

## Year in Review

December is a time to reflect on what we accomplished this year.

We saw great improvements in our magazine. The cover and back cover are greatly improved. The interior design is better as well. And the content remains strong, possibly even stronger than before.

We published three books this year: *Revelation: The Road to Reward*, by John Claeys, *Mark: Lessons in Discipleship*, by Ken Yates, and *El Tribunal de Cristo y Las Recompensas Eternas [The Judgment Seat of Christ and Eternal Rewards]*, by Ken White. We also have study guides on Mark and Revelation in the final steps of the publishing process; they should come out early in 2026.

Our school reached the point where we are now offering classes for all three

years of the M.Div. program. We have two new electives on the schedule for January: apologetics by Dr. Jeff Spencer and Calvinism by Dr. Tony Badger. Don Reiher and Robert Erger have been handling the administrative details of the school.

Ken and Kathryn spoke at many conferences in the U.S. (NJ, OR, PA, WI, ID, FL, TX) and internationally in the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Uganda.



December 17 Board Meeting

## Special Board Meeting

DECEMBER 17

We had an online board meeting to discuss the adoption of a new organizational chart that will have staff members heading each area and board members mentoring each area. The areas include strategic planning, financ-

es, publishing, speaking and teaching, media outreach, seminary, and church planting. We also discussed whether we should seek to add new board members in 2026, and whether we should add a new board officer, vice chairman.

We decided to adopt the new organizational chart, to bring to the board at its February meeting the names of sev-

eral potential new board members, and to make Scott Sayre the vice chairman in the newly approved position.

This was Letitia Lii's last meeting of her four-year term. We are thankful for her faithful service.

## Chief of Staff



New Chief of Staff Dan Strathman and his wife Ellie

In early December I (Bob) recommended to Ken Pierce, acting Chief of Staff, that he interview Dan Strathman as possible Chief of Staff. Dan is a GES Seminary student and a doctoral student at Liberty University.

After Ken spoke with him several times, he and two GES board members

(Scott and John) interviewed Dan. They recommended that I hire him. I have known Dan for a few years since he has been in my second- and third-year Greek classes. I've also seen him and his wife, Elle, at the annual conference.

I interviewed Dan and after careful consideration, including talking with several more board members, I offered him the job and he accepted.

Dan is a West Point grad. He served ten years as an Army Ranger. Then he worked with KPMG, a leading accounting firm. He has lots of experience supervising people and major projects.

We would appreciate your prayers as Dan and Ellie move to North Texas in early January with their daughter Zoe and their yet unborn second child, due in February.



Ken at lunch with Doyle, Lou, Buzzy, and Patsy after speaking at Bayside Community Church in Tampa

## Old Testament Commentary, Volume 1

All the commentaries in the Pentateuch have already been edited by several people under Scott Sayre's leadership. Now Ken Yates, Philippe Sterling, and I (Bob) have been doing exegetical edits.

We continued editing the five commentaries in volume 1 (Genesis to Deuteronomy). Philippe finished his edit of Geoff Stevens's commentary on Exodus. Ken has been writing the commentary on Judges while he has awaited Exodus to be able to edit. I finished editing Deuteronomy in December. All three of us will go over all five commentaries starting in January.



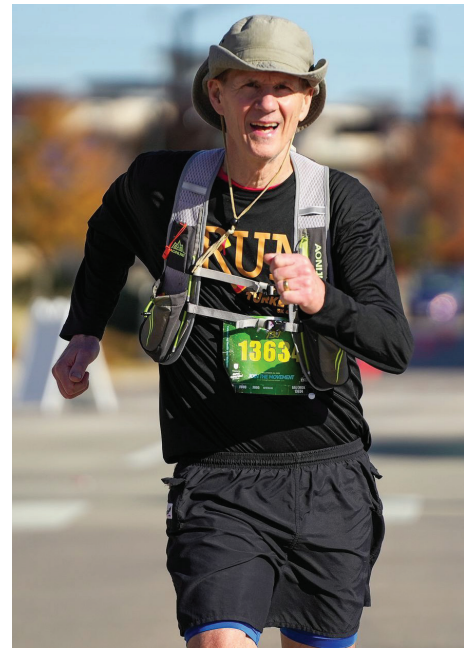
Bob and David Renfro recorded ten radio podcasts on 1 Peter

We hope to have the editing finished by late February, have it typeset by late March, and have it in print and in the office by the end of April, in plenty of time to have it at the May 18-21 annual conference at Camp Copass in Denton.

## Notes and Letters

Thank you for your faithfulness through radio ministry! I very much enjoy your interesting and informative broadcasts. —Deborah

To Ken Yates and GES partners in Faith: Thank you for the daily blogs. They are a blessing. —Hersh & Meg

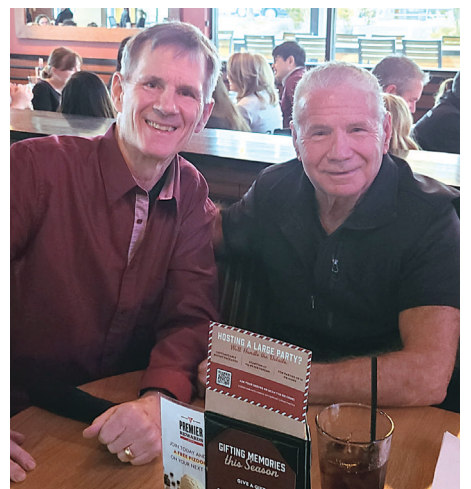


Bob powerwalking in Irving Frost Half Marathon Dec 20, 2025

## Irving Frost Half Marathon

In December of last year, I completed the Irving Frost Marathon. I wasn't feeling up to the full 26.2 miles this year, so I wimped out and tried the half marathon (13.1 miles).

The half marathon was a lot easier. Very enjoyable. This may be my race of choice going forward. I finished in 2 hours 51 minutes, a 12:58 per mile pace, which is pretty good for powerwalking. It is my best half marathon time in several years. I finished second in my age group too.



Bob having lunch with Warren Wilke, who led him to faith in Christ