



# PARTNERS IN GRACE

AUGUST 2023

## Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship

JULY 9

I (Bob) spoke on the importance of the Lord's Supper from 1 Cor 11:17-34. We celebrated communion after the sermon. It was a good time of worship. My thanks to Pastor Philippe Sterling for the opportunity to speak.

## Coppell (TX) Bible Fellowship, 1 John 5

JULY 16

This was the sixth and final session for my (Bob's) summer Sunday School series on 1 John. Sharon bought me a new shirt that kept everyone awake. We even had five or six people on Zoom from Australia, Mexico, Canada, and the U.S.

Starting August 6, we will begin a series, Answering Your Bible Questions.

## Radio/Podcasts

Ken and Kathryn recorded about ten shows. Bob recorded fifteen shows, five each with Steve Elkins, David Renfro, and Mike Lii. We now have enough shows to get us to late August. Ken is coming a few days early for the Aug 11-12 board meeting. We hope to record twenty or more shows on Aug 9 and 10. That would give us a barrel of shows lasting until the end of September.



The congregation at Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship, July 9th



Bob's Sunday School class where he taught the final session of a series on 1 John

## International Ministry of Ken and Kathryn

July has been a busy month for us. Our Zoom classes have been going strong all summer, and we have been blessed with some new members (for anyone interested in joining one of our Zoom classes, please email the office at [ges@faithalone.org](mailto:ges@faithalone.org)). We currently have three studies covering Romans, Eschatology, and 1 Peter. This summer, we have also started to Zoom our Sunday School class, which allows for many of our FG friends overseas to join.

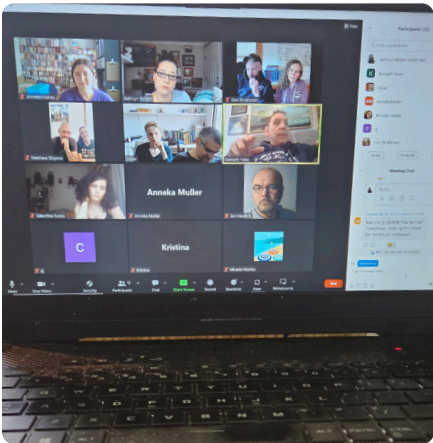
At the church where Ken speaks, a group of chaplains, including Jon Matlack, from the nearby Army post, Ft. Jackson, in Columbia, SC have been attending.

We hope to maintain a relationship with those going through Ft. Jackson in the future.

Kathryn had the privilege of meeting with Katie Walker from Texas this month. Katie is organizing a summer book club event later this August and is using Ken's book, *Elis-*

*abeth: Christ's Medal of Honor Recipient*. She asked us to develop a study guide/questionnaire for the event. In addition, one of the chaplains attending Ken's church is planning on using the book for a study on suffering later this year. Both studies will include people who have never been

exposed to FG theology. These studies have the potential to reach many. We are very excited to see how the Lord continues to use this literature to spread the message of grace to those who might have never heard the good news of eternal life by faith in Christ, apart from works.



Ken and Kathryn have been teaching several studies via Zoom as well as their Sunday School class



Ken, along with Jon Matlack, and other chaplains from a nearby Army post



Katie Walker and Kathryn meet about a summer book club that will use Ken's book, *Elisabeth: Christ's Medal of Honor Recipient*

## Fiscal Year-End Financial Report

Our fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. We just completed our fiscal year. We had our best year ever, including \$340,000 given by a partner via his will.

Thank you to all of you who support this ministry with your finances and prayers (Phil 4:17). We are having a major impact that is far beyond our small size.

### FISCAL YEAR 2023

Budget	\$645,731
Revenue	\$1,081,081

At our summer board meeting, Aug 11-12, we will set the budget for the 2024 fiscal year (which ends June 30, 2024).

## Notes and Letters

Thanks for posting the audio from the recent national conference and labeling each track with the speaker's name so that I can easily download them, put them on a playlist in iTunes, and either search by the speaker or listen to the whole set. I really appreciate all your work in making the talks available!

—AH, email

I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed your various videos!

I totally related to Bob sharing about meeting with a friend five days in a row and then finally "getting it."

I find myself completely repudiating Lordship Salvation and Calvinism.

There is real spiritual freedom in "by grace through faith alone." People tend to unnecessarily and falsely complicate things, including soteriology!

—JC, email