We had our first mini-regional or “Free Grace Evening” in NW Arkansas on January 7. Diane Boring and her daughter Nancy Jackson were enthusiastic about GES coming there and offered to host us in the Jacksons’ house. They did an excellent job of getting the word out, inviting friends, and making their home an open and accessible place to meet to hear the Word. That is essential to the success of these meetings.

Shawn spoke on the broad subjects of Faith, Hope, and Love; i.e., faith as the one condition to have eternal life; the hope of Christ’s soon return to reward His servants; and a practical spirituality of love.

Our thanks to Diane, Nancy, and the Jacksons, for being a great example of Christian hospitality.

December giving was great, up 5% over the previous December. The first six months of our fiscal year, however, were slightly down over the same time period last year.

We had a great discussion of future ministry plans, various theological issues, and all aspects of our ministry (magazine, blogs, journal, books, podcasts/radio, conferences, etc.).

Brad Doskocil continues as Chairman and Bernie Hunsucker remains the Secretary-Treasurer. The other Board members are Tony Taffer, Ken Yates, and Bob Wilkin. Shawn Lazar is an ex-officio member. We are blessed with a strong and united board.
GES’s 24th Annual Conference
The Hope Center, Plano, TX
May 18-21

The theme this year is the great doctrines of the Bible. We have many returning favorite speakers (Bob Bryant, Steve Thurman, Shawn Lazar, David Janssen, John Claeys, Ken Yates, Steve Elkins, Lucas Kitchen, and Bob Wilkin), as well as some first-time plenary speakers (Cliff Freeman, Nathanael Stevens, and Allen Rea).

In response to comments made by conferees, we’ve made three major changes for 2020.

First, all plenary messages will be 50 minutes, a ten-minute increase.

Second, we have a women’s track in our workshops. Each of the seven parallel sessions will have one workshop taught by a woman and designed for women.

Third, we’ve moved the Tuesday evening banquet to a trendy location in downtown Plano, a short drive from the Hope Center.

Grace on the Go

We are entering a very active season in speaking, teaching, and holding conferences. Please keep each of these events in your prayers.

Feb 12-22. Ken Yates. 2 Pastor’s conferences and one conference for wives of pastor (taught by Ken’s daughter, Kathryn Wright), Nairobi, Kenya.

Feb 21-22. GES Regional Conference in Georgetown, TX (near Austin).

Mar 3. Mini-Regional with Shawn in Laramie, WY.

Mar 4. Mini-Regional with Shawn in Centennial, CO.

Mar 24-26. GES Pastor’s conference in Costa Rica. Ken and Shawn will also be speaking at ILE Language school, ESEPA Bible College.

April 20-30. Ken is teaching the books of Hebrews and Colossians at Word of Life Bible Institute, Jeju Island, South Korea.

June 29-July 9. Ken is teaching Romans at Ambassador Bible College in Zambia. Kathryn Wright is teaching the doctrine of Salvation. And Bill Fiess will be donating and teaching Logos Bible software to students.

And there are conferences in the works for Chapel Hill, NC and Miami, FL.

Notes and Letters

“Bob this [Jan 17, 2020 blog on those who claim that assurance is found in our works] is great. Simple and direct QED. Amen. If that is ‘easy believism,’ then I believe it too. Former Catholics like myself can spot this Roman Catholic type teaching of John MacArthur. Luther found that out too after all his penances, climbing stairs on his knees, etc.”

—AW, email

Financial Report

| YTD Budget | $269,349 |
| YTD Income | $285,395 |

*These numbers are approximate. We had a good December, however, historically second half giving lags, so we are likely to fall short of our budget by about $20k by the end of the fiscal year.