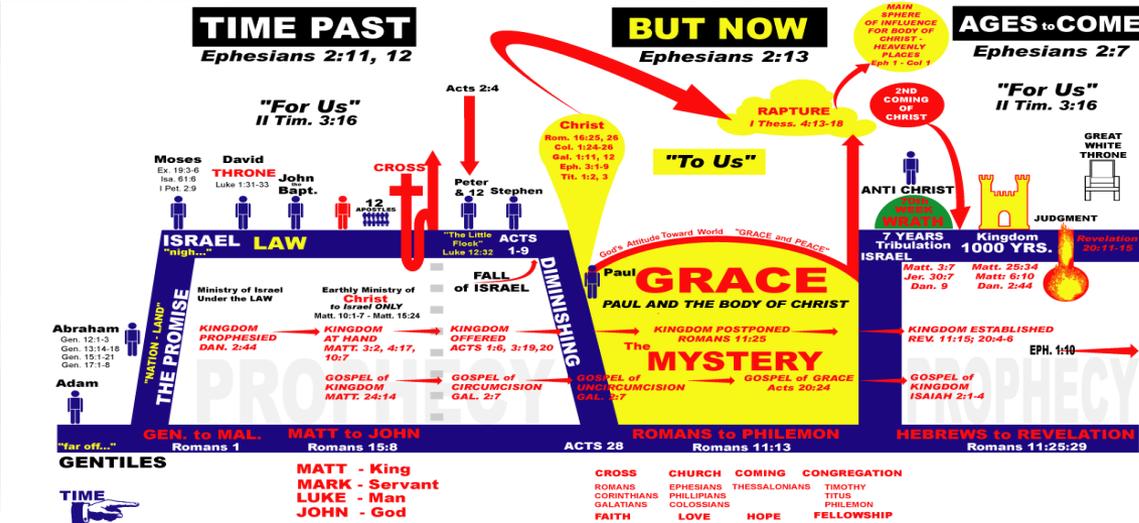
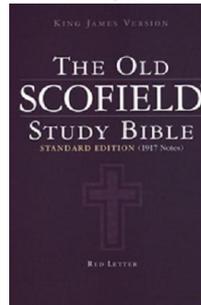


# A History of Grace Theology



## Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

II Timothy 2:15



# Session 12

## May 1, 2011

# Youth Camp Ministry

- First camp held at McCormick Creek State Park in Indiana in 1946 1949. John Lavier managed the activities. Jack Sonneveldt was the first camp director.



**Northern Grace  
Youth Camp**

# Youth Camp Ministry

- The camp moved to Western Michigan and was held at various locations until the current location was purchased in 1966 in Mears, MI



**Northern Grace  
Youth Camp**

# Youth Camp Ministry

- In 1954 Pastor Louis Menge and Irwin Cox purchased property in Gillette, WI to form Northern Grace Youth Camp for youth from Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota



# Youth Camp Ministry

- Several regional camps have been organized over the years in different parts of the US.
- For further information:  
[www.graceadventures.org](http://www.graceadventures.org)  
and [www.ngyc.org](http://www.ngyc.org)



**Northern Grace  
Youth Camp**

# Missionary Outreach

## Bethesda Mission

- 1931 H.B. Prince became the pastor of Bethesda Free Church in Minneapolis.
- He required the church to give 50% of its income to missions. Yet it paid off a \$45,000 debt.
- Around 1940 Prince embraced Mid-Acts doctrine. Problems in ensued.
- Missionaries supported by the church were not permitted to teach Mid-Acts teaching

# Missionary Outreach

## Bethesda Mission

In 1951 Bethesda gave Oxboro its release to become an independent church. Then in 1951 problems arose for Bethesda's missionaries who espoused the dispensational Doctrine. Bethesda knew it had to stand behind those missionaries so it began operating Bethesda Mission through the auspices of the church. Pastor Prince also had problems and was not allowed to voice his views at the Free

# Missionary Outreach

## Bethesda Mission

- Much of the Focus of Bethesda Mission was in Latin America and the Caribbean. Bolivia, Brazil and Curacao primarily.
- Eventually separated from the church and became an independent mission board.
- Finely Hunter and Harry Rosbottom served as directors.
- Merged with Grace Mission to form GMI in 1985.

