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1965



ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE 82nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Thirteenth Meeting

Saturday Morning, April 2, 1966

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. in the Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Reading, Pa., with the singing of "Fairest Lord Jesus" led by Carl C. Cassel. Charles G. Herish led in prayer.

Chairman, T.D. Gehret, began his devotional message with the reading of Jude three. His challenging remarks centered around the effective ministry of the early church.

The roll was called.

Resolved, that we excuse the conference members not able to attend.

Resolved, that William Rapp, Leon Naudascher and Robert Lee be recognized as delegates from their respective churches and be seated in the Conference Bar.

Resolved, that the first 8 rows across the church constitute the Conference Bar.

Resolved, that the District Superintendents for the Eastern and Western Districts and the Director of Church Extension be elected and the informal ballot to be used in nominating the candidates.

Resolved, that the three highest be considered candidates for District Superintendents and Church Extension Director.

The following were elected:

Allentown District: T.D. Gehret

Bethlehem District: A. L. Siefert

Church Extension Director: Earl M. Hosler

Vice District Superintendents: C. E. Kirkwood, and John H. Riggall

Chairman of 1966 Conference: T. D. Gehret

Vice Chairman of 1966 Conference: A. L. Seifert

Secretary of 1966 Conference: N. H. Wolf

Nominating Committee: C. E. Kirkwood, Russell T. Allen, John H. Riggall, Richard H. Kline, Robert W. Gehret, Horace A. Kauffman, Paul H. Cressman.

Report of the Board of Directors of Berean Bible School:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Berean Bible School, I submit the following items to the Adjourned Session of the 82nd Annual Conference meeting in Grace Church, Reading, Pa., on Saturday, April 2, 1966 for ratification:

1. the election of Rev. Jansen E. Hartman as President of Berean Bible School for the term of June 30, 1966 to June 30, 1967. This action was taken by the Board in their regular meeting on Saturday, February 5, 1966.

2. the expanding of Berean's curricula from a three to a four year program.

The Board first considered a revision of Berean's curriculum in its regular meeting on Saturday, September 19, 1964. In a special meeting on Saturday, December 5, 1964, the Board passed the following resolution:

Resolved: that the Committee on Faculty and Instruction develop the details necessary for an introduction to this new curriculum to serve as a foundation for an additional two-year training in church related vocations leading to appropriate degrees and also providing adequate training for those who have completed two years of study and desiring to prepare for other vocations and will be required to transfer to other schools.

Finally, in order to implement the four year program, the Board in its meeting on Saturday, February 5, 1966, passed the following resolutions:

Resolved: that beginning with the entering class of September 1966, all courses of study become four year programs and that all present students be permitted to complete the program which they began.

Resolved: that we approve the curricula for the four year program as submitted by the Faculty and Instruction Committee. (See attached sheets).

The ratification of this Board action will help us to obtain recognition by the State of Pennsylvania since it will indicate that the constituency of our church stands behind the program of the School.

We mourn the home-going of one of our Board members, Daniel K. Ziegler yet we rejoice in the fact that he knew the Lord and served Him so faithfully. He shall be greatly missed. Shall we pray that God shall raise up others to fill his place?

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. Hottel, Secretary.

The Report was received and the action of the Board was ratified.

Resolved, that the forms included in the reports of the Committee on Church Forms be printed in the FAITH AND ORDER and that they be considered as suggested forms as approved by the Annual Conference.

Adjourned with prayer by Richard H. Kline.

Fourteenth Meeting

Saturday Afternoon, April 2, 1966

The meeting was opened with the reading of the minutes of the morning meeting. Earl M. Hosler led in prayer.

Report of the Committee on Church Forms:

(Dedication is an act wherein only believing parent (s) living in fellowship with Christ and endeavoring to carry out the injunctions of His Word publicly present their children to the Lord. Because the child is a gift from God, the parents as God's stewards promise to bring up in the nurture and admonition

of the Lord the child entrusted to them. The act is made meaningful and efficacious when the parents in the years that lie ahead remind the child of this act and explain to him the meaning thereof in the course of spiritual training and exemplary living in the home. Where unequal marriage yokes are involved, only the believing parent shall make the public presentation).

TO THE CONGREGATION

Inasmuch as these parents are presenting this child (these children) to the Lord may we join with them in their act of dedication. Only those parents who are born again and are living in fellowship with Christ may present their children in dedication to the Lord. This act has no saving efficacy but is a public declaration by the parents that they will rear their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Dedication becomes meaningful to the extent that these parents train their children in the Lord through spiritual admonitions and exemplary living.

TO THE PARENTS

1. Inasmuch as God have given you this child (these children) do you consecrate him (her, them) to God and His service? If so, answer, "We will."
2. Will you instruct this child (these children) in the Word of God and encourage him (her, them) to memorize portions of it? If so, answer, "We will."
3. Will you assume the responsibility of bringing this child (these children) regularly to the house of God and of teaching him (her, them) reverence to the Lord and respect for His house and worship? If so, answer, "We will."
4. Will you teach this child (these children) as soon as he (she, they) is (are) able to understand the nature and purpose of this dedication? If so, answer, "We will."
5. Will you endeavor to lead your child (children) to a saving knowledge of Christ? If so, answer, "We will."
6. Do you dedicate yourselves as parents to live a godly life so that this child (these children) will see Christ in you? If so, answer, "We will."

ACT OF DEDICATION

Inasmuch as (name of parents) have dedicated (name of child) to God and His service, may we join in prayer that God's blessing may be upon them.

(the minister shall then pray)

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee: the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

The report was adopted.

Kermit K. Gehman was elected to the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Daniel K. Ziegler.

Report of the Bethlehem District to Organize Camp Meeting:

The churches of the Bethlehem District and the Church Extension Churches located at Belvidere, Finesville, Miller Heights and Macungie shall comprise this Camp Meeting to be held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, July 2-10, 1966.

Officers: John H. Riggall, Chairman; Earl M. Hosler, Secretary; John E. Golla, Financial Secretary.

Report of the Allentown District to Organize Camp Meeting Committee:

The churches of the Allentown District and the Church Extension Churches located at Millersville, Sinking Springs, Walnutport, and Binghamton, N. Y. shall comprise this Camp to be held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, July 16-24, 1966.

Officers: David E. Thomann, Chairman; N.H. Wolf, Secretary; James G. Koch, Financial Secretary.

Report of the Board of Directors:

The following resolution was adopted at a meeting held in the Bethel Bible Fellowship Church, Wednesday, December 29, 1965.

WHEREAS, Bethel Bible Fellowship Church, Allentown, has for several years planned to expand by having a portion of the present congregation form a new congregation which will worship in a building to be erected on the property now owned by Bethel Bible Fellowship Church at the intersection of U.S. Route 309 and Cedar Crest Blvd. in Allentown; and,

WHEREAS, this congregation expects to occupy this building by early 1967, D. V., and,

WHEREAS, this congregation expects by God's enabling to be self-supporting; therefore:

RESOLVED, that Bethel Bible Fellowship Church ask the Adjourned Session of the Eighty-Second Annual Conference meeting at Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Reading, on April 2, 1966, to consider our petition and grant the following:

- (1) that a part of the present membership of Bethel Bible Fellowship Church be recognized as a newly formed, self-supporting congregation of the Bible Fellowship Church known as _____ Bible Fellowship Church beginning at the Eighty-Third Annual Conference in October, 1966; and,
- (2) that the charter members of this new congregation be permitted to elect an Official Board, to call a pastor according to our system of pulpit supply in September 1966, and to be recognized as a Station of the Bible Fellowship Church with their delegate being seated at the Eighty-Third Annual Conference; and,
- (3) that the _____ Bible Fellowship Church continue to worship and work with Bethel Bible Fellowship Church in the present facilities until the new facilities are ready for occupancy.

Resolved, that we approve the petition.

Additional Report of the Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors met in a special session on April 2, 1966. The following is presented to Annual Conference for consideration :

Resolved, that we approve the budget as recommended by the Budget Subcommittee for approval at the Adjourned Session meeting today.

Please note the method of payment as stipulated in the regulation in the 1964 Year Book pertaining to schedules for meeting budget commitments. It is requested that churches that make remittances on the quarterly basis make them as advance payments.

PROPOSED BUDGET

Administration Expenses - 1966-1967

1. Publication and Printing.....	\$ 1,330.00
2. Conference Entertainment Expenses.....	630.00
3. Beneficiary Fund.....	730.00
4. District Superintendents:	
(a) Annual Support.....	13,000.00
(b) Grant for Traveling Expenses and Utilities	4,800.00
5. District Superintendents' Parsonages.....	2,100.00
6. Ministers' Retirement Fund	4,000.00
7. Moving Fund,.....	2,200.00
8. Expenses for Boards and Committees (while transacting Conference Business)	700.00
9. Other expenses of the Board of Directors	290.00
10. Contingencies	300.00
Total	\$ 30,080.00

Resolved, that we adopt the budget.

Resolved, that the Chairman appoint a committee of three to deal with the matter in bringing up to date the Standing Rules which concern the various offerings included in the Conference Budget.

The Chairman appointed the following committee: Robert W. Smock, Willard E. Cassel, Earl M. Hosler.

The Chairman appointed the following committee on Statistics: Willard E. Cassel, Donald T. Kirkwood, John Dunn, David E. Thomann, John Golla.

Resolved, that we open the minutes of Annual Conference pertaining to the matter of redistricting the churches and to rescind this action.

Resolved, that this matter be referred to the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee for further study.

Adjourned 6:00 p.m. with prayer by C.E. Kirkwood.



Church and Educational Building, Fleetwood, Pa.

PROCEEDINGS

Eighty-Second Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church 1965

Convened in Faith Bible Fellowship Church
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York, Pa.

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N. H. Wolf, *Editor*

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IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Allen George Woodring

The Rev. Allen George Woodring was born in Weissport, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1893, a son of Rev. Richard L. and Clara (Ziegenfuss) Woodring. He went to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 11, 1965, age 71 years and nine months.

He was converted at the early age of 13. Prior to entering the ministry he was employed as an apprentice printer for the Quakertown Free Press. He was married October 8, 1915 to Hilda M. Moyer of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

In 1917 Brother Woodring was licensed by Annual Conference and ordained in 1920. His first charge was at Walnutport and Northampton where he served for six years. He served the circuit of Fleetwood, Blandon and Terre Hill from 1923 to 1945. He was Pastor of the Reading Church for eight years and served two years at Quakertown.

Because of ill health he retired from the active ministry in 1955. During the remaining years of his life he worshipped with the congregation of Grace Bible Fellowship Church in Reading. His loving concern for the

people of God endeared him to all. He was deeply interested in the work of the Conference and was held in esteem by the Brethren. His gracious spirit, loyalty and devotion to God, evidenced itself all through his busy and useful life.

In addition to his widow, the deceased is survived by a son, Dr. Leonard R. Woodring, of Wyomissing.; two granddaughters and a sister, Mrs. Dora Woodring of Reading.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 15, 1965 from Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Hampden Blvd. and Marion Street, Reading. The Pastor, James G. Koch read portions of Scripture and led in prayer. A quartet of ministering brethren comprising, David E. Thomann, Carl C. Cassel, William A. Heffner and LeRoy S. Heller, rendered two selections in song, "Saved By Grace" and "It Will Be Worth It All When We See Christ."

District Superintendent, A. L. Seifert spoke briefly on the theme, "That I Might Finish My Course With Joy" from Acts 20:24. District Superintendent T. D. Gehret spoke from Philippians 3:10, one of the favorite texts and life mottoes of Brother Woodring. The thought of knowing Christ, in the power of His resurrection and in the fellowship of His sufferings, would speak of the desire of Brother Woodring as expressed in his daily life.

Nearly all the Pastors and the Church Extension Workers were present together with a great many friends and former members to pay their tribute to a man of God whom they had loved and respected. Interment was made in the Laureldale Cemetery, Laureldale, Pennsylvania, there to await the day of our Lord's return and the resurrection of the dead in Christ.



OFFICIAL RECORD

Officers of the Eighty-Second Annual Conference

<i>Chairman</i> , T. D. Gehret	<i>Assistant Secretary</i> , Ernest B. Hartman
<i>Vice Chairman</i> , A. L. Seifert	<i>Recording Secretary</i> , Robert W. Smock
<i>Secretary</i> , N. H. Wolf	<i>Treasurer</i> , Paul I. Wentz, Sr.

Officers for 1965-66

<i>Chairman</i> , T. D. Gehret	<i>Secretary</i> , N. H. Wolf
<i>Vice Chairman</i> , A. L. Seifert	<i>Treasurer</i> , Paul I. Wentz, Sr.

District Superintendents

<i>Allentown District</i>	T. D. Gehret
<i>Bethlehem District</i>	A. L. Seifert

Vice District Superintendents

John H. Riggall and C. E. Kirkwood

Director of Church Extension

William A. Heffner

President of Berean Bible School

Jansen E. Hartman

BOARDS and COMMITTEES

Board of Directors:

Timothy D. Gehret, 2340 Union St., Allentown, Pa. 18104 - Chairman and President.

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Vice President.

Jansen E. Hartman, 1020 S. Hall St., Allentown, Pa. 18103 - Secretary
Paul I. Wentz, Sr., 1003 S. Jefferson St., Allentown, Pa. 18103 - Treasurer.

F. B. Hertzog, 132 W. Fourth St., Mount Carmel, Pa. 17851

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Frank L. Herb, Jr., 1124 N. Main St., Bethlehem, Pa. 18018

Byron C. Cassel, 747 Hillcrest Ave., Glenside, Pa. 19138

Daniel K. Ziegler, 84 W. Vine St., Hatfield, Pa. 19440

Board of Foreign Missions: C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman; Willard E. Cassel, General Secretary; T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Earl M. Hosler, Kermit K. Gehman, James R. Cressman, Harold W. Griest, Roy E. Williams.

Board of Church Extension: Jansen E. Hartman, Chairman; Frank L. Herb, Jr., Secretary; T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, William A. Heffner, Clayton E. Weber, John Deily.

Board of Directors of the Home: (1 year) T. D. Gehret, F. B. Hertzog, E. W. Bean, Paul H. Cressman (2 years) A. L. Seifert, Earnest B. Hartman, Paul I. Wentz, Sr.

F. B. Hertzog, President	E. W. Bean, Secretary
T. D. Gehret, Vice President	Paul I. Wentz, Sr., Treasurer

Board of Directors of Berean Bible School: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert
 (One Year) -- Jansen E. Hartman, A. L. Wentz, Horace A. Kauffman
 (Two Years) -- Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., W. B. Hottel, Daniel K. Ziegler, John Stengele
 (Three Years) -- C. E. Kirkwood, Dr. R. Wallace Journey, Robert W. Gehret, Byron C. Cassel.

Board of Victory Valley Camp: Carl C. Cassel, Chairman; LeRoy S. Heller, Secretary; T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Kermit K. Gehman, Clayton E. Weber, Paul I. Wentz, Jr.

Board of Mizpah Grove: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert
 (One Year) Bert N. Brosius, David E. Thomann, A. L. Wentz, Robert W. Gehret
 (Two Years) James A. Beil, Robert W. Smock, George W. Kriger
 T. D. Gehret, Chairman Robert W. Smock, Secretary and Registrar

Committee on Ministerial Candidates: Carl C. Cassel, Chairman; James A. Beil, Secretary; Russell T. Allen, William A. Heffner, George E. Herb.

Committee on Credentials: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, W. B. Hottel, C. E. Kirkwood, John H. Riggall.
 C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman W. B. Hottel, Secretary

Youth Fellowship General Committee: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert
 (One Year) Donald B. Schaeffer, Harold P. Shelly, Jr., James Sunday
 (Two Years) Daniel G. Ziegler, Ronald C. Mahurin, Clyde W. Snyder
 (Three Years) Robert F. Johnson, Michael L. Fiorelli, LeRoy O. Herb

Sunday School Promotion Committee T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, William A. Heffner
 (One Year) James G. Koch, Harlan Wolf, Nicholas J. Sheetz
 (Two Years) Robert W. Smock, Robert Lee, James R. Cressman
 (Three Years) David J. Watkins, Norman L. Reed, William R. Hunsberger
 James G. Koch, Chairman Harlan Wolf, Recording Secretary
 Norman Reed, Assistant Chairman James R. Cressman, Financial Sec-

Committee on Publication and Printing: David E. Thomann, Chairman; John Dunn, Secretary; Robert W. Smock

Beneficiary Society: N. H. Wolf, President; Ernest B. Hartman, Secretary; John H. Riggall, Treasurer.

Committee to Publish Fellowship News: Robert W. Smock, Chairman; Robert W. Gehret, Secretary; Paul T. Rutman, Treasurer; David E. Thomann, R. C. Reichenbach

Committee to Examine Annual Conference Minutes: Robert F. Johnson, W. B. Hottel

Committee on Statistics: Willard E. Cassel, John E. Golla, LeRoy S. Heller, Donald T. Kirkwood, John Dunn.

Committee on Church Government: John H. Riggall, Carl C. Cassel, Frank L. Herb, Jr., Donald T. Kirkwood, Richard H. Kline, Willard E. Cassel.

Historical Committee: (One Year) Byron C. Cassel; (Two Years) Paul H. Cressman; (Three Years) Daniel G. Ziegler.

Archivist: Harold P. Shelly, Jr.

Committee on Church Forms: John Dunn, Chairman; Robert W. Smock, Secretary; James A. Beil, Earl M. Hosler, Donald B. Schaeffer, George E. Herb, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.

Committee to Study Pulpit Supply: John H. Riggall, Donald T. Kirkwood, Carl C. Cassel, Russell T. Allen, Byron C. Cassel, Harold W. Griest, Daniel K. Ziegler.

Committee to Plan the Development of the Fogelsville Property: C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman; Daniel K. Ziegler, Secretary; Jansen E. Hartman, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., A. L. Seifert, Robert W. Gehret, Robert W. Smock, Bert N. Brosius, James A. Beil, T. D. Gehret, Albert L. Wentz.

Committee on Agenda: Willard E. Cassel, LeRoy S. Heller, Bert N. Brosius.

Committee on Program for Next Annual Conference: James G. Koch, E. W. Bean, George Herb.

Committee to Study the Problem of Divorce: Jansen E. Hartman, Chairman; Bert N. Brosius, Secretary; Donald T. Kirkwood, T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert.

Business Rules of the Conference

1. Two sessions shall be held daily as follows: From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

2. The Chairman shall take his seat precisely at the time to which the Conference is to convene, open and conduct the devotional exercises. The Secretary shall call the roll and read the minutes of the preceding session, after which business shall proceed as follows:

- (a) Committee Reports. (b) Petitions. (c) Unfinished Business.
- (d) Miscellaneous Business.

3. Anyone wishing to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Chair. In case more than one should address the Chair at the same time, the Chairman shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

4. No one shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on any subject unless he receives permission by the Chair.

5. No one shall speak the second time until all who desire have spoken. He shall then ask permission of the Chairman.

6. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preserve order.

7. A Resolution to be effective must appear on the Minutes of the current year's proceedings. Said Resolution must appear on the Minutes for at least three successive years before it can be placed in the Standing Rules of the Conference. (Enacted October 19, 1956.)

8. **Robert's Rules of Order** is the basis for our parliamentary procedure.

9. Two copies of the Reports of all Standing Boards and Committees shall be mimeographed and sent to the Pastors one week previous to Annual Conference. Questions may be asked and corrections made before inclusion into the Annual Conference minutes. Reports shall not be read publicly, unless called for from the Conference floor.

