

Notes & Letters

Enjoyed the White Debate

I downloaded the MP3 version of the debate with James White and wanted to let you know that I thought it was quite evident that the Holy Spirit was with you...I don't think I could have held my composure like you did! Thanks for your willing service to God's grace plan.
G.Y. - Princeville, IL

Great Illinois Conference

Thanks for a fantastic conference at Westchester Bible. It was a treat for us to hear Bob in person. Now we feel more apart of what your doing at GES.
J.S. - Chicago, IL

Praise for Secure and Sure

Secure and Sure is a great book. I have ordered 2 more copies to give out. I pray that I can give one to [my pastor] in a way that is non threatening to him. If a person would just investigate for themselves what the Bible teaches on this free grace issue, in submission to the Holy Spirit, I think they would "get it." Tradition plays a big part in what some people believe. My trouble is that I want everyone to immediately be persuaded and it doesn't always happen that way.
Email - Kansas City, KS

Great Discussions between Zane & Bob

I appreciate the on-line audio. I recently listened to Bob and Zane discuss Mark 16:16. What a great tool to have to continue to spread the gospel of Christ!
C.N. - Jansen, NB



Pastor Danny Hunkin brought about twenty people to the California Conference from Paradise Springs Community Church in Phoenix, AZ

Regarding the Article "Is Ignorance Eternal Bliss?"

Thank you so much for clearing up this age-old question so nicely and thoroughly. I must admit that I've become solid Free Grace supporter and I'm beginning to tell my friends what I've learnt here.
D.S. - Seoul, Korea

Thanks for Speaking at the LSU Faculty Club

I just want to congratulate you on a great job. Everyone was so pleased and appreciative of your presentations. It was a privilege to have fellowship with you and I so enjoyed it.

I was a member of the Episcopal Church and met Nick Kalivoda in a Bible study. We started having lunch

together every Friday and I had hundreds of questions for him. He has been a great influence on me and so have you. I give thanks to God for men like you and Nick and pray for your continued service.
G.J. - Baton Rouge, LA


PARTNERS in Grace

Southern California Regional Coast Bible Church

August 26-27

We had 110 adults plus around 20 children for this regional conference. It was extremely well attended. The atmosphere was electric. Everyone really enjoyed the main sessions by Zane Hodges, Arch Rutherford, and Bob Wilkin. Plus there were 12 workshops offered by men such as Dr. George Meisinger, Dr. John Niemela, George Bryson, Frank Tyler, Ricardo Campos, and others.

Zane Hodges gave two messages on the new covenant that were outstanding. Arch Rutherford tackled the tough subject of election and covered the issue well. Bob Wilkin gave three messages: "Evangelism: What Would Jesus Do?" "Six Tough Texts Explained," and "Repentance and Evangelism."

You can order DVDs or CDs of the plenary messages or workshops. All six plenary messages are packaged together on one DVD. One MP3 CD contains ten workshops and another MP3 CD contains all six plenary messages. We've enclosed an order form for your convenience. 




There was an excellent turnout for the California Regional Grace Conference

Have You Registered Yet? Speakers Nearly Set for Grace Conference 2005

February 27-March 2, 2006

The following main speakers are committed: Zane Hodges (2 sessions), Brian Fisher, Pastor of Grace Bible Church in College Station, TX, Kem Oberholtzer, Professor at Grace School of Theology in The Woodlands, TX, J. Paul Tanner, recently back from teaching in Asia and the Middle East and currently with BEE International, Bob Bryant, Pastor of Cypress Valley Bible Church in Marshall, TX, and Bob Wilkin (2 or 3 sessions).

We've decided to offer child care this year. All we ask is for one parent from each family to volunteer to help with the kids for one morning (9 till noon) or afternoon (1:30 till 5:30). There will be no charge for this service. 

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Financial Report

Aug Budget	\$29,212
Aug Revenue	\$21,848 (-\$7,364)
YTD Budget	\$58,424
YTD Revenue	\$65,216 (+\$6,792)



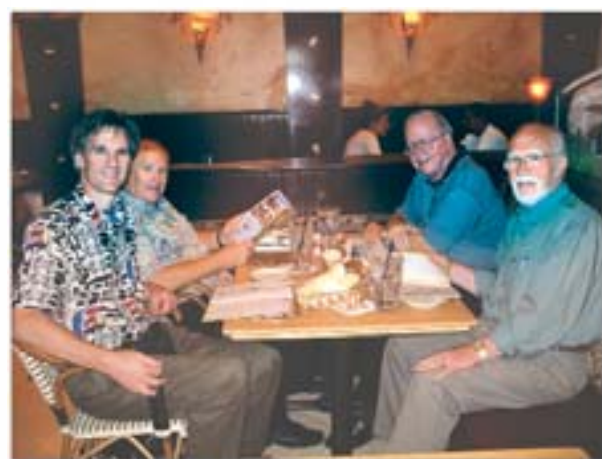
Bob with Mike, Leticia & Payton Lii at the CA Conference



