



A great time studying the Word in Miami!



Shawn and Cody.



We practiced social distancing, wore masks, and refrained from hugging or shaking hands, but the people who came were still edified through the hearing of God's Word.

The subject was Biblical Spiritual Practices and the speakers were Shawn, Cody, Al Valdes, Kent Young (who graciously came as a last-minute replacement for Ken Yates), and Keith Pesce. All the speakers were strong and did a great job presenting their topics, ranging from Bible study to the Lord's Supper. Audio from the conference will be available soon at faithalone.org.

Board Meeting Plano, TX August 1

On Saturday morning we talked about GES's need to be vigilant *long term*. Will GES remain faithful twenty-five years from now? Fifty? We need to reproduce our ministry and our ministry leaders each generation. That is true of churches and it is true of ministries like GES as well.

We also discussed the possibility of GES undertaking a 5-year project to produce a commentary on the Old Testament. The Board was in favor of the idea and authorized Shawn and Bob to come up with a plan.

Miami Regional August 7-8

We weren't sure if it was going to happen. But Pastor Cody Wallace, his wife Meg, the elders, and the wonderful volunteers at Southwest Community Church helped to make our Miami Regional a success under very difficult circumstances.

Bayside Community Church Tampa, FL August 29-30

This is the third time I (Ken) have spoken at Bayside. The church has two services and I spoke on two women in the book of Mark who are heroes. The first was the widow who gave her two mites. The second was the woman who anointed Jesus for burial at the home of



The believers at Bayside.



Dinner with the Board.

Simon the Leper. The messages were well received, and I had a wonderful time. Thanks to Don Rice for all the logistical help for my trip. Also, thanks go out to Bob and Karen Carter and Susan Service for providing great meals and even better company. I really enjoyed the conversations about the military! I've included a picture of the first service. Many of the folks are watching the services online, but the church is praying that the situation with the virus will improve and all the people can come in person soon.

Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX August 9

In Mark 4 the Lord Jesus presented three parables, all dealing with seeds. The chapter ends with Him stilling a storm. The disciples did not understand the parables without the Lord's explanations, which He gave in private. Nor did they understand it when He stopped a deadly storm. The chapter ends with the disciples asking one another: "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!" (Mark 4:41). Born-again people need to learn more about God's Word and about *the Word* (John 1:1). The Holy Spirit will open our understanding of the Bible and the Lord Jesus Christ as we diligently seek Him.

In the Lord's Supper we overviewed the ninth minor prophet, Zephaniah.

GES Overseas Ministry

Kathryn and I (Ken) are continuing a study through Zoom on the Gospel of John. The study includes people

from various countries and meets each Saturday. It started out with some people in Spain who are having a difficult time finding Free Grace teaching. It has now spread to other places. We have around 15 each week. We are currently in John 10. Kathryn puts a study guide together for each week along with related articles from the GES website. We look forward to the study each week and it seems to be going well.

I am continuing my study in the book of Hebrews for the staff at a Bible college in Zambia through Zoom each Tuesday. This is a school that Kathryn and I have taught at in person but is currently closed because of the Coronavirus.

COVID and the National Conference

Many of you have called to ask what precautions we will be taking at the National Conference.

We will be following the guidelines set down by Dallas County, where Coppell Bible Fellowship is located. Unless the situation changes, we will be taking the following precautions: 1) masks will be required for all except when you are eating or drinking (GES will provide masks for those needing them)—and except for speakers while they are giving a message, 2) hand sanitizer will be available and we encourage regular use, 3) 6-foot social distancing will be enforced, except for members of the same family, 4) there will be no handshakes or fist bumps or even elbow tapping, and 5) anyone with a temperature or flu-like symptoms will not be permitted to attend sessions. We followed similar guidelines for the Miami conference, where everyone stayed safe.