10. Any exception to the Standing Rules may be allowed by three-fourths (3/4) of the Annual Conference. The reason for such exception shall be fully spread on the minutes.

11. All proposals to amend our **FAITH & ORDER** must pass readings at two Annual Conferences by a two-third vote by ballot before final adoption.

Committees

Committees appointed by the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Conference:

1. Committee on Program (Appointed this year for next year's conference).
2. Committee on Communication.
3. Committee on Finance.
4. Committee on Statistics (Appointed at the Adjourned Session).
5. Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Minutes.
6. Committee on Examination of Local Conference Minutes.
7. Committee on Resolutions.
8. Committee on Auditing.

Standing Committees

(a) Appointed by the Chairman

1. Committee on Publication and Printing.
2. Committee on Agenda.

(b) Elected by Ballot

1. Board of Directors.
2. Board of Foreign Missions.
3. Board of Church Extension.
4. Board of Directors of the Home.
5. Board of Education.
6. Board of Victory Valley.
7. Board of Mizpah Grove.
8. Ministerial Candidate Committee.
9. Credentials Committee.
10. Youth Fellowship General Committee.
11. Beneficiary Society (Officers elected by the Society).
12. Sunday School Promotion Committee.
13. Historical Committee.

BY LAWS

(Special Laws and Resolutions)

I.--Annual Conference Members

Members of the Annual Conference shall be as follows:

1. All ordained ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church laboring under the direction of the Annual Conference.
2. All probationers who have charge of a conference appointment under direction of the Annual Conference.
3. All retired ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church.
4. Lay delegate (s) from each church or circuit as provided by the By-Laws.

Advisory members of the Annual Conference shall be as follows:

1. Ordained ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church who retain their membership in one of our local churches, and who are engaged in Christian service not directly responsible to our Annual Conference.

2. Church Extension Pastors.

3. Missionaries who hold membership in one of our local churches and are under the supervision of the Foreign Mission Board of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Participation in proceedings of the Annual Conference shall be as follows:

1. Only members of the Annual Conference shall be eligible to vote.

2. Advisory members shall not be permitted to participate in Conference discussions except by request of the Chairman.

All members of the Annual Conference shall be present at each session. In case of absence they shall submit a written report stating cause of absence. (Enacted February 3, 1892.)

The District Superintendents and the delegates of all stations and circuits shall constitute the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee. The Annual Conference may grant the status of a station to a mission church which has contributed a minimum of \$3,500.00 through the steward offering and has petitioned Annual Conference requesting the change declaring that it no longer desires a Home Mission appropriation.

If a station fails to contribute \$3,500.00 steward offering, they shall forfeit their voice in the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

The Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee shall have the right to revise the above amount annually.

II.--Applicants and Probationers

A.--No applicants for the Ministry shall be received into the Conference as Probationers who are not willing to submit themselves unconditionally to the Stationing Committee. (Revised October 17, 1903.)

B.--No Probationer shall be ordained who is not fully in accord with our doctrine, with the itinerant plan, and submission to the Conference. (Enacted February 3, 1890.)

III.--Local Conference Rules

A.--Each pastor shall see that the Summary Financial Reports are correctly compiled and appended to the proceedings of the last Local Conference of the current year.

B.--No person shall be elected to the office of Deacon, Class Leader, or Sunday School Superintendent who uses or deals in tobacco. (Enacted February 20, 1897.)

C.--The Local Conferences accounts of the Stewards shall be from quarter to quarter, and the reports on the schedules from October 1 to September 30. In case a Pastor is changed, his allowances shall end with the month of September. The Pastors shall report the amounts received out of the Church Extension Fund at the Local Conference. (Revised October 15, 1910.)

D.--In case a Local Conference desires to sell church property, they must receive the approval of the Board of Directors before conveying title. (Enacted October, 1948.)

IV.--Boards and Committees

The following Boards and Committees shall, as soon as practicable after their election, elect a President and Secretary; Board of Directors, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Church Extension, Board of Directors of the Home, Board of Victory Valley, Board of Mizpah Grove, Committee on Publication and Printing and Sunday School Promotion Committee.

The Annual Conference shall elect a Treasurer annually who shall be the Treasurer for the Board of Directors, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Church Extension, Board of Directors of the Home, Board of Victory Valley, Board of Mizpah Grove, Committee on Publication and Printing and Sunday School Promotion Committee.

He shall deposit all the various funds in banks and trust companies approved by the Board of Director, in the name of the Bible Fellowship Church.-----, Treasurer. The various Boards shall draw on the Treasurer for the funds needed, using form of voucher check furnished by the Annual Conference. They shall not draw beyond the amount of their respective funds except by permission of the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall keep an account of the amounts drawn by each Board in a book furnished by the Annual Conference and report to the Annual Conference the standing of each fund, and furnish each member of the Board of Directors annually with a statement itemizing the various securities held and the monies on deposit in banks and trust companies.

All Boards and Standing Committees shall submit a full and classified report of their work, financial and otherwise, to the Annual Conference. They shall hold meetings annually or more often.

Board of Directors.--The Annual Conference shall elect a Board of Directors annually consisting of six ordained Ministers who are members of the Annual Conference and willing to minister under the direction of our Conference, the discipline and the By-Laws of the corporation, and three laymen in good standing with their Local Conference, which Board shall then organize by electing the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Board of Directors shall transact all the business of the Corporation which was previously taken care of by the Executive Board for the Annual Conference.

All vacancies occurring between Annual Conference sessions shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board.

The Board of Directors shall have charge of all the property belonging to the Corporation including property now held by the Executive Board in trust for the Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, except where there is a regularly organized class or church that has a local Board of Trustees and where the Annual Conference has otherwise provided for, by electing a separate Board of Trustees.

The Board of Directors shall determine how and where the money of the Corporation shall be deposited, and also have the right to place it on certificate of deposit, or savings deposit, or make other good, safe and substantial investments.

The Board of Directors shall not buy nor sell property except by the approval of all the members of the Board or by Annual Conference resolution.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to sell any property deeded to a local Board of Trustees at places where for any reason there is no longer a local Board, or class, or organized church, and execute and deliver a lawful deed and conveyance, and use the net proceeds of the sale of such property for other church properties as it may deem advisable.

The Board of Directors shall have the right to borrow money and issue mortgages or make loans against any property of the Corporation by the approval of all the members of the Board, or by Annual Conference resolution. The Board shall also authorize the satisfaction and cancellation of any mortgages as not fully paid.

It shall have charge of all the old Local Conference records, class records, and all other records that are no longer needed by the various classes, boards or committees.

It shall act as a Board of Advisors to the Pastors and the Board of Church Extension in matters relative to the purchasing of properties for church purposes and the erection of churches and parsonages.

The title to Church property where the Church is incorporated shall be conveyed directly to the Corporation. In cases where the Church is not incorporated the conveyance shall be made to a Board of Trustees duly elected according to the Rules of the Annual Conference (setting forth their names), their successors and assigns. Whether the title is conveyed to a Corporation or to a Board of Trustees, said title shall contain a trust clause in the following words:

In trust for the use of the ministry and membership of the-----
 Church of the Bible Fellowship Church at-----,
 subject to the doctrines, laws, usages, and ministerial appointments of the
 Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church of Pennsylvania as from
 time to time established, made, and declared by the lawful authorities of the
 said church and if the said property shall be sold or encumbered, the
 proceeds of the sale or encumbrance shall be applied for the use of the
 aforesaid, subject, however, to the provisions of the law of the church
 relating to abandoned church properties and of that forbidding mortgaging
 of real estate for current expenses.

The title to Parsonages shall be conveyed in like manner as the
 Churches and shall contain the following clause of trust:

In trust, that said premises shall be kept, maintained, and disposed of
 as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the preachers of the
 Bible Fellowship Church who are from time to time duly appointed in said
 place according to the rules and usages of the said church, and if sold, the
 proceeds to be used according to the rules of said church. If the congrega-
 tion controlling this property shall be disbanded the property shall be con-
 trolled and disposed of according to the rules of the Bible Fellowship
 Church.

Foreign Missions. --A.--A General Secretary shall be elected annually
 by ballot by the Annual Conference from among the ordained ministers.
 By virtue of his office he shall be a member of the Board of Foreign
 Missions. The Board of Foreign Missions shall consist of the District
 Superintendents, General Secretary, two ordained ministers and four laymen.
 All money contributed throughout the conference for the cause of Foreign
 Missions shall be paid into the Annual Conference Treasury. They shall
 disburse the funds that they receive for the spread of the Gospel in heathen
 lands according as they deem good and proper.

B.--Each pastor shall hold a Foreign Missionary Service at each
 appointment annually soon after Annual Conference and speak on Foreign
 Missions. At this service a subscription for Foreign Missions shall be
 taken to be collected before February 1. (Revised October, 1948.)

C.--The members of our Church shall be respectfully recommended
 to forward their funds for the Foreign Missionaries through the Foreign
 Missionary Board and not to the missionaries directly, which would lessen
 or cause to neglect their contributions in the direct channel provided by
 Conference for the support pledged to our respective missionaries.

D.--The Pastor shall see that the Superintendent of each Sunday
 School appoint a "Missionary Day" semi-annually. In this service the neces-
 sity of establishing and supporting Foreign Missions shall be impressed
 upon the minds of the children, and an offering taken for the same. (Enacted
 February 3, 1934.)

E.--The Women's Missionary Societies that have been or may be organized in our churches shall be recognized by and report to the Local Conference.

The Home.--The Annual Conference shall elect a Board of Directors of the Home consisting of eight ordained ministers and four laymen. They shall be elected for a term of two years in such a manner that the term of office of four ministers and two laymen expire at each Annual Conference.

The Board of Directors of the Home shall have the privilege to elect or appoint a Superintendent or Manager, sub-boards or committees to carry forward the work of the Home and the farm connected therewith, and shall direct all other matters relative to the same.

It shall have the right to purchase additional property from time to time as it deems necessary to carry on the work of the Home and shall also have the right to sell any property that to the best of its judgment it may deem advisable for the interest of the work under its supervision and trust and execute and deliver good and lawful deeds and conveyances for the same, if approved by all the members of the Board, or by Annual Conference Resolution.

It shall have the right to remove any of the present buildings or to erect additions to the present building or erect additional buildings as may be needed to carry on the work of the Home and the farm connected therewith, if approved by all the members of the Board, or by Annual Conference Resolution.

It shall have the right to borrow money and give mortgages or other securities on the properties. It shall have the right to loan out any funds in its possessions on mortgages or other securities or make other investments with the funds that it may have on hand, and also satisfy all mortgages or other securities, if approved by all the members of the Board, or by Annual Conference Resolution.

It shall decide as to who shall be admitted into the Home and on what conditions, and shall also decide to whom and to what extent the Board shall give help to worthy poor throughout the Church.

Contributions for the Home may be made to the Manager or to any of the Pastors, who shall acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Each Pastor shall hold a special service at each appointment on which occasion the Annual Offering for the Home shall be received. The Pastors shall bring this offering to the Adjourned Session and pay it into the Annual Conference Treasury as the Home Fund.

All money collected for charitable purposes not paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Home shall be included in the report of the Treasurer of the local Board of Trustees where collected.

In case there are any poor in any class that need help beyond that given them by their respective classes, the deacon on that charge where there is one, or the Pastor where there is no deacon shall make known the nature of the need to the President of the Board of Directors of the Home, who shall bring the matter before the Board. The Board shall assist as it may deem advisable.

Publication and Printing:--A.--The Chairman shall appoint a committee of three ordained ministers as a Committee on Publication and Printing. This committee shall have charge of the Publication and Printing Fund.

B.--The Annual Conference shall supply class books, steward books, parsonage fund collector's books, trustee books, and all other account books for the different charges to be paid out of the Publication and Printing Fund. All expenses of materials used by the Secretary of the Annual Conference shall be paid by this Fund.

C.--All expenses of committees of investigation, appointed by the District Superintendent, shall be paid out of the Publication and Printing Fund.

Ministers' Retirement Fund.--This shall be a permanent Fund for the benefit of retired ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The object of this Fund shall be to provide and pay annuities to itinerant ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church who by reason of age are no longer qualified to continue in active service; also to provide and pay annuities to the widows of such itinerant ministers according to the rules hereinafter stated.

The Funds shall be sustained by --**First--**An offering received by each Class Leader in his prayer meeting once a quarter and paid to the District Superintendent at the Local Conference. The District Superintendents shall pay to the Treasurer the amounts received for this purpose at the Adjourned Session and at the Annual Conference.

Second--Each Pastor shall pay into this Fund from his Steward's receipts and from his Church Extension Appropriations and each District Superintendent from his offerings at the Local Conference as follows: One percent of the first thousand dollars or fraction thereof, 1 1/2 per cent of the second thousand dollars and above. Fifteen hundred (\$1500.00) dollars of the District Superintendents' offerings shall be exempt from assessment to offset traveling expenses. Payments shall be made at the Adjourned Session and at the Annual Conference.

Third--This Fund will also welcome gifts, bequests and devises from any sources.

Fourth--This Retirement Fund shall be deposited with the Treasurer as a separate account and be under the management and control of the Board of Directors of the Annual Conference.

Annuities

First--If a minister of the Bible Fellowship Church has attained the age of sixty-five (65) he may retire from the active ministry and dating from the time he received Annual Conference license he shall receive an annuity of twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) for each year of active service payable in monthly installments.

Second--The retirement age for District Superintendents and Pastors is established at 72 years.

Third--Services rendered after the age of seventy-two years shall in no case increase the Annuity. Annuities shall in no case exceed eleven hundred twenty dollars per year. If, however, the money in the Retirement Fund at any time should not warrant the payment of the Annuities in full, the Board of Directors shall determine the amount of the monthly installments pro rata.

Fourth--No minister shall be entitled to the full amount of the Annuities unless he and the congregations that he served shall have paid in full as stipulated in paragraphs one, two and three for the period of five years. No exceptions to this rule may be made except by the decision of the Board of Directors.

Fifth--In case a minister is located by the Annual Conference he ceases to be a member of the Retirement Fund. In this case one-half of the dues he had paid into the Fund shall be refunded to him and he thereby forfeits all further claims upon the Fund. A minister who has given thirty years or more of service and desires to change his occupation and be placed on the Local Preachers List shall become an annuitant at the age of seventy years, and receive an annuity for the years in actual service.

Sixth--Widows of deceased ministers who had complied with the provisions of the fund shall receive annuities beginning at the time of the death of the husband provided that the said widow shall have attained the age of sixty-five years or at the time that she shall attain the age of sixty-five years, and continue until the time of her death, or remarriage or her severance from church membership of the Bible Fellowship Church. Widows of ministers who were retired and receiving annuities at the time of marriage shall in no case receive any annuity. Widows' annuities shall be compiled at the rate of \$14.00 for each year that she was the wife of a minister who was in active service, giving his whole time to ministry in the Church, but in no case to exceed five hundred sixty dollars in one year.

The treasurer shall acknowledge to the various Pastors any contributions which he has received from time to time for this Fund.

Year Books.--A.--The Secretary of the Annual Conference shall be Editor and Publisher of the Year Book. The official minutes of the Annual Conference shall be published therein.

B.--The Secretary of the Annual Conference shall send Year Books to our Foreign Missionaries, to the Eastern and Western Clergy Bureaus and to any other agencies deemed advisable.

C.--The Church shall be responsible to pay for Year Books within one week after receiving them.

D.--In case a church or parsonage is built or purchased during the year, a photograph of the same shall be taken and a cut inserted in the Year Book next year.

V.--Special Services

A.--Matrimony.--Each pastor shall preach a sermon on Matrimony at each appointment on his charge in the first year.

B.--The Lord's Coming.--Believing that the coming of the Lord is rapidly approaching, therefore we recommend our ministers to give still more earnest prominence to this blessed hope of the Church as we see the Day approaching. (Enacted February 4, 1894.)

C.--As the Scriptures contain a number of instances where children of Godly parents were formally and publicly dedicated to the Lord, (1 Sam. 1:24-28; Mark 10:13-16), we heartily encourage our people to dedicate their children to the Lord by prayer and laying on of the hands of the Elders, who shall then furnish proper certificates. (Enacted October 5, 1901.)

D.--Class Meetings.--Each Pastor shall hold a class meeting four times a year in each class, and read the general rules or have them read once a year. (See Discipline.)

VI.--Miscellaneous

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A.--Transfers.--When a good standing member moves from one class to another, his or her name shall be transferred at once. (Enacted February 2, 1894.)

B.--Each Pastor shall bring an itemized report to the Annual Conference, according to the form of the report of the Financial Secretary.

C.--No charges shall be brought against any Annual Conference member which have not been recorded in the Local Conference proceedings of their charge, except such as have been committed or discovered since the last Local Conference. (Enacted February 1, 1891.)

D.--Beneficiary Fund.--We recommend each Pastor to make a special effort to swell the Beneficiary Fund to assist the worthy widows of our deceased Pastors. (Enacted October 29, 1904.) An offering for this Fund shall be received some time before the Adjourned Session and a check to the amount be made out to the Treasurer and brought to the Adjourned Session.

E.--Ministers' Retirement Fund.--A free-will offering shall be received in each prayer meeting class once each quarter by their respective Class Leaders for the Ministers' Retirement Fund. (Enacted October 20, 1934.)

F.--Church Extension Funds.--Whenever any District Superintendent desires any money from the Church Extension Fund, he shall inform the Secretary of the desired amount, who shall take note of the same and forward the request to the Treasurer, who shall forward the same to the District Superintendent, up to the amount appropriated to him at the Annual Conference.

G.--Collections.--The Pastor shall have charge of the offerings for the Home, Foreign and Church Extension, until the Annual Conference unless needed sooner. The offering for the Ministers' Retirement Fund shall be delivered to the District Superintendent at the Local Conference and reported by the Pastor to the Annual Conference. All collections received on a charge for the building or purchase of churches, parsonages or other purposes on another charge shall be reported to the Pastor where collected.

H.--The Pastor, by virtue of his office, shall be counted as an officer of the Sunday School. The number of officers and teachers of the Sunday School shall be determined by the number of offices and not only by the number of persons holding the offices.

I.--Annual Conference Minutes.--The Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Minutes shall carefully compare the Annual Year Book with the Annual Conference Minutes and note any and all errors, make a copy of any and all corrections, omissions or additions and certify in the following form:

We hereby certify that we have examined the Annual Conference Minutes for the Session of.....and found them correct except as follows:.....

Two copies of this certificate shall be made and signed by the Committee and pasted into two copies of the Conference Year Book, one to be held by the Chairman of the Annual Conference and one by the Secretary. These shall serve as the Records of the Annual Conference.

J.--The Director of Church Extension shall be recognized as a traveling elder and is a member of the Board of Church Extension.

K.--The Director of Church Extension shall under all circumstances function in cooperation with the District Superintendents, and in all matters of importance act only by the approval of the Board of Church Extension.

L.--Two copies of the completed work of the Committee on Church Government shall be submitted to each pastor by the Secretary of the Committee immediately upon completion.

M.--Any Church may use a nominating committee to make nominations for Church officers when this desire is expressed by a Local Conference resolution. The pastor shall be chairman of this committee.

N.--The Board of Directors shall receive all Local Conference petitions. The Secretary of the Local Conference shall be responsible to give a copy of the petition(s) to the District Superintendent at the Local Conference where the petition(s) was passed. The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall send two copies to each pastor.

