

## GRACE ON THE GO

March

- 5-8 GES Conference, Dallas, TX
- 16-17 GES Regional Conf., Bismarck, ND
- 18 First Evangelical Free Church, Bismarck
- 23-24 Evangelical Theological Society Regional Conference, Forth Worth, TX

April

- 13-15 Jansen (NE) Bible Church
- 20-21 GES Regional Conf. Colorado Springs
- 22 Fellowship Bible Church, CO Springs

## GRACE CHAPEL

Tustin, CA

February 25

At the time of designing and printing this issue of *Partnes in Grace*, I had not spoken at this church. So I'll report on this speaking engagement next month.

## 12TH ANNUAL GES CONFERENCE

March 5-8

We will give loads of pictures next month! If you make it to the conference, you may see you picture in next months issue of *Partners in Grace*.



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## NOTES AND LETTERS

### What a Blessing

*Thank you for your response. It is a pleasure to correspond with you even if only by email. I want to personally tell you what a blessing GES has been and continues to be to me.*

—DW, email

### Aided Me Greatly

*I just wanted to say that your books and materials have aided me greatly in understanding Bible concepts such as repentance and discipleship. Many thanks!*

—PH, Peoria, IL



*Some of the young "Lake Wobegonians"*

### Grace in Eclipse, 3rd Ed. is an Outstanding Contribution to Evangelical World

*Thanks for publishing this new edition of [Zane Hodges' book] Grace in Eclipse. I just received 10 copies yesterday. It is an outstanding contribution to the evangelical world.*

—BF, email

### Love Grace in Focus Newsletter

*I read every word of Grace in Focus. Thanks for all your hard work. God bless you as you continue to rely on Him and the gracious love He has for you.*

—BM, Fredericksburg, TX

### Saved by Google

*I just wan to take a moment to thank you for helping me clear up a concern I had after reading Matt 7:21-23 this evening. Thank goodness for the internet, as I pulled up your site thru a Google search.*

—BH, email

### Loves Addition to GES Website Homepage

*Thanks for adding Grace in Focus to the [front page of the GES] website. The first two articles are excellent. See you at the conference. I am bringing my oldest grandson.*

—DLM, Brooklyn, NY

*[That's a] great idea, having teaching on your home page of your website. That will be a great incentive for people to keep coming back.*

—DB, email

### Blessings for OCD

*I am a Christian struggling from obsessive-compulsive disorder...In the past whenever I came across difficult passages in Scripture, it would create overwhelming fear and anxiety in me. I would obsessively fear that I could or possibly would lose my eternal salvation because of a period in my life when I committed apostasy...*

*Your ministry has been a real blessing to me in terms of excellent clarification of the many different passages of Scripture and also in helping take the fear and anxiety out of reading God's Word. Keep up the excellent work!*

—WT, San Francisco, CA

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Feb Budget	\$32,100
Feb Income	\$20,750 (-\$11,349)
YTD Budget*	\$256,800*
YTD Income	\$232,655 (-\$24,145)

\*Our Fiscal Year runs from July 1-June 30

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## GRACE LIFE CHURCH

Conference on Repentance

Anoka, MN

February 10-11

Though I wrote my dissertation on repentance, this is only the second time, I believe, that I've done a conference at a church on repentance. I really enjoyed it and so, it seemed, did the people of Grace Life Church. Almost everyone was very positive on what I shared.

The three messages on Saturday night were on 1) what repentance is and what it results in, 2) God wishes none to perish, but all to come to repentance (2 Pet 3:9), and 3) the repentance of the Ninevites (Jonah 3:1-10). The two messages Sunday morning were on repentance and evangelism, and the repentance of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32).

I didn't realize it, but Garrison Keillor is actually from Anoka. He graduated from Anoka High School, and the mythical "Lake Wobegon" is actually Anoka.

The people of Grace Life Church have indicated an interest in having a regional conference at their church

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after they complete work on their new auditorium. So hopefully I'll be able to go there again in the near future. I was very encouraged by these warm folks in the frozen north where I saw cars drive across frozen lakes and I ate wonderful homemade soup called mulligatawny that actually had chunks of apples in it!



*Bob discussed the conference panel with Zane Hodges and Bob Bryant*

## CONFERENCE MEETING

With Zane Hodges and Bob Bryant

Dallas, TX

February 8th

Bob Bryant drove over to Dallas from Marshall to meet with Zane and I so we could plan for the panel discussion we will be doing at the annual conference on Wednesday, March 7th, at 2PM. After two hours of discussion on the topic of law and grace and prophecy, we all concluded that there was way too much to discuss in a 50 minute panel! Needless to say, this wasn't what I hoped would happen.

The next day we came up with an alternative panel topic: Grace and Spiritual Formation. How do Grace believers become spiritual Christians (1 Cor 2:14-16)? In this panel we will discuss the biblical method of sanctification, the sufficiency of Scripture, and some of the dangers in the contemplative model of spiritual formation.

My thanks to Bob and Zane for turning us to a more manageable topic.



## VICTOR STREET BIBLE CHAPEL

Dallas, TX

February 4

Continuing my series on the Book of Acts, I explained Acts 4: "You Can Imprison the Gospel Messengers, But You Can't Imprison the Gospel." Those who proclaim the grace message are threatened by legalists. But that doesn't stop the message. The message spreads in spite of external opposition.

In the Lord's Supper message I discussed the issue of the filling of the Holy Spirit. The filling referred to in Acts 4 was, I believe, special enablement for a special task. The other type of filling of the Spirit is described in Acts 6:3 and refers to being spiritual or mature in the faith. I suggested that Eph 5:18 refers to this second type of filling, to spiritual maturity.

Both messages will soon be added to the faithalone podcast and audio section of the website.



*Some of the men at Victor Street Bible Chapel*



*Saturday night at the Grace Life Church Conference on Repentance*



*Some of the members of Grace Life Church*



*Bob with Steve in Anoka, MN*



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## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. For good attendance and good weather at our annual conference, March 5-8.
2. For the health and spiritual well being of all the conferees and speakers.
3. For Oscar and Marion Segura as they help us organize the office and the staff.
4. For Carl and Jeremy in their marriages, work at GES, and seminary studies.
5. For Bob and Jeremy to carve out time to work on the commentary.
6. For GES to find a good and reasonably priced Customer Relations Management (CRM) site in the next few months so that we can more effectively handle our database, gifts, orders, inventory tracking, and possibly website.
7. For finances during the last third of our fiscal year (March-June). It appears we will need the next four months to be outstanding in order to meet budget.



*GES Staff: Jeremy, Carl, Bob, Marion, & Oscar*