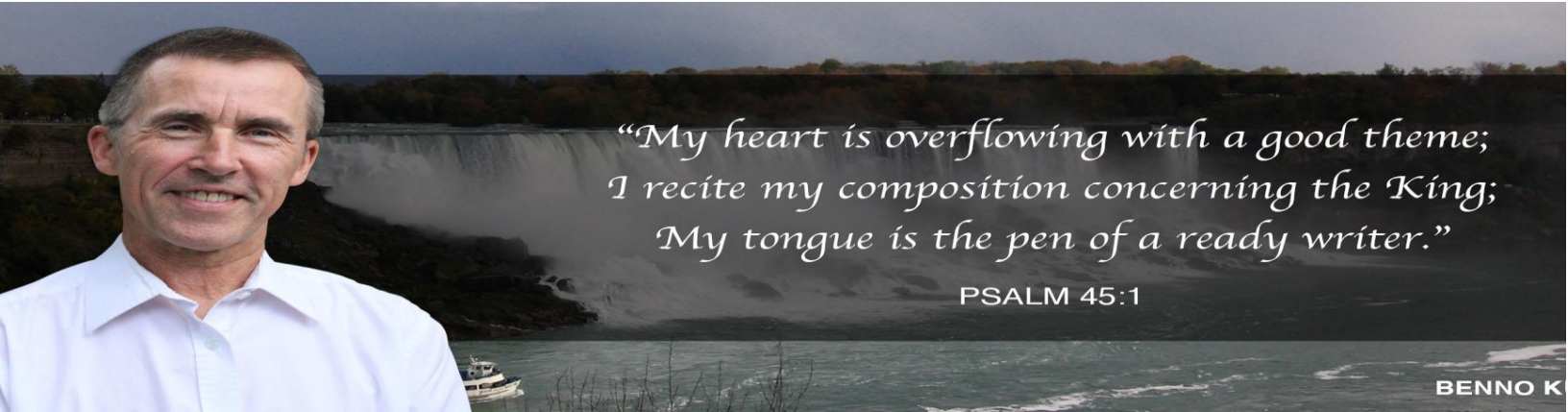


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# NEWSLETTER #2

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*"Writing is refined thinking" (Stephen King)*



## Contest Results

- Today, Word Alive Press announced the winners of its annual writing contest. It is now called the Braun Book Awards. I submitted my fiction manuscript entitled, *The Sahalee Watchman*. I made the fiction long list. Not the top-listed seven books on the short list, but close. Now I'll pursue some feedback and see what they really thought of it.

## Benno's Blog - <https://www.bennokurvits.com/blog>

- Finished my series of five theological blog posts entitled, "What Was Will Be."

## Progress on Second Novel

- I continue to plug away at my second novel. Working on ninth chapter today. Like my first novel, it's a blending of several themes. This one's about Estonia, tennis, and the gospel.

## Roller Coaster

- I don't think my experience as a writer is unique. For many of us, it's a roller coaster ride. One day you think the last chapter you wrote was pretty good. People are going to enjoy reading it. Next day: "No one's going to be interested in reading my work. It's just not good enough." Confidence goes up and down, and various emotions tag along for the ride.