O.--All needs for support of missionary work not under the jurisdiction of the Board of Church Extension shall be controlled by the Board of Foreign Missions.

P.--An offering shall be received for the District Superintendents' Parsonages in a Sunday Service by each pastor and forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Directors no later than April 1. All checks shall be made payable to the Bible Fellowship Church.

Q.--The traveling expenses for all official church business shall be 8¢ a mile.

R.--Each Church shall establish its own minimum support that it will pay its Pastor. This action shall be by the Official Board at a meeting held no later than November 1. Report of this action shall be made to the local congregation not later than November 15.

S.--All mid-season offerings including the offerings for the Home for the Aging and the Publication and Printing Committee shall be paid at the Adjourned Session.

T.--The Conference Secretary shall inform in writing all men who are not present at Annual Conference of their election to Boards and Committees.

U.--The Auditing procedure for reporting to the Statistical Committee shall be as follows:

1. The Report of the Official Board to the Fourth Local Conference shall include the following:

a. Annual Report of the Membership Committee:

1. Members as of previous report
2. Received into Church fellowship
3. Received by transfer from Bible Fellowship Churches
4. Total Increase
5. Died
6. Withdrawn
7. Dropped
8. Transferred to other churches
9. Transferred to other Bible Fellowship Churches

10. Total decrease
11. Net increase or decrease
12. Total membership

b. Annual Report of the Benevolence Committee

1. Balance as of last report
2. Receipts
3. Disbursements
4. New Balance

II. The following accounts for the Local Church year shall be closed as of the Fourth Local Conference:

Trustees
Building Fund Collectors
Ministers' Retirement Fund
Sunday School
Youth Fellowship
Women's Missionary Society
Men's or Adult Fellowship
Membership Committee
Benevolence Committee
And any other organizations responsible to the Local Conference.

III. The Local Conference accounts of the Stewards shall be from quarter to quarter, and the reports on the Schedule (PS-1) from October 1 to September 30.

IV. Offerings for Church Extension and Foreign Missions shall be reported for the Conference year and shall be paid to the Conference Treasurer at Annual Conference.

Reports of these offerings shall be made only to the Finance Committee of Annual Conference on PF-1 and the latter will furnish information with respect to offerings for missions to the Statistical Committee of Annual Conference.

V. The figures included in the above reports I and II to the Fourth Local Conference are the ones to be reported to the Annual Conference.

VI. The Pastor shall send by Certified Mail copies of the Summary Sheet, the Fourth Local Conference Minutes and the Pastor's Summary Statistical Report (omitting reports of offerings for Church Extension and Foreign Missions) to the Statistical Committee, c/o Host Church of Annual Conference, by Monday of the week prior to Annual Conference week. These records may be submitted in person by Tuesday of the same week.

VII. The Delegate and Pastor shall certify the correctness of the Local Conference Minutes, the Local Conference Summary Report Sheet and the Pastor's Summary Statistical Report, prior to the mailing thereof; and shall include a statement of Certification with the reports mailed.

They shall be responsible to ascertain that there is no duplication of receipts because of transfers of funds between accounts of the Church and various organizations.

VIII. The Statistical Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman at the Adjourned Session of Annual Conference. This Committee shall meet on the Thursday prior to Annual Conference.

V.--Should the Fourth Local Conference be scheduled after the date established for the taking of the Pastoral Poll, all business pertaining to pulpit supply shall be conducted by the Official Board elect.

W.--Each Board and Committee shall have its records audited by an auditor(s) chosen by the Board or Committee prior to preparing its report for Annual Conference and that the name of the auditor(s) be included in the report to Annual Conference.

VII.--Special Offerings

1.--To be Paid at the Adjourned Session of Annual Conference

A--Beneficiary Fund--Annual.

A free-will offering from each class.

B--Publication and Printing--Annual.

An offering from each church on the basis of forty cents per member according to the membership reported at the last Annual Conference.

C--Ministers' Retirement Fund.

(a) A quarterly offering taken by each class leader and paid over to the District Superintendent at the Local Conference.

(b) Ministers' personal offerings from receipts since the Annual Conference.

D--Moving Fund--Annual.

An offering from each Church on the basis of seventy-five cents per member according to the membership reported at the last Annual Conference.

E--The Home--Annual.

Offering for the Home for the Aging.

This shall be taken on or before Thanksgiving Day.

2.--To be Paid at the Annual Conference

F--Foreign Missions.

(a) Offering for Foreign Missions--Annual.

Pledges shall be taken between Conference and New Year.

(b) Missionary Offerings in the Sunday School--Semi-annual.

G--Church Extension--Annual.

Offering for Church Extension Work.

Pledges shall be taken between New Year and April 1.

H--Annual Conference Expenses--Annual.

This amount shall be paid by each class on the basis of fifteen cents per member reported at the last Annual Conference.

I--Ministers' Retirement Fund.

(a) A quarterly offering received by each class leader and paid over to the District Superintendent at the Local Conference.

(b) Ministers' personal offerings from receipts since the Adjourned Session. (See Article "Ministers' Retirement Fund").

Note A--Offerings A, B, C, D and E shall be paid by the Ministers at the Adjourned Session. All the others shall be paid at the Annual Conference.

Note B--Offering A shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Society. (John H. Riggall)

Note C--The other offerings, F, G, H, I, shall be paid to the Bible Fellowship Church; offering F on one check and all the others on a separate check.

Note D--For the convenience of all concerned, all of these offerings should be paid by check or money order. If paid in cash, it should be enclosed in an envelope stating name of the giver, the amount enclosed and the fund for which it is designated.

3.--Miscellaneous Offerings

(a) Offering for the District Superintendents' Parsonages to be forwarded before April 1 to Jansen E. Hartman, 1020 S. Hall Street, Allentown, Pa. and make check payable to the Bible Fellowship Church.

(b) Offering for Berean Bible School to be sent and make check payable to Berean Bible School, 1020 S. Hall Street, Allentown, Pa.

(c) Offering for Victory Valley Youth Camp to be sent by March 1 to LeRoy S. Heller, 504 Oxford St., Coopersburg, Pa. Make check payable to Bible Fellowship Church.

(d) Offering for Sunday School Promotion to be sent by April 1 to James R. Cressman, 1128 N. New Street, Bethlehem, Pa. Make check payable to Bible Fellowship Church.

(e) Offering for Youth Fellowship General Committee shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Youth Fellowship General Committee by April 1.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

1965

The Eighty-Second Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church convened in the Faith Church, York, Pennsylvania.

The Conference opened at 10:00 a.m., October 11 with the singing of, "Like a River Glorious" directed by W. B. Hottel. Ronald C. Mahurin led in prayer and Carl C. Cassel sang, "When this Passing World is O'er."

District Superintendent and Chairman T. D. Gehret delivered the opening address based on Revelation 3:14-22. His message dealt with the urgency of the hour appealing to us to do our best in the light of the Lord's soon return.

The Chairman instructed the Secretary, N. H. Wolf, to appoint his assistants. He appointed Ernest B. Hartman Assistant Secretary and Robert W. Smock Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE PROGRAM

"Hear What the Spirit Saith to the Churches"

Monday, October 11 - 10:00 a.m.

Song Leader	W. B. Hottel
Prayer	R. C. Mahurin
Solo	C. C. Cassel
Message	T. D. Gehret "The Communion of the Individual" followed by the Lord's Supper

Tuesday, October 12 - 9:00 a.m.

Song Leader	D. E. Thomann
Instrumental	W. A. Heffner, D. J. Watkins, L. J. Bickel
Prayer	R. Paul
Message	A. L. Seifert "The Consecration of the Leaders"

Wednesday, October 13 - 9:00 a.m.

Song Leader	H. J. Fritz
Prayer	R. F. Johnson
Solo	L. S. Heller
Message	C. Richard Shumaker Church of the Open Door of Shiloh "The Christian Growth of the Congregation"

Thursday, October 14 - 9:00 a.m.

Song Leader	J. E. Golla
Prayer	J. A. Beil
Music	A Pastors' Quartet
Message	C. Jack Orr, Harmony Grove Chapel, Dover, Pa. "The Concern for the Community"

Evening Conference Service open to the public. 7:30 p.m.

R. T. Allen, Host Pastor presiding
Music The Pastors' Quartet
Message J. H. Riggall

Friday, October 15 - 9:00 a.m.

Song Leader	W. A. Heffner
Prayer	D. T. Kirkwood
Solo	B. N. Brosius
Message	E. M. Hosler "The Concord of the Brethren"

Note: Devotional period - 30 minutes except Monday
R. W. Gehret, organist

A prayer room will be open for conference members at 8:30 each morning. We encourage everyone to make use of this facility.

Committee, R. T. Allen
N. R. Weiss
R. C. Reichenbach

The Report was adopted.

District Superintendents T. D. Gehret and A. L. Seifert led the members of the conference in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Resolved, That the section in front of the Chairman shall constitute the Conference Bar.

The following were enrolled as members of the conference:

Ministers

Ordained - Russell T. Allen, Paul E. Baer, E. W. Bean, James A. Beil, Bert N. Brosius, Alva C. Cassel, Carl C. Cassel, Willard E. Cassel, John Dunn, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Reynold D. Gardner, Sr., T. D. Gehret, John E. Golla, Ernest B. Hartman, Jansen E. Hartman, W. W. Hartman, William A. Heffner, LeRoy S. Heller, Frank L. Herb, Jr., George E. Herb, F. B. Hertzog, Earl M. Hosler, W. B. Hottel, Robert F. Johnson, C. E. Kirkwood, Donald T. Kirkwood, Richard H. Kline, James G. Koch, Ronald C. Mahurin, Robert Paul, R. C. Reichenbach, John H. Riggall, Donald B. Schaeffer, A. L. Seifert, Robert W. Smock, David E. Thomann,

Norman R. Weiss, N. H. Wolf, Daniel G. Ziegler, W. F. Heffner, E. E. Kublic, J. B. Layne, E. J. Rutman, P. T. Stengele.

Probationers - Glenn R. Huratiak, Leon K. Overpeck, David J. Watkins.

Delegates

Allentown District

Allentown (Bethel), Kermit K. Gehman, John Deily
Catasaqua, Arthur W. Deppe
Graterford, Edward A. Stortz
Hatfield, Daniel K. Ziegler
Harleysville, H. Phares Mumbauer
Harrisburg, Paul T. Rutman
Lancaster, Horace A. Kauffman
Lebanon, Jack S. Herb
Lehighton, Willard Blocker
Mount Carmel, Roy E. Williams
Nazareth, Norman W. Granda
Paradise, Arthur Refford
Reading, Robert Breitegam
Royersford, William R. Hunsberger
Shamokin, T. Lamarn Manney
Spring City, R. S. Weidner
Sunbury, Allan F. Smith
York, Sterling E. Baer

Bethlehem District

Allentown (Salem), Robert E. McIntyre
Bethlehem, Paul H. Cressman
Blandon, John I. Mengel
Coopersburg, Harold A. Mann
Denville, John Moran
Easton, Leonard F. Kessler
Emmaus, Clifford L. Kauffman
Fleetwood, Norman L. Reed
Philadelphia (Calvary), Harry Wilkinson
Philadelphia (Emmanuel), Edward J. Dietzman
Maple Glen, Byron C. Cassel
Quakertown, Harold Shelly, Sr.
Scranton, Carl H. Kellerman
Staten Island, Ralph D. Cole
Stroudsburg, George R. Fish
Terre Hill, Robert W. Gehret
Wallingford, Harold W. Griest
Zionsville, Charles G. Hersh

Resolved, That Paul I. Wentz, Sr. be excused due to illness and that Clifford L. Kauffman, Alternate Delegate, be seated in the Conference Bar.

Resolved, That Allan F. Smith be excused from attending the Conference today and be seated in the bar tomorrow.

Resolved, That we adopt the Agenda.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

Committee on Finance: Byron C. Cassel, Roy E. Williams, Kermit K. Gehman, Robert W. Gehret, Harold W. Griest

Committee on Communications: W. W. Hartman, Earl M. Hosler, W. B. Hottel, James A. Beil, Bert N. Brosius.

Committee on Examination of Local Conference Records: B. Hertzog, E. W. Bean, Frank L. Herb, Jr., William R. Hunsberger, Leon K. Overpeck, Norman L. Reed, Allan F. Smith, Edward J. Dietzman, John Deily, Paul T. Rutman, Harold A. Mann, A. W. Deppe, John I. Mengel, Harold Shelly, Sr.

Committee on Resolutions: C. E. Kirkwood, Carl C. Cassel, Jansen E. Hartman, David E. Thomann, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.

Committee on Auditing: James G. Koch, Daniel K. Ziegler, Horace A. Kauffman, R. S. Weidner, Ralph D. Cole, Norman W. Granda, Paul H. Cressman, Charles G. Hersh.

Timekeeper: Robert F. Johnson

Reporter: R. C. Reichenbach

Tellers: E. W. Bean, David E. Thomann, R. C. Reichenbach, James G. Koch, John Dunn.

Report of the Committee to Determine the Method and Printer by Which the Yearbook Shall be Reproduced

The Committee met on July 20, 1965 and examined various samples of printed material and presents the following conclusion:

Resolved: That the World Presbyterian Press of Wilmington, Delaware be authorized to produce and distribute the 1965 Year Book.

The Committee recommends the following:

1. That the minutes of the 1965 Annual Conference be mimeographed daily and distributed between sessions. The expense involved shall be met by the Committee on Publication and Printing.

2. That 1200 copies of the Year Book be printed and sold at \$1.00 per copy.

The Committee calls the attention of the Conference Members to the standing rule on page 13 of the 1964 Year Book which states,
"The pastors shall pay for their Year Books within one week after they receive them."

T. D. Gehret, Chairman
Robert W. Smock, Secretary
John Dunn
N. H. Wolf
John H. Riggall
Committee

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That the minutes of the 1965 Annual Conference be mimeographed daily and distributed between sessions. The expense involved shall be met by the Committee on Publication and Printing.

Resolved, That 1200 copies of the Year Book be printed and sold at \$1.00 per copy.

Resolved, That no one leave the Conference Bar without permission of the Chair except the pastor, Russell T. Allen and the delegate of the host church, Sterling E. Baer.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to the call of the Chair no later than 3:00 p.m.

Adjourned, 11:30 a.m. with prayer by Donald T. Kirkwood.

Second Meeting

Monday Afternoon, October 11, 1965

The meeting was opened at 3:00 p.m. with the singing of, "My Lord Knows the Way Thru the Wilderness." William R. Hunsberger led in prayer.

The mimeographed minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Credentials:

The Credentials Committee has met to transact its own business and also several times with the Ministerial Candidate Committee to formulate an article on ordination. This article will be presented to this Conference.

The Faith and Order Questionnaire was sent to each of our ministers holding credentials with us. All of the Brethren signed and returned it having answered all the questions in the affirmative. We are grateful to God for this group of men who conform to the Word of God in doctrine and manner of life.

The Committee recommends Raymond R. Dotts, Donald R. Knauer, Leon K. Overpeck and David J. Watkins for ordination. We believe these men to be called of God to the Christian ministry and in accord with the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church. We also recommend that they be ordained in the Thursday evening meeting of this Conference.

Whereas: Glenn R. Huratiak was ordained to the Christian Ministry on March 14, 1949 after having prepared for the ministry, serving as assistant to the pastor and being examined by the Non-Sectarian Fellowship Church, Limerick, Pa.; therefore,

We recommend that the Bible Fellowship Church recognize this ordination in the Thursday evening meeting of this Conference.

C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman
W. B. Hottel, Secretary
T. D. Gehret
A. L. Seifert
John H. Riggall
Committee on Credentials

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That Raymond R. Dotts, Donald R. Knauer, Leon K. Overpeck and David J. Watkins be ordained in the Thursday evening meeting.

Resolved, That the ordination of Glenn R. Huratiak be recognized in the Thursday evening meeting.

Report of the Youth Fellowship General Committee: (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That each Youth Fellowship remit an offering for the work of the Youth Fellowship General Committee, and that this offering be forwarded to the treasurer of the Youth Fellowship General Committee by April 1, 1966.

Resolved, That we accept the recommendation regarding the unexpired term of Carl Rishel and that it be referred to the Nominating Committee for action.

Report of the Committee on Publication and Printing: (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Conference Treasurer: (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Sunday School Promotion Committee: (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That every Bible Fellowship Sunday School make a contribution for denominational Sunday School promotion. This contribution should be mailed to the Financial Secretary of the Committee (James R. Cressman, 1128 N. New St., Bethlehem, Pa.) before April 1, 1966.

Resolved, That in the Pastor's Summary Statistical Report the listing "Sunday Schools Visited" be deleted.

Resolved, That in the By-Laws, Section VI, Article H, be changed to read, "The pastor, by virtue of his office, shall be counted as an officer of the Sunday School." (First Reading)

Resolved, That we discontinue the use of the term "scholars" and use the term "members" instead.

Resolved, That the term "staff member" be used to include the categories formerly known as "teachers and officers."

Report of Ministerial Candidate Committee:

The Ministerial Candidate Committee met eleven times during the year to continue the work of enlisting and screening candidates for the ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church who are born of the Spirit, called of God, equipped to serve and in harmony with our Faith and Order. Also several meetings were held with the Credentials Committee to study ordination. This Committee seeks to enlist the prayer of our people for God to call men to His work in our midst and for God's guidance in the serious responsibilities resting upon it.

The following men were recommended for ordination examination by the Credentials Committee: David J. Watkins, Donald R. Knauer, Leon K. Overpeck, Raymond R. Dotts. Glenn R. Huratiak, having been ordained by another fellowship, was recommended to the Credentials Committee.

The Committee recommends recognition of the following men in their respective stages of development:

Probationers:

LeRoy J. Bickel, Wernersville, Pa.	1962
T. James Bigley, East Africa	1962
Leonard Buck, Union of South Africa	1958
M. Leslie Campbell, Walnutport, Pa.	1961
Raymond R. Dotts, Allentown, Pa.	1960
Bruce Ellingson, Finesville, N.J.	1963
Richard J. Gehman, Allentown, Pa.	1964
John H. Herb, Belvidere, N. J.	1962

Roy Hertzog, France	1959
Glenn R. Huratiak, Lebanon, Pa.	1963
Donald R. Knauer, Macungie, Pa.	1962
Robert E. McIntyre, Allentown, Pa.	1958
Leon K. Overpeck, Paradise, Pa.	1958
Austin B. Sullivan, Jr., Binghamton, N. Y.	1964
David J. Watkins, Graterford, Pa.	1962
Harold C. Weaver, Miller Heights, Pa.	1963

Candidates:

- David Branning, Philadelphia, Pa.
- David Manney, Shamokin, Pa.
- Keith E. Plows, Allentown, Pa.
- Theodore R. Shelling, New York, N. Y.
- Ronald Zuck, Nazareth, Pa.

Applicants:

- William Bartron, Stroudsburg, Pa.
- Arthur Frable, Moscow, Pa.
- Larry Gradwohl, Nazareth, Pa.
- Gary Krick, Catawissa, Pa.
- Paul Kuder, Allentown, Pa.
- George F. Lee, Mt. Carmel, Pa.
- Robert Minnig, Lancaster, Pa.
- Donal Nilsson, Allentown, Pa.
- Roger Reitz, Shamokin, Pa.
- George Riggall, Wallingford, Pa.
- Dean Stortz, Collegeville, Pa.
- Richard Woelkers, Scranton, Pa.
- Larry Yerger, Reading, Pa.
- Leonard Yerger, Reading, Pa.
- Paul Zimmerman, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Committee:

- Carl C. Cassel, Chairman
- Jansen E. Hartman, Secretary
- William A. Heffner
- George E. Herb
- John E. Golla

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That the above men be recognized in their respective stages of development.

