

Notes & Letters

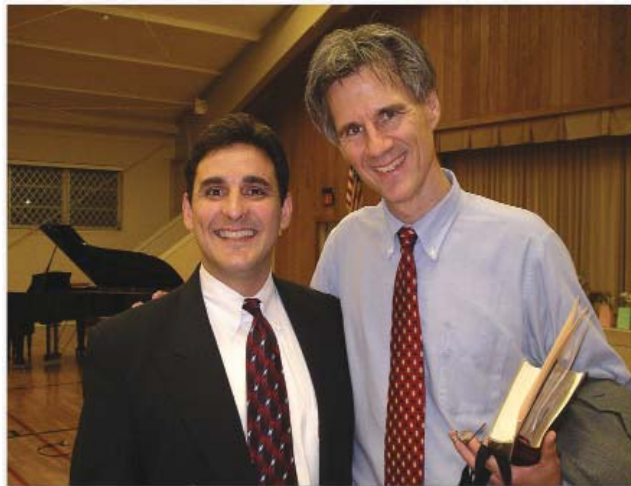
Grace in Alaska!

I want you to know that I am so grateful, to God, for your ministry to spread the real truth of God's Word. I'm a widowed father of three children on a remote homestead here in Alaska. I'm seeking God's blessing for the present and the future. I'm convinced that GES is the best "Great Commission" investment I could commit to at this time in Christian history. At least in America anyway, your ministry has to be on the top of God's charts. So I'm committing to \$5.00 per month to start, along with daily prayer for GES.

Anonymous ~ AK

Hello Grace

Thank you for the ministry you have all given to me! Goodbye Lordship, hello grace!
D. P. ~ Sharpsville, PA



Bob with Rene Lopez at the Berean Memorial Banquet

Calvinism's Resurgence

I was thrilled by Brian Fisher's article on Calvinism's Resurgence Leaves Many Vulnerable to Bad Doctrine in the current GIF publication. His analysis of what is going on among the college-age men and women across the country is spot on! Keep up the good work and kudos to Brian Fisher!!!
W. C. ~ e-mail

Podcasting

Bob, I wanted to let you know that your little study [Jesus Ruled in the Garden] has given me a number of opportunities to inform other believers of the Lord Jesus' presence in the garden.

M. R. ~ online

Jesus Ruled In the Garden Podcast

An amazing teaching. I certainly never heard this before. Dr. Wilkin should have his own radio show (3 hours a day, five days a week).

J.P. ~ online

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Financial Report

May Budget	\$29,212
May Revenue	\$21,851 (-7,361)
YTD Budget*	\$321,332
YTD Revenue	\$359,224 (+37,892)

*Our Fiscal Year is July 1-June 30



PARTNERS

in Grace

June 2006

Bastrop (TX) Bible Church

May 6-7

Pastor Woody Woodward is another friend from our seminary days. In addition, I served as an elder under Woody when he was pastor at Crossroads Bible Church in the Lewisville, Texas area. Woody is getting a doctorate and is studying under men like Dr. Haddon Robinson, one of the greatest professors of preaching (and one of the greatest preachers) in our day. His absence this week afforded me the opportunity to speak.

Lordship Salvation for Dummies was my title for Sunday School. The title was inspired by my effort to simplify my discussion of this complex topic. It went so much better than my normal complicated presentation. I said you can remember Lordship Salvation by the word COP: commitment, obedience, and perseverance. Those are what a person must do, according to Lordship Salvation, to make it into the kingdom.

In the service, I spoke on James 2:14-17. This is a passage I've spoken on many times, but this time went especially well.

Bastrop is about 90 miles from Austin. PG



Bastrop Bible Church on May 7

Brenham (TX) Bible Church

May 21

Pastor Robert Oliver and I were in seminary together at DTS. I remember being in some of Zane Hodges's classes with him.

Bastrop, Texas is near Austin, the State Capital. Sharon was able to go with me on this trip. We had a great time meeting wonderful people at this church, especially Robert and his wife Pace and our hosts for two nights, Bill and Barbara Erdman.

I spoke on the Prodigal Son from Luke 15 in the morning. Then on Sunday night we had around a two-hour rap session called TableTalk. I made a short 15-minute presentation on assurance, and the rest of the time was Q & A. I loved this time of fun, lively, and challenging interaction. PG



Brenham Bible Church on May 21

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The Lord's Supper at Victor Street Bible Chapel

Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX

May 14

Mother's Day may not have been the best time to talk about our "day of judgment" from First John 4:17-19. But, then again, maybe it was a fine time.

John says that in order to have boldness at the day of judgment, a clear reference to the Judgment Seat of Christ, then we need to have mature love. If we live like Jesus lived, in a loving way, then we have nothing to fear at the Bema.

If you'd like to hear the message, it is available for free download from our website.

