

Prayer Requests

Please pray for 1) our staff's spiritual and physical well being, Jeremy, Kyle, Ross, and Bob, 2) for our finances, which at press time are way below need, 3) for our conference registrations, which are about the same through December 31st as they were last year, 4) for the spiritual and physical health of our conference speakers, especially plenary speakers Jody Dillow, Zane Hodges, William Dembski, Bob Bryant, John Niemelä, and Nathan Holsteen, Dan Hauge, Ken Yates, and Bob Wilkin, 5) for our 1,200+ page NT commentary project, which has the potential of being in print by the end of 2008, 6) for the Free Grace movement, which has experienced several doctrinal disputes this past year, and 7) for the GES Board, Brad Daskocil, Chair, Jeff Bryant, Secretary-Treasurer, Bob Wilkin, and our two new board members, Frank Tyler and Walt Millet. The Board is meeting January 21 in Dallas. ▲

GES Website Undergoing a Complete Renovation

Back in October while at the Charlotte GES Regional Conference, I met missionary to Senegal Brian Stich. He told me that he was a computer specialist and they'd love to help us with our website. After several emails, he began work.

Primarily during the month of December Brian did a super job of making our website easier to use and more attractive. While it will be months before we are to get all of our information to him and he is able to load it all in, the basic design is there and is excellent. If you'd like to see it, go to www.freegraceonline.org/dev/ges. I hope you like it as much as we do.

Brian and his wife, Angela, may be moving back to the States late in 2008 after they complete their second term in Senegal. He is considering starting a web design company here. ▲



Bob with Frank Tyler and Ryan & Patrick Mahoney

Notes and Letters

Continues to be Blessed by GES

You probably don't remember me, but I was in a class you taught at the Dallas Seminary Lay Institute many moons ago [Fall 1981 & Spring 1982]. I read a book you suggested, *The Gospel Under Siege*, and it changed my life. The class was a real benchmark in my life. I became a member of GES right from the very start. I have not communicated with you or GES through the years very much, but have tried to faithfully promote the idea of salvation by faith alone. I give thanks for what I learned years ago, and I continue to be blessed by you and GES.

HG, email

Free From Lordship Salvation and Appreciates GES Teachings

I just wanted to reply and say thank you for all that you and GES does. Because of you and your organization I have received more solid Bible teaching in the past year than I ever have had previously. I grew up under Lordship Salvation teaching but thank God I now believe in Christ alone for eternal life. God bless you guys.

NH, email

December Financial Report

December Budget	\$32,100	YTD Budget	\$192,600*
December Revenue	\$32,895**<\$795>	YTD Revenue	\$154,438 <-\$38,162>

*Our fiscal year runs from July-June

**Note: These figures are not final. Since press time (December 31st) is a week or more before we will receive our last gift postmarked in December 2007, this figure is not final. In keeping with IRS regulations, we count all gifts postmarked on or before December 31st, even if we don't receive the gift until January.

January 2008

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Grace Chapel Tustin, California December 23rd

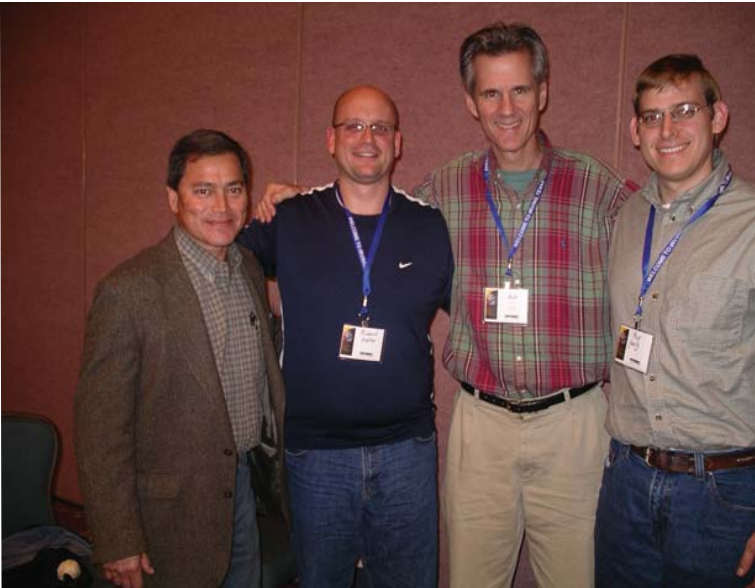
This is the third year in a row that Sharon and I have been able to be in Southern California and at Grace Chapel at Christmas. It is great to see all our friends at Grace Chapel and to be able to visit my mom and sister and other family as well.

Suffering preceded glory for our Lord. And it does for us as well. Matthew 2:1-12, the visit of the wise men, was my December 23rd text for my Christmas message. My title was "Christmas Reminds Us That Suffering Precedes Glory." I showed how when king Herod learned of the birth of the Messiah, the King of the Jews, he plotted to put Him to death! But God thwarted Herod's plans and warned the wise men not to return to Jerusalem and Herod.



The opposition against Jesus didn't wait until His ministry. He was opposed essentially from birth. Whereas the wise men rejoiced (Matt 2:10), Herod and all in Jerusalem were troubled at the news of the birth of Messiah (Matt 2:3).

