



The Board: Tony Taffar, Bernie Hunsucker, "Shoeless" Ken Yates, Brad Daskocil, and Shawn

## Winter GES Board Meeting Plano, TX January 29-30

**D**ecember giving was up \$13,000 over last December and it was our best December in the last five years! We are on pace to end the year near budget. Thank you for your partnership!

The Board approved a number of new ministries that we hope to get off the ground in the coming year.

First, the Board approved us starting a weekly video ministry. We plan to release one short 5 to 10-minute video each week, starting in March. We will be purchasing some excellent video cameras and other equipment needed for filming.

Second, we set a date for a Free Grace Bootcamp. The idea is to take a small group of students, pastors, elders, and other leaders and give them intense training in Bible and preaching.

Third, we are starting groundwork for a *Grace Old Testament Commentary*.

Fourth, the Board also approved weekly blogs in Filipino and Portuguese.

## Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX January 24

The people at Victor Street met in person for the first time in nearly a year! I (Bob) spoke on Mark 6:30-56: "Jesus Is Our Loving Shepherd Who Cares for Us." Jesus' feeding of the 5,000, walking on water, stilling the winds, and healing the multitudes show that He is the embodiment of Psalm 23. He is our Loving Shepherd who leads us to green pastures.

You can read a blog I wrote that covers part of the sermon.



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## Lunch with Dr. Craig Glickman January 27

Shawn and Bob had lunch with Dr. Craig Glickman, former professor at DTS, and friend to Zane Hodges. We caught up on things and got his take on a number of important theological issues. He indicated that he might be able to speak at our April conference.



## Gateway Baptist Denton, TX January 31

Shawn spoke at Gateway on the subject of "Doing Ministry in the Moment." Drawing on Titus 3:1-11, Shawn argued that believers should be ready to do good works *as they arise*. That means being ready, in that moment, to do whatever good is required to help your neighbor. Those moments of ministry are not necessarily pre-planned by you, or noticed by the world, but are of eternal value to the Lord.

## Annual Conference April 26-28 Coppell (TX) Bible Fellowship

The theme this year is *Genesis: A Book of Beginnings*. The conference will run from noon on Monday until

5:00 on Wednesday. We decreased the regular price of the conference from \$85 to \$75 and we extended the \$10 early-bird discount until February 28. First-timers and scholarship recipients remain free.

## Update on Ken and Kathryn

On Jan 31, I (Ken) preached at Bayside Community Church in Tampa, FL: *What does it mean to be saved by the life of Christ?* (Rom 5:1-10) and *What does it mean to live without condemnation?* (Rom 8:1-6).

I stressed that in these passages Paul is speaking about Christian living and not on what a person must do to obtain eternal life. I received a number of positive comments on the messages. Special thanks go out to Don Rice for taking care of all the administrative concerns (who, by the way, is also from Kentucky) and Mike Bodnar who hosted me for lunch. Just another great visit to Tampa all the way around.

Kathryn and I are scheduled to go to Kenya from Feb 18-28. Lord willing, we will be speaking at a pastors' and wives' conference, hosted by Catherine and Jimmy, who are strong proponents of Free Grace and run a school about an hour's drive from Nairobi. All of the teaching will be done in English. We will also give each pastor a copy of Bob's new book *Faith Alone in 100 Verses*. We are expecting 60 pastors.

