



## Winter GES Board Meeting

JANUARY 17-18, 2025



Board and Spouses at Supper

## Ken and Bob Record Twenty Podcasts

JANUARY 15-16, 2025

Ken came a few days before the board meeting so he and I (Bob) could record a month's worth of radio programs. We answered a lot of great questions and we discussed what we are doing in some of our OT commentaries. Check out Ken's "not woke" hoodie!



GES Board at the Jan 17-18 Board Meeting

We welcomed three new board members: Walt Millet (who had been on the board previously), John Claeys (a regular speaker and writer for us), and Scott Sayre (heading up the logistics of our OT commentary project). All three made great contributions right off the bat.

Mike Lii, who is an attorney, came to part of Friday's meeting to advise us regarding our bylaws. Our practices

in some areas did not align with the bylaws. He helped us resolve those issues.

We had updates on upcoming books planned for publication, magazine subscriptions (up slightly for both print and electronic), midyear financial standing, GES Seminary, and Ken and Kathryn's overseas ministry.

It was an outstanding meeting.



## GES Seminary Spring Classes Have Begun

First-year Greek (Badger) and Second Year Greek/Galatians (Wilkin) began on January 13. All other classes—Bibliology/Ecclesiology (Janssen), OT Survey (Sterling), NT Survey (Sterling), Eschatology/Dispensationalism (Winston), Tough Texts (Yates and Badger), Homiletics/Preaching (Winston and Wilkin), and Logos Bible Software for Exegesis (Fiess)—began on January 27.

We have over fifty students, with about half taking only one class and the rest taking two or more.





Ken at the CEM Winter Youth Retreat in December

## Ken at the CEM Youth Retreat

DECEMBER 28-30, 2024

During the last few days of 2024, I (Ken) conducted a Bible conference for the Christian Evangelical Mission (CEM) in New Jersey. It is an organization of Chinese churches concentrated in the northeast of the US. The conference was on the five points of

Calvinism. I did five sessions, one on each point. There was a final session in which attendees could ask questions.

Ten years ago, I conducted two Bible conferences for all CEM, adults and youth. This conference was for young adults. Most of the attendees were college students or recent graduates. There were about 125 in attendance.

The conference went very well. The questions in the final sessions were

outstanding. Not surprisingly, one issue that kept coming up was the relationship between God's sovereignty and free will.

Trave and Michelle were my hosts, and they were great! I felt right at home, and they provided everything I needed. Darrin and Patricia took me to lunch and to the airport after the conference. Special thanks go out to all of them.

## Portland Regional March 21-23

Kathryn has been busy lining up regional conferences, and missions for the year. We are thrilled to be working with Pastor Matt Toupin and Steve Bills again in Portland, Oregon this spring (March 21-23). If you are in the area we would love to see you. Check out the events page on [faithalone.org](http://faithalone.org) for more information.

## Mid-Year Financial Report

Our annual budget is \$867,274. Because we typically take in 60% of our budget between July 1 and December 31, our effective budget for the first half of the year is \$520,364. (The budget for January to June is \$346,910.) We took in \$536,550, slightly above budget.

Thank you for your support of this ministry with your finances and prayers.

## Kathryn's Zoom Classes and Regionals

Our Zoom classes are doing well. My (Kathryn's) lady's Bible study has just concluded our study on 2 Peter, using Zane's commentary, and now we are launching a new



GES ladies Bible study



GES Young Adult Bible Study

study on the book of Isaiah. In addition, we started a young adult's study, on Friday nights last year using Zane's 1 John commentary. The guys have been instrumental in helping me facilitate the group. We are excited to see this group grow, as we seek to draw in young adults to the FG community.