# Missionary Outreach

## Things to Come Mission



Founded in  
1955 by  
Herbert  
Palmer

# Missionary Outreach Things to Come Mission

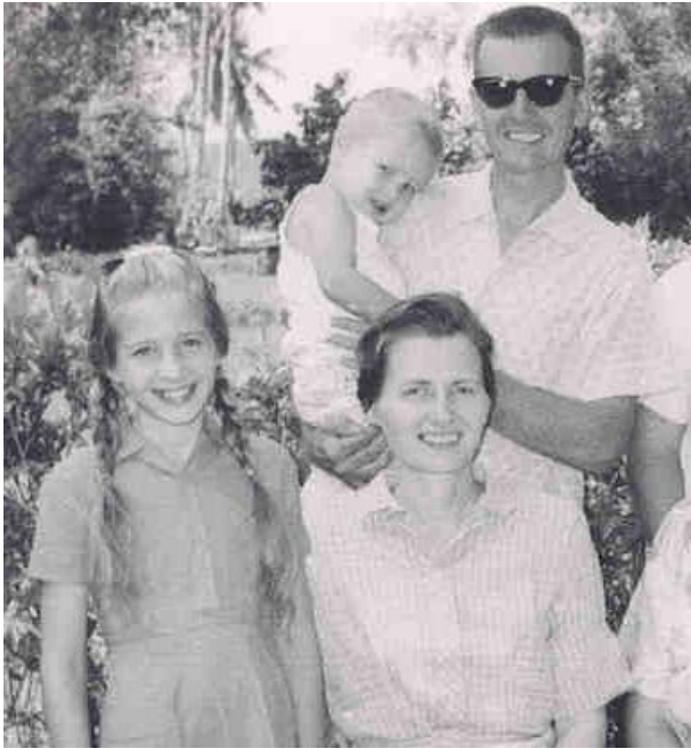


**First Filipino Contacts in  
1957**

# Missionary Outreach

## Things to Come Mission

**First Missionaries sent in 1958 to the Philippines**



Andersons



Watkins

# TCM Ministers in 13 Nations

The Philippines	Turkey
Brazil	South Africa
Indonesia	U.S.
Kenya	England
Cameroon	Uganda
Thailand	Laos (soon)
Cambodia	

