



PARTNERS IN GRACE

JANUARY 2023

Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship

LEWISVILLE, TX | DEC 11, 18

I (Bob) gave two Christmas messages from Matthew 1. The first was on Matt 1:21 where Joseph was told that Mary would have a son whom they were to name Jesus and He would save His people, Israel, from their sins. That salvation will occur at the end of the Tribulation when He delivers the nation from all the Gentile nations that have surrounded it and sought to destroy it.

The second message was on Matt 1:1-16 and four surprising women in Jesus' genealogy: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba (though she is not mentioned by name). These women show God's grace during all the major time periods of Israel's history (and all major divisions of the Old Testament).



The gang at Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship. Can you spot Sharon, Philippe, Letitia, and Colin?



Bob's class on the book of James.

VITAL
FREE
GRACE
ISSUES

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CONFERENCE

2023

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GES's 29th Annual Grace Conference

CAMP COPASS, DENTON, TX | MAY 22-25, 2023

Early-bird registration lasts until the end of January. Register now and save. The conference runs from Monday at 1:00 to Thursday at noon. First-time conferees are free. Scholarships are available.

The theme is Vital Free Grace Issues. It should be live-streamed on YouTube for those who cannot attend in person.

OT Commentary Project

GES partner Scott Sayre has been doing a great job overseeing this project. He is keeping all the authors on schedule. Trent Muller and Paul Crawford have signed on to help Scott do the initial evaluation and editing of each chapter submitted. We hope to have this commentary complete by the end of 2025 and in print sometime in 2026. We appreciate your prayers.



Ken and Kathryn recording podcasts... and recording podcasts... and recording podcasts.

Ken and Kathryn's Ministries

Recordings, recordings, recordings! December has been the month of recordings for Kathryn and me (Ken).

First, we have been learning all about YouTube shorts. I have begun doing one 5-minute video each Thursday, answering common questions.

In addition, Kathryn and I have been prepping for our new 12-week Zoom course on NT tough texts (e.g., James 2:14-26; Hebrews 10:26-31), launch-



Even our shipping packages are spreading the Good News!

ing in January. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Le-titia Lii at classes@faithalone.org to receive an application.

Kathryn and I have also started recording Grace in Focus radio episodes. We hope to have these episodes launching in February.

On Dec 18, I spoke at the Christmas candlelight service at Little River Baptist Church in Jenkinsville, SC on the theme of Christ being our Shepherd. He laid down His life for us sheep. He shepherds us now. He will return and we will be with Him forever. The service was a great way to remember Whom we celebrate at this time of year.

We have trips planned for Mexico, Nicaragua, Zambia, and Europe this spring. Prayers are appreciated as we deal with the planning and logistics of all these trips.

YouTube Mini-Videos Increasing Impact

Ken and Bob are now each doing one 5-minute video per week. Mike Lii is editing them and spiffing them up. Mike posts one from Bob each Monday at noon EST and one from Ken each Thursday at noon EST. Some of these short videos are getting 1,000 views in a week and 2,000 in a month or two.

If you are not a subscriber, go to YouTube Grace Evangelical Society and click on the current video. When you get to the end of the video, please click on the red "subscribe" button in the bottom right-hand corner.

Mid-Year Financial Report

Our fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. We just hit the halfway point of our fiscal year. We had a great first half.

A GES partner who went to be with the Lord in 2022 left GES a huge endowment. We received \$100,000 in September and \$200,000 in December. GES Chairman Brad Daskocil emailed after I shared the news of the December gift: "Great news! Another \$200K to finance getting God's message of everlasting life out to as many as can hear!" Amen.

Thank you to all of you who support this ministry with your finances and

prayers. We are having a major impact that is far beyond our small size.

Budget	\$322,866
Revenue	\$658,754*

\$300,000 of that revenue will go towards reserves, to be used, as Brad said, for future ministry. Our budget for our next fiscal year will likely expand significantly.

*As of 12/29/22. Gifts postmarked in December count toward December gifts even if received in early January.