



The congregation at Cypress Valley

Cypress Valley Bible Church May 5

Sharon and I enjoyed our time in Marshall. Pastor Bob Bryant and his wife Sherry were out of town so I had the opportunity to speak at both services. Bob asked me to speak about repentance, condensing the material from my chapter on repentance in *The Ten Most Misunderstood Words in the Bible*. I'm glad he asked me to do it. The message went well and the congregation got the point that repentance is a condition for escaping temporal judgment, not a condition for everlasting life.



Clara, Gary, Sharon and Yogi the Dog

have since increased our intake of vegetables, fruits, and grains and decreased our intake of milk, butter, meat, and cheese.

Our thanks to Clara and Gary Closkey, who we stayed with on Saturday night. They shared several outstanding vegan meals with us. While we have not become vegans yet, Sharon and I

Shawn Lazar and Mark Gray Anniversaries

Mark was hit by a truck last May 16, 2012 while riding his bike. He first had surgery on his right ankle to repair that break. Then after a few months he had surgery on his left shoulder to repair considerable damage there. One year later Mark is nearly 100%. He still is rehabbing his shoulder, though it is improving all the time.



Mark and Shawn at the office

Shawn joined us last June. So he has now completed one year as Director of Publications. He and his wife Abby had their first child, Daphne, in November. They recently moved from Dallas to a home within 2 miles of the office. Our magazine keeps getting better and better due to his efforts. He is improving our ministry in many ways.

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Letters of Encouragement

I ran into your videos late one night and it just made sense. All of the sudden I was taken back about 9-10 years ago when I was a new believer. I definitely had a joy that was clouded over with darkness and uncertainty that I never thought would come back.

I had been studying Calvinism for the last 3 years or so and it was driving me crazy! It's really a snag, and for some reason you want to hold on to that. It seems to be unexplainable how this "stronghold" grips people so tightly.

Things are much better when I know I'm secure in Christ, and there is nothing I can say or do that will separate me from His love no matter how good or bad the deed is.

I would love to come to a conference one day, unfortunately I won't be able to make it this year. Maybe I'll get to meet you one day. In the meantime, I'm reading through *A Free Grace Primer*.

CH—Email



Bob with board member Ken Yates

say, "Thank-you."

B—Japan

My mother and I have both been reading *Secure and Sure*—she during the day and I in the evenings. We both already had assurance of our eternal life, but we were edified by your clear presentation of the truth.

RA—Email

Spotlight on Your Support

We had a good May, slightly exceeding our budget. That was likely due to strong conference sales, the post-conference initial sales of *Romans: Deliverance from Wrath*, and, of course, higher than average May gifts. A warm thank-you to all our supporters.

While we have been well under budget this year, we are still doing well with our reserves. Hopefully we will also have a good June, the last month in our fiscal year.

Budget

May Budget	\$35,413	
May Revenue	\$36,398	\$985
YTD Budget	\$389,543	
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