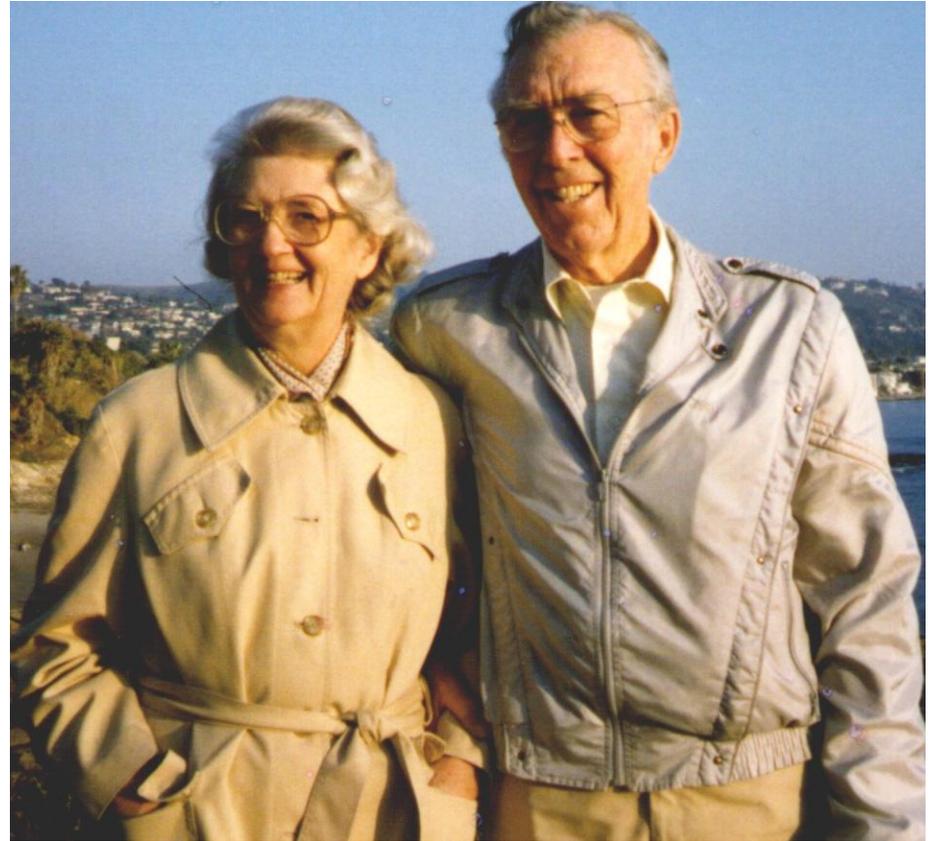
# Missionary Outreach Prison Mission Association

- Founded in 1955 by Joe Mason
- Founded as a correspondence lesson ministry to inmates.
- Joe was a prolific letter writer – sent literature around the world



# Missionary Outreach Prison Mission Association

- Contacts made that resulted in established ministries in Kenya, South Africa, Cameroon and other places.



# Missionary Outreach Prison Mission Association

- Offices moved to Port Orchard, WA in 1992
- Continues as a correspondence lesson ministry to inmates.
- [www.pmabcf.org](http://www.pmabcf.org)



# Berean Bible Fellowship

- Founded in 1967 as a reaction to developments at Grace Bible College and the Grace Gospel Fellowship
- Certain, more conservative members of the GGF, led by C.R. Stam believed that there was a tendency toward modernism and compromise with contemporary culture, specifically neo-evangelicalism and secular psychology.

# Berean Bible Fellowship

- Established as an anti-denominational fellowship, primarily of individuals although there tended to be churches that had greater affinity for the BBF.
- It's emphasis has always been a strong, dogmatic emphasis on the distinctives of Mid-Acts dispensationalism.
- Since 1968 there has been an annual Bible conference every June at Cedar Lake, IN.

# Berean Bible Fellowship

- In 1987 there was a major split in the BBF because of the influence of the King James Only teaching of Richard Jordan, who became the president of the Berean Bible Society in the early 1980's (around 1980 -81).
- Ivan Burgener was the president of the BBF for many years, but was forced to leave in the mid 2000's because of his interpretation that the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus was allegorical

