Kyle is doing a great job and he hopes to have the Autumn 2007 issue mailed by the end of December and the Spring 2008 completed and mailed no later than mid June) and newsletter (Kyle found a way to cut out the printer broker we've been using and to work directly with the printer, saving us hundreds of dollars per issue), and for Free Grace churches on our church tracker list that are facing hardships (lately I've heard from quite a few of those pastors who've indicated their finances are shaky and their attendance is down).▲

## Thanks So Much

It's hard for me to believe but I remember 26 years ago, in December of 1981, being in the Student Center at DTS and wondering what I would do the next summer after I graduated. Little did I know that less than 6 years later God would allow me to fulfill a dream and to head a ministry that promotes clarity in evangelism and discipleship. I've been doing this fulltime since July of 1987, 20 and one-half years. What a joy it is to serve the Lord in this way. As you know, it isn't always stress-free. But even the stresses are exciting challenges the Lord puts in our path.

Thanks so much for your unwavering support. Your partnership in this ministry makes it possible for us to do what we do. On behalf of myself and Jeremy and Kyle and Ross, thanks so much and we hope you have a great time remembering the Lord's birth this December. ▲



*Pastor Chris Clark and Bob at East Clairemont Southern Baptist Church*

## Notes and Letters

### Great Conference, Journal, Newsletter

I was surprised... to discover that William Dembski will be at the GES [national conference 2008] meeting. I have read three of his books and being a biologist before I became a dentist, I have great interest in his work. Many in my Sunday school class are coming to the GES meeting for the first time and some are repeats. I am praying my pastor will come. Also let me compliment you and GES for such a great journal this month [Spring 2007]! And what great articles you have presented in the newsletter [Nov-Dec 2007]. Zane's article was very informative and edifying as were yours.

Email

### Holding Strong

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

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

## November Financial Report

November Budget	\$32,100	YTD Budget	\$160,500*
November Revenue	\$19,595<-\$12,505>	YTD Revenue	\$121,543 <-\$38,957>

\*Our fiscal year runs from July-June

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## Coast Bible Church San Juan Capistrano, CA October 28

Pastor Neil Anderson asked me to give a message on justification. I emailed him some ideas and he picked Gal 5:4, "Don't Fall from Grace." It turned out to be a great choice. I hadn't preached on that passage in years and this time I covered 5:1-6, which was better than simply hitting verse 4. The audience appreciated the message a lot. You can listen to it online by going to our website (or that of Coast Bible Church).



*Congregation of Coast Bible Church*

It is amazing to see how young the church is becoming. There are lots of people under 40 in the congregation. I felt like an old man in that group (which, I suppose, I am, now that I'm 55).

Sharon and I stayed with Neil and Casey and their beautiful 13 month old, Bennett. We had a great time visiting together.

We were reminded of how fragile this life before Christ's return is. The fires that plagued So Cal were very evident at the Anderson's home. You could smell

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## East Clairemont Southern Baptist Church San Diego, CA November 18

Thank you Pastor Chris Clark for again giving me the opportunity to speak at your church. Chris asked me to give a message I haven't given in a year or two on Matthew 16:24-28. It is entitled, "Saving Your Life by Losing Your Life." The congregation indicated afterwards that they followed what I was saying and appreciated it much.

After lunch with Chris and his wife Terry and their four children, I was off the airport. My scheduled flight didn't leave till 5:30 and didn't get into Dallas till 10:30. The 2:55 flight I had hoped to get on as a standby was canceled. That pushed all those people to the 4:10 flight. Yet at the last minute because someone didn't show I was chosen to be the only standby passenger to make that flight. Thus I got to the airport at 9:00 and was home by 10:00. That is a small blessing. But I was glad I didn't get home at 11:30. ▲

the fires, which came within a mile of their home. You could also smell the fires at the church. CBC is taking steps to help people who lost their homes in the fires. ▲



*Bob and Sharon with Neil, Bennett, and Casey Anderson*

## Grace on the Go

### December

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

### January

- 13 Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas, TX
- 14 GES Winter Board Meeting, Irving, TX

### February

- 24 Bayside Community Church, Tampa, FL



*Josh McDowell and Sharon on the Plane to California*



*Garry Friesen, John Hart, Bob, Gary Derickson, & Stephen Andrew*  
**Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meetings**  
**San Diego, CA**  
**November 14-16**

About 3,000 Bible scholars from around the world gathered for this year's annual conference. I spoke on the topic, "Our Evangelism Should Be Exegetically Sound." You can listen to this message by going to the Podcast area of our website. (By the way, the entire Charlotte regional conference is now also there.)

Charlie Bing, Fred Chay, Jim and Phil Congdon, Rene Lopez, John Hart, Gary Derickson, Lamont Conyers, Elliott Johnson, and J. B. Hixson were some of the Free Grace leaders whom I was able to visit with at this conference. Quite a few people I didn't know encouraged me by coming up to me and telling me how much they appreciate GES and our publications. ▲



*Rene, Bob, & Lamont*

## Mom's 95th Birthday Party

October 27



*Bob and His Mother on Her 95th Birthday*

Forty of my Serbian relatives gathered at the Tam O'Shanter Restaurant in Los Angeles for a party honoring Mom. We had a great time. My sister, Pam, and I sponsored the party, though she did all the planning.

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*Bob With His Family During His Mother's Birthday Weekend*

### Birthday cont.

Mom is doing quite well. She is mentally sharp as a tack and physically she is strong. She went about 8 hours that day without her supplemental oxygen and she wasn't out of breath once. (Note: a week after the party she went into the hospital for almost a week due to a kidney infection and problem with her medications. As a result, she is, as of this writing, still recovering from six days with no physical activity.)

Sharon was able to be there and she loved seeing and visiting with my Serbian relatives. She was so encouraged by how loving they all were. It helps me to see my relatives through her eyes. I truly have been blessed with a super extended family. ▲

## Victor Street Bible Chapel

Dallas, TX

### November 11

Continuing to preach through Acts, I came to the end of the second section of Acts. Acts 9:19b-31 is "A Tale of Two Cities." It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. Saul who had just come to faith in Jesus now becomes His ablest apologist. He proves both in Damascus and in Jerusalem that Jesus is the Messiah, the King of Israel. Yet in both cities the Jews seek to kill Saul. In both cities he is forced to flee so that he can live to preach in a new venue.

You can listen to the message online, or download it to your Ipod or to a CD, by going to the Podcast area of our website [www.faithalone.org](http://www.faithalone.org). ▲



*Some of the Children from Victor Street Bible Chapel*