

# PARTNERS in GRACE

## FEBRUARY 2013



### Bayside Community Church

Tampa, FL January 20

It was great to be back at this exceptional church. It has no pastor. Instead, it brings in a different speaker each week. They have been doing this for decades.

My thanks to Margaret Riedel for hosting me again. She is now 90, but looks 70—or less. She is a great encouragement to me.

I spoke on The Three Peoples of God (Israel, the Church, and the nations) in the first service and The Temporary Reign of Death (Genesis 5) in the second service. Based on the body language and comments after each service, the audience was very open to what I had to say.

## Grace on the Go

Feb 8-16 Soteriology Conference in Madrid, Spain  
Feb 24 Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas, TX

Mar 9-10 Hill Country Bible Church,  
Georgetown, TX

Apr 12-14 Jansen (NE) Bible Church  
Apr 22-25 GES Annual Conference, Fort Worth, TX

### Winter GES Board Meeting

Dallas, TX January 12

This is the board mid-year board meeting in terms of our fiscal year, which runs July 1 through June 30. Thus we did not set a new budget at this meeting.

We did, however, discuss our financial standing. Financially we ended the first half of our fiscal year nearly \$40,000 under budget. Though we had a good December, we didn't get enough revenue to pull us out of the red. We have already drawn down on our reserves, and it appears we will draw them down more during the second half of the fiscal year. However, that is a major reason why we have the reserves (as well as to be able to take on new ministries when excellent opportunities arise).



### GES's Eighteenth Annual Conference:

The Grace Conference

Sanctification and Free Grace

April 22-25 SWBTS Fort Worth

If you haven't registered yet, don't wait until the last minute. SWBTS is handling the registration. You can go there via our website or by calling the Riley Center at 817-923-1921 x2440. Please help us get the word out by telling your church and other friends.

Please go to our website for a list of plenary speakers (including Evans, Dillow, Niemelä, Lewis, Bryant, and Wilkin), workshop speakers, and times.

## Spotlight on Your Support

We lost a significant amount of support in the second half of 2012. That drop in support caused us to fall well behind our budget.

Thank you for your fellowship in this ministry. While support fell off, it merely reverted back to levels of a few years ago. We still are quite blessed with the support we receive. For a small ministry

we have been able to release some major projects like our two-volume NT commentary, the Free Grace Primer, and many books. Plus the Hodges commentary on Romans is nearly done. Your fellowship in this ministry makes these things possible (Phil 1:5-6; 4:17).



### Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX January 27

I spoke on Genesis 40 in the Bible teaching hour. Joseph endured his suffering in prison in spite of shattered hope of deliverance. Two officials in Pharaoh's service were put in prison under Joseph's care. They both had dreams and Joseph interpreted the dreams for them. He urged the chief cupbearer to remember him when he was restored to his former position. Yet when the dream was fulfilled as Joseph had said, the cupbearer forgot his promise to Joseph and left him suffering in prison.

When our hopes are dashed, we are still called upon to persevere. We are not to give up no matter what calamities come. God will be faithful to His promises. But, like Joseph, we may need to wait to see the fulfillment.

In the Lord's Supper meeting I finished a series on 1 Thessalonians, speaking on 1 Thess 5:23-28 and our aim to be found blameless when the Lord Jesus returns.

## Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord for His continued blessings on this ministry, for reasonably good health for our staff, for the increased subscriptions to the magazine and journal, and for a great Board meeting. Please pray for our finances, for our staff and their families (Mark still has several months of therapy to do on his shoulder), for the physical and spiritual health of our conferees and conference speakers, for the upcoming conference to be highly edifying, for the books we hope to get in print this year, and for us to be able to continue to produce edifying magazines and journals and to get them out in a timely manner.



### Hodges Romans Commentary Update

I thought we were going to press in late January. However, as the GES board and John Niemelä have been reading it, they have raised a number of issues needing attention. So at press time we are still making changes.

We now aim to have it to the printer by February 28. If so, it should be at the conference.

We would appreciate your prayers as it is difficult to decide what changes to make.



## January Financial Report

January Budget	\$35,413	YTD* Budget	\$247,888
January Revenue	\$12,566	<\$22,846>	YTD* Revenue \$187,660 <\$60,228>

We are very thankful for your gifts.

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

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