



Bob with Margaret Riedel (left) and granddaughter



Shawn, Arnold Fruchtenbaum, and Bob at Pre-Trib

Bayside Community Church Tampa, FL December 1

I spoke on the need to *support the truth* (2-3 John) in the 10 AM service. Then at 11:00 I spoke on the expression "He shall save His people from their sins" (Matt 1:21). I traced the theme of the Messianic salvation of Israel from Gentile domination through a number of texts.

I enjoyed being back at Bayside. Several GES friends who are in the general area came to hear me as well.

My thanks to Margaret Riedel (now aged 91 and still going strong) for her warm hospitality and for all the people at BCC for their encouragement.

Pre-Trib Study Group Conference Irving, TX December 2

Due to time constraints Shawn and I were only able to attend part of the conference. We enjoyed hearing a message by Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum of Ariel Ministries on the land promise in Scripture.

At the conference we were able to visit with a number of Free Grace friends including Peter Taylor, Philippe

Sterling, John Brumett, Harry Leaf, Andy Woods, Oscar and Marion Segura, Zock Zockert, and Arnold Fruchtenbaum.

KKMS Radio Interview on Eternal Security Minneapolis–St. Paul, MN December 11

A friend of GES called the station after a confusing on-air discussion of assurance of salvation a few months ago. He suggested they invite me on to discuss eternal security and assurance.

I was on the air from 5:15 till 6:00 PM, a great time slot. The host, Paul Ridgeway, did a great job of asking me key questions. In addition to his questions, I fielded 5 calls and one text from listeners as well. The only real frustration is that there were lots more callers that we didn't have time to get to. I had about a minute to answer each question, so the time really flew.

We sent them four copies of my book on assurance, *Secure and Sure*, and they gave three away to callers. Paul kept mentioning how much he liked the book and how he was taking his home and was going to read it very carefully.

Paul said while we were on the air that he wants me



Staff Christmas Party at the Wilkins's pad

back for another show. So hopefully, we will do this again.

It was good to be back on the radio. This was a way to reach thousands of people without even leaving the office. Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity.

First 32-Page Magazine Went to the Printer December 11

Shawn uploaded the magazine to the printer's website on the 11th. This is an historic moment for us. Our ministry via print is about to expand significantly. Doubling the pages will probably double the impact of our magazine in terms of motivation and educating believers and even of evangelizing unbelievers who may read our articles.

Your partnership makes this possible. Please rejoice with us in this ministry milestone. Of course, there is lots of hard work ahead to keep the demands of a 32-page magazine every two months. But we're off to a good start.

First Baptist Church Honey Grove, TX December 29

Shawn was scheduled to speak Dec 8th, but they cancelled the service because we had an ice storm. I was scheduled to speak Dec 15th, but we rescheduled for the 29th.

I spoke on James 2:14-17, "Faith Without Works Is Unprofitable." I showed how the "normal" Evangelical understanding of this passage radically misses the point. James is not saying that the believer who does not produce enough works proves that he has inadequate faith and that he is going to the lake of fire. He is actually saying that whenever a believer fails to apply God's Word, his faith is unprofitable both for him and for the person

he was to have helped. People indicated afterward that they really learned a lot.

Good news. Bob Kenagy, GES partner and Board member from July of 2009 until June of this year, has agreed to be Interim Pastor at FBC Honey Grove. He heard about it through our prayer updates, contacted the church, and was hired. Bob starts the first Sunday in January. Please pray for Bob and Judy as they temporarily relocate from Washington State to Texas.



First Baptist Honey Grove, TX

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, 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.

Financials

Dec Budget	\$31,117	
Dec Revenue	\$48,331	\$17,214
YTD Budget	\$186,702	
YTD Revenue	\$166,679	<\$20,023>

***Note: These figures are not final. Since press time (December 30th) is a week or more before we will receive our last gift postmarked in December 2013. 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.**