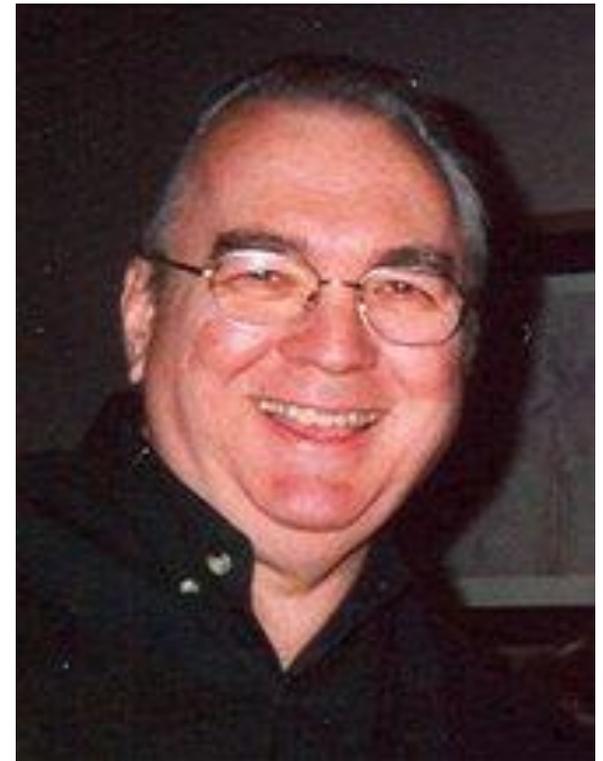
# Berean Bible Fellowship

- The membership of the BBF has been embroiled in doctrinal controversy many times in its history.
- The current BBF board hopes to create a more positive emphasis in the organization and to be more open and conciliatory to others in the Grace Movement.
- Dick Ware is the current BBF board president.

# Richard Jordan

## 1947 (?) - Present

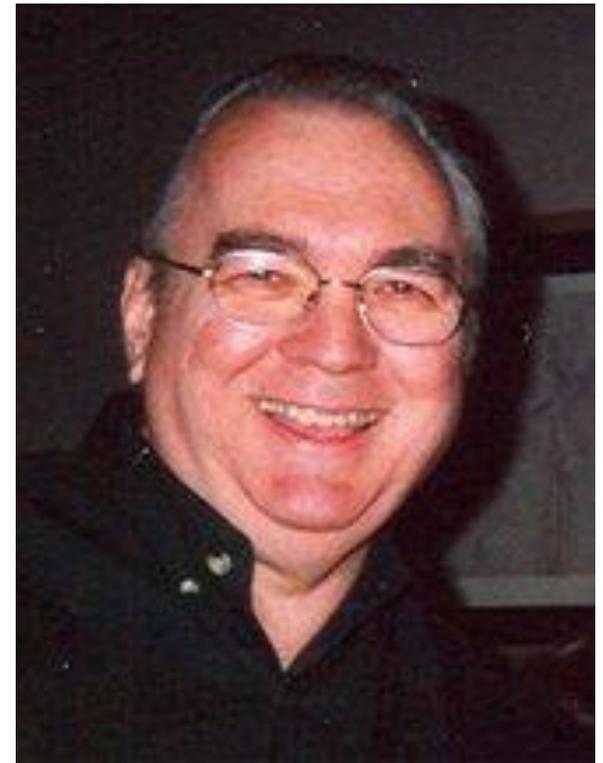
- Native of Mobile, AL
- Trusted Christ as Savior in Jr. High School through the ministry of Roy Lange of Forest Park Bible Church.
- Studied with Peter Ruckman of Pensacola, FL.



# Richard Jordan

## 1947 (?) - Present

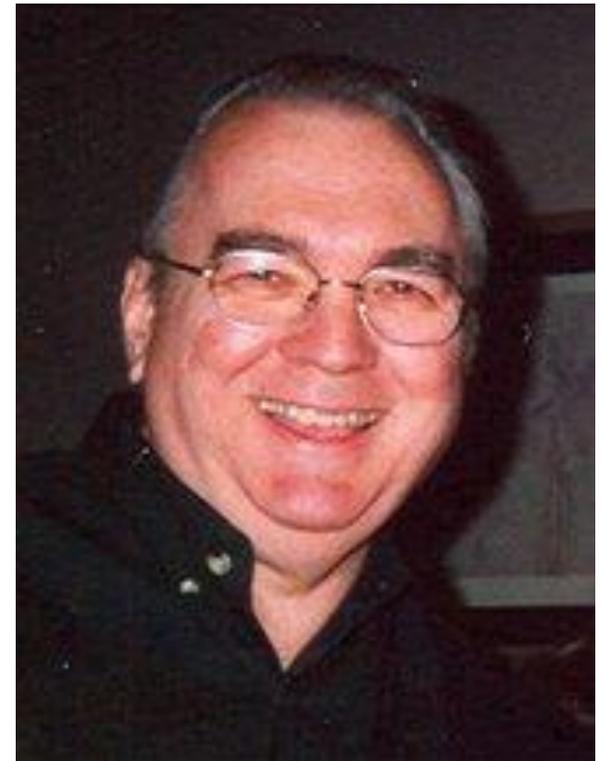
- Was a pastor in Selma, AL.
- Embraced the “King James Only” position regarding the English Bible.
- Came into contact with C.R. Stam and in the early 1980’s became president of the BBS



