

# notes & letters

## thank you for a clear message

On behalf of the saints at Faith EBC we would like to express a sincere thank you for the work you do. The message of the Gospel is the most important subject on this planet. It's clarity is critically important to those who hear. Of course, the messenger is vital as well, but without a clear message, the hearer is still lost, regardless of how committed and sincere he might be.

Proclaiming the message of God's Grace with you,  
M.T. ~ e-mail

## love the gospel of grace

This was my first experience at a GES regional conference and my first year attending a church that preaches the gospel of grace. I have been truly blessed and have learned much.

~Federal Way Conference note

## regional conference refreshment

How refreshing to attend a conference where not only the Bible is discussed, but the free grace of Jesus is embraced and taken seriously as the sole means of both salvation and our ongoing life in Christ!!

~Federal Way Conference note

## greetings from arizona

I wanted to write you to express my gratitude for you and your ministry. I'm so thankful for a clear understanding of the Gospel and the wonderful joy of assurance. I've been mulling over the information you presented at the conference for a week now and I joyfully say that I am closer to Christ than I thought I could be.

If it's any more encouragement I want to say that I have been given three opportunities to speak to my student body, and I will share this wonderful knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ with them.  
C.M. ~ e-mail



fellowship at spokane conference



spokane conferees



Please consider making a special year-end gift to help us end 2006 in the black. Thank you!



## financial report

Nov Budget	\$32,100
Nov Revenue	\$20,207 <-\$11,893>
YTD Budget*	\$160,500*
YTD Revenue	\$112,592 <-\$47,908>

\*our fiscal year runs from july-june

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# partners in grace

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## spokane, wa regional conference october 27-28

After the conference in Federal Way, Washington on Wednesday and Thursday, October 25 & 26 (see November 2006 Partners newsletter), I rode with John Niemelä and Ryan Mahoney over to Spokane for a second regional conference where we all spoke.

There were about 30 in attendance at most of the sessions, making it about half the size of the Federal Way conference. This was probably because Federal Way is located between Seattle and Tacoma, the major population centers of Washington.

John Niemelä gave a great presentation on the message of life as found in John's Gospel. The panel discussion we had on the Judgment Seat of Christ was super. I served as moderator and the panelists were Pastor Tod Kennedy of Spokane Bible Church, Missionary Hank Hildebrant from Burns Lake, B.C., Pastor Hugh Crowder of Lakeland Bible Church, the host of our Federal Way conference, and Pastor



spokane bible church

Ron McMurray of Grace Bible Church in Pullman, WA.

My message on the dangers of postmodernism today was well received. I also spoke on doing God's work God's way (1 Chronicles 13 & 15 on moving the ark) and on the need to keep our eyes on the prize (1 Cor 9:24-27).

The messages from both the Federal Way and Spokane Conferences are available in MP3 format for just \$15. PG

## spokane bible church october 29

Before leaving the beautiful Pacific Northwest I was privileged to preach at SBC. My topic was "Gaining Your Life by Losing Your Life" (Matt 16:24-28). I really love this passage and so did the audience.

During Sunday School Pastor Tod Kennedy had me answer questions from a group of young people, high school and college students. I enjoyed interacting with them. They asked good questions. PG



pastors ron, hugh, hank, and tod,  
at the spokane regional conference

## highlights

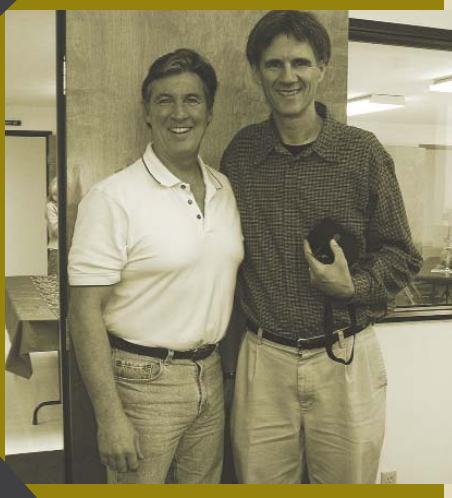
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## victor street bible chapel

november 5

Two days after coming down with a stomach virus I was glad to be feeling well enough to speak. I started what will probably be a 28+ sermon series on the Book of Acts. This Sunday I covered Acts 1: "Preparations for Ministry until Jesus Returns." In spite of my weakened condition, or possibly because of it, the power of God's Word shone through. Unfortunately I didn't have the camera, so no pics this time. PG



bob with phil taylen from alberton, mt at the spokane regional conference



bob and pastor tod with a teen sunday school class in spokane



three dts students, jeremy, david, laura, with bob

## dallas theological seminary discipleship group

november 7

I have not been meeting regularly with DTS students due to my tight schedule. However, when David Showalter asked me to come and meet with him and some of his friends, I gladly agreed.

