

Notes & Letters

Great Article

I want to thank you for that great article on Matthew 5:22 (Bob Wilkin, "Whoever Says 'You Fool!' Shall Be in Danger of Hell Fire," *GIF* [Sept/Oct 1997]).

In my study I came to the same conclusions, but it is much better when you have 2 or 3 witnesses. So thank you very much for your great site.

D.C. ~ Internet Reader

Struggling With Assurance

This article fully explained my struggle with assurance. Dr. Wilkin fully clarified the confusion that many are looking for an experience or an event for salvation and are not trusting in Christ alone for salvation. Wonderful!

K.M. ~ Cedar Bluff, MS

GES—Uncompromising

Thank you for your uncompromising stand! Pray I will do the same!

D.W. ~ Concord, NC

Stationed Overseas

While stationed in Korea, it sure is great getting your literature!

K.Y. ~ Korea



Bob visiting with his mom Jean and sister Pam

Deeper in Love With Our Savior

Through your ministry, God has helped me fall deeper in love with our Savior. God Bless you! I am starting a small group this evening and we are doing a book study using *Confident in Christ*. P.L. ~ Bamegat, NJ

The Impact of GES's Teaching Ministry

Just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed finally

meeting you after all these years and what a blessing your teaching was to us today. I'm so thankful for your ministry as you and others at GES seek to help others to be clear on the greatest news man will ever hear.

M.C. ~ Arlington, TX

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November Revenue	\$18,288
November Budget	\$27,320
YTD Revenue	\$113,928
YTD Budget	\$136,600
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PARTNERS in Grace

East Clairemont SBC

San Diego, CA


October 31

I flew to southern California for my mom's 92nd birthday. I was able to combine this with a trip down to San Diego to speak at Pastor Chris Clark's church.

The Best Is Yet to Be was the title of my message. The many positive comments after the service indicated that I struck a chord.

Over the past few months it has struck me how much symmetry there is between the first three chapters in the Bible and the last three. The Garden of Eden has great promise for mankind and for this planet. The fall destroyed that. Or did it?

Actually the fall merely *postponed* God's plan for man and for earth. Revelation 20–22 shows that what God originally intended will ultimately be fulfilled.

By the way, Mom is doing well. I told her the point of my San Diego sermon. She said she finds it far-fetched that people who believe in Jesus will get new perfect bodies that will experience no pain and will not age or die. She did imply, however, that she'd think about it, so that's a good step. 



Pastor Chris Clark (right) visiting with members of ECSBC

Communion Chapel


San Antonio, TX

November 20-21

Communion Chapel is more than fifty percent Hispanic. I've known Pastor Alex Mandes for over 20 years and Associate Pastor Mike Pratt for almost as long. We all went to DTS together.

On Friday night I took part in a fellowship with the elders and their wives. Then on Saturday night a group of about thirty met to discuss James 2:14-26. I really enjoyed leading this discussion.

How to share the gospel clearly was the subject of our Sunday school discussion. The message I gave that morning was *You Really Do Reap What You Sow* (Gal 6:6-10). Both the discussion and message were well received.

My thanks to Alex, Julie and their daughters for their warm hospitality. 



A Friday night fellowship dinner with members of Communion Chapel

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December 2004



Bob and Sharon visiting with Chris Freeland, associate pastor of ACC, his wife, and her parents



ACC members visiting before Bob spoke




Saturday night Bible study at Communion Chapel

Arlington (TX) Community Church

November 7

Mark Carr is the teaching pastor at Arlington Community Church. This church is currently in the process of seeking a senior pastor. This was my first time at this Free Grace church.

Clarity in evangelism was the subject of my Sunday school presentation. In the worship service our ministry as ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor 5:18-21) was the focus of my message. 

Thanks So Much

I've been working on my book on assurance for a long time. But without your support, it wouldn't be possible. Because of your partnership I am able to spend lots of quality time working on and polishing a book like this. In addition, the staff here gives me wonderful help in editing, proofing, typesetting, and all of that is directly related to your fellowship in this ministry.

This new book should go to the printer around the time you receive this. Lord willing we should have the printed book in the office by late January or early February.

Thanks so much for your participation in our efforts to promote clarity in evangelism and discipleship. 


Two New Staff Members



Lindsay Bethany


Recently we added two new part-time staff members, Bethany and Lindsay. They are both from Oregon and currently attend Dallas Theological Seminary.

Bethany is in the Media

Arts program and Lindsay is in the Parachurch Ministries program. They are wonderful additions to our team. 

Commentary Support Update

148 Gifts to Go

We are slowly but surely meeting our goal of 175 gifts of \$200 for the commentary fund. So far we have received \$5530 for the commentary fund, which works out to a little more than 27 \$200 gifts. Thank you for your gifts. While we still have a long way to go by next June, our goal is still attainable. 

Evangelical Theological Society


San Antonio, TX

November 16-19


Over fifteen hundred Bible scholars from around the world gathered in San Antonio for this year's annual conference. Representing GES at this gathering each year is quite a privilege.

My parallel session topic this year was "The Truth About Repentance." I showed that turning from sins is not a condition of eternal life. About 30 people attended my session. The questions mostly concerned faith and the object of saving faith, not repentance. Afterwards I spent an hour talking with two young men who just graduated from The Master's Seminary, Dr. John MacArthur's seminary in Southern California.

GES members and partners I was able to visit with at the conference included René Lopez, J.B. Hixson, Drs. Steve Lewis, Gary Derickson, Charlie Bing, Elliott Johnson, Doros Zachariades, Jim Congdon, and Brad McCoy.

A number of the messages that I heard were helpful. 

Prayer Requests

The assurance book should be at the printer by the time you read this newsletter. Pray that the printing will go well. Also, pray that this book will have a great impact on all who read it. We're excited about this book. Please pray that the commentary project will finish on time and for the project's finances. Please pray for the conference in March. The details are coming together nicely. We're hoping to have 350+ this year. Pray that this four-day event will send the conferees back encouraged and motivated to evangelize and disciple. 

Grace on the Go

December

- 4-5 Grace Bible Church, Laredo, TX
- 6-8 Pre-Trib Conference, Irving, TX
- 12 Victor Street Bible Church, Dallas, TX

January

- 8-22 Chafer Theological Seminary, Orange, CA. Class on Adv. Hermeneutics. Class meets on MWF nights and Saturdays. Class is open to all in the area. Call GES or Chafer for info.
- 9 TBA, Southern Calif.
- 16 TBA, Southern Calif.
- 23 Coast Bible Church, San Juan Capistrano, CA



Bob's ETS seminar



Drs Steve Lewis, Doros Zachariades, and Bob at ETS



Pastor Alex Mandes of Communion Chapel with his wife Julie