

Partners in Grace September 2011



Omaha Conference attendees

Omaha Nebraska Conference on Perseverance

August 12-13

It was good to be back in Omaha at Community Bible Church, Chuck Tschettar (pronounced Cheddar), Pastor. We had a good turnout both Friday night (over 40) and Saturday morning (over 30). I gave 5 sessions on the Biblical calls to perseverance, what is at stake if we fail to persevere, and practical applications of Free Grace perseverance (i.e., rewards) theology. We had a great time. I want to repeat this conference elsewhere. It is a great topic.



Bob with Dean Thompson Sr. and Jr.

Victor Street Bible Chapel

Dallas, TX

August 28

Our journey through Genesis arrived at Genesis 27. I entitled this message, "Even Saints Have Family Issues." Here we see Mom and Dad and the two sons all scheming to see which son will be blessed. God had already promised that the elder would serve the younger and hence it was the younger, Jacob, who would be blessed. Yet no one in the family was acting out of faith. They were acting deceptively.

Grace Bible Church

Bellevue, NE

August 14

This was my first time speaking at the church pastored by Dan Hauge (Cheryl is his wife). I really enjoyed my time there. I spoke on the parable of the four soils from Luke 8:11-15. Everyone seemed to be tracking well with me.



Grace Bible Church



Bob with Pastor Steve Brewer

Simi Valley EV Free Church

Simi Valley, CA

August 21

I spoke again at Pastor Steve Brewer's church (Lynn is his wife). I spoke on 1 Chronicles 13 in a message entitled, "Don't Touch the Ark: Doing God's Work God's Way." I was able to revise this message some and I think the changes were very helpful. It was good to see Steve again and visit with him. His congregation was very encouraging.

GES Summer Board Meeting Coast Bible Church

Dana Point, CA

August 20



The GES Board (L to R): Frank Tyler, Bob Wilkin, Bob Kenagy, Brad Duskocil, Walt Millet and Troy Jensen

We had a very good board meeting. The new budget is an 11% increase over the past fiscal year. Our old budget was \$27,940 per month. The new budget is \$31,147 per month. The big news is that we plan to change starting in January of 2012 from a four-page newsletter to a sixteen-page magazine. This will cost \$10,000 more a year, but it will greatly increase both the amount of content we can send out and also the motivational impact of the publication. We plan to include lots of pictures and accounts about people and churches and ministries. We would appreciate your prayers as this will require us to do a lot more writing and editing.

Several of you have asked about our proposed church planting ministry. The Board decided that it is best that GES financially support (up to \$50,000 a year to start) a Free Grace church planting ministry, rather than GES start one. In addition, we voted to support one that has at least a one-year track record of planting churches. So please help us get the word out. We are ready to help support a Free Grace entrepreneur who has a burden for planting Free Grace churches. Our desire is to see lots of very small (5 to 15 adults) house churches. Our aim is not churches with professional staff and special church buildings. We are open to helping support a different model. But that is our preference.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the health of the staff and partners and their families, for the GES finances and the finances of our partners, for the Spring 2011 Journal and the Hodges trilogy to get out ASAP, for the upcoming Grace in Focus magazine, for my new book *The Ten Most Misunderstood Words in the Bible* (which we hope to have to the printer by Christmas), for my travels and speaking, and for the U.S. government.

Zondervan Book on Perseverance

This is exciting. I've been asked to write the rewards view. This will be a four-views book. The other three views all hold in various ways that we must persevere in order to make it into the Kingdom and avoid hell. They have lined up some heavyweight authors including Tom Schreiner of Southern Seminary in Louisville and famed British scholar James D. G. (Jimmy) Dunn. The editor of the project is Alan Stanley, who wrote a dissertation at DTS on perseverance, which was later turned into a popular book.

Your Dollars Matter

We actually have a very small number of partners. There are only 200 families (or in some cases churches) that give at least \$50 a year to GES. There are fifteen partners that give \$2,500 or more per year. Of those six give \$5,000 or more per year.



Every one of you is important to what we do, both for your gifts and your prayers. Together we are making a huge difference for a small ministry. As ministries go, one with a budget under \$400,000 a year is considered a midget ministry. Yet our results exceed our budget. Thank you for your partnership. May this lead to special blessings for you at the Bema.

August Financial Report

August Budget	\$31,147	YTD* Budget	\$62,294		
August Revenue	\$11,723	<\$19,424>	YTD* Revenue	\$39,988	<\$22,306>

We are very thankful for your gifts.

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