



Upland Bible Church! Can you spot Sharon?

Living Victory Church October 8th Orangeburg, SC

On Sunday, October 8th, Ken Yates was invited to speak at the Living Victory Church, an African-American church in Orangeburg, SC. The pastor, Jimmy Dantzler, found out about Ken's Bible study in Columbia, SC and has been attending, even though it is an hour's drive one way. He asked Ken to speak because he comes



The brethren at Living Victory Church

from a tradition that does not accept assurance or the eternal security of the believer. October 8th was Jimmy's 25th anniversary at the church and he invited pastors from Orangeburg to come. He wanted Ken to speak on eternal security and assurance. Ken did so by using the passage of the woman at the well. The message was well received and Jimmy is hoping to come to next year's GES conference with Ken.

Upland Bible Church Las Vegas, NV October 16

Sharon and I have been going to this Free Grace church for nearly a decade now. We always have a great time. The people there are so receptive to God's Word. It is so encouraging to have people that are responsive to my preaching.

We stayed again with Tim and Daria Vanselow. What great fellowship we had. Saturday night we had a great meal that also included Pastor Dick Olsen, his wife, Debbie, and one of the Deacons, Al Bingham.

On Sunday I spoke on Daniel 3, Don't Bow to Pagan Demands, and Daniel 6, Do Bow to God's Commands. Both were very well received. They even seemed to like my jokes. (I heard one person ask, "Did you hear Bob's last joke?" The other nodded enthusiastically and said, "I sure hope so.")

After church Tim and Daria took us to lunch and then I drove off to St. George, UT, for the Huntsman World Senior Games. I won two bronze medals in racewalking and one silver in the high jump.

WINNING AND DISCIPLING THE WORLD



**FGA National Conference - October 16-18
Arlington, Texas**

FGA Conference Arlington, TX October 17

Shawn attended the national FGA Conference for a day. It was good to meet with several friends, as well as the FGA leadership. It was also good to meet folk who attend both the FGA conference and the GES conference.

Shawn attended the FGA business meeting with their permission. At several points the theological disagreements between GES and the FGA were raised as an issue by the members. In each case, two of the leaders, Roger Fankhauser and Charlie Bing, were very cordial and gracious towards GES, without denying the reality of the “friendly disagreements.”

Trinity Foundation Conference October 28-29 Johnson City, TN

On October 28-29 Ken Yates attended a two-day Bible conference in Johnson City, Tennessee. It was hosted by the Trinity Foundation. The Trinity Foundation has its foundation in Presbyterianism. The conference this year was on the Reformation since it was the 500th anniversary of Luther's 95 Theses, which is considered by many to be the beginning of the Reformation.

There were about 50 in attendance. Free Grace people would have agreed with some of the things said and disagreed with others.

The positive things included the high regard with which the speakers held the Scriptures. Many within the Free Grace movement would have appreciated the fact that the speakers did not accept the Greek Critical Text of the New Testament. Another positive was their strong stance against the view of many that works will determine one's final destiny. A third positive was that



Trinity Foundation—Faith is just believing!

they defined faith as believing something to be true, and nothing more.

The negatives were that they were Reformed in their theology. They were five point Calvinistic in their outlook and interpreted James 2 as teaching that we know true faith by the works one does.

All in all it was an informative conference.

Three New Books

In October we worked on three new books.

First, we printed Shawn's long-awaited *Chosen to Serve*. So far, it has been very well received.

Second, we proofed and typeset Bob's new book. The title and subtitle are now: *Is Calvinism Biblical? Let the Scriptures Decide*. Our hope is to have it in print by December 1st.

Third, we are finishing our co-authored response to Wayne Grudem's book "*Free Grace*" *Theology: 5 Ways It Diminishes the Gospel*. The book will collect Bob's journal articles responding to Grudem's book, along with an expanded version of Shawn's magazine article critiquing Grudem's confused definition of "faith." The working title is *Grudem on Grace: Defending Free Grace Theology*. We hope to have this title ready by late-December.