# Richard Jordan

## 1947 (?) - Present

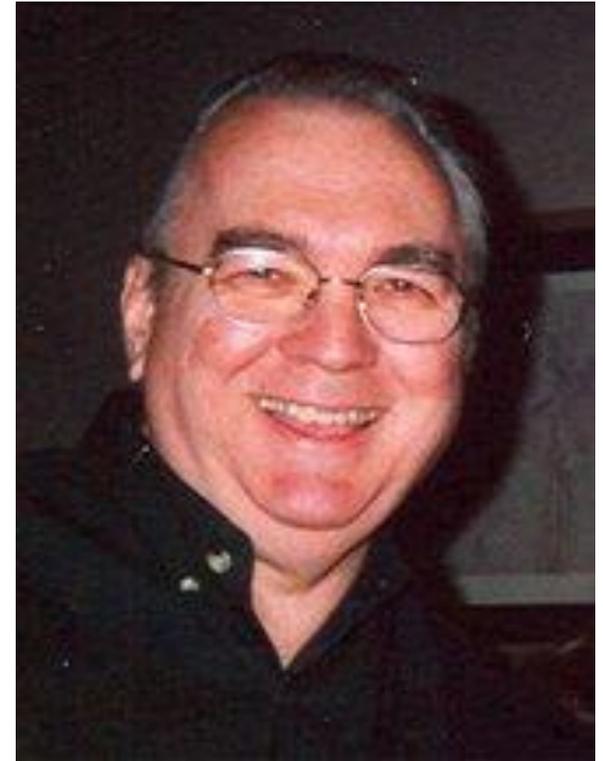
- Began a training program at the BBS in which he promoted the KJV only views and controversial doctrines about the intervention of God in the Dispensation of Grace.



# Richard Jordan

## 1947 (?) - Present

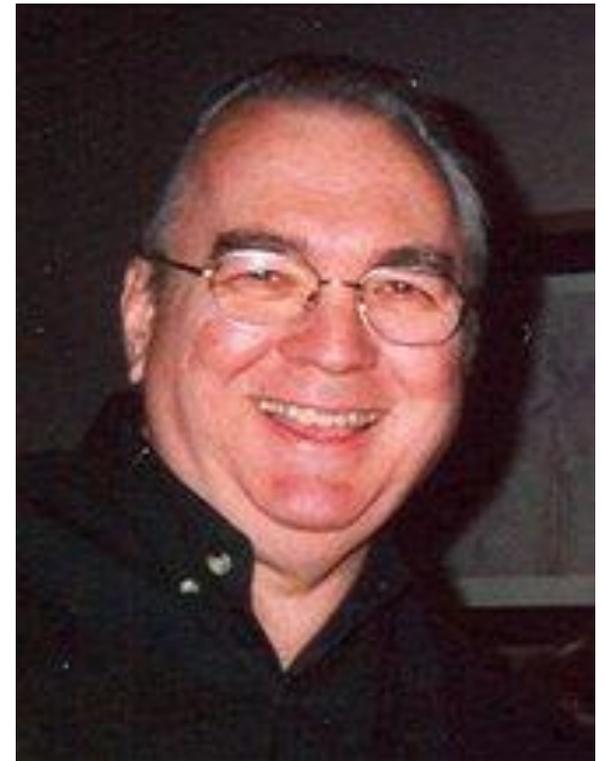
- The doctrinal controversy eventually led to his termination and the split in the BBF.
- During his time with the BBS he had become the pastor of the Shorewood Bible Church, the remnant church of North Shore Church.



