



PARTNERS IN GRACE

SEPTEMBER 2023

Board Meeting

IRVING, TX | AUGUST 11-12

We set the budget for fiscal year 2024, which runs through June 30, 2024. Our new budget is \$819,774, a \$174,043 increase over last year. We increased ministry significantly because of the money given in the will of a GES partner last fiscal year.

The new GES online seminary (see below) was given a budget of \$28,000 for its first year when we will only offer one-third of the classes (for first-year students). We project that year two will cost around \$53,000 and year three and following around \$78,000 per year. Your support allows us to offer these classes free to all who maintain a B average.

We discussed the progress on the OT commentary. We now have commentary for 318 chapters, which is 34% of the 929 total chapters. We are on



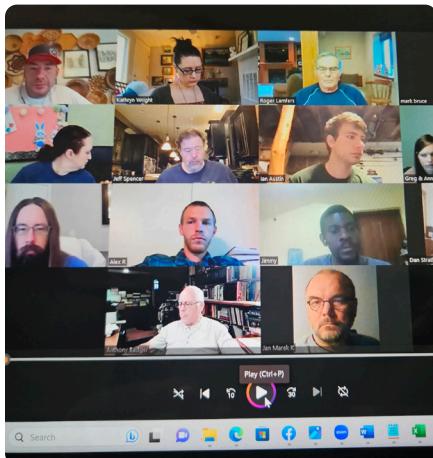
The GES Board met August 11-12 (Tony, Ken, Bob, Letitia, Brad, & Bernie)

pace to complete the commentary by 8/31/2025, two years from now. Then, a year for final editing, typesetting, proofing, and printing.

GES Partner Scott Sayre is doing a great job supervising the entire project. He's recruited a team (Trent & Aleyna Muller, and Greg & Anneka Muller) to help him do the initial edits of each chapter submitted.



The Board met at Saltgrass after the first day of the board meeting



Tony Badgers' section of Greek 101

First Semester of New GES Online Seminary

First-year Greek, taught by Drs. Tony Badger and Ken Yates, began the week of August 6. We aim for ten students per class. However, Tony and Ken have twenty-three students!

Four other classes started the week of August 20: Pastoral Ministry 1 (Steve Elkins), Soteriology (Bob Wilkin), Old Testament Survey

(Philippe Sterling), Theology Proper, Christology, and Pneumatology (Steve Elkins), and Logos Bible Software for Exegesis (Bill Fiess).

There are forty total students. Twelve are taking two or more classes this semester. Eight are on the MDiv track, meaning they plan to complete all twenty-four classes for the degree. Students are from every continent except Antarctica. Five are interested in starting a free grace church. Our seminary website is GESSeminary.org.



Is this a comedy show? These jokesters can't stop cracking up

Bob and Ken on Radio

Ken came three days early for the board meeting, allowing time to record twenty-five radio programs with Bob. We answered a lot of great questions listeners sent in. These shows are draining to do because the issues are so important. But they turned out great. These recordings give us a two-month supply of shows. Our goal is to stay at least one month ahead on shows. We offer shows with Ken and Bob, Ken and Kathryn, and Bob and four different guests (Steve Elkins, Philippe Sterling, David Renfro, and Mike Lii). Plus we interview people at our national conference.

Ken and Kathryn's Ministry

August was a busy month with the launch of the fall semester for our seminary. The first-year Greek course with Ken and Tony Badger has had an incredible turnout of students from all over the world.

While in Dallas for the board meeting, Ken recorded radio shows with Bob and spoke at First Baptist Church of Honey Grove.

One of our Spanish translators in Spain, Oscar Pellus, finished translating Ken's book, *Elisabeth: Christ's Medal of Honor Recipient*, into Spanish. Oscar and his wife, Georgie,



Ken spoke at FBC of Honey Grove

felt like this book would be helpful in sharing grace with the people in Spain and have already printed spiral-bound copies to give to those in their community. GES will have it printed with Amazon, and Lord willing, we will have it available for upcoming conferences in Costa Rica and Florida.



Georgie, one of our translators, on her way to give a friend a copy of the Spanish translation of *Elisabeth*

Prayer Requests

Please pray for Bob, Ken, Kathryn, Bethany, Mark, Colin, the GES board, and all the GES partners. We would also appreciate prayers for all our publications. Board member Letitia Lii tore her Achilles tendon and is recovering from surgery.

Notes and Letters

Would a Free Grace Pastors Fellowship be helpful? Wow! That is the understatement of the year, brother. I give a resounding YES! I'm an Englishman who is literally starved of Free Grace fellowship! I have been isolated, ostracized, and mocked for a long time, and I've lost pastorates for teaching Free Grace. You, gentlemen, are a breath of fresh and vital

air in a lonely world. Can this fellowship extend to the town of Saffron Walden in Essex, England? I sincerely hope so.

—Pastor Paul

The answer we gave Paul was a resounding YES! The first Pastors Fellowship was on 8/16/23 (for fellowship) and the second on 8/30/23 (for instruction, this time by Bob).