

Partners in Grace

December 2012

Grace on the Go

- Dec 2** Bethesda Bible Chapel, Irving, TX
9 Church of Hope, Laguna Hills, CA
30 Frisco Bible Church, Frisco, TX
- Jan 12** Winter GES Board meeting, Denton, TX
26-27 Bayside Community Church, Tampa, FL
- Feb 8-16** Teaching soteriology to seminary students in Madrid, Spain

Grace Bible Church Charlotte, NC

November 16-18



Originally I had planned to race-walk the Charlotte Marathon on Saturday and then speak on Sunday. However, illness a few months ago curtailed my training and I was not able to get in shape. So I changed to the 5,000 meter race. I got a nice shirt and it was a great experience. (My time of 32:30, though not great, was my best time in a decade.) Maybe next year I'll be able to come back and try the marathon.

On Sunday I spoke on Genesis 5 (The Temporary Reign of Death) in Sunday School and then on 1 Corinthians 15:19 (Pity the Christians If Jesus Did Not Rise). Both were well received. We then had a great time visiting with people at the covered dish lunch.

My thanks to Pastor Donnie Preslar for giving me the opportunity to speak and for Bernie and Julie Hunsucker for hosting Sharon and me. It was a joy to be back at this Partner church.



Filming Free Grace YouTube Videos October 30

One of our new ministries this year is producing two to five minute Free Grace videos on a

variety of key topics and passages. We plan to post these on YouTube and Vimeo. Our hope is that we will get thousands of hits for each video.

Lucas and Christa Kitchens came to Dallas from East Texas and set up in Bob and Sharon's living room. We ended up filming all day. There were over 25 separate short videos.

It will take Lucas a while to complete the editing of all of these. But hopefully within a month or two we will be able to post these. We will keep you *posted*.

Shreveport Bible Church Shreveport, LA

November 10-11

My thanks to Pastor Tim Steed for inviting me to speak. I enjoyed a nice time talking theology and Scripture with Tim and four of his elders at a Greek restaurant on Saturday night. Then on Sunday I spoke on apostasy: What Happens If I Stop Believing (which you can listen to on the SBC website). After church they had a nice catered meal. After the meal I answered questions for about 30 minutes.



On the way to and from Shreveport, I stopped by Marshall, TX, which is right on the way. Sharon went with me as far as Marshall and spent a day visiting with Wanda and Jim Easley, Sherry Bryant and six of her grandkids, and a host of people at Cypress Valley Bible Church. Sharon had a great time.

Prayer Requests

We appreciate your prayers for our staff (Mark's continued shoulder recovery, Shawn and Abby's new daughter, Daphne, born November 8, Holly's husband Chris as he started a new job in mid-November, Bob as he completes a new book for Zondervan entitled *Four View of Final Judgment*, Kyle as he completes his first novel and as he deals with more back problems and pain, for our upcoming April 22-25 conference, for our finances, for the magazine and journal, for the completion of Zane's Romans commentary, for our country and especially our country's finances, and for the health and spiritual prosperity of our partners.



Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship Men's Retreat

Waxahachie, TX

November 3-4

Twelve of us went to a camp just west of Waxahachie, TX. We had three teaching sessions on Saturday, one in the morning (on evangelism in focus), one after lunch (on assurance in focus), and one after supper (on approval in focus). After the second session we played Wallyball, a crazy version of volleyball, for a few hours. I had a great time but I was pretty sore afterwards.

After breakfast on Sunday we drove back to the church where I gave two additional sessions, Sunday school and the worship service, on assurance.

My thanks to Philippe Sterling, the Pastor, and to all at VRBF. I had a great time of both ministry and recreation.



Special December Gifts Would Help

We started this fiscal year (July 2012 through June 2013) with an excellent first month. Since then revenue has dropped and we find ourselves well behind budget. While we have reserves, it would be helpful if we had an excellent December.

As many of you know, we typically take in about 25% of our annual revenue in December. This is due to lots of year-end gifts. If that were to happen this month, we would get ahead of budget, which is helpful since the second half of each fiscal year we typically fall significantly short. If we carry a significant surplus out of December, that often helps keeps us in the black till June.

In any case, we are so thankful for your partnership. Together we are making an impact for our Lord, Savior, and soon-returning Judge.

NOTES & LETTERS

Prison Ministry

Dear Sir,

I received the Nov & Dec issue of your *Grace in Focus Magazine*. It was sent to me at an institution I have not been at for eight years. Truly the Lord wanted me to receive this magazine as I have moved twice... Thank you and God bless you.

JJS, Oshkosh, WI

November Financial Report

November Budget	\$35,413	YTD* Budget	\$177,063
November Revenue	\$17,662	<\$17,751>	YTD* Revenue \$119,905 <\$57,175>

We are very thankful for your gifts.

*Our fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th

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