

Partners in Grace

September 2012



Cypress Valley first service

Cypress Valley Bible Church Marshall, TX August 10-12

It was good to be back at Cypress Valley Bible Church. Pastor Bob Bryant was out of town until late Saturday night and I was delighted when he asked me to speak. Sharon went with me and we had some R & R on Saturday, visiting with Wanda and Jim Easley and their daughter and son in law, Amy and Scott Paige.

In the two services I spoke on Faith: One of the Most Misunderstood Words in the Bible. It was a condensed form of the first chapter of my new book. I was encouraged in that it was well received.



Cypress Valley second service

Update on Zane Hodges's Commentary on Romans

Well, things were going swimmingly in June and then fell off in July. In August we got moving again. Our goal was to complete the editing by the end of August so that proofing could be completed in September. Unfortunately, the going got tough and I started traveling more too. I finished editing through Romans 10 in August. Hopefully I can finish editing Romans 11-16 by the end of September. If so, a December release date is likely.



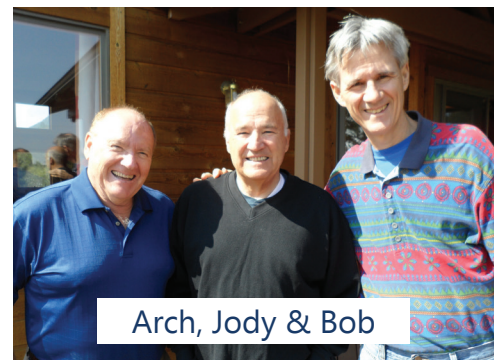
Bob & Sharon with
Arch & Carolyn Rutherford

Northeast Bible Chapel Colorado Springs, CO August 17-19

Sharon and I were able to visit with Arch and Carolyn

Rutherford during this nice trip. Plus Arch and I had a chance to talk with Jody Dillow about his new book and about the Free Grace movement for several hours.

Then on Sunday I spoke in both the morning and evening services at NEBC. I had spoken there once before a few years ago in the evening service. It was great to be back again.



Arch, Jody & Bob



Northeast Bible Chapel

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the health of the staff and partners and their families (Mark had shoulder surgery on Aug 21 and is expected to be in a sling for 6 weeks and then therapy for another 6 and Bob has been feeling under the weather for nearly 2 months), for the GES finances and the finances of our partners, for the Autumn 2012 Journal and the Hodges Commentary on Romans to get out ASAP, for Shawn and my travels and speaking, and for the U.S. government.



Shawn meeting with the board

GES Summer Board Meeting Irving, TX August 4-5

We had a very good board meeting. The new budget is an large increase over the past fiscal year. The new budget is \$550,956, or \$45,913 per month.

The increased budget allows us to pursue the following: special 2-3 minute video clips online, Free Grace Bible Study and Sunday School materials for 15-week courses, improved database software with automatic online backup, improved IT services with automatic online backup of our common drive, possibly increasing the magazine to 32 pages per issue, possibly hiring Ken Yates to do speaking, editing, and writing for GES, possible new staff member to assist Shawn with our publications, and possible improvements to our journal.

NOTES & LETTERS

Started a New Church

We started another church. In Albion, Indiana. God is blessing us richly as we teach the Free Grace message of Scripture. Thanks for all your hard work.

—Pastor SM

We Love GES

Love GES...buying these books again...this time for my Pastor.

—C.P., Columbia, SC

Thanks!

Thanks so much for your ministry. I appreciate it very much!

—M.V., Salt Lake City, UT

Your Dollars Matter

We actually have a very small number of partners. There are only 200 families (or in some cases churches) that give at least \$50 a year to GES. To put that in a monthly perspective, if a family gives just \$5 every month they are one of top 200 donors. If a couple gives \$100 a month, they are one of top 50 donors. There are sixteen partners that give \$2,500 or more per year. Of those nine give \$5,000 or more per year.

Every one of you is important to what we do, both for your gifts and your prayers. Together we are making a huge difference for a small ministry. As ministries go, one with a budget just over \$500,000 a year is considered very small. Yet our results exceed our budget. Thank you for your partnership. May this lead to special blessings for all of us at the Bema.

August Financial Report

August Budget	\$45,913	YTD* Budget	\$91,826
August Revenue	\$12,286	<\$33,627>	YTD* Revenue \$45,528 <\$46,298>

We are very thankful for your gifts.

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

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