



The Annual Christian Evangelical Mission Conference

Victor Street Bible Chapel May 4

I (Bob) spoke on Phil 1:19-26, "To Live Is Christ." I showed that our life must be centered on Christ if we are to truly live. And, Paul also said in this great passage, "to die is gain." For the believer death is going to be with the Lord. That is a great thing. Too often believers act as though death is such a great tragedy. Well, it is for those we leave behind. But for the believer who dies, it is gain. We should have that perspective of both life and death.

In the Lord's Supper meeting I spoke on the six seal judgments of Revelation 6. It led to a very good discussion.

Gateway United Baptist Denton, TX May 4

Shawn preached at the evening service on why John 3:16 teaches Free Grace theology, not Calvinism nor Arminianism. No tomatoes were thrown. In fact, it was well-received by the congregation.

First Baptist Church Honey Grove, TX May 11

I (Shawn) preached on the doctrine of vocation, which tells us that we serve God and our neighbors through the vocations that God has called us to, i.e., whether husband or wife, mother or father, employer or employee, pastor or congregant, etc.

It was good to see familiar faces and to visit lovely Honey Grove. Please pray as they seek a new pastor.

Conference on Grace in Ukraine (via ooVoo) May 17

Paul Miles is an American who married a Ukrainian and lives there. He was putting on a conference on grace issues.

I (Bob) spoke via ooVoo (a service like Skype) to a group of Ukrainians. One of those present was Will Hunsucker, an American who moved to Russia almost 20 years ago and has lived in Russia and the Ukraine ever

since. He is a bivocational missionary there.

My translator was Lena, Paul's wife. I spoke on how to understand the Bible, giving special attention to grace issues. I asked lots of questions and they got the answers right each time, even on tough passages like Jas 2:14 and Rom 10:13.

Annual Family Conference for Christian Evangelical Mission May 24-26

Ken Yates was the speaker for the annual family conference of the Christian Evangelical Mission during the Memorial Day Weekend. It was held at DeSales University in Pennsylvania. There were about 400 in attendance. Ken gave five main sessions, one workshop,



Ken Yates and Pastor Yang

and one question and answer session. The theme of the conference was "Rewards in the Gospels." All the sessions were well received, and Ken was invited back to be the speaker next year. Special thanks go out to Stephen Tanwanteng, who was Ken's host, and Pastor Yang, the president of the Mission. Pastor Yang was also Ken's translator.

Another Lazar!

Abby and I had a boy on May 29th at 4:19 AM. His name is Zane Isaac Lazar. He was 7 lbs/14 oz, and 22 inches long. We had a natural birth. All went well. Except for my



Abby with Zane and Grandma Julie in the back

eardrums. Carol Burnett described what labor pains feel like. She said, "Take your bottom lip and pull it over your head." I don't know if that's accurate, but that's what it sounded like!

Abby is doing really well. I'm so proud of her. I asked her if she'd do a natural birth again. She said, "Absolutely. But this is the last one."

Zane is doing well too. I can already tell that he has a completely different personality than Daphne. He is calm and content and hardly makes a peep except to politely tell us when he's hungry or dirty.

Daphne isn't too keen on Zane yet. As the Sunday school ladies charmingly put it, "Having a little brother has put a hitch in her get-a-long!" But she's already helping with changing Zane's diapers and taking on more responsibility for herself and learning what it means to love her new neighbor.

Letters

"God bless you for your clear message of the gospel!"

—KV, Clearwater, FL

"Thank you so much for standing on God's promises and being faithful to His Word...I'm sending this donation to GES because I appreciate all that is being done for people through y'all...I'm still sharing God's Word."

—BF, LaGrange, GA