

Partners

July 2008

in Grace

Biblical Education by Extension (BEE World)

Colorado Springs

June 6-8

Sharon and I went to The Springs, as Colorado Springs is called, to visit with Dr. Jody Dillow about our journal and our conference. We stayed with Arch and Carolyn Rutherford and were able to celebrate our wedding anniversaries together since they are just days apart (32 years for us and 38 for them). On Sunday Arch and I took turns speaking at Northeast Bible Chapel. I spoke Sunday evening on Galatians 5:4, "Believer, Don't Fall from Grace."

This was a very profitable and enjoyable trip.



Dave, Penny, Carolyn, Sharon, Arch, and Jody

Victor Street Bible Chapel

June 15

We've all heard the expression God helps those who help themselves. Well, Acts 12:1-24 yields a different saying, God hurts those who hurt the church. This chapter has two main parts. In part one Peter is delivered from almost certain death at the hands of Herod. Then, in part two, Herod himself dies at the hand of God because he hurt the church and did not give glory to God.



Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship Church

Lewisville, TX

June 1

Pastor Philippe Sterling had been in Winnipeg, Canada for a three-day church conference. Since he was scheduled to get back late Saturday night, he invited me to speak.

In Sunday School I spoke on the meaning of the words save and salvation in the NT. In the worship service I spoke on the meaning of gospel and evangelist in the NT. Both of these messages will hopefully become part of a new book I'm working on. It has the tentative title, *The Ten Most Misunderstood Words in the Bible*.

The audio of my message on salvation should be available on our website.

Jordan Bible Study

June 21





**Bob and Sharon
with Angela and
Bob Nebeker at
Northeast Bible
Chapel**

Prayer Requests

Kyle Kaumeyer, my right hand man, is facing back surgery July 7th. He had surgery a year ago and now a piece of a disc and scar tissue is pressing on a nerve and leaving him in terrible pain and making it very hard for him to sleep, walk, or work.

Our finances have been down this year and we need wisdom as to how to cut spending or how to increase revenue. The summer GES board meeting is Monday August 4 and many important issues will be discussed.

Zane Hodges is making good progress in his commentary on Romans and might complete it by the end of the year (though he will then do editing in 2009 before he is ready to publish it, possibly with GES).

Finally, please pray for the Free Grace movement. Lately we've been experiencing lots of trauma as a movement. As Zane Hodges and I have discussed it, he believes that the Lord will use these things to cause the message to go out in greater clarity and power. I believe he is right, though enduring lots of criticism and name calling has been very difficult and painful.

Spotlight on Your Support

Because we're small, each contribution is magnified greatly. We have a small number of partners who give \$1000 or more per year. Most give between \$100 and \$500 per year.

There were fewer than 400 people who gave anything at all to GES in the last year. GES partners are committed to the Free Grace message and give sacrificially to aid us in promoting it.

Thank you for your fellowship in this ministry. We constantly remember and tell each other that this isn't our money to spend, but it is money the Lord has entrusted to our care as a result of the loving gifts of our ministry partners.

Notes & Letters

Discipleship and Salvation Distinct?

I am having difficulty with your views about discipleship and salvation as two distinct concepts. To me the scripture makes it clear that if we do truly believe in Christ we then will chose to obey. How can one take Jesus as Savior but not take him as Lord? Is that not like saying I trust you to give me the free ticket to heaven but I don't trust you enough to lead my life? That kind of trust is not real trust to me.

—email

I wrote him back explaining that eternal life is a free gift for all who simply believe in Jesus for it, with no strings attached.

You Messed with My Knowledge on Salvation

You have messed my little knowledge I had on salvation that I know I don't know how I can teach to church members on the whole issue of saving faith. I just read a copy of your book Confident in Christ and you outline some profound things on what it means being saved.

I have a request to make. The book I read was a borrowed one; it was not mine. Is it possible to send me a copy and any other commentary books you feel can be helpful to me please?

I'm a young pastor in Zambia serving in a local church. I love the Lord but would love to be as faithful as possibly can in serving him. After reading your book I feel I was not faithfully preaching the whole teaching of salvation....

—email from Zambia

I wrote him back and said we are sending him a selection of our booklets as well Zane's commentary on James and my books Confident in Christ, Secure and Sure, and The Road to Reward.



Bob, Arch, and Joshua

June Financial Report

June Budget \$31,343

June Revenue \$15,227 <\$16,116>

YTD Budget \$376,114

YTD Revenue \$314,531* Adjusted <\$61,583> **

* Our fiscal year runs from July to June

**Estimated expenses \$320,000

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