



Bayside Community Church
Tampa, FL
February 20



Sharon with the Clendenon Family

It was great to be back to this church. I spoke once on Genesis 12-15 on the calling and justification of Abraham, and once on Genesis 5, God hates death but loves life.

Sharon was able to go with me and we had a great time visiting with everyone. We enjoyed visiting with Margaret Riedel, with whom we stayed Saturday night. We've stayed with her



Bob with Harley Riedel

many times before and we always enjoy talking with her and going on walks and playing spelling games like Double Boggle and Word Play.

Cowtown Marathon
Fort Worth, TX
February 27

In February 2002, nine years ago, when I was "just" 49, I finished this marathon in 5 hours and 53 minutes. Now at 58 it was more of a challenge.

The weather was fairly good. It was in the 60s and overcast, so I didn't get burned. But it was windy too, gusting to 30 to 40 mph. It also sprinkled off and on. Over the past four or five months I built up to where I had walked 20 miles in 4 hours 39 minutes. My goal for this 26.25 mile race was to finish it in under 6 hours, and if possible beat my 2002 time.

Well, I finished and my time of 5 hrs and 47 min was a 6 minute improvement. I came away pretty sore and with small blisters on two toes and a big blister covering nearly all of my right heel.

I wore a shirt that said "Once Saved, Always Saved" in big letters on the back and smaller letters on the front. About ten runners commented while passing me, "I really like your shirt."

As I add this note, it is the day after and I did well to make it in to work. Actually I feel fine. But I am sore and the blister on my heel is talking to me.



Grace on the Go

March

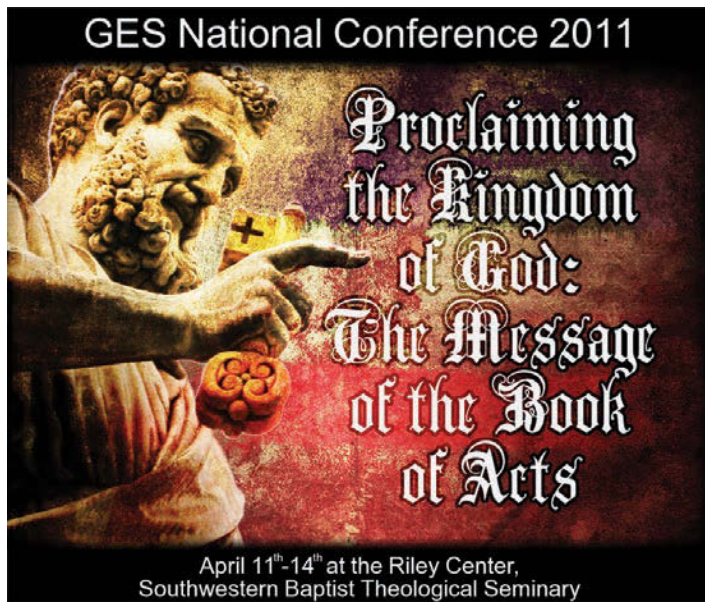
- 13 Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas, TX
- 18 Evangelical Theological Society Regional Conference, Dallas Theological Seminary, delivering a paper on "The Importance of Meditation in Exegesis"
- 20 Garland (TX) Bible Chapel
- 22-27 Jansen (NE) Bible Church, Bible Conference

Prayer Requests

Please pray for: the spiritual and physical health of the GES staff and their families (Kyle, Holly, Mark, and Bob), the health of the conference speakers and conferees, the finances of our fellow partners, America's financial and moral footing, the printing and shipping of the Hodges trilogy, conference registrations and planning over the final six weeks, GES financial support, the Free Grace movement, the Free Grace churches, schools, and organizations, and GES's future special publications projects (Zane's Roman's Commentary, Bob's Ten Most Misunderstood Words book, and Zane's book Jesus, God's Prophet—to be combined with Did Paul Preach Eternal Life? and Propitiation, and the transcript of the audio discussions Zane and Bob conducted on problem passages in the Synoptic Gospels).

Sixteenth Annual GES Conference Fort Worth, Texas April 11-14

The schedule is set and the registrations doing well. It appears we may well exceed last year's total for conferees. We would appreciate your prayers that this is an outstanding conference.



Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX February 13



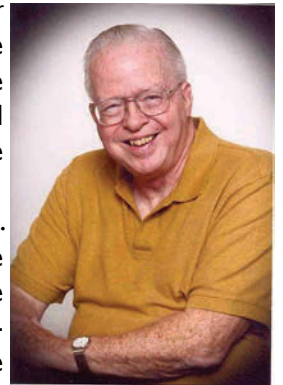
Our trek through Genesis brought us to Genesis 19 and the fall of Sodom and Gomorrah as well as the deliverance of Lot and his family. It is an amazing passage. We are not to cling to things, as Lot and his wife did. They left Sodom only very reluctantly. And Lot's wife disobeyed God and looked back. Looking back at the old ways is wrong. The new nation of Israel reading this surely knew it was not to look back longingly to Egypt, but ahead to the Promised Land.

A Free Grace Primer by Zane C. Hodges Should Be to the Printer Soon

We arrived at this title and subtitle: *A Free Grace Primer: The Hungry Inherit, The Gospel Under Siege, and Grace in Eclipse*. We have struggled mightily to get this to the printer by March 1st so it would surely be ready for the start of the conference, April 11.

Well, we didn't quite make it. We have it typeset and we have the cover, spine, and back cover. But we are still in the process of final proofing. Rather than rush it into print, we are making sure we get it right.

Our hope is still to have it in print by the conference. But that is doubtful at this point. If we can get it to the printer by March 8 or so, then there is still a good chance. We would appreciate your prayers.



February Financial Report

Feb Budget	\$27,940	YTD* Budget	\$223,520
Feb Revenue	\$14,573	<\$13,367>	YTD* Revenue \$246,195 \$22,675

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