



Good times and refreshing teaching in Atlanta.

# Atlanta Regional Conference Salvation and Discipleship February 10-11

here were many good things about this conference. The messages by Pastors Donnie Preslar, Jeff Rutledge, Allen Rea, and Tony Mirabella were super. Bob's two messages were well received too.

Attendance was good, with 75 Friday night and 55 on Saturday. People came from as far away as Orlando and Tampa. Two Alabama students came from Tuscaloosa. Donnie, Bonnie, and Bernie came from Charlotte, NC. Jeff came from Munford, AL.

Brad Bell put the audio of the conference on our website (and a link on Facebook) just three days after the conference. You can find it on our website under Resources/Audio Messages.

## Grace Community Church Munford, AL February 12

After the conference Bob drove over to Oxford. So now he can say he attended Oxford. Bob spoke on 2 Cor 5:1-11: "What Is Your Purpose in Life?" The message was well received. Jeff and Cindy Rutledge were warm hosts. And the fish sandwich for lunch was great.

# Cowtown Marathon Feb 26

I (Bob) decided to try to complete my 6th marathon, just three months shy of his 65th birthday. The weather was great except for fairly strong winds. The first ten miles went well. Miles ten to twenty were difficult with fatigue and mild dizziness. From 20 to 26.2 I was struggling. Now my legs were very weak. My dizziness bothered me more. Quitting crossed my mind more than



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once. I kept thinking, *Just one step at a time. Keep going.* I finished in 6 hours 31 minutes, for my slowest marathon ever. But I finished! And it appears I don't have any injuries. PTL. I met a lot of interesting people during the race.

My thanks to Mark Gray who was there with me at the start (7:00 AM), at miles, 10, 16, 21, and at the finish line. He was real encouragement to me. Next time, if there is another marathon, I'm going to take better snacks so I don't get dizzy again."



He persevered and earned the reward!

### 1-3 John Bible Study Videos

Brad Bell filmed Bob as he taught through John's three epistle. They completed filming on February 27th. Brad hopes to have the video series ready for

the conference. The series is broken up into 16 short videos, most 10 to 15 minutes in length. These are intended for use in Sunday School classes and Bible studies. The teacher will assign the students a section from Zane Hodges's commentary on 1-3 John to read before class (e.g., 1 John 1:1-4). The video would either be played during the first 10 to 15 minutes of class (with discussion to follow for the remainder of the hour), or else the teacher might play short segments of 1 to 2 minutes followed by discussion, then more video, more discussion, etc.

The video hopefully will go on sale at the April 24-27 conference in Fort Worth. Please pray for Brad as he edits the videos.



He might be cute, but can he proofread?

#### **Hey Baby!**

If you haven't been getting any phone calls, emails, or other notifications from Bethany, it's because on February 16th, little William David Taylor was born into this world!

He and mommy are doing well, as are daddy and big sister Madeleine.

Although Bethany insists we call him by the more formal "William," we prefer "Billy D" or "Guillermo."

#### **Book Updates**

There are several new books that should be ready by the Conference: *Beyond Doubt: How to Be Sure of Your Salvation* by Shawn; *Tough Texts* by Zane and Bob; *Spiritual Lessons from the Life of David*, by Zane; and *First Peter: The Salvation of the Soul* by Zane. Reprints will include: *Gospel Under Siege* and the *Free Grace Primer*, by Zane.

