



Denver Regional Conferees

Denver Regional Conference July 7-8

The Denver Rescue Mission (DRM) graciously provided a wonderful location for us to have a regional conference. About fifty people gathered for three hours Friday night and six hours on Saturday. The messages were excellent. Speakers included three people from DRM: Lon Gregg, Steve Walkup, and Steve Swihart. Other speakers included Drs. Jody Dillow, Dix Winston, Steve Lewis, John Niemelä, and me. Messages were on eternal rewards, the outline of Matthew's Gospel, Mark 16:16, Joseph of Arimathea, Matt 4:17, Heb 10:26-39, Salvation in James, Why Faith Isn't a Personal Encounter, and Col 1:21-23.

Summer Board Meeting Lewisville, TX July 12-14

We set the budget for fiscal 2018 (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018). At \$429,005 our budget is down 18% over

last year. Since we took in \$376,000 in fiscal 2017, paring down of the budget was necessary.



The Board

Bernie Hunsucker of Charlotte, NC will be joining the Board starting in January. Pastors Bob Bryant and Jerry Pattillo will be rotating off the Board after completing their terms.

While I felt like we had a down year due to the finances being in the red, the Board felt we had an up year since spiritually we released four new books (selling just under 4,000 books, not counting electronic books), had four regional conferences in the first half of 2017, had a very effective blog ministry, etc.



Praising by the dock of the Bay

Bayside Community Church Tampa, FL July 15-16

I flew into Tampa on Saturday and enjoyed a nice supper with Bob and Karen Carter and Patsy and Buzzy Tippins. On Sunday morning I spoke twice on 2 Pet 3:1-9 (The Lord's Promised Return Is Certain) and 2 Pet 3:10-18 (What Manner of People Should We Be?). The people of the church were very encouraging and indicated they were blessed by the messages. It was nice to cover an entire chapter back to back in two messages.

On Saturday afternoon I was able to walk on the bay for 45 minutes. It is so beautiful in Tampa. Sometimes serving the Lord isn't suffering at all. (Of course, my return flight Sunday afternoon was delayed from 3:25 to 5:52, so even in this earth's paradise there are occasional glitches this side of the kingdom.)



Cindy and Ken Rife, Ken, and Bill Fiess

Meeting with Bill Fiess

On July 23, Bill Fiess, a long time friend, supporter of GES, and *Grace in Focus* author, visited Columbia, SC to visit Ken Rife and his wife Cindy, and met with Ken. The four decided to get together for a meal, prepared by Cindy, and discuss issues related to GES. It was a great time of discussion and fellowship.

Gateway United Baptist Church Denton, TX July 30

Shawn spoke at Gateway United Baptist in Denton. He spoke on 2 Cor 5:7, "Walk by Faith, Not by Sight."

The people were enthusiastic and several signed up for subscriptions to *Grace in Focus*.



Sword of the Lord

Sword of the Lord Conference Walkertown, NC July 24-26

Ken attended the national Sword of the Lord Conference. The title of the conference was "On Revival and Soul Winning." The conference had around 1500

Fiscal 2017 Financial Report

Fiscal Budget	\$516,325	
Fiscal Revenue	\$375,942	
Fiscal Spending	\$467,677	(-\$91,735)