



# Partners in GRACE



The Board: Ken, Bob, Brad, Jerry, Bob, and Walt



Shreveport Bible Church are good folk

## Winter GES Board Meeting Dallas, TX January 10-12

This is the mid-year board meeting in terms of our fiscal year, which runs July 1 through June 30. Thus we did not set a new budget at this meeting.

We did, however, discuss our financial standing. Financially we ended the first half of our fiscal year slightly under budget. Though we had a good December, we didn't get enough revenue to pull us completely out of the red.

The Board likes the direction of the magazine very much. They authorized Shawn to work to improve the graphics, which will require an increase in spending since better pictures cost more. We believe you'll see even better graphics starting with the March-April issue.

## Shreveport Bible Church, LA January 5

Daphne and I (Shawn) were blessed to attend Shreveport Bible Church. I spoke on the subject of vocational election, specifically on the Scriptural pattern of God electing an individual for a task (e.g., Abraham, Aaron, David, or

Jesus), how that implied a corporate election (e.g., the Jewish people, the Aaronites and Levites, the royal line, and the Body of Christ), and how individual participation in the corporate election was conditional. We had a Q&A time afterwards, and judging by the questions, it was clear to me that pastor Tim Steed and his predecessors have done a wonderful job teaching the congregation.

## Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX January 26

One of the people at church pointed out that he had a note in his Bible from 2010 showing I started preaching through Genesis in January of 2010.

Four years and 48 chapters later, I finished Genesis 49 and started Genesis 50, covering Jacob's death and burial (Gen 49:29-50:14). It is a powerful passage about how a man of God faced death, looking forward to the resurrection of his body and to the coming kingdom.

One more sermon to go and I will have finished preaching through Genesis. I've really enjoyed this.

In the Lord's Supper I spoke on Revelation 4 and our need to remind God that we know that all glory, honor, and power we receive is from His hand.



Luis, Bob, Guillermo, and Viviano

## Please Sign People Up for the Magazine

*Grace in Focus Magazine* is taking off. Our readership grew by 4% last year and it jumped more than that just in January of 2014. We hope you are enjoying it.

One way to help is to send us Excel files of churches in your area, who might be open to the Free Grace message. If you send us a list of 100 churches, and only 5 pastors respond positively, that could still impact hundreds of families. For every pastor we reach, the door is open to sign up the entire congregation too.

Or sign up friends, family, coworkers, people in your Sunday School or Bible Study class, and anyone you know who are good candidates for the solid teaching in our magazine. These are also excellent for waiting rooms for Doctors and Dentists.



Bob and Mark in costume for "Grace Dynasty"

## Grace on the Go

- Feb 2 Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas, TX
- Feb 16 Believers Bible Chapel, Carrollton, TX
- Feb 22-24 Foundations Church, Loveland, CO
- Mar 7-8 ETS Regional, SWBTS, Ft Worth, TX
- Mar 7-8 Wesleyan Theol. Society, Nampa, ID (Shawn)
- Mar 9 Lake Hazel Bible Church, Boise, ID (Shawn)
- Mar 14-16 Grace Comm. Bible Church, Sandy, UT
- April 4 Denver Rescue Mission
- April 5-6 Crosspoint Community Church, Lone Tree, CO (Denver suburb)
- April 21-24 GES Annual Conference, SWBTS, Ft Worth, TX

## New Publications

We are hoping to have three reprints (*Absolutely Free*, *Road to Reward*, and *Confident in Christ*) and one new book (*Atonement and Other Writings* by Zane Hodges) ready for the 2014 conference. Two other new books, *The Real Gospel According to Jesus* by Bob, and *Chosen to Serve*, by Shawn, will most likely be available late summer, 2014.

Other titles in the works are *Twelve Showstoppers for Calvinism*, *How To Study the Bible*, *We Believe*, *Tough Texts*, *Legalism*, *What is Free Grace Theology?*, *Genesis*, *2 Peter*, and a few others. It looks to be a busy year!

## Notes and Letters

"God bless you Bob, Shawn, and all of you at GES for the work you do for the sake of the Gospel. Don't give up!"  
~G.B., Raleigh, NC

"Happy New Year! We are so thankful for GES and the work you do."  
~R.L., Lucedale, MS

"Excellent job in the expansion of GinF magazine! Hopefully, the newer format can have a wider impact to speak the free grace message. Happy New Year and a blessing on your ministry."  
~K.P. Fort Worth, TX