Report of the Committee to Publish Fellowship News: (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That the month of January be designated as subscription month.

Resolved, That a donation of \$50 each be given by the Board of Foreign Missions, Sunday School Promotion Committee, Board of Church Extension and Board of Directors of Berean Bible School.

The oral reports of the **Fellowship News** Editor, David E. Thomann and Business Manager, R. C. Reichenbach were submitted.

Report of the Committee to Study Annual Conference Housing:

The Committee recommends that if lodging cannot be supplied by the local church holding Annual Conference, the Pastor and delegate shall be lodged in a local motel at the expense of their local church.

John H. Riggall
David E. Thomann
Daniel K. Ziegler
T. D. Gehret
Norman L. Reed
Committee

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Nominating Committee:

We recommend the following to Annual Conference:

That a pastor or layman shall serve on no more than two boards or standing committees.

C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman
R. W. Gehret, Secretary
F. L. Herb, Jr.
H. A. Kauffman
J. H. Riggall
D. E. Thomann
D. K. Ziegler
Committee

The Report was rejected.

The following were elected:

Committee on Ministerial Candidates: Russell T. Allen, William A. Heffner, Carl C. Cassel, George E. Herb, James A. Beil.

Robert Gordon, J. Barclay Harley, Edward Moyer, returned missionaries, and Sterling Baker, a missionary under appointment were invited by the Chairman to extend greetings to the Conference.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet this evening at 6:30.

Adjourned 5:00 p.m. with prayer by Donald B. Schaeffer.

Third Meeting

Monday Evening, October 11, 1965

The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. by W. B. Hottel directing the singing of "Take the Name of Jesus With You" and Bert N. Brosius led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following were elected:

Committee on Credentials: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, W. B. Hottel, C. E. Kirkwood, John H. Riggall

Report of the Allentown District Superintendent, T. D. Gehret:
(See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Report of the Bethlehem District Superintendent, A. L. Seifert:
(See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Report of the Church Extension Director, William A. Heffner:
(See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Report of the President of Berean Bible School, Jansen E. Hartman:
(See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church:
(See Reports)

The report was adopted.

The Recommendations of this Board were tabled.

Report of the Board of Foreign Missions: (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That all foreign mission funds be forwarded quarterly to the general secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Report of the Board of Church Extension: (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Report of the Board of Directors of Berean Bible School: (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That each church be encouraged to support Berean Bible School at a level equal to 4% of its annual offerings and that this support be remitted to the school in twelve monthly payments. The laymen on the Board of Directors of Berean Bible School shall maintain contact throughout the year with the pastors and official boards of each church keeping them informed of the work of the school and its needs.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Home: (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That the section dealing with the By-laws be referred back to the Board for further study and a report be brought back at a later meeting of this Conference.

Report of the Board of Mizpah Grove: (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That Section E (Camp Meetings), page 14 of the 1964 Year Book be removed from our by-laws.

Resolved, The following shall be added to the duties of the Board of Mizpah Grove (pg.30, 1963 Year Book)

(Second Reading)

“15. To determine the time and place of Camp Meetings.”

Report of the Board of Victory Valley: (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That the dates of the camps in 1966 shall be as follows:

July 2-9	Girls 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 9-16	Girls 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 16-23	Boys 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 23-30	Boys 8-14 years old, grades 2-8

July 30-August 6	Junior High boys and girls
August 6-13	Junior High boys and girls
August 13-20	Senior High boys and girls

A choice will be given girls and boys in seventh and eighth grades to continue in Girls and Boys camps, respectively, or select Junior High Camp involving a co-ed situation, according to their preferences.

Resolved, That each Church make a contribution to Victory Valley Camp. The anticipated budget of the Camp indicates need for contributions of at least \$3,500.00 by the churches. Checks shall be made payable to Victory Valley Camp and be sent to the secretary of the Board (LeRoy S. Heller) before March 1, 1966.

Resolved, That the facilities of the Victory Valley Camp be made available for limited use by groups from Bible Fellowship Churches and other interested Christian organizations. Arrangements for such use shall be made through, and offerings sent to, the secretary of the Board.

Resolved, That we extend the time.

The following election took place:

Conference Treasurer: Paul I. Wentz, Sr.

Adjourned 9:10 p.m. with prayer by John H. Riggall.

Fourth Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 1965

The meeting was opened by David E. Thomann directing in the singing of "Calvary Covers It All." Robert Paul offered prayer and Daniel K. Ziegler sang a solo entitled, "In Tenderness He Sought Me."

The speaker of the morning was District Superintendent A. L. Seifert who read from Exodus 28:40-43 and spoke on the assigned subject, "The Consecration of the Leader." His helpful message set forth the essential preparation for an effective Christian Ministry.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following were elected:

Board of Directors: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Jansen E. Hartman, F. B. Hertzog, John H. Riggall, Frank L. Herb, Jr., Byron C. Cassel, Daniel K. Ziegler, Paul I. Wentz, Sr.

General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions: Willard E. Cassel

Resolved, That the report of the Committee to Study Redistricting of Churches be stricken from the Agenda.

Report of the Committee on Finance: (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Board of Foreign Missions: s: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Willard E. Cassel, C. E. Kirkwood, Earl M. Hosler, James R. Cressman, Roy E. Williams, Kermit K. Gehman, Harold W. Griest.

Resolved, That Kermit K. Gehman be excused from the meetings on Thursday.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet at 1:30 p.m.

Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Meeting

Tuesday Afternoon, October 12, 1965

The meeting was opened by singing the hymn, "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" at the direction of W. B. Hottel and R. C. Reichenbach led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Norman B. Jerome, a representative of the American Sunday School Union, gave a brief address in the interest of Christian literature.

Report of the Ministerial Convention: (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Report of the Committee to Examine Local Conference Records:

We have examined the Local Conference Records and have found them correct except for a few omissions and minor errors which have been corrected by the Pastors concerned.

The following petitions were found in the Fourth Local Conference Minutes of the Harrisburg Church:

"In view of our unalterable opposition to the purchase of the Fogelsville property, therefore:

Grace Bible Fellowship Church of Harrisburg petitions the Annual Conference of 1965 to be held at York, Pa. to:

1. Reconsider the action taken at the 1964 Conference relative to the purchase of the Fogelsville property.

2. Poll all of the Official Boards of our denomination relative to their interest and to their financial backing and ability to meet the obligation of such a venture before proceeding further."

The following resolution was found in the Blandon Local Conference minutes at a meeting held on July 14, 1965:

Resolved, That we petition the Annual Conference to make Trinity Bible Fellowship Church of Blandon a self-supporting church with all the rights and privileges thereof."

The following petitions were found in the Fourth Local Conference Minutes of the Maple Glen Bible Fellowship Church:

1. **Whereas,** Our pastors are at camp up to three weeks in which are included two Sundays, and

Whereas, There is a growing need vigorously to continue the program of the home church, therefore be it

Resolved, That consideration be given to releasing those pastors not on the Sunday program from all Sunday obligations to camp.

2. **Whereas,** Rule 11 on page 20 of our "Faith and Order" provides that no pastor shall serve any Church longer than nine consecutive years, and

Whereas, it is quite probable that this limitation would not have been enacted had the existing rules with respect to pulpit supply been in effect several years earlier, and,

Whereas, this limit, particularly under existing circumstances, will work a hardship on Maple Glen Church, therefore be it

Resolved, that Maple Glen Church petition Annual Conference 1965 to modify Rule 11 on page 20 of our "Faith and Order" by raising the limit to 12 consecutive years."

F. B. Hertzog, Chairman E. W. Bean, Secretary

Leon K. Overpeck

E. J. Dietzman

Frank L. Herb

John L. Deily

Norman L. Reed

Harold A. Mann

Paul T. Rutman

A. W. Deppe

William R. Hunsberger

John I. Mengel

Harold Shelly, Sr.

Committee

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That the petition from the Trinity Bible Fellowship Church of Blandon to become a self-supporting church with all the rights and privileges thereof be referred to the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

Report of the Committee on Credentials:

(Second Reading)

Election -- The Credentials Committee shall be composed of the District Superintendents and three ordained ministers elected annually by ballot by the Annual Conference.

Duties --

1. The Credentials Committee shall examine all candidates for ordination. This examination shall take place at least one month prior to Annual Conference.
2. It shall recommend candidates for ordination to the Annual Conference. It shall recommend the place and time for the ordination service.
3. It shall have the oversight of all men who hold credentials with the Annual Conference.
4. It shall receive annually, a report from the District Superintendents relative to the pastors on their Districts.

*** We recommend duty #5 be revised as following:

5. It shall annually send a Faith and Order Questionnaire to all Pastors, Missionaries, Approved Teachers, Probationers whose names will be listed on the availability list and all others who desire to retain credentials with the Bible Fellowship Church. All those desiring to retain credentials with the Bible Fellowship Church must return the signed questionnaire by August 24.

The Faith and Order Questionnaire shall contain the following:

- a. Are you willing to subscribe to the Articles of Faith of the Bible Fellowship Church? Yes or No.
- b. If you are unwilling to subscribe to the Articles of Faith of the Bible Fellowship Church, state specifically your reason(s).
- c. Will you endeavor to follow the rules of Order of the Bible Fellowship Church? Yes or No.

- d. Are you willing to serve a church as stationed by the Annual Conference through Pulpit Supply? Yes or No.
- e. This questionnaire is to be signed and returned to the Credentials Committee by August 24.
6. No minister shall have his name placed on the Availability list who does not subscribe to our Faith and Order in its entirety.

The Availability list shall be sent to all Conference Delegates and those whose names appear on the list.

7. It shall deal with charges brought against any minister or cases for suspension presented by the District Superintendents.

Charges brought against any minister of the Bible Fellowship Church must be in writing and presented to the Credentials Committee. It shall request the accused individual to be present during the hearing of the case.

If these charges involve departure from any doctrine or practice of the Bible Fellowship Church, or any improper conduct, a thorough investigation shall be made.

If the charge is of sufficient magnitude in the judgment of the Credentials Committee, the accused minister may be temporarily suspended by the Committee and his name withheld from the Availability list for Pulpit Supply.

A report of this action, with appropriate recommendations for disposition of the case shall be made to the Annual Conference.

The accused party shall have the right of appeal to the Annual Conference. If appeal is made to the Annual Conference by the accused individual, his name shall remain on the Availability list until the Annual Conference has passed judgment in the case.

8. It shall submit a report to the Annual Conference.

W. B. Hottel, Chairman A. L. Seifert
C. E. Kirkwood, Secretary Frank L. Herb
T. D. Gehret

Committee

The Report was adopted.

Report of Committee to Study an Alternate Form of Church Government:

I. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT CHURCH GOVERNMENT

A. CHRIST IS THE HEAD

"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church," Eph. 1:22

"And he is the head of the body, the church:" Col. 1:18

B. AS HEAD, CHRIST GIVES GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

"But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. . . . And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;" Eph. 4:7, 8, 11

"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." I Cor. 12:27-28

"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth on teaching: Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity: he that ruleth, with diligence: he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness." Rom. 12:3-8

C. SOME OF THESE GIFTS HAVE TO DO WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHURCH

1. APOSTLES

"And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Now the names of the twelve apostles are these;" Matt. 10:1-2a (cf. also Mark 3:14; Luke 6:13; 9:1-6)

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles." Acts 2:42-43 (cf. also Acts 1:2-8; 2:37; 5:12; etc.)

“And laid them down at the apostles’ feet; and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need” Acts 5:35

“Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word. Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.” Acts 6:3, 4, 7

“Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:” Acts 8:14

“But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles. . .” Acts 9:27a

“When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

Then pleased it the apostles and elders with the whole church to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch. . .

And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia;” Acts 15:2, 4, 6, 22, 23

“And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.” Acts 16:4

“For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office;” Rom. 11:13 (cf. Gal. 12:8)

“Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.” I Cor. 9:1-2 (cf. II Cor. 12:12)

“and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.” Eph. 2:20

“And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.” Rev. 21:14

"which, when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul. . . " Acts 14:14

"Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners, who are of note among the apostles. . . Rom. 16:7

"After that he was seen of James: then of all the apostles." I Cor. 15:7

"Whether any do enquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellow-helper concerning you: or our brethren be enquired of, they are the messengers (apostles) of the churches, and the glory of Christ." II Cor. 8:23

"But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother" Gal. 1:19

2. APOSTOLIC DELEGATES

"Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do." I Cor. 16:10

"I charge thee. . . . Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." II Tim. 4:1-2

"For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:" Titus 1:5

3. ELDERS/BISHOPS

". . . . To send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea: Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul" Acts 11:29b-30

"And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed." Acts 14:23

"And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter" Acts 15:6 (cf. Acts 15:2, 4, 22, 23; 16:4)

". . . . and called the elders of the church. . . . and when they were come to him, he said unto them, ... Take heed therefore, unto yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood." Acts 20:17, 18, 28 (cf. I Peter 5:2-3)

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." I Tim. 5:17

"A bishop then must be. . . apt to teach. . . one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) I Tim. 3:2a, 4, 5, (cf. Titus 1:7-9)

" . . . the laying on of the hands of the presbytery" I Tim. 4:14b

"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing with oil in the name of the Lord;" James 5:14

4. DEACONS

"Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree. . . ." I Tim. 3:12-13a

"I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant (deaconess) of the church which is at Cenchrea:" Rom. 16:1

D. THE LOCAL CHURCH

"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another." I Cor. 12:18, 25

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another etc. . . . But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will" I Cor. 12:7-11

"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, . . . etc. I Cor. 12:27-28

"Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose. . . ." Acts 6:3, 5a

" . . . the brother. . . . who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord and declaration of your ready mind." II Cor. 8:18, 19

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou has gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take

with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matt. 18:15-18 (cf. I Cor. 5)

E. THE CHURCHES IN FELLOWSHIP

"When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question. And being brought on their way by the church. . . .

And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church. . . ." Acts 15:2, 3, 4

"Then pleased it the apostles and elders with the whole church to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch. . . ." Acts 15:22

"For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things." Acts 15:28

"And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily." Acts 16:4, 5

"And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea." Col. 4:16

II. GENERAL APPLICATION OF THESE FACTS

A. CHRIST IS THE HEAD

The headship of Christ over the Church is not a question in dispute, but rather the dispute is as to how His government is exercised in the visible church.

B. AS HEAD, CHRIST GIVES GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

Christ as the Head of the Church calls, enables and commissions His ministers through the administration of the Holy Spirit. It is the responsibility of the local church to select those whom Christ has ordained to the various ministries of the church.

C. SOME OF THESE GIFTS HAVE TO DO WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHURCH

In the first days after Pentecost, the disciples of Christ had no thought of separating themselves from the religious life of Israel. The temple worship was still adhered to (Acts 2:46; 3:1) though it was supplemented by Apostolic teaching, by prayer and fellowship, and by the breaking of Bread (Acts 2:42, 46). Organization was a thing of gradual growth suggested by emerging needs. The differentiation of functions among those who were drawn into the service of the church was due to the difference in the gifts bestowed by God upon the church members. (I Cor. 12:28)

1. APOSTLES

At first the twelve themselves, as those personally called by Christ and as witnesses of the resurrection, were the natural leaders and teachers of the Church. While they exercised leadership in the early church, their main function was the preaching of the gospel to every creature. In the time of the church's infancy, they held a unique position for the purpose of establishing new groups of believers and building them up in the faith.

In addition to the original twelve and Matthias, Paul was directly called to the apostolate by the exalted Saviour. In this role he fulfilled the apostolic commission of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles. The term "apostles" was applied to Barnabas (Acts 14:14), James (Gal. 1:19), Andronicus and Junius, (Rom. 16:7) and, in the Didache, to a whole class of nameless missionaries.

The missionary function of the apostles has never ceased. (Eph. 4:9-11). This office is exercised today by missionaries at home and abroad when they are bringing men to Christ, establishing them in local churches and giving the initial aid required in these early stages. This initial aid includes appointment of officers; providing of moral, ethical and spiritual counsel; and teaching so as to establish indigenous churches.

2. APOSTOLIC DELEGATES

In the early stages, the apostle Paul supervised the various churches established under his ministry. With the wider spread of the gospel it became necessary to have help in this function. At this stage we find him delegating some trustworthy disciple to take up residence in a given city for a time, especially at critical seasons, to direct the affairs of the church there. He appointed elders, corrected error, preached the gospel and taught the Word. Most of these functions are carried out by the present day itinerant ministers.

3. ELDERS/BISHOPS

The origin of the office of elder in the Christian church is not recorded in the New Testament, but it existed very early since elders were present at Jerusalem in Acts 11:30. The office was evidently suggested by the eldership among the Jews. They would supervise the affairs of the local church in the same way as Jewish elders looked after the synagogue. Until the 2nd century, the terms "elder" and "bishop" were interchangeable designations. Some believe the first has reference to the dignity of the office while the latter to its duties. Paul in his first missionary journey appointed elders in every church. (Acts 14:23). He also instructed Titus to do the same in churches under his care. (Tit. 1:5) They also held offices in the churches not founded by Paul. (James 5:14; I Peter 5:1).

In the New Testament, we see them functioning in the following capacities:

- a. Represent the local church at church council. (Acts 15)
- b. Oversee the flock in spiritual matters through the ministry of teaching, exhortation and correction. (Acts 20:28)
- c. Ordain men called of God to the ministry. (I Tim. 4:14)
- d. Anoint the sick. (James 5:14)
- e. Receive and administer funds. (Acts 11:29-30)

It appears that there were several elders in each local church. (Acts 11:30)

Lightfoot says, "Though government was probably the first conception of the office, yet the work of teaching must have fallen to the presbyters from the very first and have assumed greater prominence as time went on."¹ Schaff says, "The distinctions of 'teaching presbyters' or ministers proper, and 'ruling presbyters' or lay elders, is a convenient arrangement of Reformed churches, but can hardly claim apostolic sanction, since the one passage on which it rests only speaks of two functions in the same office. Whatever may have been the distribution and rotation of duties, Paul expressly mentions ability to teach among the regular requisites for the episcopal or presbyterial office."²

Suffice it to say that in the New Testament Church, the elders formed the principle local ministry. There appears to have been a number of elders who formed a kind of board or committee which was in charge of local church affairs.

4. DEACONS/DEACONESES

In Acts 6, seven men were chosen by the congregation and approved by the apostles. Their purpose was to relieve the heavy burden that

¹Lightfoot, J. B. **Saint Paul's Epistle to the Philippians**, pg. 194, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 1953

²Schaff, Philip; **History of the Christian Church**, Volume I, pg. 496, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1893

rested upon the apostles so that they could devote themselves exclusively to prayer and the ministry of the Word. While the seven are not specifically called deacons, their function was like that known to have been discharged by the deacons in the earliest times.

The early church cared for the widows and ministered to the needs of the poor. In caring for such ministries, the deacons, of necessity became involved in human problems which demanded sound character and spiritual maturity.

“Helps” in I Cor. 12:28 may refer to the varied ministries discharged by the diaconate. This would assist the elders to discharge their specific functions.

While the eldership was restricted to men, the diaconate was open to both sexes.

