



Berean Memorial Church

IRVING, TX
JUNE 30, 2024

In the first hour, I spoke on Genesis 38, an aside about Judah. Genesis 37 to 50 is about Joseph, yet Moses included a chapter about Judah. Why?

Judah was a carnal believer, as evidenced by his treatment of Joseph (chapter 37), his marriage to a Canaanite, his evil sons, his refusal to give his daughter-in-law to his youngest son, and his visiting what he thought was a harlot.

Genesis 38 contrasts Joseph with Judah. Joseph was a spiritual believer as evidenced by his good attitude in slavery, his refusal to give in to a seductress, and his good attitude while in prison for a crime he did not commit.

My thanks to Pastor Leon Adkins and the wonderful believers at Berean.

Fiscal Year-End Financial Report

We just completed our fiscal year (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024). We had another great year, including \$389,000 given to GES by a Free Grace church that disbanded.

Fiscal 2024 Budget: \$819,774
Fiscal 2024 Revenue: \$805,336*

*That number does not count the \$389,000 we received from a disbanded church. The board designated that money for special ministry. At our summer board meeting, Aug 9-10, we will set the budget for the 2025 fiscal year (which ends June 30, 2025).



Bob spoke June 30 at Berean Memorial Church in Irving



July 15 Meeting of Old Testament Commentary Authors and Editors

Old Testament Commentary Project

GES partner Scott Sayre is doing a great job managing this project. All the authors and editors have a Zoom meeting each month to discuss the progress and any questions that have arisen.

Scott and his team of editors keep all of the writers busy. I was asked to

approve edits of completed Leviticus and Second Samuel commentaries in July. Barbara Johnson edited my commentary on Leviticus. I went through all her changes and suggestions. Paul Crawford edited Philippe Sterling's commentary on Second Samuel. I did a final edit of the first draft.

We aim to have all the commentaries edited and completed by August next year. Ken Yates, Philippe Sterling, and I will then spend a year doing final editing. We hope to have it in print by December of 2026.

Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship

LEWISVILLE, TX
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I (Bob) spoke in both Sunday school and the worship service. My Sunday school class was on "The Importance of Walking in the Lord's Approval." We considered key NT passages on Christ's approval. Eleven people (from several countries and states) participated on Zoom, more than those physically present. In the worship service, my title was "Watching for the Lord's Soon Return Is Vital to Sanctification."

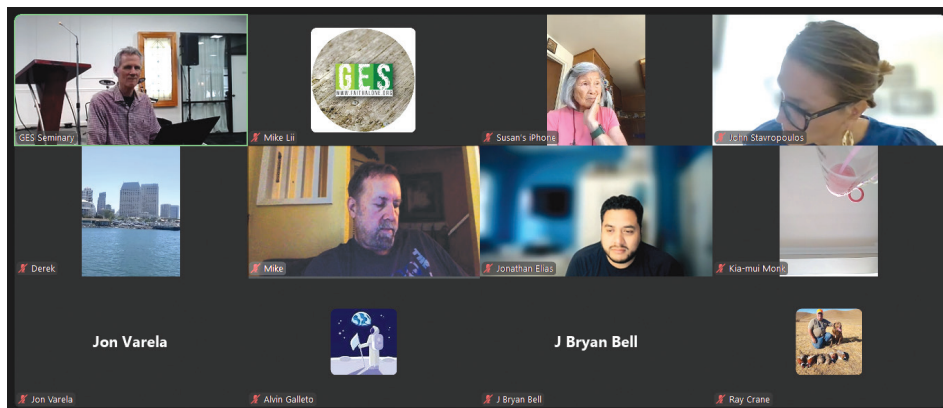
Radio/Podcasts

We added a new radio station in Omaha in July and one in Memphis a few months ago, bringing our total to sixteen stations in thirteen states. Thousands listen via Facebook, YouTube, and other services, not counting the number of people who listen live on the radio. Thank you for making this possible.

New Commentary by Ken on Mark's Gospel

Ken's new commentary is in the final stages of editing. Lord willing, we hope to give it to the typesetter in August. The title will be *Mark: Lessons in Discipleship*. Ken understands Mark as a book that deals with the cost of following Christ after one believes in Him for eternal life. Mark is not an evangelistic book.

In addition, Ken maintains the difference between Israel and the church throughout the commentary. Hopefully, this will be another important tool for those who promote Focused Free Grace Theology.



Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship Zoomers for Sunday School, July 21.

Preparation for Upcoming Ministry

July has been a month of planning as we head towards the end of summer and into the fall. We have been busy working on course material and lectures for the fall semester at the GES seminary that starts in August. Ken and Bob will each be teaching several classes. See faithalone.org/ges-seminary/ for more information.

In addition, we have been prepping for several regional conferences over the

Notes and Letters

I've been enjoying the YouTube mini-videos, which I typically access via the postings on Facebook. I was glad to see in the recent Partners newsletter that subscriptions rose 33% in the last year...I read the July/August magazine in one setting and I'm going to reread some of the articles and take notes.

—RAD, snail mail letter

next few months. On August 16-18, Ken Yates will be speaking at a regional on eternal rewards in Bismarck, North Dakota. Pastor Terry Kern's church, Truth Fellowship, will be hosting him over the weekend of August 16-18.

We also plan a Dallas regional conference at Ridge Pointe Fellowship on October 25-26. Bob Vacendak is the Pastor. The theme will also be eternal rewards.

If you are in the region and would like to join us, these conferences are free, like eternal life! We have many more regionals coming up, so keep an eye out!