David was only able to get one friend, but it was someone I was glad to meet, Laura Anderson, daughter of Dr. Dave Anderson, Pastor of Faith Community Church in the The Woodlands, Texas, and author of Maximum Joy, a devotional commentary on First John that GES has published. Dave has been a friend for 20 years.

Our director of publications, Jeremy Myers, is on campus on Tuesdays and so he was able to sit in on some of the meeting as well.

We discussed issues such as sanctification, antinomianism, pluralism, and postmodernity. It was a good time of discussion. David suggested it would be great if we could do this every month or so. I'm going to try to open my schedule up so we can meet once next month and two or three times next semester as well. I enjoy hearing what is going on in seminary education today and in interacting with seminarians. PG

## ets annual meeting

november 15-17

Over 2,000 Bible scholars from around the world gathered for this year's annual Evangelical Theological Society Conference.

About one-third of the conferees present what are called parallel sessions! The conference devotes 20 forty-minute sessions in the three-days for members to present papers on key exegetical, theological, and philosophical topics. Thus at any given session there are about 25 different messages being delivered at the same time.



there was a good turnout for bob's paper on inerrancy at ets

My title this year was, "Has the Definition of Verbal Plenary Inspiration Changed?" I showed that it has changed, and in alarming ways.

My suggestion is that we need to have a clearly worded statement of what inerrancy is and is not. That is, we need both affirmations of what we believe and denials of what we don't believe. Such an approach to doctrinal statements is a big issue in the grace movement right now over the issue of assurance of salvation. Some grace people are disappointed with GES for both what we affirm and deny about assurance. However, as I was reminded while doing this paper, if we don't have clarity, we will end up with the mess that ETS is now experiencing. While all ETS members affirm belief

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## grace on the go

### December

- 3 Cypress Valley Bible Church, Marshall, TX
- 4-6 Pre-Tribulation Study Group Conference, Dallas, TX
- 24 Grace Chapel, Tustin, CA
- 31 Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship, Lewisville, TX

### January

- 7 Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship, Lewisville, TX
- 14 Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship, Lewisville, TX

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in inerrancy, most don't believe in it in any meaningful sense of the term.

The attendance was good, with 30-40 in my session. The reaction was positive.

Several of the messages which I heard were helpful and some of them might be ones that will appear in our journal in the future. PG



bob with several ges members at ets

## the ges annual conference

The GES Annual Conference is right around the corner. As always, we have a great line-up of speakers coming, and so you don't want to miss this conference. Among others, we have Bob



Wilkin, Zane Hodges, Tony Evans, John Niemelä, and René Lopez. If you register by December 31<sup>st</sup>, the cost is just \$110 (spouse included). After that time the cost is \$160. (The student rate is \$15 early or \$25 after December 31<sup>st</sup>).

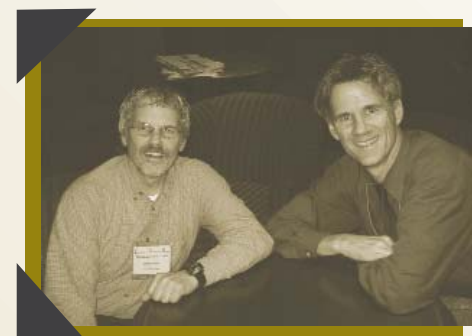
The conference is scheduled for March 5-8, 2007 and will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7800 Alpha Road, Dallas, TX 75240. The theme for this year is "Perseverance in Perspective."

Rooms at the Crowne Plaza are suites and our special negotiated price is just \$87.00 per night for up to five people per room. Call the hotel directly at 972.233.7600 to reserve your room, and make sure to mention you want the special GES rate.

The fellowship meal is once again on Tuesday night. The cost is \$25 per person for a wonderful time of sharing and interaction. That is the actual price the hotel charges us, and it includes taxes and gratuity. If you sign up for the banquet by December 31<sup>st</sup>, GES will pick up part of the cost of your meal. The early bird price is just \$20 per person.



audience at the spokane regional conference



john hart and bob at the ets conference

Also, for the first time ever we are offering a special discounted price for the complete conference on MP3 CDs for those who order by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Last year the cost for the audio of the entire conference was \$75. This year the entire conference will be just \$40. But orders placed by the end of the year will receive the conference audios for just \$20! Even if you cannot attend the conference you may use the enclosed early registration form to pre-order the entire conference audios for just \$20.

Call us at 972.257.1160 to register, or go online at [www.faithalone.org](http://www.faithalone.org). PG



bob speaking at the spokane conference