D. THE LOCAL CHURCH

There are certain matters that are spoken of with respect to the whole body as a priesthood of believers.

1. Recognition of Spiritual gifts

Every member has some gift of grace and, this being the case, each member is duty bound to exercise that gift for the benefit of the whole body. It is the congregation's responsibility to recognize these spiritual gifts and to profit by them.

2. Selection of Officers

The church does not create the local ministry; the commission is Christ's. Her responsibility is to recognize the commission and, by the same token, to submit to the administration of those who bear it. (I Cor. 12)

3. Rejection of false teachers and teachings

Even as the church is responsible to recognize true ministers and to submit to their guidance, so they are responsible to discern false teachers and teaching and to reject the same. (Gal. 1:9)

4. Excommunication

Our Lord speaks of the church as a court which has authority to decide disputes and to exercise discipline. (Matt. 18:15-17) In I Cor. 5, the apostle Paul chides the church for not dealing with the case of adultery and incest implying that it was their duty to exercise discipline. He ordered them to discharge this function.

E. CHURCHES IN FELLOWSHIP

The council at Jerusalem consisted of apostles, elders and brethren. The apostles framed and passed the decree not without, but with the elders and "with the whole church" and sent the circular letter not in their own name only but also in the name of all assembled as having been guided by the Spirit. The local churches recognized that the council was under the direction of the Holy Spirit and submitted to its judgment. (Acts 15:22-23; 16:4)

F. SUMMARY

As we look at the church today with its fine sanctuaries, choir directors, paid professional ministers, educational buildings, Sunday Schools, etc., it must be obvious that this is not what existed in the Book of Acts. We believe that the evidence leads to the conclusion that present church order cannot, in detail, be read back into the New Testament.

Leon Morris, in the conclusion of his book, *MINISTERS OF GOD* states, "From all this it appears that none of the modern systems of church government can claim to have sole scriptural justification. There are elements in the New Testament which were later to give rise to each of the three. But none of the three is to be found exclusively within the pages of Scripture. Some feel this to be a great loss. They think that in the matter of the ministry we ought to have full scriptural justification for our whole system. Nothing ought to be enjoined but that which can be proved from the New Testament. Unfortunately, for this position, the New Testament evidence, as we have seen in earlier chapters, is not full enough for us to know exactly the position in the early Church. It is full enough for us to say that there were certain officers, such as presbyter-bishops and deacons. But it does not enable us to define their status or functions with precision, nor to understand their relation to other figures in the early Church. The New Testament simply does not give us the answers to all our questions."³

In the same vein, Philip Schaff wrote, "Nearly all denominations appeal for their church polity to the New Testament, with about equal right and equal wrong; the Romanists to the primacy of Peter; the Irvingites to the apostles and prophets and evangelists, and the miraculous gifts; the Episcopalians to the bishops, the angels and James of Jerusalem; the Presbyterians to the presbyters and their identity with the bishops; the Congregationalists to the independence of the local congregations and the absence of centralization. The most that can be said is that the apostolic age contains fruitful germs for various ecclesiastical organizations subsequently developed but none of them can claim divine authority except for the gospel ministry, which is common to all."⁴

³ Morris, Leon; *Ministers of God*, pg. 111, Inter-Varsity Fellowship, London. 1964

We do know that a group of office bearers from among the local assembly did have vested in them the responsibility, under God, to administer the affairs of and to teach the local assembly. We do know that the rule of these elders had some limitation. For example, they did not select the officers of the Church nor have the final word in excommunication. (Acts 6:3; Matt. 18:15-18)

We do know that the congregation did share in the administration of the local church in some areas. For example, they chose officers and were the final voice in the act of excommunication. (Acts 6:5; Matt. 18:15-18)

We do know that ministers from without the local church exercised strong influence over the congregation by way of instruction and rebuke. (I Cor. 5:9-13)

We do know that the churches in fellowship did function in works of charity and settlement of doctrinal disputes. We know that the conclusion reached in Acts 15 carried authoritative direction to the local church. (Acts 15:22; 16:4)

Having observed that authority rested in some cases with the elders, in others with the congregation and in still other cases, with the churches in fellowship, we can only conclude that the nature of the point in question determines who is to make final decision.

III. SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS TO THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

1. The affairs of the local church shall be administered by a group of men (Official Board) elected to this work by the congregation in recognition of their spiritual qualifications. The Pastor shall serve as chairman of the Official Board. This administration includes:
 - a. The church's program of worship, teaching and evangelism.
 - b. The discipline of members. In cases of excommunication, this discipline shall be subject to the decision of the local church.
 - c. The responsibility for the financial structure of the church.
2. Deacons/deaconesses shall, within the scope of their spiritual qualifications, administer to the physical needs of the church under the direction of the Official Board.
3. The Local Church shall be responsible for:
 - a. Recognition of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Election of officers of the local church.
 - c. Rejection of false teachers and teachings.
 - d. Decisions related to excommunication.
4. The Churches in Fellowship shall be responsible for:

- a. The formulation of a Faith and Order on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.
- b. Maintaining adherence to the Faith and Order on the part of both pastors and churches.
- c. Joint efforts of the churches such as missions, education, evangelism, etc.
- d. The selection of denominational officers. These officers shall include:
 1. A chairman to preside at Annual Conference Sessions.
 2. A man/men gifted of God to direct the ministries of Church Extension, education, and evangelism.
 3. A man/men gifted of God to counsel both churches and pastors.
 4. Any other officers or personnel needed for the efficient operation of denominational business.

WHEREAS, the 1964 Annual Conference referred the Petition of the Maple Glen Church to this Committee, (see pages 27 and 50)

THEREFORE, this Committee deems that the answer to this Petition is embodied in the above Report.

John H. Riggall, Chairman
Richard H. Kline, Secretary
James A. Beil
Frank L. Herb, Jr.
Earl M. Hosler
Robert C. Reichenbach
Robert W. Smock

Committee

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint a committee of six ordained men; three from this committee and three who are advocates of the first committee's viewpoint. This committee of six shall prepare a paper for annual conference 1966 in which will be set forth the areas of agreement. As to any areas of disagreement, both viewpoints shall be set forth in parallel with the Biblical basis for each.

The Chair appointed John H. Riggall, Carl C. Cassel, Frank L. Herb, Jr., Donald T. Kirkwood, Richard H. Kline, Willard E. Cassel.

The following were elected:

Board of Church Extension: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, William A. Heffner, Jansen E. Hartman, Frank L. Herb, Jr., John Deily, Clayton E. Weber.

Board of Directors of Berean Bible School: (3 Years) C. E. Kirkwood, Byron C. Cassel, Dr. R. Wallace Journey, Robert W. Gehret.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned 4:50 p.m. with prayer by Reynold D. Gardner.

Sixth Meeting

Tuesday Evening, October 12, 1965

The meeting was opened with the singing of "O Zion Haste" led by Roy E. Williams and Glenn R. Huratiak led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report of the Committee to Study the Problem of Divorce

True marriage is instituted by God. It is spoken of as "the covenant of God," according to Proverbs 2:17.¹ Originally it did not need any religious or civil ceremony for its validity, but took place whenever a man and a woman, in the sight of God, voluntarily, mutually, and publicly took each other as husband and wife for life to the exclusion of all others. In marriage a bond is established that is represented as being stronger than even the moral relation between parents and children so highly esteemed in the Scripture. It is a life-long relation, not merely of two bodies of flesh and blood, but a union of two beings together constituting "one flesh, that is to say, one complex of life or personality, thus becoming an illustration of the great mystery of the spiritual union between Christ and His church.

The original and ideal form of marriage is monogamous. The wife is to be the "only one," and each spouse, forsaking all others is to cleave to the other one alone. The description of a wife in Proverbs 12:4; 19:14; 31:10,² and in particular the representation of the covenant between Jehovah and Israel as marriage shows how highly the position of the wife is regarded. It is the symbol of the communion into which God has entered with His people. The original declaration still holds good: "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." "They are no more twain but one flesh" (Gen. 2:24), and the bond in the divine intent, is to be lifelong. In God's institution of marriage no provision was made for divorce. The Lord when questioned on this subject, appealed at once to God's original intention, so must we. Death alone, in His intent, could dissolve the tie.

Recourse cannot be taken by making a distinction between marriage and divorce prior to regeneration, and marriage and divorce subsequent to regeneration. Some on the basis of the alleged distinction assert that individuals married and divorced before regeneration may marry after being re-

¹Proverbs 2:17 "Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God."

²Proverbs 12:4 "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh him ashamed is as rottenness in his bones."

Proverbs 19:14 "House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the Lord."

Proverbs 31:10 "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far

generated. The basis for this assertion is the fact that the first marriage and divorce were entered into when each party was an unbeliever. Hence the first marriage is not of the Lord; furthermore, the sin of divorce is said to be part of one's past life which is no longer remembered by God.

When one bears in mind that marriage is a creation ordinance, ordained of the Lord and given to man as man, and this prior to the fall, it becomes evident that being regenerate or unregenerate does not alter the divine provisions pertaining to marriage. To introduce this distinction here brings in a host of problems, denies much of God's revelation to men, and denies responsibility of creature to Creator. Much of God's revelation applies to His creatures whether or not they admit His sovereignty and their responsibility to their Creator. God's revelation concerning marriage is part of the revelation given to men as men, hence being unregenerate does not make a man free from God's law.

Jewish law seems never to have contemplated a wife divorcing her husband, but the standard for both spouses in the New Testament is now the same (Mark 10:11, 12),³ and the subject place of the woman does not deprive her of this equality in moral standing. In true marriage each spouse is the other's possession and form one complete personality, and the marital satisfaction of each is to be according to the rights of the other. (I Corinthians 7:4).⁴

Believers need to seek God's grace to maintain God's ideal in marriage.

Having stated what marriage is, let us notice what divorce is. Divorce is the dissolution of the divinely instituted bond and the breaking of the relationship established by marriage. We shall notice in the study of scripture that this definition is substantiated by the Word of God.

The key passage of the Old Testament relevant to the subject of divorce is Deuteronomy 24:1-4.⁵ It is necessary to have a proper under-

³Mark 10:11, 12, "And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery."

⁴I Corinthians 7:4 "The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband; and likewise the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife."

⁵Deut. 24:1-4 "When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife. And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife; Her former husband, which sent her away; may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the Lord; and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance."

standing of this passage because many of the other Old Testament and New Testament passages quote from this passage.

One of the key considerations in interpreting this passage is the textual problems. Most of the English versions translate this passage with the conclusion that the apodosis (conclusion in a conditional sentence) of the protasis (clause stating the condition in a conditional sentence) begins in the middle of verse 1, at the words, "then let him write her a bill of divorcement." The conclusion of many is that divorce is commanded in the event of the uncleanness mentioned in the beginning of the verse. It is plain that the reader could be justified in regarding the law of Moses as not only permitting divorce, in the case of the uncleanness mentioned, but as also to require it.

It is important to recognize that many commentators do not agree with this syntax of the passage. Note the following quotes regarding this passage:

Andrew Harper. **Expositor's Bible**, Commentary on Deuteronomy pg.403

"All the passage provides for, therefore, is that a divorced woman shall not be married to the divorcing man after she has been married again, even though she be separated from her second husband by divorce or death."

John Peter Lange. **Lange's Commentary on Deuteronomy** pg. 176

"The pointing in the original makes it clear that Moses does not institute or command divorce. He is merely prescribing limitations or regulations to a prevailing custom, which was not in accordance with the institution of marriage, and was only permitted. . . ."

John Calvin. **Commentaries on the Four Books of Moses** Vol. III, pg. 94

"Some interpreters do not read these four verses continuously, but suppose the sense to be complete at the end of the first verse."

Keil & Delitzsch. **Biblical Commentary on the Old Testament** Vol. III, pg. 416

"... divorce is not established as a right; all that is done is that in the case of divorce a reunion with the divorced wife is forbidden, if in the meantime she had married another man, even though the second husband had also put her away, or had died. The four verses form a period, in which verses 1-3 are the clauses of the protasis, which describe the matter treated about; and verse 4 contains the apodosis with the law concerning the point in question."

It also should be noted that the Septuagint version adopts the construction in its translation which makes verse 4 alone the apodosis. Thus we can state that this passage simply provides that if a man puts away his wife and she marries another man, the former husband cannot under any conditions take her to be his wife. There is nothing, therefore, in this passage itself to warrant the conclusion that divorce is here given divine approval and is morally legitimate under the conditions specified. Many passages however

in the Old Testament prove that divorce was practiced. This freedom of divorce which was conceded or suffered under Mosiac Law is removed under the gospel dispensation.

The other key consideration in this passage outside of the textual problem is the interpretation of the phrase found in verse 1, "because he hath found some uncleanness in her." The Jews were divided into two schools concerning this very problem. The school of Shammai regarded it as unchastity of behaviour or adultery, while the school of Hillel regarded it as any indecency or anything displeasing to the husband, making it purely subjective.

Murray makes the following observations to prove that the uncleanness could not refer to adultery:

"Lev. 20:10 prescribes death for adultery.

Nums. 5:11-31 deals with cases of adultery where proofs are not on good grounds.

Deut. 22:13-21 deals with a man charging a newly-wedded wife with uncleanness.

Deut. 22:23, 24 provides for uncleanness on part of a virgin betrothed to husband.

Deut. 22:25-27 provides for a betrothed virgin who was forced.

Deut. 22:28, 29 provides that a man must marry a virgin not betrothed if he lies with her."⁶

While falling short of illicit sexual intercourse, it may be that the indecency consisted in some kind of shameful conduct connected with the sex life. Or it may have been some other kind of impropriety worthy of censure on the part of the husband.

Thus we may conclude that divorce was tolerated under law, but there is no real justification for the supposition that the law sanctioned or approved divorce. We thus see that the law is in harmony with the original institution of marriage established by God in Genesis 2:23, 24.⁷ It also helps in trying to reconcile the problem of divorce as Christ deals with it in the New Testament. In other words, Christ is not prohibiting that which was sanctioned in the Old Testament.

⁶John Murray. **Divorce** pgs. 10, 11

⁷Gen. 2:23, 24 "And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and shall be one flesh."

The first passage in which Christ deals with the subject of divorce is Matthew 5:31, 32.⁸ It must be noted that the background of this passage is stated in verse 17 "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Verses 18-20 go on to illustrate that Christ in effect brings to completion and fulfillment the law which was given in the Old Testament. Thus as we look to the question of divorce in this context, we cannot conclude that Jesus is relaxing the commandment and the demands given in the law concerning divorce. What Jesus is really doing is giving His own authoritative interpretation of the true meaning and intent of the Old Testament law and contrasting this with the perversions and distortions to which the law had been subjected.

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There can be no doubt that Christ is here alluding to the Deuteronomy 24:1-4 passage. It must be noted that verse 31 is not a verbatim quote of Deuteronomy 24:1, thus we may imply that the Lord speaks of the distorted view held by the Jews. Strictly speaking, Christ says nothing more than that if a man did put away his wife, it was necessary for him to give her a bill of divorcement.

Verse 32 makes it plain that Christ is dealing with the right of divorce only as it relates to the man. Nothing is said of the rights which a woman may have. Christ says that fornication is the only legitimate grounds for divorce, but He does not say that the husband in such a case is obliged to put away his wife. Christ says nothing here in respect to the remarriage of the man who puts away his wife for the cause of fornication. Some seek to make distinction between fornication, illicit sexual relations on the part of the unmarried; and adultery, illicit sexual relations on the part of the married. They would restrict divorce to cases in which the wife was discovered to have been unchaste before she entered into marriage. She is said to have been guilty of fornication (Matt. 5:32; 19:9), hence the husband can put her away. This distinction rests on the assumption that the Bible always uses "fornication" and "adultery" with strict technical precision. Such is not the case.

Commenting on Matthew 5:32, A. T. Robertson says, "... it is plain that Matthew represents Jesus in both places as allowing divorce for fornication as a general term which is technically adultery."⁹ Speaking of this alleged distinction between fornication and adultery, Meyer says, "How can one seriously suppose that Jesus could have laid down so slippery an exception. . . a welcome opening to all kinds of chicanery. And the exception would have to hold good also in the case of marriages with widows."¹⁰ See also Broadus and Plummer on Matthew 5:32 and 19:9.

⁸ Matt. 5:31, 32 "It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."

⁹ A. T. Robertson. **Word Pictures in the New Testament** pg. 155

¹⁰ H. A. W. Meyer. **Commentary on the New Testament** Vol. I pg. 132

Without resorting to commentaries for help, who when reading the ten commandments restricts the words "thou shalt not commit adultery" to the married only? Who does not take it to prohibit all forms of illicit sexual relations?

It is worthy to note that Christ in this text mentions the sin of the woman divorced for the reason other than fornication. The husband who divorces his wife thus is said to be guilty of placing her in a position either of being tempted to be joined to another man or of being offered opportunities for union with another man. When this new marriage is undertaken, adultery is committed on the part of that woman and also of the man whom she marries. The only reason that this new marriage could be called adultery on the part of both the woman and the man is that the first marriage is still in God's sight regarded as inviolate.

The answer Christ gave to the Pharisees when they questioned Him concerning the Deut. 24:1-4 passage on divorce is given in Matthew 19:3-9.¹¹ It is certain that they had a misunderstanding of the passage either by error or intention, and that their design was to refute and ensnare Christ. They assumed that Moses commanded divorce, and thus they asked how Christ could reconcile this with the original institution of marriage which God said was indissoluble. In verse 8 we see that Christ says that Moses "suffered" or permitted divorce only because of the hardness of their hearts. Murray makes the following statements:

"hardness of heart - Where no law is there is no transgression. The fact that they were condemned for hardness of heart proves that they had broken the only law or standard relevant to this particular case as expressed in Gen. 1:27; 2:24. The bill of divorcement was directed to this perverse situation and not to the abrogation of the divine institution.

permission given by Moses - The word that Jesus uses is one that implies sufferance or tolerance but in no way implies approval or sanction of the practice, far less authorization or commandment of it.

from the beginning not so - It is not simply that the practice was not commanded, not simply that it was not authorized, not simply that it was not approved, but rather that it was not even permitted."¹²

¹¹ Matt. 19:3-9 "The Pharisees also came unto him, and tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."