# Richard Jordan

## 1947 (?) - Present

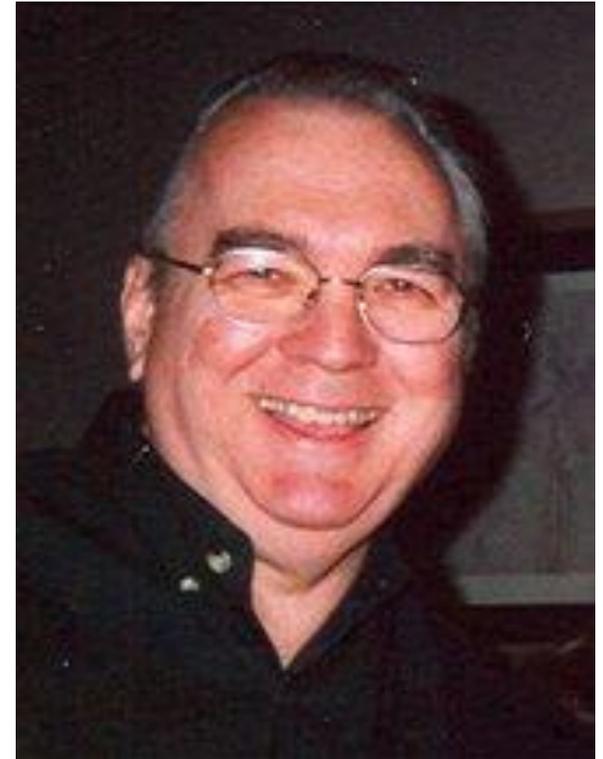
- The video tapes of his classes at the BBS developed into the Grace School of the Bible, an extension Bible school for training pastors.



# Richard Jordan

## 1947 (?) - Present

- Extensive media ministry has developed over the years including television, radio and Internet.
- The “Grace Life” or “Jordanite” segment of the Grace movement has developed separate from the rest.



For more information go to:  
[www.graceimpact.org](http://www.graceimpact.org)

# Richard Jordan's Influence

- A significant division in the Grace Movement
- A strong emphasis on distance education and training of lay people.
- A “need for novelty” mindset
- The first of the independent, itinerant leaders that develop a distinct following.
- Highly effective use of the Internet and media.

# Bible Doctrines to Live By

- Founded by Evangelist S. Lee Homoki in 1981
- Homoki came to understand Mid-Acts Dispensationalism while a pastor in Tipp City, OH



- He was pastor of the Berean Bible Church of Evansville, IN

# Bible Doctrines to Live By

- Left the pastorate to establish a full-time ministry of itinerant evangelism and publishing of Mid-Acts literature in GrandRapids, MI
- In 1993 BDTLB sponsored the 1<sup>st</sup> Grace Revival for Evangelism



- Has sought to be an impartial independent voice of the Grace Message

# Bible Doctrines to Live By

- In Mid-2000's Joel McGarvey succeeded Homoki as Director
- In late 2000's Lee Homoki began a youth program called "Cowboy Camps."



- For more information go to [www.bdtlb.org](http://www.bdtlb.org)

# Word of Grace Mission

- Organized in 1986 primarily as the missionary arm of the BBF.
- Warren Keiper, Leo Keiper, Bernardo Craesmeyer were missionaries with Things to Come Mission in Southern Brazil that felt a closer affinity with the BBF.



# Word of Grace Mission

- The mission currently has missionaries in Southern Brazil
- For more information:  
<http://wordofgracemission.org>



# TBS Ministries

- Started around 2002 by Tony and Barb Sistelos, former TCM missionaries to Brazil.
- Dedicated to using digital technology to disseminate Mid-Acts teaching.



