Partners in Grace



Winter GES Board Meeting

Irving, TX January 21

We had a very good meeting this time at the DFW Sheraton Hotel in Irving, TX.

We have made lots of changes in the past few months: new office, new phone and internet, new bookkeeper/CPA, newsletter to magazine, changes in hours worked by some of our staff, extended filing of our 990 tax document (due Feb 15), etc. This board meeting was about managing those changes.

On tap for 2011 are the following special publications (i.e., books): my book on the ten most misunderstood words in the Bible and Zane's commentary on Romans. If we are able we also hope to release an expanded version of Zane's book Jesus, God's Prophet and reprint his book Absolutely Free!

We discussed the possibility of reviving our school of theology, which up till now has been online only. We are considering changing it to both online and residence.



We also made plans for our 2012 conference.

Financially we ended the first half of our fiscal year below budget, but since we have reserves, we are still in a good position. Hopefully the second half of our fiscal year will meet or come close to meeting budget.

GES's Seventeenth Annual Conference: Eschatology and Free Grace

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX April 23-26

If you haven't registered yet, don't wait until the last minute. SWBTS is handling the registration. You can go there via our website or by calling the Riley Center at 817-923-1921 x2440. Please help us get the word out by telling your church and other friends.



There are no guest rooms left in the Riley Center. However, I believe they still have a few dorm rooms available at just \$50 (and within 800 yards of the Riley Center). There are also a number of hotels very close to the Riley Center which give great special conference rates, including the Amerisuites, Radisson, and Hampton Inn. You can get their phone numbers from the Riley Center.

The plenary speakers are tentatively set as including Rene Lopez, John Niemelä, Bob Wilkin, Bob Bryant, and a panel discussion. Three other speakers will be chosen soon as we continue to evaluate the manuscripts submitted. Workshop speakers include those speakers plus Marv Effa, Philippe Sterling, Bud Brown, J. B. Bond, John Claeys, Jerry Pattillo, and others. (A committee is making these determinations and the schedule is not yet complete.)



Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord that we found a great new office with window, that our move went well, and that the switch from newsletter to magazine has been well received. Please pray for our finances, for our staff and their families, for the physical and spiritual health of our conferees and conference speakers, for the upcoming conference to be highly edifying, for the books we hope to get in print this year, and for us to be able to continue to produce edifying magazines and journals and to get them out on time.

NOTES AND LETTERS

Hi Bob,

We like the new [magazine] format for *Grace in Focus*, and always enjoy reading it. Your recent article on A. W. Tozer was interesting. Have you ever read the book, *I Call It Heresy!* by Tozer? Keep up the good work!

David and Sue via Email

I want to congratulate you and your staff on the fine job you have done on *A Free Grace Primer* [which I just received in the mail]. Though I own each of these books, the new format is much better—especially because of the Scripture Index to all of the books. I praise the LORD for the publication of this book and I hope to share it with many of my friends

Don't forget [when the time is appropriate] to try and put all of Zane's works on Logos. It will then be even easier to search and examine.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bill

Dear Bob and all,

Thank you for preaching the Gospel truth and defending the Free Grace truth!

Victor Street Bible Chapel

January 8

Dallas, TX



On the second Sunday in the New Year, I covered Genesis 32:22-33 where Jacob becomes Israel. He clung to the Lord Jesus and was blessed. Israel was to do the same to be blessed, and so are we in the Church Age. Blessing comes by clinging to Christ, or abiding in Him as the Lord and John put it.,

In the Lord's Supper meeting I covered 1 Thess 3:1-13, our faith needs careful attention.

Spotlight on Your Support

December revenue ended up being good, just under \$60,000, but short of the amount we needed to catch up and get ahead in our budget. Typically January-July runs about \$20,000 under budget, so if this year is typical, we will end the year under budget and spending more than we have taken in. That is, of course, why we have reserves. However, we are still hopeful that Jan-June revenue will exceed budget and we will end the year in the black.

Thank you for your fellowship in this ministry. Along with our newsletter, now magazine, and Journal, we also have released a 1,334 page two-volume commentary on the New Testament and a 525 page edited compilation of the first three works by Zane Hodges. Hopefully our ministry is laying up treasure in your account (Phil 4:19).

Erin

January Financial Report

January Budget	\$31,147		YTD* Budget	\$218,029	
January Revenue	\$13,027	<\$18,120>	YTD* Revenue	\$184,475	<\$33,554>

We are very thankful for your gifts.

*Our fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th

