

Partners in Grace



The obligatory and impossible group photo of everyone involved in this year's conference

GES Annual Conference

MAY 23-26 // DENTON, TX

Attendance was high. (approximately 205 adults—and 25 children for VBS). Fellowship was better than ever before. Messages were very strong.

Here are some of the comments that conferees left on their evaluations: “Superb content; loved being with old friends and meeting new ones!” “Great fellowship after hours.” “Great time of learning, fellowship, and fun.” “It is incredibly encouraging to learn truth from likeminded people!” “Beautiful location.” “Great fellowship—great teaching—great God!” “Edifying!” “Fascinating, helpful, and relieving of anxiety.” “I loved it.” “Enjoyed fellowship more than ever before.” “It was very refreshing and relaxing.” “Spurred me to love, grace, mercy, and good deeds.” “Excellent.” “Absolutely wonderful! Rich fellowship, fun, and amazing presentations.” “So powerful.” “A great blessing.”

Next year's conference is set for May 22-25, and will again be held at Camp Copass. The theme will be “Vital Free Grace Issues.”



Pastor Marino, William, David, Francisco, and Junior from Tallahassee, Florida

St Francis Village Protestant Fellowship

MAY 15 // CROWLEY, TX

Pastor Ken Parlin was out of town and asked me (Shawn) to speak at the Protestant Fellowship in St Francis Village, near Fort Worth. I was happy to return. I spoke on “Rest for the Weary (Matt 11:28-30).” In that passage, Jesus gives two commands: one to “come” and another to “take.” Jesus promises to give rest to those who come, and that those who take His yoke will find rest. It was a pleasure to be around seasoned believers. Only one person slept through the sermon—my son, Zane!



Students at the Bible college in Zambia

Ken and Kathryn's Zambia Ministry

MAY 5-19

We went to Zambia to teach at a Bible college. This is the fifth year we have made the trip. Kathryn taught the doctrine of salvation to the freshmen. I taught the Book of Romans to the juniors.

Probably without exception, all the students (a total of around 50) came to believe that eternal life was a gift given by faith in Christ alone that could never be lost. Each student was given a number of Free Grace books, and other FG literature was donated to the library. A special thanks to those who donated to GES to make this possible.

While there, I was asked to speak at the school chapel. I spoke about how even when a believer sins, he remains a child of God. Sin in the life of the believer brings the discipline of God in his life and the loss of rewards.

A local Baptist church asked us to come speak one Sunday. Kathryn led the Sunday school, teaching how the Gospel of John repeats that the believer can never lose eternal life. I spoke in the main service, concentrating on one of those passages in John. After the service, the pastor related how such assurance is sorely needed in Zambia. He wants us to come back and do a two-day conference next year. If the Lord delays His coming and He permits, we are looking to return next summer.

Bayside Community Church

MAY 29 // TAMPA, FL

The church has two services each Sunday. I (Ken) spoke on two passages in Acts that are often used to rob people of their assurance. The first message was from Acts 8:19-24 and dealt with a believing sorcerer named Simon. The second message was from Acts 13:44-48, where the issue of predestination was addressed.

Every time I visit Bayside, the people are so friendly. There were many positive comments after the services and those who hosted me for meals made me feel like I was in my own home. Thank you, Susan Service and Gerry Hynes!

Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship

MAY 29 // LEWISVILLE, TX

I (Bob) spoke on James 2:1-26—the need to be quick to hear and apply God's Word. This was the first time where I considered 2:1-13 in the same message with 2:14-26. It was clearer this way. Everyone was very encouraging.



Above: Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship;
Left: Coppell Bible Fellowship

Coppell Bible Fellowship

MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 // COPPELL, TX

I (Bob) continued my Sunday school class on *The Ten Most Misunderstood Words in the Bible*. This month we discussed the meaning of lost, heaven, hell, repentance, and grace. We had robust discussion each week.