¹² *ibid.* pgs. 31,32

In verse 9 we have the second exceptive clause relative to divorce in this gospel. This verse is of more importance because this is the only passage in scripture where we have combined the exceptive clause and the remarriage clause. Some try to make a textual problem here as well as in Matthew 5:31, saying that the exceptive clause was not the teaching of Jesus because it is omitted in the Luke and Mark passages. The following quote from **Robertson's Word Pictures** is of importance:

"Here, as in Matt. 5:31, a group of scholars deny the genuineness of the exception given by Matthew alone. McNeile holds that the addition of the saving clause is, in fact, opposed to the spirit of the whole context, and must have been made at a time when the practice of divorce for adultery had already grown up. That in my opinion is gratuitous criticism which is unwilling to accept Matthew's report because it disagrees with one's views on the subject of divorce. McNeile adds, 'It cannot be supposed that Matthew wishes to represent Jesus as siding with the school of Shammai.' Why not, if Shammai on this point agreed with Jesus? Those who deny Matthew's report are those who are opposed to remarriage at all.¹³

We must conclude that the exceptive clause is certainly the teaching of Christ. The question now is: does the exceptive clause which surely applies to the right of putting away or divorce, extend to the right of remarriage? This is the point of great controversy in the church. Many scholars do not deal with the problem. Murray makes the following concluding statement after discussing the problem at length: "In the syntax of the sentence as it actually is, the meaning and relevance of the exceptive clause cannot be maintained apart from its application to the remarriage as well as the putting away."¹⁴

There can be little doubt about the fact that Christ does teach that fornication is a legitimate grounds for both divorce and remarriage. The question now is; what about illegitimate divorce and remarriage? Again the answer is very evident that in such cases the new marriage consists of adultery on the part of both the husband and wife in the new marriage. However, the crux of the whole divorce problem seems to hinge on the question; does illegitimate divorce and remarriage constitute perpetual adultery? The following quote from a master's thesis written by Richard Mitchel seems to clearly give the answer. "Another possible consequence of unfaithfulness automatically breaking the marital tie is that a second marriage which began in adultery due to an unlawful divorce might therefore continue as a legitimate marriage. That is, for example, if a husband unlawfully puts away his wife who soon remarried while he remain unwed, would her first relations with her new husband sever the original tie, thus allowing a marriage which began in adultery to continue as a lawful marriage in the eyes of God or must the marriage continue to be adulterous as long as it lasts? Such an idea at first glance may appear to be 'doing evil that good may come.' Nevertheless there are two factors which make its interpretation reasonable. First, adultery had taken place as soon as sexual relations are begun during the new marriage. Secondly, a divorce is in effect between the

¹³.Vol. 1 pg. 155

¹⁴.ibid. pg. 41

original pair. These are the two ingredients which elsewhere provide for the complete separation of the original marriage tie. Why then should not these elements provide for the same here. Such conclusions may give some people incentives to 'do evil that good may come.' There are such situations in life. Those who are born of God and love His word are obligated not to 'do evil that good may come.' "15.

The problem in the Mark 10:2-12 passage is the apparent discrepancy between it and the Matthew 19 passage. In Matthew the Pharisees say that Moses commanded divorce and Christ says that Moses only "suffered" it. In Mark it is reversed and Christ asks, "What did Moses command you?", and the Pharisees replied, "Moses suffered to write a bill of divorce."

The problem is answered by the fact that Christ in Mark refers to the command of Moses relative to marriage in Genesis 2:24. If he does refer to the Deuteronomy 24 passage, He is simply reminding them that although He does admit that Moses did suffer divorce as they had stated, Moses even with this "suffering" did make strict and distinct commands to be followed.

The second problem in the comparison of the Matthew account with the Luke and Mark is the fact that Luke and Mark omit the exceptive clause. As we mentioned before, there is a textual problem in the minds of some relative to the Matthew account. It is in fact, however, not a textual problem, for all will admit that the exceptive clause is really a part of the Matthew text. There are those who attempt however to deny that this exceptive clause is part of the teaching of Christ. The main argument that is given is the omission of the exceptive clause in the Mark and Luke accounts. It is incompatible with the inspiration of scripture to reject Matthew in favor of Mark and Luke.

It must be noted that Christ is really dealing with divorce as it relates to the Mosaic Law. In Mark and Luke He states the fact that the law made no provision for divorce because of adultery. Death was the prescribed penalty in the case of adultery. Christ in these passages is reminding and stating emphatically that from the beginning and also under law, divorce was not allowed and if practiced it resulted in adultery. He however does state in Matthew the one change from the law. Instead of death by stoning for adultery, the innocent party in the adultery was free not only to divorce but also to remarry. There is thus no real contradiction between Matthew, Mark, and Luke. It is quite evident that Mark and Luke would not have a remarriage clause, since they do not deal with the subject of legitimate divorce.

Mark also introduces us to a new consideration. Christ now tells us of the rights of the woman. Under Old Testament law the woman had no rights at all relative to divorce. This passage makes it clear that the woman has the same rights afforded to the man in the case of marital unfaithfulness.

15. Richard Mitchel. **The Exegesis of the Synoptic Divorce Passages** -pg. 60

An appeal is made to I Corinthians 7:10, 11¹⁶ by those who wish to destroy the right of divorce and remarriage for the cause of adultery. Paul here distinctly forbid remarriage on the part of either husband or wife. It is also apparent that Paul in this context is not dealing with the case of adultery, but is writing to Christians and is seeking to establish the claims of honor, purity, and piety in the marriage relationship. The fact of the omission of the exceptive clause on the part of Paul does not presuppose ignorance on his part of the provisions of Matthew. Verses 10 & 11 are referring to Christian couples. Paul says, if there does come a breach, then both must remain unmarried until the breach is healed.

Beginning with verse 12, Paul deals with the problem of the continuance of the marriage bond in an already existing marriage when one of the parties become a believer. Paul is now dealing with a problem in marriage of which Christ did not speak. The believer has no right to leave an unbeliever, for the difference between belief and unbelief constitutes no grounds for separation or divorce. Although the believer has no choice but to remain with the unbeliever, it is possible that the unbeliever may want to leave. This passage is not a command to the unbeliever to depart. It is not a concession to the unbeliever of the right to depart, but rather it tells of the liberty that is granted to, and the attitude that is to be assumed by the believer in this event.

Romans 7:1-3¹⁷ is the other text which some feel deals with Paul's teaching on divorce. It must be observed that this passage does not really deal with the subject of marriage and divorce, but rather uses the biblical fact of the indissolubility of marriage as an illustration of a spiritual relationship which the believer has to Christ and the law. This passage does state a way by which the marriage bond can be broken, namely, death. Some would appeal to this text to disprove the exceptive clause of Christ in Matthew. It however must be remembered that the law did in effect hold that the marriage bond could not be broken. This does not prove that the exception before stated is not valid. Moses did "suffer" divorce "because of the hardness of their hearts." Christ taught that adultery was grounds for divorce and remarriage. Finally, it must again be noted that this is not a proper text on which to base teaching relative to divorce, because Paul merely uses the teaching relating to the bond of marriage, to represent the spiritual relationship between Christ and believers.

¹⁶. I Cor. 7:10, 11 "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband; But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife."

¹⁷. Romans 7:1-3 "Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man."

The teaching of the word of God concerning divorce must be applied to real life situations. In so doing the church must steer a course between two shoals. On the one hand, it must avoid the temptation to go beyond the warrant of scripture; on the other hand, it must not fail to include all that scripture teaches. Believing that the Word of God teaches that one may divorce and remarry in the case of adultery, it is not the prerogative or desire of the church to exclude such from membership. Believing that those divorced on grounds other than adultery or those who marry one divorced for grounds other than adultery violate the teaching of the Word of God, it is not the desire of the church to encourage such or to treat lightly the effects of such actions.

In some cases it is not difficult to apply the teachings of scripture to real life situations. At other times it is not easy; the wisdom of Solomon would scarcely be sufficient. Furthermore, each case of divorce is a personal situation, quite different from all others. Thus it is not easy nor possible to have a set of rules which can be arbitrarily and objectively applied to every situation. In the Word of God there are principles which can be used to guide the church in dealing with the problem of divorce.

As a church we must recognize that what ought not be often is. What then should we do about it?

Divorce is one of the "ought nots" that often is. On the one hand, the church cannot countenance illegitimate divorce, Jesus did not. On the other hand, can the church close its doors on the truly repentant one in an illegitimate divorce? Can the church shun the problem of illegitimate divorce by calling it unscriptural when at the same time it tolerates other unscriptural acts that ought not be but are? In other words, is the problem of divorce in a category all by itself? Is divorce the unpardonable sin? We have no biblical basis for calling divorce the unpardonable sin, neither can we place it in a category all by itself.

On the other hand, can the church by ignoring the problem of the illegitimately divorced person give a tacit approval of something the Bible clearly teaches is contrary to the will of God? Can the church by silence and disregard of discipline encourage the unmarried to treat lightly an institution as ancient and sacred as matrimony? Can the church by taking a weak position on the binding nature of marriage be a partner in the tearing down of the very society it seeks to save from sin?

The application of the church's standard on divorce applies to the pastor in several ways, primarily to his role in solemnizing marriages.

Believing as we do in the legitimacy of divorce and and remarriage in the case of adultery, there is no biblical basis for denying a pastor the right to solemnize such marriages if he chooses. This does not mean a pastor must officiate in such marriages if he is requested to do so. After all, the primary task of the pastor is not the solemnizing of marriages; he may, for reasons sufficient to himself, decline to marry some who request it.

Believing as we do in the illegitimacy of divorce and remarriage subsequent to divorce for any ground other than adultery, there is no biblical basis for sanctioning such marriages and clear instructions from our Lord are against it. In light of this, no Bible Fellowship pastor should be part of a marriage ceremony in which an illegitimately divorced person is involved.

The application of the church's teaching concerning divorce and remarriage involves office bearers in several ways: eligibility to hold office, the matter of receiving new members and the exercise of discipline.

The question which immediately confronts us is this: Can a divorced person be an office bearer? To answer this question involves far more than the question of divorce *per se*. Some, overlooking or neglecting the biblical teaching concerning office bearers, make no distinction between church members and church officers. Finding no prohibition against office bearers in the context of the divorce passages, some would apply no standards to church officers that are not applied to church members. Others, having a different concept of church officers, would subscribe to what we might call the double standard, namely, that the Bible teaches one standard for members and another for officers. If this latter is not accepted, it seems impossible to exclude from office those whom we accept for membership. What then is the basis for excluding some from bearing office if we do not have the double standard?

The basis for the double standard is primarily the teaching of the Apostle Paul in I Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9. The question before us does not require a detailed interpretation of these passages. We are interested in one thing, namely, the biblical basis for a double standard. Perhaps one concrete illustration of the double standard in these passages will be sufficient.

In Titus and Timothy we read that the church officers must be the husband of one wife. This seems clearly to mean that one could not be a bigamist and be a church officer. The Old Testament contains many references to polygamy. Abraham, Jacob, and David, to name only a few, were polygamists. Yet note that nowhere in the Old Testament is there specific condemnation of the practice, in fact, Moses' legislation provided for it. cf. Exodus 21:10; Deuteronomy 21:15-17. In Timothy and Titus, polygamy disqualifies one from church office (elder or deacon). Polygamy was prevalent among first century converts, yet the New Testament requires monogamy for church officers. It would seem safe to conclude that polygamy did not disqualify one from being a church member. If it disqualified one from being a church member there was no need to list it as disqualifying from office. In other words, when one reads qualifications such as "given to hospitality, apt to teach" he would conclude that some members were disqualified from office due to unwillingness to show hospitality or inability to teach. Yet these same people were members. It is the same with bigamy.

Going a step further we might ask if there is not an analogy between polygamy in the first century milieu and divorce in the twentieth century?

In any case, the illustration of the double standard stands.

In the matter of accepting for membership and in the matter of discipline of members, the office bearers play a significant role. It is here that we get into specific cases and hard and fast rules with easy application are impossible. Truth is personal as well as propositional. Discipline is according to rules, yet not impersonal. Care must be exercised, love must be manifest; yet the Word of God must be upheld. Divorce ought not exclude from membership in the church nor bar from useful involvement in the life of the church. The assumption, of course, is that true repentance has been manifest in the case of illegitimate divorce and remarriage. Sometimes church discipline is an aid in bringing a child of God to a place of repentance. It is here that the office bearer plays an important role.

Applying the problem of divorce to the members, one must take great care lest, on the one hand, the church give tacit approval to what is contrary to scripture, or, on the other hand, the church give offense to those within and without by failing to show love and consideration to one who is truly repentant for a sin which may have originated in ignorance or unbelief.

Taking as our example the teaching and practice of the early church on bigamy, we believe that divorce *per se* should not bar one from membership in the church or involvement in the life of the church. In the case of one who is a member and flagrantly violated the teaching of scripture and the church in pursuing a self chosen course of action by getting an illegitimate divorce or by marrying one illegitimately divorced, the church cannot stand by and approve. Some measure of discipline is demanded. But it should be born in mind that in such cases divorce is more the occasion than the cause for discipline.

The teaching of the church concerning divorce and divorced office bearers should be made clear to any who indicate a desire to unite with us. The prospective member should be made to understand that true repentance does not bar anyone from membership and participation in the life of the church, but that divorce does bar one from being an elder.

On the basis of our study and written report, we submit the following as an answer to the Lehighton petition. The petition has four main parts as it appears in the 1963 yearbook, pages 25, 26.

The only biblical basis for divorce is adultery. (Matt. 19:3-9), and marriage is not broken for any other reason. According to Matt. 19:9 the exception is made for the innocent party, thus he is free to remarry. In the event of any question relevant to divorce in the local church, the Membership and Discipline Committee shall deal with the problem.

We regretfully admit that in the past there have been deviations from our **Discipline (Faith and Order)**, however, Annual Conference recently established the Credentials Committee which has as part of its responsibility to assure compliance by our pastors to the Faith and Order. It is

also the responsibility of every member of each local church to uphold the Faith and Order.

The request here is a good one. In essence, the petitioning church is asking for a "thus saith the Lord" for the article on divorce. The inference seems to be that Annual Conference has prohibited more than the Bible does. If so, then it has erred and must modify its position; if not, the petitioning church must modify its position. The question is: does the Bible really prohibit a divorced person, or one married to a divorced person, from holding office in the church. After prayer and study, we must conclude that the scriptural position is that no person who has been divorced or who has married a divorced person for any reason, may be a member of the Official Board. It is not the severity of divorce, but the dignity of the office as detailed in scripture (I Peter 5:1-4; I Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9) that prevents divorced persons or persons married to divorced persons from holding office in the church.

Due to the grace of God, those who have been divorced and those who have married divorced persons and have truly repented may be admitted to church membership, and they do not forfeit the right to be used in Christian service within the church.

J. E. Hartman, chairman
B. N. Brosius, secretary

D. T. Kirkwood
T. D. Gehret
A. L. Seifert

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That the findings of the Committee to Study the Problem of Divorce be the answer to the petition from the Lehighton Church.

Whereas, The article on Divorce in the Moral Standards which passed first reading at the 1962 Annual Conference is not in accord with the present study on divorce, therefore,

Resolved, That the Divorce Study Committee be asked to write an article on Divorce, based on the study submitted to this Conference.

Adjourned, 8:45 p.m. with prayer by W. W. Hartman.

Seventh Meeting

Wednesday Morning, October 13, 1965

The devotional period began with singing "Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty" led by Harvey J. Fritz, Jr. and Robert F. Johnson led in prayer. LeRoy S. Heller sang, "Jesus Revealed in Me." Rev. C. Richard Schumaker, pastor of the Church of the Open Door of Shiloh, York, Pa. spoke on "The Christian Growth of the Congregation." His inspiring message was based on I Corinthians 9 as illustrated by the example of the apostle Paul.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Rev. David H. Holl, Director of Development at Bridgewater College addressed the Conference on the subject, "Christian Stewardship and Fund Raising."

A question period followed.

Resolved, That Ronald C. Mahurin be excused from this evening's meeting and tomorrow to conduct a funeral.

Resolved, That in appreciation to Rev. Holl for his helpful address and the information given during the question period, we give him a rising vote of thanks.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to the call of the Chair.

Adjourned, 11:50 a.m. with prayer by James G. Koch.

Eighth Meeting

Wednesday Evening, October 13, 1965

The meeting began 7:05 p.m. with "Blessed Assurance" as the opening hymn, followed by John Deily leading in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Resolved, That we excuse Jansen E. Hartman from attending Conference on Wednesday due to a death in the family.

Whereas, There are legal involvements and time required in re-writing the By-Laws of the Bible Fellowship Church Home for the Aging, therefore,

Resolved, That we grant them the privilege of presenting revised By-Laws to the 1966 Annual Conference.

Report of the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That Donald R. Knauer be admitted to the Conference Bar.

Resolved, That the Bible Fellowship Church be constituted in two districts - East and West.

The East District shall include all the churches in the States of New Jersey and New York and those churches in the State of Pennsylvania in

the Counties of Philadelphia, Delaware and Montgomery, and in other counties of Pennsylvania when the churches are east of U. S. Highway 309, except such churches as are located in the City of Allentown and in the borough of Emmaus.

The churches in the City of Allentown and in the borough of Emmaus and all other churches west of the above-mentioned areas shall form the West District.

The districts will then consist of the following churches:

WESTERN	EASTERN
Allentown (Bethel)	Bethlehem
Allentown (Salem)	Catasauqua
Blandon	Denville
Coopersburg	Easton
Emmaus	Graterford
Fleetwood	Harleysville
Harrisburg	Hatfield
Lancaster	Lehighton
Lebanon	Maple Glen
Mt. Carmel	Nazareth
Paradise	Philadelphia (Calvary)
Reading	Philadelphia (Emmanuel)
Shamokin	Quakertown
Spring City	Royersford
Sunbury	Scranton
Terre Hill	Staten Island
York	Stroudsburg
Zionsville	Wallingford

We recommend that the redistricting be made effective at the adjournment of Annual Conference 1966.

The following were elected:

Board of Directors of the Home: (2 years) A. L. Seifert, Ernest B. Hartman, Paul I. Wentz, Sr.

Board of Mizpah Grove: (2 years) Robert W. Smock, James A. Beil, George Krigor.

Adjourned 8:15 p.m. with prayer by Sterling E. Baer.

Ninth Meeting

Thursday Morning October 14, 1965

The meeting was opened with Russell T. Allen leading in the singing

of, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" and James A. Beil offered prayer. A Pastors' Quartet sang, "Alone With God."

C. Jack Orr, Pastor of Harmony Grove Chapel, Dover, Pa. spoke on the subject, "The Concern for the Community." His message, based on Matthew 9:36, 37, was heart warming as he pled for far greater efforts to reach the lost now in the spirit of compassion.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report of the Combined Committee to Make a Study on Ordination

Introduction

The Bible Fellowship Church has never carefully defined what we understand by ordination. The 1964 Annual Conference passed the following resolution (Yearbook, 1964, p. 29):

"Resolved, that the Committee on Credentials and the Ministerial Candidate Committee study together ordination and submit a report of their understanding to the next Annual Conference."

There are wide differences of opinion about the meaning of ordination among various churches. They may be summarized as follows:

1. Roman Catholic View - The Sacramental view - that in the laying on of hands by the duly qualified bishop power and grace are conferred. Apostolic succession is included.

The orders of the Roman Catholic church are: Bishop - priest, deacon, sub-deacon. Admittance to holy orders is by ordination.
2. The Anglican and Episcopal view - Ordination is not a sacramental act but authority is conferred upon the minister for the performance of sacred duties. The orders are: bishops, priests and deacons. Apostolic succession included.
3. The Reformed and Baptist view - ordination is basically a recognition of powers previously conferred by God and a consequential formal authorization, on the part of a church or ecclesiastical body to exercise the gifts bestowed.
4. There are others who do not recognize any ordination procedure.

There are several factors that make difficult the defining of ordination. One of them is the great emphasis on the difference between clergy and laity in most churches; this causes some to react to such a degree that they see no place for ordination as such. Another problem is that the New Testament does not provide explicit instructions for the qualifications, procedures and meaning of ordination. In attempting to gather the material from Scrip-

ture differences of opinion arise. The following is a summary of our understanding of the Biblical material that relates to ordination.

A STUDY OF THE BIBLICAL MATERIALS

In seeking to gather the material from the Scripture that pertains to ordination two types of texts were examined. First those which speak of "laying on of hands" and second those which speak of the gifts of the Spirit. Let us examine these first and then attempt to relate them to each other.

