



## Bismarck, ND Regional Conference

BISMARCK, ND  
AUGUST 16-18, 2024

On August 6, Ken participated in a panel discussion in Bonham, TX, hosted by Joe Moore. Then, he and I (Bob) recorded twenty-three radio shows. Then, he participated in the Aug 9-10 GES board meeting. Five days after returning from the Dallas board meeting, he and Kathryn were off to Bismarck for a conference on Friday and Saturday and speaking at Truth Fellowship Live Church on Sunday. Terry Kern is the pastor.

The conference was on eternal rewards. Ken spoke during six sessions and then preached in the Sunday morning service. The sermon was on Mark 8:34-38. The whole conference was well attended, with around 50 for each session. The folks at the church were very receptive, and there were a lot of great questions. There was also a question-and-answer period during Sunday school. Thanks go out to ev-



Ken and Faith at Truth Fellowship Live

erybody at Truth Fellowship Live for their hospitality and for conducting a great conference. If the Lord tarries, we hope to do it again!

Faith, the young woman pictured, was so supportive of what Ken was saying during his message that whenever he repeated a word, she'd shout it out: "Context!" "Grace!" "Eternal life."



Truth Fellowship Live Sunday morning

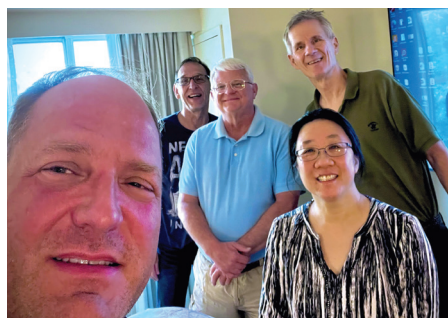


Ken and Kathryn with Terry Kern, the Amundsons, and the Hansons

## Board Meeting Irving, TX August 9-10

The summer board meeting is when we determine the annual budget for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025). We set the new budget at \$867,274, a 6% increase. We hope to hire a half-time administrative assistant who can help with phones, order fulfillment, emails, and Facebook postings.

We discussed our online seminary. It is progressing well. See below. We



James, Ken, Brad, Bob, and Letitia at the August Board meeting

have sixty-eight students signed up for classes this semester.

We have completed the first draft of twenty-two of the thirty-nine OT commentaries! We are on pace to finish all of the commentaries by August 31, 2025.

## Bob and Ken on Radio

Ken came a few days early for the board meeting, allowing us to record twenty-three radio programs.

Sixteen of the shows covered key verses in each of the chapters of Mark's Gospel. Ken's commentary on Mark should be in print by late October. He did a great job setting the context for the verses we discussed.

We also answered listener questions in seven more shows.

## Fall GES Seminary Classes Have Started

We've started offering first- and second-year classes. A year from now, we will offer all three years of classes for our unaccredited M.Div. degree.

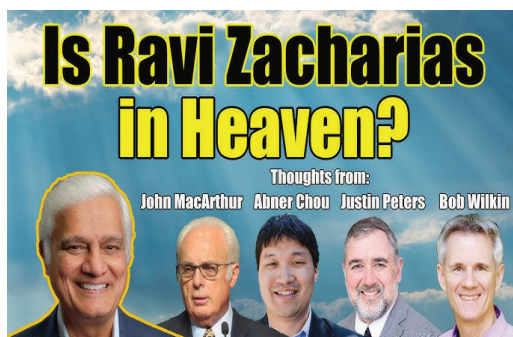
Bob started his third-semester Greek (Greek 103, 1-3 John) and his section on soteriology (the doctrine of salvation). Ken started his two sections of soteriology and his class on eternal rewards. Other classes that began in August include Greek 101 (Tony Badger), OT Survey 1 (Philippe Sterling), Introduction to Pastoral Ministry (David Janssen), Hermeneutics (Badger), and Logos Bible Software for Exegesis (Bill Fiess).



Old Testament Commentary Meeting August 19th

## YouTube Videos Getting Lots of Views

Two of the YouTube videos we released in August have drawn an amazing number of viewers. The video entitled "Is Ravi Zacharias in Heaven?" has 32,000 views in the first three weeks! Likewise, "Debunking John MacArthur's View of Saving Faith" has 9,100 views in the first four weeks. Of course, when we get lots of views, many are people who disagree with us. Take a look at some



of the comments after the Zacharias video. But that often leads to people interacting with them in the comment section. We hope you check our YouTube channel each Monday and Friday at noon Eastern for new releases.

## Mark Gray

Mark has been with us for fifteen years. Many of you know and love him. In early July, health issues caused him to step down from daily work. He will no longer come into the office regularly, but he will come in as needed to help Colin and Bethany.

Mark will continue to do what he can for GES until the end of this fiscal year.

## Notes and Letters

I just thought I'd respond to your request for listeners to tell you their location. I'm listening to Grace in Focus on Spotify in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. I have been a regular listener for around four years and I'm very thankful for your ministry! God Bless.

—Joe, email from Northern Ireland

I enjoy your radio program "Grace in Focus" on KKIM AM radio in Albuquerque, NM. I usually listen in my

car on the way home from errands, appointments, and meetings. Thank you for your honest discussions about Biblical truth. It is broadcast here every weekday mid-afternoon.

—Anne, email from Albuquerque

We (our family) listen here in Philadelphia on WNWR AM 1540 and on FM 95.3 and you have our vote.

—Lauren, email from Philly

**ETERNAL REWARDS AND FOCUSED FREE GRACE**

**DALLAS-FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

**REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

**25TH-26TH OCTOBER**

FRIDAY 7:00-9:00PM • SATURDAY 9:30AM-4:00PM

**LOCATION:**  
Ridge Pointe Fellowship  
11440 Ferguson Rd  
Dallas, TX 75228

MORE INFORMATION: FAITHALONE.ORG/EVENTS  
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**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!**

**SPEAKERS:**  
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Robert Vacendak  
Bob Bryant  
Trent Muller  
Steve Elkins  
Nicole Rossen  
and Mike Lii