



Grace believers in San Antonio (Can you spot Ken and Bob?).

#### San Antonio Regional GES Conference January 26-27

e tried something new. We divided the Epistle of James into twelve pieces and had each speaker cover one passage. Thus the conference went over the entire epistle.

This approach was super. Many people mentioned they really liked covering the whole book. We plan on following that format for future conferences.

The speakers (Ken Yates, Shawn Lazar, John Lee, Wes Spradley, Lucas Kitchen, and Bob) did a great job.

The audio is available for free on our website: https://faithalone.org/category/audio/

This was the first time at a regional conference where Shawn, Ken, and Bob all spoke. It was nice.

We have several upcoming regionals. We'll meet in the Los Angeles area, at Biola University, on March 16-17. Then we'll have the National conference in May. Followed by an Orlando Regional held at Florida Bible College, June 8-9.

### Winter GES Board Meeting Plano, TX January 19-20

Two board members, Jerry Pattillo and Bob Bryant, had completed their four-year terms and rotated off. A new board member, Bernie Hunsucker of Grace Bible Church in Charlotte, NC, joined the board at this meeting.

We had another great meeting. We discussed new ministries like radio and a church-based school. Shawn and I will do research over the next six months and then report back to the board at our August meeting. It is possible we will start radio this year in a small number of cities.

Finances for the ministry are much improved over this time a year ago. December giving was fantastic. Indeed, July-December giving was outstanding. If January-July giving keeps pace, we would end our fiscal year in the black, which is a good thing. While we have reserves, we prefer not to dip into them unless necessary.



The lovely Rosie and Julie with a bunch of old guys.

Our thanks to Brad Doskocil, Bernie Hunsucker, J.B. Bond (who was unable to make this meeting due to an urgent matter at his church), and Ken Yates for their outstanding service.

### Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX January 7

I spoke on Romans 3:21-31. "Justification Is by Faith Alone, apart from Works." Of course, I was preaching to the choir and so everyone was eating it up. In the Lord's Supper I spoke on Proverbs 1:20-33, the call of wisdom.

### GES's 22nd Annual Conference: The Grace Conference May 21-24 The Hope Center, Plano, TX

We are excited for the next national conference. We loved the Riley Center at SWBTS. We are confident that all will love our new venue, The Hope Center. While



there are no guest rooms in The Hope Center, there are a dozen nice hotels within 5 miles. The Homewood Suites in Plano-Richardson includes daily

Hope Center Fireplace and Cafe

breakfast and on Monday-Wednesday night a light supper as well.

Our theme this year is evangelism and discipleship. We have a great lineup of plenary speakers including Tony Evans, Steve Thurman, John Niemelä, David



Excited to be at the Hope Center (just behind the rock).

Janssen, Donnie Preslar, Shawn Lazar, Bob Bryant, Ken Yates, Lucas Kitchen, Bob Wilkin, Philippe Sterling, and Wes Spradley. And there will be many more workshop speakers.

# **Special Publications Updates**

God willing, three new books and one reprint will be available by the National conference.

*Grudem Against Grace* is Bob and Shawn's response to Wayne Grudem's book on Free Grace Theology. It will be shorter. To the point. Easy to read. And devastating (in our opinion!).

*Hebrews* is a popular commentary written by Ken Yates.

We'll be printing Zane Hodges' notes on *1-2 Timothy*. And finally, *A Free Grace Primer* will be back in print.

## **Review Our Books**

Thank-you to everyone who has reviewed our books on Amazon.com!

The more reviews we get, the better the ranking. And the more likely people are to buy a book. If you can spare ten minutes and review our books, you'll be helping the cause of grace.

### **Financial Report**

Dec Budget	\$35,750	
Dec Revenue	\$111,147	(+\$75,379)
July-Dec Budget	\$214,500	
July-Dec Revenue	\$270,936	(+\$56,436)*

\*Typically, we get far fewer donations in Jan-June, than in July-Dec. We needed a big December to meet our budget. Thank you for your giving!