1. The texts that speak of the "laying on of hands" In the Old and New Testaments the practice of laying on of hands was used in several different ways. It was used to signify blessing, of identification with sacrifices, with healing, with receiving of the Holy Spirit and baptism and in connection with appointment to office or responsibility. We are here only concerned with last use of the term. The most clear illustrations of this in the New Testament are in Acts 6:1-6, Acts 13:1-3, I Tim. 4:14 and II Tim. 1:6.

In Acts 6:1-6, seven men were chosen by the congregation on the basis of their meeting certain qualifications to do certain things (6:3). The entrance of the seven to their responsibilities was preceded by prayer and the laying on of hands (6:6). It seems that this ceremony did not qualify or empower these men for this service, but simply recognized before the church that these men met the qualifications and were charged with responsibility.

In Acts 13:2, 3, we see Barnabas and Paul "separated" unto a work. This separation was the action of men on the basis of the call of God. Hands were laid on those two only after deep spiritual exercise. It is interesting to note that that which the Spirit said to the brethren at Antioch to do to Barnabas and Paul was the same thing which Paul says God did in him before his birth (Gal. 1:15). This recognition came to Paul only after a period of faithful service (Acts 11:25, 26).

I Tim. 4:14 and II Tim. 1:6 speak most directly about ordination as we find it in the church today. Apparently Timothy was set apart in an assembly of believers for the work of the ministry. Most interpreters feel that these two texts speak of the same experience in the life of Timothy. Paul emphasizes the relationship of Timothy to himself in the one account and his relationship to the whole church in the other.

2. Texts that speak of the gifts of the Spirit - Let us return to the idea of the origin of the gifts of ministering. Romans 12, I Cor. 12, and Eph. 4 all unite to indicate that the spirit gives to each man as He will the gifts (charismata) to equip him to serve. This corresponds with the evidence that the laying on of hands is only a recognition of what God has given. While all believers are given a gift of the Spirit of God to equip them to serve in the body of Christ, not all were publicly installed into a place of service. Only those gifted in such a way as to enable them to be ministers of the Word and leaders were given this kind of recognition. This raises the problem of the relationship of the gifts of the Spirit to the public ceremony.

3. The relationship between "laying on of the hands" and the gift of the Spirit - The texts that speak of the gifts of the Spirit are clear that these gifts are given of God and not of men. "He giveth to every man severally as He will." The very fact that they are called Spiritual - gifts (pneumatikos, charismata) also indicates this. The ability and authority to minister the Word of God in the church comes from the Lord only. Men cannot bestow this.

This is also supported by the fact that the texts that speak of the "laying on of hands" indicate that the church is thereby recognizing a previous gift of the Spirit of God. (Acts 6:1-6, Acts 13:1-3 and I Tim. 4:14.)

In I Tim. 4:14 Paul says this gift (charisma) was given to Timothy by prophecy. Prophecy is never of human origin although it comes through a human channel; this channel is also recognized by Paul when he says next that Timothy's gift was accompanied by the laying on of hands of a group of elders (presbiterion).

II Tim. 1:6 may at first appear to mean something else. Does Paul mean to say in II Tim. 1:6 that he imparted a gift to Timothy? Although Paul does say that this gift is Timothy's by "the laying on of hands," we must ask what he means by this. The expression used indicates that this was an outward ceremony but that the gift came from someone other than Paul. The grammar here is similar to Matthew's saying (1:22) that the man Isaiah predicted that a virgin would conceive and bear a son. Isaiah said it, but God said it through Isaiah. Without God speaking here, it would have been impossible for a man to predict this 700 years before it happened. The grammar is similar in II Timothy; in both cases intermediate, not direct agency, is implied. Also it appears that Paul's expression in II Tim. 1:6 is like Peter's in Acts 2:38. Few evangelicals would seek to defend a view that equated baptism with remission of sins; however Peter here says: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins." We note that Peter in Acts 2:38 and Paul in II Tim. 1:6 use an expression that appears to identify the outward act with the inner reality of which it is a symbol.

The experience of Paul himself seems to confirm and illustrate the tenor of this study. In Galatians Paul states categorically that he was set apart, taught and empowered for his work by God and him alone - not men. However he also says (Gal. 2) that he did confer with the brethren in Jerusalem to secure their confirmation as a fellow-laborer.

Therefore the "laying on of hands" is an external sign; the prayer of the saints are the means whereby the enablement is obtained to perform the ministry of which the outward sign speaks. The sign is not the means of grace, nor is it meaningless. It is the recognition by the church of power previously conferred by God.

4. Summary of Biblical Evidence - Definition of Ordination: Ordination is the laying on of the hands of the elders of the church accompanied by

prayer and is the public recognition by the church of gifts previously given by God to one called to the ministry of the Word of God.

THE PROCEDURE FOR ORDINATION

1. Ordination should be preceded by a period of training and probation for the individual in order that he may be properly equipped and demonstrate his call.
2. Ordination should involve the church in deep self-examination and prayer in order that outward conformity to standards may not be substituted for the presence of the Spirit.
3. Ordination should proceed from a group of brethren from more than one local church.
4. Ordination should be limited to those who are gifted and trained in the ministry of the Word of God although Scripture allows recognition of other gifts.

APPLICATION

1. Who shall be candidates for ordination?

All those who meet the qualifications of our church for the ministry (1962 Yearbook pp. 41-42) and give evidence of a call to the ministry which is acknowledged by the church. This includes any men who meet these requirements including those who are pastors, administrative officers, teachers and missionaries. (See 1963 Yearbook p.27)

2. What shall our procedure for ordination be?

All men who seek to hold ordination credentials with the Bible Fellowship Church shall make initial application to the Ministerial Candidate Committee. They shall follow the procedures approved by Annual Conference for the Ministerial Candidates Committee and the Credentials Committee. All men who seek to serve our church in another capacity shall apply to the Board under which they desire to labor.

3. What shall our form for the ordination service be?

We recommend that a form for the service of ordination be devised which shall be in harmony with this study.

Combined Committee:

Carl C. Cassel, Chairman
W. B. Hottel, Secretary

Ministerial Candidate Committee

Carl C. Cassel, Chairman
Jansen E. Hartman, Secretary
William A. Heffner

John E. Golla
George Herb

Credentials Committee:
C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman
W. B. Hottel, Secretary
T. D. Gehret
A. L. Seifert
John H. Riggall

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That this report be referred back to the Combined Committee for revision suitable for legislation.

Resolved, That we recess to the call of the Chair.

Recessed at 10:15 a.m.

Business was resumed at 11:50 a.m.

Resolved, That we suspend the Rules and adjourn.

Adjourned 11:51 a.m. with prayer by George R. Fish.

Tenth Meeting

Thursday Afternoon, October 14, 1965

The meeting was opened at 1:40 p.m. with the singing of, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Statistics: (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That we consider the Petitions to Annual Conference from Grace Bible Fellowship Church of Harrisburg and Maple Glen Bible Fellowship Church.

Resolved, That the petition from Grace Bible Fellowship Church of Harrisburg regarding the creation of a Conference Center be referred to the Committee to Plan for the Development of the Fogelsville Tract for preparation of a proposed answer.

Resolved, That we express our general approval of the petition from Maple Glen Church regarding attendance of the Pastors at Camp Meeting

and refer the petition to the Board of Mizpah Grove for working out of required details.

Resolved, That the petition from the Maple Glen Church regarding the extension of the time limit for pastors be denied.

Report of the Board of Church Extension:

The Board made the following assignments:

Belvidere, N. J. - John H. Herb	Miller Heights - Austin B. Sullivan, Jr.
Binghamton, N.Y. - (To be supplied)	Millersville, Pa. - Harold C. Weaver
Finesville, N. J. - Bruce A. Ellingson	Sinking Spring, Pa. - Robert Paul
Macungie, Pa. - John E. Golla	Walnutport, Pa. - M. Leslie Campbell
	Frank L. Herb, Jr., Secretary

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That H. Phares Mumbauer be excused from attending the meetings on Friday.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Annual Conference that during the illness of Paul I. Wentz, Sr., the Secretary of the Board of Directors, Jansen E. Hartman, serve as Acting Treasurer until such time as Paul I. Wentz, Sr. is able to resume his responsibilities.

Jansen E. Hartman, Secretary

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That during the illness of Paul I. Wentz, Sr., the Secretary of the Board of Directors, Jansen E. Hartman, serve as Acting Treasurer until such time as Paul I. Wentz, Sr. is able to resume his responsibilities.

Whereas, In informal conversations with Pastors and Delegates there have been expressed desires to restudy our system of pulpit supply, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That a committee of 4 Ministers and 3 Laymen be elected to study the matter of Pulpit Supply and report at the next Annual Conference.

The following were elected:

Sunday School Promotion Committee: (3 Years) David J. Watkins, William R. Hunsberger and Norman L. Reed.

Adjourned 4:30 p.m. with prayer by James A. Beil.

Eleventh Meeting

Friday Morning, October 15, 1965

William A. Heffner opened the devotional period with the singing of, "Hiding in Thee" and Donald T. Kirkwood led in prayer. A vocal solo, "Nearer Still Nearer" was rendered by Bert N. Brosius.

Earl M. Hosler delivered a helpful meditation on, "The Concord of the Brethren" based on I Corinthians 12 and Romans 14, showing the need for the continued demonstration of the love of Christ in our lives.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee to Study Church Forms be the first order of business after the elections at the Adjourned Session of Annual Conference.

Resolved, That Jansen E. Hartman be excused from attending this afternoon's meeting to attend a funeral.

Report of the Committee on Auditing:

The Committee on Auditing has examined the following accounts:

Fellowship News, Beneficiary Society, Secretary (First Division Camp), Treasurer (First Division Camp), Publication & Printing and Board of Directors.

The other accounts were examined by individuals prior to Annual Conference in compliance with the resolution of the 1963 Annual Conference.

All accounts examined were found to be satisfactory.

James G. Koch
Horace A. Kauffman
Ralph D. Cole
Paul H. Cressman

Daniel K. Ziegler
R. S. Weidner
N. W. Granda
Charles G. Hersh

Committee

The Report was adopted.

Report of Committee to Examine Annual Conference Minutes:

We hereby certify that we have examined the Annual Conference Minutes of the 1964 session, and have found them to be correct with the exception of the following:

1. On page 24, under Candidates, Keith E. Plows, Philadelphia, Pa. should not appear.
2. On page 44, under Report of the Board of Church Extension, Herald C. Weaver" should read "Harold C. Weaver."
3. On page 48, VIII #9, insert the word "should" to read "should the 4th Local Conference" etc.

We hereby submit two copies duly certified

George E. Herb, Chairman

Donald B. Schaeffer, Secretary

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Communications:

Communications were received from the following: Paul E. Baer, Olive I. Rawn, Walter Frank and Charles W. Weaver, former delegate from Lebanon.

Appreciation is expressed for their interest and intercession for this Annual Conference.

We sincerely desire these servants of Christ may experience God's continued blessings.

W. W. Hartman

James A. Beil

W. B. Hottel

Bert N. Brosius

Earl M. Hosler, Secretary
Committee

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Historical Committee:

The Historical Committee has little that is new to report. It does have a problem with how to meet some needs that seem before us if the work of preserving our records is to proceed. This involves some binding into books of records so they will be preserved and still be available for reference.

At present valuable pieces of reference material are being stored in fire resistant files that are the property of Berean Bible School. Some alternate equipment should be provided soon, as the space now used is required by the school.

The Committee will also give some consideration as to the desirability for and a means of marking in 1967 the 50th Anniversary of publication of the Rose of Sharon hymnal.

Daniel G. Ziegler

Paul Cressman

Byron C. Cassel

Committee

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Archivist:

The work of the Archivist this past year consisted mainly of the organization of the collected materials. Most of the materials have been placed in a fireproof file in heavy file folders.

In last year's report it was stated that certain yearbooks from the early years were missing. Thanks to the kindness of Mr. Timothy Gehman and Mr. E. H. Musselman, the set is now complete up to 1960 with the exception of the year 1897. Several pastors also contributed general conference journals from their own collections to make this area of our collection more complete.

It might be of interest to know what other materials have found their way to the Archives. There is a complete set of the **Fellowship News**: a set of the "M.B.C. - B.F.C. Supplement" to the **Gospel Herald** (1953-1958), which, however, is quite incomplete. Disciplines of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ found in the Archives include the years 1905, 1910, 1924, 1928, and 1936. To these ought to be added those from earlier and later years as well as any other editions between the years 1905 and 1936 not found in the Archives. The Archivist also appreciates the contribution of 21 copies of the **Menno Youth Spotlight** by Pastor Robert Smock which should make our collection of these complete.

An interesting addition to our Archives would be a complete set of the main hymnals used by our congregations and camp meetings. Our present collection contains the following hymnals and Gospel songbooks: **Glorious Gospel Hymns**, **Rose of Sharon** **Rose of Sharon Campmeeting and Convention Specials**, **Jesus Only Songs**, **Ebenezer Hymns**; **English and German Songs**, and **Spiritual Hymns for Evangelical United Mennonites** (English and German).

Please continue to keep the Archives in mind and forward all materials of importance in our history that we may have a good collection of source materials from which to compile a history of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Harold P. Shelly, Archivist

The Report was adopted.

The Berean Bible School Budget was presented.

The budget was ratified.

The Budget of the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church was presented.

The budget was ratified.

Resolved, That we recess.

Business was resumed at 11:00 a.m.

The following were elected:

Board of Victory Valley Camp: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Carl C. Cassel, Le Roy S. Heller, Kermit K. Gehman, Clayton, E. Weber, Paul I. Wentz, Jr.

Resolved, That the resolution regarding the payment of Year Books shall read, "The church shall be responsible to pay for Year Books within one week after receipt of same."

Adjourned at 12:00 (noon) with prayer by Richard H. Kline.

Twelfth Meeting

Friday Afternoon, October 15, 1965

The meeting began with the reading of the minutes of the morning meeting. They were approved.

The following were elected:

Youth Fellowship General Committee: (3 years) Robert F. Johnson, Michael L. Fiorelli, LeRoy O. Herb, (2 years) James Sunday.

Report of the Committee to Plan the Development of the Fogelsville Property in Answer to the Petition from Harrisburg:

Whereas, the Grace Bible Fellowship Church of Harrisburg has petitioned the 82nd Annual Conference to reconsider its action of October 16, 1964, in which it voted to purchase the tract of land at Fogelsville for development as a denominational center, therefore,

We would present the following as the answer to their petition.

1. Various officers of our church have, over a period of years, realized the need of such a site, and, after much searching, recommended the purchase of the Fogelsville tract.

2. Three of our major Conference Boards, namely, Board of Directors of Berean Bible School, Board of Directors of Annual Conference and Board of Mizpah Grove -- met, went over the ground at Fogelsville, and after much discussion, voted to recommend to Annual Conference that the Fogelsville tract be purchased.

3. Through the work of these Boards, five sites were selected as having the potential that would meet our need. Thus the services and counsel was obtained of Mr. Willard Hahn of the Allentown firm of architects,

Wolf and Hahn. Mr. Hahn evaluated each of these tracts and in a written report listed the advantages and disadvantages of each of these tracts and concluded that the Fogelsville tract would best meet our need.

4. The 81st Annual Conference voted overwhelmingly to purchase the Fogelsville tract; therefore,

We recommend that this Conference reaffirm the action of the 81st Annual Conference directing that the Fogelsville tract be purchased.

The Planning Committee is aware that some of the reasons for the purchase and development of this property and its future use, and the time required to develop it are not fully known. We, therefore, will attempt to supply to our churches facts and materials that will produce better communications to accomplish this.

C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman
Daniel K. Ziegler, Secretary
Jansen E. Hartman
Harvey J. Fritz
A. L. Seifert

Robert W. Gehret
Robert W. Smock
Bert N. Brosius
James A. Beil
T. D. Gehret
(Albert L. Wentz)

The answer was approved.

Committee to Study Pulpit Supply: John H. Riggall, Donald T. Kirkwood, Carl C. Cassel, Russell T. Allen, Byron C. Cassel, Harold W. Griest, Daniel K. Ziegler

Historical Committee: (3 years) Daniel G. Ziegler

Editor of Fellowship News: David E. Thomann

Business Manager: R. C. Reichenbach

Committee to Publish Fellowship News: Robert W. Smock, Robert W. Gehret, Paul T. Rutman

Resolved, That the Nominating Committee function for the elections at the Adjourned Session of Annual Conference.

Resolved, That the Chairman write an obituary of Rev. A. G. Woodring for the Year Book.

Report of Committee to Study the Procedure for Ordination:

(First Reading)

Definition of Ordination

Ordination of men to the Christian Ministry is the laying on of the hands

of the elders of the church accompanied by prayer and is the public recognition by the church of gifts previously given by God to one called to the ministry of the Word of God.

Candidates for Ordination:

The candidates for ordination shall be those men who meet the qualifications of our church for the Christian Ministry (See 1962 **Yearbook**, pp. 41-42 or **Faith and Order**, p.) and give evidence of a call to the ministry which is acknowledged by the church. This shall include any men who meet these requirements including those who are pastors, administrative officers, teachers and missionaries. (See 1963 **Yearbook**, p. 27 or **Faith and Order** p.).

Procedure for Ordination:

Ordination should be preceded by a period of training and probation for the individual in order that he may be properly equipped and demonstrate his call. It should involve the church in deep self-examination and prayer in order that outward conformity to standards may not be substituted for the presence of the Spirit. This ordination should proceed from a group of brethren from more than one local church and should be limited to those who are gifted and trained in the ministry of the Word of God.

All men who seek to hold ordination credentials with the Bible Fellowship Church shall make initial application to the Ministerial Candidate Committee. They shall follow the procedures approved by Annual Conference for the Ministerial Candidate Committee and the Credentials Committee. All men who seek to serve our church in any other capacity shall apply to the Board under which they desire to labor.

Form of Service of Ordination :

(This material is not now ready, but is to be devised and approved by the Annual Conference by order of the 1965 session.)

Combined Committee:

Carl C. Cassel, Chairman
W. B. Hottel, Secretary

Ministerial Candidate Committee:

Carl C. Cassel, Chairman
Jansen E. Hartman, Secretary
William A. Heffner
John E. Golla
George Herb

Credentials Committee:

C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman
W. B. Hottel, Secretary
T. D. Gehret
A. L. Seifert
John H. Riggall

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church, prepare a comprehensive review of the Ministers' Retirement Fund including the need for the 3% assessment rate which it recommended to the 82nd Annual Conference. It shall also confer with the officers of the Beneficiary Society and include in its report, proposals for incorporating the work and benefits, of the Beneficiary Society into the Ministers' Retirement Fund. A report on this assignment shall be presented to the 83rd Annual Conference.

Report of Committee on Resolutions:

PART I

We recommend the adoption of the following:

1. **Whereas,** We the members of the 82nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church have recognized the blessing of the Lord upon her ministry under the able leadership of Rev. T. D. Gehret and Rev. A. L. Seifert, therefore,

Resolved, That we praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy which has followed us this past year and further,

Resolved, That we uphold these brethren in prayer and give them our loyal support.

2. **Whereas,** Jansen E. Hartman, President of Berean Bible School, has served so faithfully in the demanding field of Christian Education, therefore,

Resolved, That we assure him of our prayer support and encourage him in his pursuit to provide a sound Christian Education for this generation.

3. **Whereas,** William A. Heffner, Church Extension Director, has faithfully performed his responsibilities in this vital field of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore,

Resolved, That we continue to pray for him and his efforts in strengthening this department.