At the Lord's Supper I spoke on *Put Life in Your Evangelism*. I showed how we need to make the issue of eternal life clear when we evangelize. It lead to some fantastic discussion. *PG*

Berean Memorial Bible Church Irving, TX

April 28

This was the 55th annual Spring banquet for Berean. These banquets started a year before I was born!

What a privilege to be the featured speaker at this occasion. I spoke on our call to perseverance and how it is linked to Jesus' soon return: *Hang in There: Help Is on the Way*. You can listen to it on our website. *PG*

Continued Taping with Zane

May 23

Zane slightly changed the way he explains Matthew 8:1-13, the first of three Outer Darkness passages. As a result, he requested we redo our previous discussion. That we did. And it went very well. We were very encouraged by the dialogue that resulted.

Afterwards Zane and I had lunch with Pastor Bob Vacendak. We talked theology and exegesis for two hours and it was hard to quit. *PG*

Four GES Regional Conferences Upcoming:

Omaha, Spokane, Los Angeles, Atlanta

We are expanding our regional conference ministry. Last year we had two, one in the L.A. area and one near Atlanta.

This year we are have our second annual conference at those two locations and we are adding in conferences in Omaha and Spokane and possibly in another city on the coast of Washington State. *PG*

GES Soon to Publish a 3rd Edition of *Grace in Eclipse!*

One of Zane's most beloved books is *Grace in Eclipse*. Yet it has been out of print for several years now. We've been working to remedy that and I'm happy to report the fruit of our labors is soon to be released.

Zane completely revised the book so that this is a completely new edition. He has added paragraphs and even whole new pages throughout the book. The result is that it has over 10% new material. There will also be a much needed Scripture index.

Your support makes it possible for us to do this. We do not anticipate selling a large number of this book each year. Because of your support, that isn't an issue. We simply wanted to get this vital resource back in print. The fact that Zane revised it is a fantastic bonus.

The book will carry a new cover as well. Look for a picture of Zane sitting behind the wheel of a Mitsubishi Eclipse! Well, that was my idea, but it was shot down by my staff. Go figure. *PG*

2007 Conference Date Set March 5-8 Crowne Plaza Hotel Dallas, TX

Because a number of this year's conferees expressed a desire for a main meeting room with more space, we've taken three months to finally commit to a location for next year. It turns out we are back at the Crowne Plaza. All of the conferees loved the hotel rooms and the meeting rooms for the workshops. Most felt that the main meeting room was fine. When we couldn't find a location with a better main meeting room at a reasonable price for the hotel rooms, we went back to the Crowne Plaza. The dates will be the first week in March.

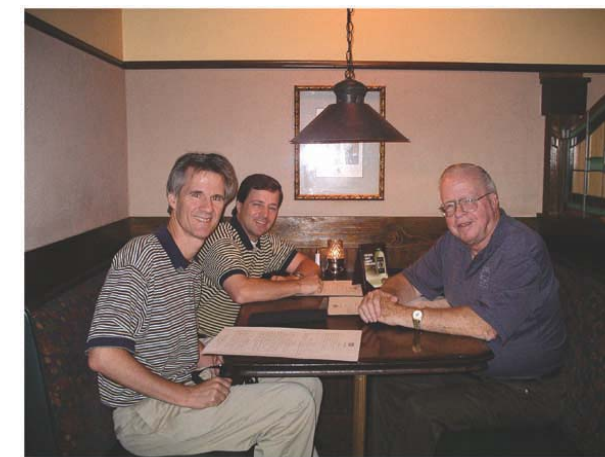
The room rate will go up slightly, to \$87 a night. However, that includes airport transportation and a free continental breakfast. And, for just \$4 per day (down from \$6 this year), those who stay in the hotel can have the full breakfast each day.

We've gone back to a theme for next year's conference. It is *Confessing Christ*. *PG*

Help Us End the Year Well

Our fiscal year ends June 30th. Now for the second year in a row we are poised to come in well over budget. What a blessing the additional finances have been. Should we end this year with a healthy surplus, we will expand our ministry and budget once again for this next fiscal year.

For those who are able to make a special gift this month, it would be very helpful and much appreciated. Thank you for your partnership with us in proclaiming the grace message. *PG*



Bob with Zane and Bob V.



Berean Memorial Church celebrated their 55th annual Spring banquet



Bob with partners Chuck and Myra Starks and Jim Reeves at Brenham Bible Church



Robert and Pace Oliver and family

Grace on the Go

June

- 9-10 Southern Evangelical Seminary Conference, Charlotte, NC
- 11 Grace Bible Church, Charlotte, NC
- 17-18 Communion Chapel, San Antonio, TX
- 25 Coast Bible Church, San Juan Capistrano, CA

July

- 7-8 Omaha GES Regional Conference
- 9 Community Bible Church, Omaha, NE
- 30-31 GES Summer Board Meeting

August

- 6 Bayside Community Church, Tampa, FL
- 25-26 Southern California GES Regional Conference
- 27 Coast Bible Church