

# Partners in Grace

## July 2012

### Can You Help Us with Our Church Tracker List in Your Region?



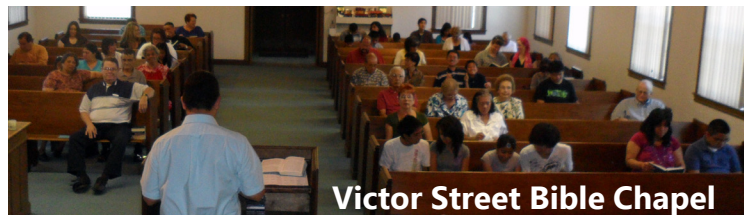
We need to update our church tracker, but lack the staff to check each listing. Pastors may move, a church's theology may no longer be consistently Free Grace, or a church may not want to be on our list any longer. Plus there are many Free Grace churches that have never been added to our list.

Here's how you can help: add and subtract. You can check out the churches in your state, area, or region. See if the email is current. See if the pastor listed is still the pastor. Do they still want to be on our list? That is part of the subtraction. If you find any that no longer should be on the list, let us know.

Addition comes by you talking to friends about it, as well as by checking the websites of churches in your state and region. If you find churches that may be Free Grace, call them or send them an email and find out. If they are, invite them to be on our church tracker and explain that we have 10,000 people on our mailing list, and many more who go to our website, and that people who move often use our list to find new churches. Have the pastor or church leadership send us a request and we will add them to the list.

### Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX June 24

I spoke on Genesis 35. This is a story of completions and corrections. The point is that we should believe that God will fulfill His promises to us and then we should live accordingly. And when we experience some great success in life, we should take great care not to become complacent. We must always continue to strive to please God in all that we do as long as we have breath.



Victor Street Bible Chapel

### St. Francis Protestant Fellowship Crowley, TX June 10

St. Francis Village is a retirement living community for people 62 and over. It is on the outskirts of Fort Worth.

Ken Parlin, a regular at our conference, was out of town and invited me to speak.

I spoke on David's failed first effort to move the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem (1 Chron 13:3-14). My point is that it is not enough to aim for the right result. We must do God's work in the way God prescribes, or we will not please God. David's desire to move the ark to Jerusalem was fine. But his method was all wrong.

The same is true with how we evangelize, how we are assured of our eternal destiny, and how we seek to be spiritual. Good intentions are not enough. We must do God's work in the way God commands.

The people at SFPF were very warm and made me feel right at home. It was a joy to be there.



St. Francis Protestant Fellowship

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for: GES help desk czar Mark Gray, who is still recovering from being hit by a truck; for the Hodges commentary on Romans to go to the printer by the end of August; for the staff of GES and their families; for all the GES supporters and their families; for the U.S. and world economies; for the selection of speakers for next year's GES conference (the call for paper titles has just gone out); for the August GES summer board meeting; for GES finances; for the newsletter and journal; and for our materials to get in many hands and influence many.



## Spotlight on Your Support: An Amazing May and June

These were record months in our 26 year history. Never before had we had one month this large. Now we have had two back to back.

Thank you all for your generous support. Because of the way we ended our fiscal year, we will be setting a larger budget for our next fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. We will be pursuing some exciting tasks like Bible study materials designed for 15 week classes (Sunday school, discipleship groups, home groups). We aim to develop classes on the books of the NT, the books of the OT, and the major areas of systematic theology.

We also are thinking about doubling the size of the magazine, from 16 to 32 pages. And we are in the process of hiring an IT person to help us update our database and our backup capabilities (which have been woefully inadequate). Your support makes this possible too.

We might be entering into a partnership with a Bible college in Israel and possibly a seminary in Europe or Africa.

We have a board meeting on August 4 in which we will nail down our budget and plans for this coming year. We appreciate your support and your prayers. Together we are making a big difference. Our commitment is to use funds given to us as though God Himself handed them to us directly. We realize to whom much is given, of him much will be required.

By the way, one difference your support has already made is that we were able to hire Shawn Lazar. He started June 1 and has made some nice improvements already. Maybe you noticed that the magazine had a different look and feel to it this time? That's because Shawn had some great ideas. And he plans to keep on improving things. In addition Grant has been working on our web-site. The changes he is making, which should go online by the end of July, are ones we think you will really appreciate.

## Hodges Romans Commentary Update

In June I completed the transliteration of the Greek into English letters, making the commentary much easier to read for those who do not know Greek. I also completed the final editing of the first two chapters. Now we begin the task of final editing and proofing of the remaining fourteen chapters. Hopefully we can complete that and get the commentary to the printer by the end of August. If so, it should be in print by early November. Thank you for your prayers and for your support.

## June Financial Report

|              |           |           |              |           |           |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| June Budget  | \$31,147  |           | YTD* Budget  | \$373,764 |           |
| June Revenue | \$153,006 | \$121,859 | YTD* Revenue | \$519,532 | \$145,768 |

We are very thankful for your gifts.

\*Our fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th

Partners in Grace is a publication of the Grace Evangelical Society for its financial supporters.  
Grace Evangelical Society 4851 I-35 E Ste. 203 Corinth, TX 76210  
www.faithalone.org 940.270.8827