# TBS Ministries

- Developed the Grace Online Library a digital collection of over 250 books from many authors.
- For more information;  
[www.tbsministries.com](http://www.tbsministries.com)



# Berean Bible Institute

- Founded in 1996 with cooperation of the BBS and BBF to be a Bible training institute modeled after Milwaukee Bible Institute
- Originally in the BBS facility in Germantown, WI



# Berean Bible Institute

- Dr. Ed Bedore was the first president.
- In mid-2000's BBI moved to its campus to Slinger, WI in a former Lutheran church.



# Berean Bible Institute

- Dr. Robert Nix became the President in 2011
- For more information:  
[www.bereanbibleinstitute.org](http://www.bereanbibleinstitute.org)



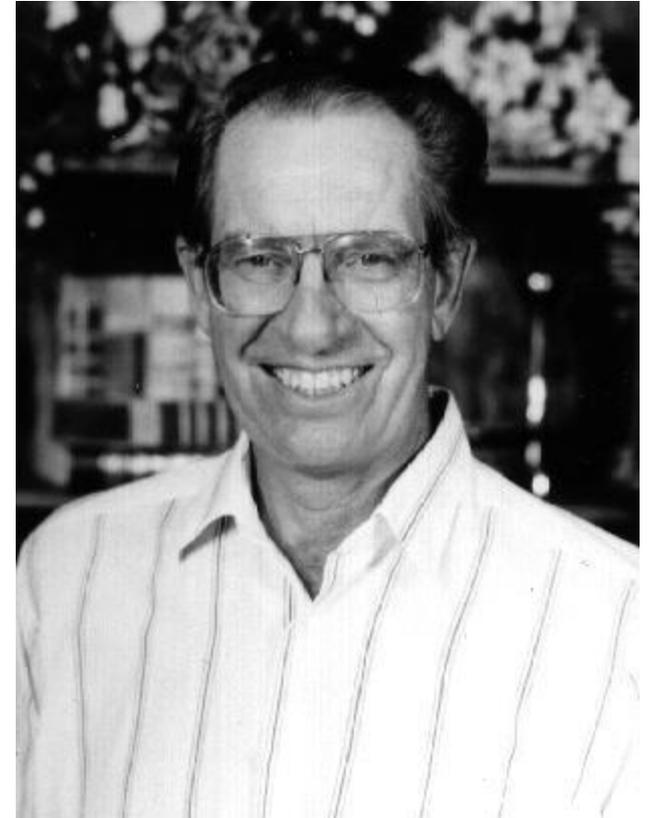
# St. Louis Theological Seminary

- Started by the St. Louis Bible Fellowship and Pastor Rick Owsley in 2005.
- Offers Bible College, Undergraduate and Graduate programs in ministry and theology.
- For more information:  
[www.stlts.org](http://www.stlts.org)



# Les Feldick Ministries

- An Oklahoma Rancher that has been an independent Bible teacher for 30 years.
- Extensive television and Internet and Itinerant teaching ministry.



# Bob Enyart

- Influenced by Bob Hill and Derby School of the Bible, open Theism
- Controversial conservative talk radio and Internet personality
- Published the book “the Plot”



# What is the Future of the Grace Movement?

- Disintegration of centralized organization – GGF, BBF, Jordan will lose influence
- Churches will continue to decline, independent believers following personalities will increase.
- Internet will be a driving force in dissemination of the doctrines.
- Doctrines will resonate less with Postmodern ideas prevailing.

# What is the Future of the Grace Movement?

- Atypical, non-traditional paradigms will increase, e.g. KJV only churches with contemporary worship.
- Unity will be maintained through para-church organizations, e.g. mission organizations.
- Growth will be predominately outside the U.S.- particularly Asia and Africa.

# What is the Future of the Grace Movement?

- Bi-vocational pastors will increase.
- Local Bible studies, itinerant speakers will supplant churches. Traditional conferences sponsored by organizations will decline, personality driven events will increase.
- Training will be distance education driven, less formal institution or informal training.
- Pet doctrines will abound.