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Charlie Bing, Rich Keller, Bob, and Ray Young at Pre-Trib

Pre-Trib Conference December 10-12

There were some good messages at this year's Pre-Trib conference. The theme this year was the Book of Revelation.

I saw a number of Free Grace friends at this conference including Doug and Ken Hornok, René Lopez and Bob Vacendak, John Niemelä, Hugh and Cindy Crowder, Andy Woods, Lew Schoettle, Arnold Fruchtenbaum, Mark Piland, Richard Grubbs, Charlie Bing, Tyler Beard, Fred Lybrand, Jobe Martin, and John Brumett. I also met a lot of people who appreciate GES and took the time to come up to me and tell me so, which was encouraging. ▲

My point is that while Christmas is a time of rejoicing, it also reminds us that this life is not the kingdom and Jesus is not yet ruling as King. If we wish to rule with Him in the life to come, then we must share in His sufferings (1 Pet 4:13). Suffering precedes glory.

After church we went out to lunch with Frank and Babbette Tyler (as well as their son and daughter), Ricardo and Laurie Campos, Laurie's parents, Jack and Irene Bilello, and others from GC. After lunch we headed over to the Campos' and visited with Ricardo, Laurie, Jack, and Irene. It was a super morning of ministry and afternoon of joyful visiting.



The Lunch Gang from Grace Chapel

On Saturday night Sharon and I were able to attend a gathering of my Serbian relatives at what is called a Krsna Slava, pronounced Curs-nah Slah-vah, which is a Saint's Day celebration. Each Orthodox Christian extended family hosts such a gathering on the same weekend each year. This was the Polich Slava. It was hosted by my cousin Ty Polich and his wife Bernadette (Bernie). Sharon and I really enjoyed it.



Sharon, Bob, and Mom

Sharon and I were able to celebrate Christmas Eve with my Mom and with two of my Serbian cousins (Mom's brother's children) and their families. We also celebrated Christmas with Mom and my sister Pam and her two children, John and Michelle. ▲



Bob's sister, Pam, cousins Scott and Steve, Mom, and Sharon at the Polich Slava

GES's 13th Annual Grace Conference: March 4-6, 2008 SWBTS, Fort Worth

This will be our first year at the fantastic conference facilities at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. Wait to you see the meeting facilities there! This is a top of the life conference facility. While it is costing GES more, we believe the fantastic facilities will draw more people.

The conference center has sixty excellent guest rooms, with most \$65, \$75, or \$85. There are even six rooms in Barnard Hall, a dorm right by the conference center, with antique furnishings for just \$45 a night.

If you prefer to stay in a hotel, there are many within 5 minutes of the conference center that offer a great special conference rate. The Radisson, for example, is just \$89 per night. See our website for more information on special hotel rates.

Unfortunately this year there won't be any free shuttle service from the airport. However, Super Shuttle charges just \$31 for the first person and \$8 for additional conferees in the same van. In addition, since both the guest rooms and the conference registration and

the cost of food at the conference center are much less expensive this year, even with the cost of the shuttle this year's conference will be much less expensive than our previous conferences have been.



Entrance to conference center

You may get more information and register online at www.faithalone.org. Or you can register by phone calling us at 972.257.1160. The registration fee is \$75 (or \$30 for students). We hope to see many of you there. We'd appreciate your prayers that we have a good attendance, that the speakers remain healthy, and that the messages are outstanding.



Queen room at conference center

If you haven't reserved your guest room, we suggest you do so now. Call the conference center directly at 817.923.1921 ext. 8800. Make sure you indicate you are with the GES conference.

If you have any questions, please call or email us at ges@faithalone.org. ▲

Powerful Schedule for Conference 2008

Tuesday, March 4. Wilkin (Acts 17:11), Hodges (John 13-17), Holsteen (TBA), Yates (Deity of Christ), Workshops by Wilson, Lopez, Swift, Yates, Myers, Bryant, Holsteen, Nichols, Pattillo, Boring, Lewis, and Millet.

Wednesday, March 5. Dillow (Double Justification?), Hodges (Signs & Structure in the 4th Gospel), Dembski (Intelligent Design), Wilkin (Sufficiency of Jesus' Evangelistic Message), Workshops by Abell, Comtois, Anderson, Barnes, Sterling, Crowder, Pierce, LeMaster, Brown, and possibly 3 Institute of Creation Research (ICR) scientists.

Thursday, March 6. Niemelä (Unbelievers Live Forever), Wilkin (Gospel Means Good News), Bryant (Searching for the Saving Message Outside John), Hauge (Implications of Jesus' High Priestly Ministry), Workshops by Pearson, Swihart, Rutherford, Coile, Hauge, Chay, Niemelä, Tripp, Turner, Vacendak, Leach, and possibly Bond, Stone, and one more ICR scientist.

You can see the entire schedule with times and full titles listed at our website (www.faithalone.org). Click on national conference and then on schedule. ▲



Jody Dillow, William Dembsky, & Nathan Holsteen

Grace on the Go

December 30	Victor Street Bible Chapel
February 24	Bayside Community Church, Tampa, FL
March 4-6	GES Annual Conference, Fort Worth, Texas
March 28-29	SW Regional ETS Conference, Houston, TX