Dartners in GRACE



The congregation at Bayside

Bayside Community Church Tampa, FL June 5-7

haron and I flew into Tampa on Friday, June 5th, our 39th anniversary. Ours was an arranged marriage. We were 5 years old when we married.

We stayed Friday night with Dave and Debbie Stephens and had a good time of discussion at their house Friday night with several of their friends. On Saturday I enjoyed a nice 6 mile walk, mostly in a cooling drizzle and rain.

I spoke on the importance of choosing a good Bible translation in both services. These were

modified versions of my articles in the Jan-Feb and Mar-Apr 2015 magazine. The messages were well received.

Sharon and I stayed with Margaret Riedel and her new puppy, Maggie, on Saturday night. What a beautiful sunset we enjoyed. Sharon was in Margaret's pool until 11 PM.

Please pray for Margaret, who is soon to be 93. She fell and broke her hip and elbow the Monday night after we left. She



39 years!

is doing OK, but she has rehab to do.

Candle Ridge Baptist Church Grays, Kentucky June 7

Ken Yates was asked to speak at the Sunday evening service. Ken's brother, Jeff, attends the church. Grays is a small town that is just a few miles from Corbin, which is Ken's hometown. There was a time of the singing of hymns with a bluegrass tinge. Ken spoke on the woman at the well and that faith in Christ is the only

requirement for entrance into Christ's eternal kingdom (John 4). After the service, Ken had a great time seeing people he had not seen in decades. He also enjoyed talking to folks about Kentucky basketball and they knew what he was talking about!



Hill Country Bible Church Youth Retreat June 8

I (Shawn) was back with the kids of Hill Country Bible Church and was surprised to be surrounded by superheroes! It was the first of a multithemed week led by youth pastor Dan Robb. I spoke on several verses, all with the theme of "being ashamed," i.e., that we should not be



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ashamed of the gospel and Jesus, even though the world tries to make us feel that way.



Frisco Bible Church

Frisco Bible Church Frisco, TX June 21

Three services: 8:45, 10:15, and 11:45. I (Bob) spoke on assurance from John 11:25-27, You Can Be Sure. The message was well received in all three services.

This is a message I've given maybe fifty times. But this time I revised it a lot. It is now shorter and simpler, yet still clear.

This is a large church. The first and third services had about 200 and the second service must have had 400 or more in attendance.

After the third service I was able to answer a lot of questions people had one-on-one. Several of the people

asking me questions lacked assurance, but wanted it. Sharon was with me and she'd bring me people she met and say, "She has a question for you."

My thanks to Pastor Wayne Braudrick for giving me the opportunity to preach to his congregation.

Spotlight on Your Support

By God's grace and your support we continue to be able to produce a significant amount of ministry with only two full-time and two half-time staff.

Aside from our annual conference and speaking that has been done by Ken, Bob, and Shawn, here are some of the things we've been able to do in the last fiscal year, July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, in terms of publishing:

- 1. Six 32-page magazines.
- 2. Two 100-page journals.
- 3. A Gospel of Doubt: The Legacy of John MacArthur's The Gospel According to Jesus by Bob (300 pages).
- 4. Four new 32-page booklets on faith, assurance, free grace theology, and perseverance (and rewards).
- 5. Second editions of *Road to Reward* (Bob), *Confident in Christ* (Bob), and *Absolutely Free* (Hodges).

In the last fiscal year we also made progress writing first drafts, and in some cases actually beginning to typeset, several more new books that will appear later this year and in 2016, including *Tough Texts* (Wilkin and Hodges); *Faith in His Name: Listening to the Gospel of John* (Hodges); *Second Peter: Shunning Error in Light of the Savior's Return* (Hodges); *Chosen to Serve: A Vocational Theology of Election* (Lazar); *The Acts of the Risen Lord* (Hodges); *He Died for All: The Unlimited Nature of the Atonement* (Lazar); *Showstoppers for Calvinism* (Wilkin); and an untitled book on inerrancy by Wilkin.

End of Fiscal Year Report*

Although we were under-budget 8 out of 12 months, thanks to a generous donor we came in over budget by the end of this fiscal year.

June Budget \$32,903

June Revenue \$70,446 (+37,543)

YTD Budget \$394,844

YTD Revenue \$517,843 (**+\$122,999**)

*Our fiscal year ended on June 30th. We begin a new fiscal year next month.