At the LSU Faculty Club before Bob spoke



Bob visiting with some of the LSU Bible Study members



While in CA, Bob had dinner with Arch Rutherford, Zane Hodges, and Earl Radmacher

LSU Faculty Club Bible Study Baton Rouge, LA

August 20-21

Nick Kalivoda actually sat under the late Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer at Dallas Theological Seminary in the late 40s and early 50s. For several decades he has been teaching a Bible class at LSU. He had me in for a two-day Bible conference, speaking on Lordship Salvation (2 sessions) and the Reformed Doctrine of the Perseverance of the Saints (2 sessions). What a joy it was to visit with Nick and his wife, Barbara, and all of the people whom he has discipled and in many cases led to faith in Christ.

I even stayed on the campus of LSU in a lovely suite in the Faculty Club. My thanks to Nick and Barbara and all the wonderful people of Baton Rouge.

As I sat in the Baton Rouge airport awaiting my flight back to Dallas, I saw Jimmy Swaggert and what looked like his son. We were on the same flight to Dallas together. It truly is a small world.

It was only a week later when Baton Rouge was hit hard by Hurricane Katrina. It is hard to imagine how things could change so quickly in a week. *RG*

Prayer Requests

Please pray for GES members and churches who were affected by hurricane Katrina. Pray for their physical, emotional and spiritual needs as many of them live in areas where people are suffering from loss of homes, jobs, and lives.

Pray also for the continued ministry of GES. Since our staff has had a complete turnover in the past four months, we need wisdom in training and assignments so that we can effectively continue to spread the Gospel.

Finally, a lot of people have been asking about the progress on the commentary. Pray that finances come in and time is available to finish this important project soon. See the note to the right. *RG*

Grace on the Go

September

- 10-11 Ministry in Whitewater, KS
- 17-18 Bayside Community Church, Tampa, FL
- 22-24 GA GES Regional Conference, LaGrange, GA
- 25 East LaGrange (GA) Baptist Church
- 25-26 Free Grace Seminary, Hampton, GA

October

- 1-2 Northgrove Evangelical Church, Rockford, IL
- 5-7 Urban Alternative Conference, Oak Cliff, TX
- 9-13 Arrow Conference, Auckland, New Zealand
- 14-24 Cross Road Bible Church, Forrestfield, Australia
- 28-30 E-Free NW Regional Conference, Alberton, MT

GES Summer Board Meeting

August 9

We had a good meeting. The good financial numbers from last year led us to adopt an increased budget for fiscal 2006.

We now have three new staff: Jeremy Myers, Daniel Mosburg, and Brandon (Wally) Wallace. All three are starting at Dallas Theological Seminary this month.

Director of Publications Mike Makidon, who had been with us part time for three years and full time for two, decided to take a middle-school teaching position. He is now teaching English as a Second Language. We miss him. He handled our publications as well as ordering, finances, and computers. Plus he coordinated the annual conference and our school of theology.

At some point in the next few months, after Jeremy, Daniel, and Wally are well grounded in what they are doing, we may well add another part-time person. There is just so much work to do that it is hard to do with me plus three part time people (30 + 24 + 24 hours).

Dr. Doug Hill will be rotating off the board at the end of this year. We added two new board members: Jeff Bryant, a local businessman, and Ralph Grant, who is coming back on the board after having rotated off for a few years. *RG*

The Commentary Needs Financial Help

A year ago we told you we needed 175 gifts of \$200. Well, we only received a handful of those gifts. While we did great in the general fund, the commentary fund did not.

If need be the board has decided to use general fund money to pay for the commentary. However, we'd rather not use most or all of our reserves up. So if you have some extra money to give, this would be a good cause.

We are making progress on the commentary project and have hopes of having all the commentaries in house by the end of December. If so, hopefully we can edit and get it in print by the end of 2006. *RG*

Bob's 84 Mercedes Tops 300,000 Miles

August 30

After getting back from the California regional Bob and Sharon topped 300,000 miles on his 1984 300D Turbo Mercedes. Now it is time for a newer car. They are leaning toward a Toyota Echo or Matrix. Bob and Sharon want to get a gas powered car that gets 30+ mpg. (Plus Sharon wants Bob to get a car with air conditioning. His AC died about 2 years ago.) *RG*



The GES Board from Left to Right: Brad Daskocil, Bob Wilkin, JB Bond, Doug Hill, Troy Jensen



Bob spoke at East Clairemont Southern Baptist Church in San Diego, CA



Bob with his mother Jean and sister Pam in CA