

# Partners in Grace

## January 2013



### Bethesda Bible Chapel Irving, TX December 2

This is an Indian Plymouth Brethren assembly in the DFW area. I really enjoyed my time there. I spoke on two of my favorite passages: 1 Cor 9:24-27 and 2 Cor 5:1-11. I heard good feedback on what I had to say.

I stayed afterwards for a nice meal of Indian cuisine.

### Pre-Trib Study Group Conference

Irving, TX December 3

Due to time constraints I was only able to attend part of the conference. I enjoyed hearing talks by Tommy Ice and Ken Hornok.

At the conference I saw a number of Free Grace friends including Hugh and Cindi Crowder, Charlie Bing, Roger Fankhauser, Richard Grubbs, Roy Zuck, Lou Schoettle, and Doug and Ken Hornok.



### Meeting with BSF Leaders La Canada, CA December 6, 2012

My sister, Pam Goodrich, is a Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) leader in Southern California. She invited 3 of her fellow leaders over to her house to talk Scripture and theology with me while Sharon and I were out for a visit and speaking on Sunday (see below).

It was an outstanding time of discussion. The group raised excellent questions and they were very open to what I had to say. I thought we were going to meet for an hour, but it went on for over two hours. Sharon told me I needed to share the things I did at this meeting more since she hadn't heard me talk about some of those issues. Of course, it is hard to replicate something like that since it was spontaneous interaction. But I'll try.

### Church of Hope Laguna Woods, CA December 9

Freddy Cortez, Jr. graciously allowed me to speak while I was in So Cal. I spoke on "Puzzling Passages in Matthew (Matthew 20:23; 16:28; 24:34)" where the Lord seems to be promising that He would come back during the first century. I showed why these texts were not saying that, and what they were saying. Freddy streamed it live on the internet. It might be available on their church website.

Sharon and I had a great time visiting with the people at this warm church.





## GES's 17th Annual Grace Conference: SWBTS, Fort Worth April 22-25, 2013

The committee has a super line up of speakers. It will select the plenary (keynote) speakers after January 15 when manuscripts of messages are submitted. Some of the possible plenary speakers are Tony Evans, Jody Dillow, Steve Lewis, John Niemelä, Bob Bryant, and Bob Wilkin.

The cost is just \$85 for four days of super teaching and fellowship. For information on registrations, click on "National Conference" on our website home page.



Kelly & Jessie Nelson  
with Bob and Sharon

## Frisco Bible Church Frisco, TX December 30

I closed out the year speaking at a large Free Grace church in the Dallas area. I spoke at both services on one of my favorite passages, 2 Cor 5:1-11, What Is the Purpose That Drives Your Life? The people were very responsive to my messages. My thanks to Pastor Wayne Braudrick for allowing me the opportunity to speak again.

## Hodges Romans Commentary Update

Zane went to be with the Lord in November of 2008. So it took us just over four years to complete his commentary. It should go to the printer soon. Watch our website for its release in a few months.

It truly is an outstanding commentary. Zane had completed the commentary through Rom 14:15. I took up the writing for the last 2.5 chapters. John Niemelä wrote the introduction and he and I wrote footnotes to clarify or add scholarly documentation to what Zane had written.

Due to your support we will be able to set the price quite low. It will sell for just \$19.95.



## Bachman Lake Half Marathon December 15

I only found out about this a few days before Thanksgiving.

In less than a month, I ramped up my training. The half is "only" 13:1 miles. Still, that is a long way. I finished in 2 hours 52 minutes, which is a decent time.

## Prayer Requests

Please thank the Lord with us for a good December in terms of gifts. Please pray for our finances during the second half of our fiscal year (January-June), for the health of the GES staff and their families (especially Mark's shoulder getting back to full strength, which could take another 3 to 6 months), for the speakers as they prepare their messages for the annual conference, for excellent articles for our journal and magazine and for our readership to go up, and for the spread of the Free Grace message worldwide.

## December Financial Report

Please Note: Since we have yet to receive our last gifts postmarked in December 2012, this figure is not final. In keeping with IRS regulations, we count all gifts postmarked on or before December 31st, even if we don't receive the gift until January.

December Budget	\$35,413	YTD* Budget	\$212,475
December Revenue	\$53,066	\$17,653	YTD* Revenue \$172,971 <\$39,504>

We are very thankful for your gifts.

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

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