4. **Whereas,** The ministering brethren have served the Bible Fellowship Church with dedication and devotion as unto the Lord, therefore,

Resolved, That we give thanks unto our God who has called these brethren to "hold forth the Word of Life."

5. **Whereas,** Pastor Russell T. Allen and the members and friends of the Faith Bible Fellowship Church of York, Pennsylvania have so graciously and adequately entertained the 82nd Annual Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our sincere appreciation for their generous provision and continue to pray God's blessing upon both Church and Pastor, and further,

Resolved, That the Secretary provide Pastor Allen with a copy of this resolution to be read to the Congregation.

6. **Whereas,** Pastor N. H. Wolf has again edited the Year Book and Mr. Paul I. Wentz served as Conference Treasurer, therefore,

Resolved, That a gift of \$75.00 each be given Pastor Wolf and Mr. Wentz, to be paid from the Committee on Publication and Printing.

7. **Whereas,** David E. Thomann and R. C. Reichenbach have served as Editor and Business Manager of the Fellowship News and have performed their tasks in a most acceptable manner, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to these men for the service given.

8. **Whereas,** The brethren, E. J. Rutman, J. B. Layne, W. F. Heffner, three of our retired Pastors, have been able to attend the Conference, and

Whereas, Communications have been received from E. E. Kublic, P.T. Stengele and Paul E. Baer, who, though retired, have expressed their interest, therefore,

Resolved, That we praise God for the faithfulness of these men and pray for their continued good health.

9. **Whereas,** Missionaries Rev. J. Barclay Harley, Rev. Edward Moyer, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gordon and Missionary Candidate, Sterling F. Baker, were able to attend parts of this Conference and express their gratitude for the support and prayer interest of the Bible Fellowship Churches, therefore,

Resolved, That we praise God for their faithful work and uphold them in intercessory prayer.

10. **Whereas,** During the past year we have lost by death, one of our retired pastors, Rev. A. G. Woodring, therefore,

Resolved, That we praise the Lord for his many years of ministry among us and pray God's comfort and blessing on Mrs. A. G. Woodring.

11. **Whereas,** Paul I. Wentz, Sr., treasurer of Annual Conference was unable to be present during this Conference due to physical illness, therefore,

Resolved, That we pray the Lord's anointing and healing power to be upon him.

12. **Whereas**, Rev. David H. Holl, Director of Development at Bridgewater College, addressed the Annual Conference on the subject of raising funds for our new development program, therefore,

Resolved, That we thank the Lord for his address and pray that the Lord will bless him in this type of Christian ministry.

13. **Whereas**, Rev. C. Jack Orr and Rev. C. Richard Shumaker presented heartwarming messages to the members of the Annual Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That we pray the Lord would use these two brethren in their ministry in the winning of the lost for Christ.

14. **Whereas**, N. H. Wolf, Secretary, and Ernest B. Hartman, Robert W. Smock, Assistant Secretaries have served most acceptably recording the deliberations and actions of the 82nd Annual Conference and

Whereas, Donald B. Schaeffer gave of his time and effort to reproduce the minutes of each session, various committee reports and other pertinent materials, therefore,

Resolved, that we express appreciation to these brethren for their faithful service given.

PART II

1. **Resolved**, That each church make a contribution to the Moving Fund of 75¢ per member reported to this Annual Conference.
2. **Resolved**, That each church make a contribution to the Publication and Printing Fund of 40¢ per member reported to this Annual Conference.
3. **Resolved**, That resolution #9 on pg. 48 of '64 Yearbook be made item V in the Miscellaneous By-Laws.

4. **Resolved**, That each board and committee shall have its records audited by an auditor(s) chosen by the board or committee prior to preparing its report for the Annual Conference and that the name of the auditor(s) be included in the report to Annual Conference, and further,

Resolved, That this become item W in our Miscellaneous By-Laws.

5. **Resolved**, That each board and committee that receives funds establish a cut off date for the receipt of such funds in order that records can be properly prepared for presentation to Annual Conference.
6. **Resolved**, That at the Adjourned Session of the 82nd Annual Conference, a Nominating Committee of four ordained ministers and three laymen be elected to present nominees for the elections at the 83rd Annual Conference.

7. **Resolved**, That the 83rd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church convene at Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Hampton Blvd. and Marian Street, Reading, Pa., on October 10, 1966 at 10:00 a.m.

Committee:

C. E. Kirkwood
Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.
David E. Thomann
Carl C. Cassel
Jansen E. Hartman

The Report was adopted.

The Chairman made the following appointments:

Committee to Examine Annual Conference Minutes: Robert F. Johnson, W. B. Hottel

Committee on Agenda: Willard E. Cassel, LeRoy S. Heller, Bert N. Brosius

Committee on Publication and Printing: David E. Thomann, Robert W. Smock, John Dunn

Committee on Program for Next Annual Conference: James G. Koch, E. W. Bean, George Herb.

Resolved, That the above appointments be approved.

Report of the Committee on Church Forms

APPLICATION FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Bible Fellowship Church

Name _____ Date _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

The applicant shall be responsible to read the **FAITH & ORDER OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH** or, in the case of younger applicants, shall have knowledge of the basic truths contained therein.

1. Have you been born again? _____ When? _____ Where? _____

How do you know that you are saved? _____

2. After you were born again, were you baptized by immersion? _____
 If not, are you willing to be immersed at your first opportunity? _____

3. Are you in agreement with the **FAITH & ORDER OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

4. Will you endeavor by God's help to be responsible for faithful attendance in the:

Sunday School	Yes _____ No _____
Morning Worship	Yes _____ No _____
Evening Service	Yes _____ No _____
Prayer Meeting	Yes _____ No _____

If you cannot attend any of the above services, please state the reason:

5. Will you faithfully support this church financially as God prospers you? _____
6. Do you belong to any Secret Oath-Bound Societies ? _____
7. Do you use or deal in tobacco? _____
8. Do you use or deal in intoxicating beverages? _____
9. Are you using narcotics? _____
10. Have you ever been divorced? _____
11. Do you abstain from that worldly relationship as described in the FAITH AND ORDER? (Theater going, indiscriminate use of television, indecent literature, dancing and such games of chance as are frequently associated with gambling? _____
12. Will you by personal devotion and public example seek to live a Christian life that will bring honor to our Lord? _____
13. Will you submit to the authority of the Bible Fellowship Church as stated in the **FAITH & ORDER**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of birth _____

Date of dedication _____ at _____ by _____

Date of baptism _____ at _____ by _____

Married: Date _____ at _____ by _____

To _____ of _____

Signed _____

REMARKS:

John Dunn, Chairman
 Robert W. Smock, Secretary
 Donald B. Schaeffer
 James A. Beil
 George Herb
 Harvey J. Fritz
 Earl M. Hosler

Resolved, That the matter on church membership as well as the matter of ordination be referred to the Committee on Forms for additional work.

Resolved, That the categories in the Roll and Directory of Ministers in the Yearbook be changed to the following:

1. Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church.
2. Ordained Ministers Working With Other Organizations
3. Ordained Ministers Retired and on Leave of Absence.
4. Probationers
5. Missionaries

Adjourned 4:00 p.m. with prayer by the Chairman, T. D. Gehret and benediction by Vice-Chairman, A. L. Seifert.

Signed:

T. D. Gehret, District Superintendent, Chairman.
 A. L. Seifert, District Superintendent, Vice Chairman.
 John H. Riggall, Vice District Superintendent.
 C. E. Kirkwood, Vice District Superintendent.
 N. H. Wolf, Secretary.
 Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer.
 William A. Heffner, Director of Church Extension.
 Jansen E. Hartman, President of Berean Bible School.
 Ernest B. Hartman, Assistant Secretary.
 Robert W. Smock, Recording Secretary.

Russell T. Allen	Roy E. Williams
E. W. Bean	Norman W. Granda
James A. Beil	Arthur Refford
Bert N. Brosius	Robert Breitegam
Alva C. Cassel	William R. Hunsberger
Carl C. Cassel	T. Lamarn Manney
Willard E. Cassel	R. S. Weidner
John Dunn	Allan F. Smith
Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.	Sterling E. Baer
Reynold D. Gardner, Sr.	Robert E. McIntyre
John E. Golla	Paul H. Cressman
W. W. Hartman	John I. Mengel
LeRoy S. Heller,	Harold A. Mann
Frank L. Herb, Jr.	John Moran
George E. Herb	Leonard F. Kessler
F. B. Hertzog	Clifford L. Kauffman
Earl M. Hosler	Norman L. Reed
W. B. Hottel	Harry Wilkinson
Robert F. Johnson	Edward J. Dietzman
Donald T. Kirkwood	Byron C. Cassel
Richard H. Kline	Harold Shelly, Sr.
James G. Koch	Carl H. Kellerman
Ronald C. Mahurin	Ralph D. Cole
Robert Paul	George R. Fish
R. C. Reichenbach	Robert W. Gehret
Donald B. Schaeffer	Harold W. Griest
David E. Thomann	Charles G. Hersh
Norman R. Weiss	Daniel G. Ziegler
J. B. Layne	Leon K. Overpeck
David J. Watkins	Glenn R. Huratiak
Donald R. Knauer	Kermit K. Gehman
John Deily	Arthur W. Deppe
Edward A. Stortz	Daniel K. Ziegler
H. Phares Mumbauer	Paul T. Rutman
Horace A. Kauffman	Jack S. Herb
Willard Blocker	



Philadelphia (Calvary) Bible Fellowship Church Parsonage

I. DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ALLENTOWN DISTRICT

“Jesus himself drew near, and went with them” Luke 24:15.

In these days of cold intellectualism and of dead formalism, we need to emphasize the importance of a heart experience of the presence and power of Christ. If we are spiritually cold, we become negative and often critical and cynical. Under these circumstances we tend to be unhappy and useless as far as effective service for Christ is concerned. What can we do to remedy the situation?

It is important that first of all we recognize the fact that it is unnecessary and abnormal for a Christian to be spiritually cold, and that it is possible and normal to be spiritually warm, filled with love for Christ. We should examine ourselves and ascertain our spiritual condition. The physician makes a diagnosis before he prescribes the remedy.

When we have discovered our lack and also its cause, we should confess it to the Lord and seek for the full realization of the joy of His salvation. We need spiritual renewal! Charles Finney once said that he needed to go to the altar once a month in order to maintain a normal spiritual state. If he felt the need for spiritual adjustment and renewal, what should we say about our own personal need? Coldness and laxity need to be dealt with if we are to be effective in our service for the Lord.

Spiritual indifference may arise from various sources. The two disciples on the way to Emmaus were despondent, their hearts were sad because of unbelief. Doubt chills the soul. You cannot have skepticism in your mind and fire in your soul. Coldness may result from reading skeptical books and periodicals, and by listening to teachers who major in question marks instead of exclamation points.

We need for our day the heartwarming experience that the disciples on the Emmaus road had when they said; "Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" We have the techniques, we have the doctrines, we have the literature, we have so many things with which to pursue the task committed to us, but are we permitting the Lord to do His utmost through us? Are we fully committed to Him? We have the hope of Heaven and joy and bliss, but what are we doing about it?

How wonderful it is to realize that the Lord does not forsake us in the time of trial and testing. He comes to us in the moments of need and gives us songs in the night. He deals with us tenderly and faithfully. He upbraids us for our unbelief and then proceeds to restore our faith in His unfailing Word. So it is that again and again, "Jesus himself draws near." He opens the eyes that were "holden" and we recognize Him. The nail prints are the credentials. If there are no nail prints, the teacher or the teaching is spurious. We will never get away from the Cross. Throughout eternity we are going to worship the Lamb that was slain.

As another Conference year closes and the records are being tabulated, we stand in review and praise God for victories won. While the visible results may not have been all that we might have desired them to be, yet God is faithful, and it is reassuring to know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

It has been a privilege and a source of real joy to meet with Pastor and congregation at each of the churches of the Allentown District. They have received us in a spirit of Christian love and in every way been most gracious and kind. We deeply appreciate their prayers and concern for us which is manifested in so many ways.

Rev. Allen G. Woodring, one of our retired ministers, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 11, 1965. He had retired from the active ministry in 1955. He remained keenly interested in the work of the Church, and concerned with the spiritual welfare of others.

During the year several of the churches have made significant strides forward in the building and improvements of church property. **SPRING CITY** - For many years there was a desire to have a more suitable and modern church edifice to meet their needs. This goal became a reality when on Sunday, June 20, 1965, their new church situated at Pennhurst Road and Bridge Street was dedicated. About 450 people attended the dedicatory service. This new structure will be adequate to meet the needs of a growing Sunday school and church. The cost of the church including furnishings was \$118,000. There is also ample parking space provided on the church ground. **LEBANON** - By a unanimous vote this congregation has decided upon the purchase of a plot of ground consisting of 3.3 acres south of the city on what is known as Mill Road. They are vitally interested in re-locating and are hopeful that in the near future they will be able to erect a new church in this new area. **GRATERFORD** - The growing Sunday school and increasing church attendance made it necessary for this congregation to seriously consider expanding their facilities. On Sunday, March 28, 1965, ground was broken for an addition 40x60 feet, at a cost of \$65,000. to their present structure which had originally been built in 1892. There will also be sufficient parking space available and ready access to the church from Route #29. Dedication of the new facilities is set for the last Sunday in October 1965. **SUNBURY** - Special improvements during the year include the completion of the paving of the parking lot at a cost of \$4,300. the installation of a new furnace in the church, and also a Baldwin organ. **HAT-FIELD** - Recognizing the need for more parking space and also the providing of additional facilities for Sunday school and youth activities, the congregation has recently purchased an adjoining property at a cost of \$17,500. **NAZARETH** - The rapidly growing Sunday school has challenged the church to seriously study the need for a new and more modern place of worship. Plans are being formulated for the building of a church on the three acre plot of ground on the outskirts of the Borough limits. They are hopeful that within a short time they will be able to break ground and proceed with the building of the church edifice which is so much needed.

To God be all the glory for truly great things He has done!
The Christian's life upon earth is a little while of Winning,
Working, Waiting, Watching, Weeping and Winnowing.

"A little while for patient vigil keeping,
To face the storm to wrestle with the strong;
A little while to sow the seed with weeping,
Then bind the sheaves and sing the harvest song.
A little while the earthen pitcher taking,
To wayside brooks, from far off fountains fed;
Then the parched lips its thirst forever slaking
Beside the fulness of the fountain head.
A little while the oil to keep from failing,
A little while the faith's flickering lamp to trim;
And then the Bridegroom's coming footsteps hailing,
We'll haste to meet Him with the bridal hymn."

FINANCIALRECEIPTS:

	\$	
Balance from last year	342.43	
Received from Church Extension Fund	<u>7,400.00</u>	
		7,742.43

EXPENSES:(A) APPROPRIATIONS:

Leighton	480.00	
Harleysville	420.00	
Paradise	1,800.00	
Graterford	<u>1,200.00</u>	3,900.00

(B) MISCELLANEOUS:

Telephone	130.27	
Postage and Printing	26.00	
Mileage and Meals	158.00	
Tent Crusade and Film	61.30	
Specials to Churches	1,794.88	
Specials to Ministers	1,425.00	
Moving Expenses	142.50	
Convention Expense	<u>26.05</u>	3,764.00
Balance in Treasury	<u>78.43</u>	7,742.43

T. D. Gehret, District Superintendent

II. DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**BETHLEHEM DISTRICT**

"That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." -- Ephesians 2:7

The first generation of Christians found nothing dull or burdensome in their service for Christ. They recognized the fact that God had a program which was moving forward to its final completion and that "All the faithful in Christ Jesus" were participants in this plan. They were thrilled by all the factors involved in this new life which included predestination, redemption, adoption and the obtaining of an eternal inheritance in the heavenly places.

The assurance that they were part of an unchanging and eternal God-directed plan developed unquenchable enthusiasm in the early Christians. They had a holy zeal for Christ and knew that they were part of an army which was being led by the Captain of their salvation to ultimate conquest over all the powers of darkness. Self was sacrificed in service for the Saviour.

In the midst of the confusion, frustration and chaos which prevails everywhere today the Bible Fellowship Church must have a renewal of the crusading spirit, self-dedication and self-sacrifice evidenced in the early church that enabled its members to do the impossible by faith. When one is assured by God that his course of action is right he need not lose heart if at times he is misunderstood or misrepresented.

Our constituents need make no apology for our beliefs. When our articles of faith are analyzed under the divine light of Holy Scripture they are proven to be sound. However, we must recognize the fact that in some areas of our fellowship of churches there is considerable inertia which is often very disappointing. It is not sufficient to be sound in the faith. Our faith must be proclaimed publicly and privately in such a manner that it affects not merely ourselves but also those about us. This generation needs to recognize the opportunities and obligations which God has placed before us. Let us beware of becoming too comfortable and too contented in our present position. Many of our members hold tenaciously to the faith of our fathers but this faith does not have a sufficient hold on them.

To us has been committed the most precious of all treasures but some are not fully committed to it. Many are deeply concerned regarding their local interests and virtually lose sight of and are unconcerned about the large purposes which have an effect upon all the churches. When God is seeking to prepare us for a glorious tomorrow, let us beware of being satisfied with an inglorious today.

As we conclude another year of service for the Master our hearts are grateful for His bountiful blessings abundantly bestowed upon us. In the course of travel over thousands of miles this year we witnessed several very serious accidents in which individuals lost their lives. Our God has again protected us from physical harm for which we render our thanksgiving unto Him.

All the Pastors on the District have evidenced a very cooperative spirit and freely discussed the activities and problems in their particular sphere of ministry. The visits with official boards have also been refreshing and helpful. One of the encouraging aspects is the fact that many churches are increasingly recognizing their responsibility to provide adequate financial support for the Pastor. However, a number of Pastors are still receiving an annual income which is much less than the average for most families in their congregations.

The Sunday School Promotion Committee is to be commended for the excellent program they planned for the teachers and officers this year.

By carefully selecting well-qualified personnel to conduct the workshops some real needs were met this year and much benefit received. The response of the children and young people to the Victory Valley summer program exceeded the expectations of many. For several weeks the facilities were taxed beyond capacity and temporary housing facilities had to be provided. The Youth Congress conducted this fall reached many of our young people who will become the future leaders in our churches. The program was well organized with good planning and will undoubtedly have lasting results among our youth.

The total attendance in services at Mizpah Grove exceeded that of last year. Many of the people have expressed interest in the development of the summer program at a more suitable location with improved facilities. We have appreciated the encouraging and constructive ideas received from individuals verbally and in correspondence. The enrollment at Berean Bible School this fall is at a high level which is most gratifying. However, we are increasingly aware of the desperate and imperative need to make proper provisions for our choicest young people without delay.

In recent years many of the churches have made considerable progress in providing more suitable facilities for Sunday School activities and in the erection of worshipful sanctuaries. You will be interested in several of the projects now being undertaken.

ALLENTOWN(SALEM) -- Probably by the end of October a groundbreaking service will be conducted and work commence on an educational unit which will be attached to their present building.

BLANDON -- has continued to make progress in many areas. It would be good for our Pastors to see their excellent church library containing nearly 2,000 volumes which lends out about 75 books each quarter. This church is submitting a petition to become a completely self-supporting conference appointment this year. This should be cause for rejoicing since not too long ago Fleetwood, Terre Hill and Blandon formed a circuit. Now each of them will be a conference station.

COOPERSBURG -- This relatively small congregation contributed nearly \$10,000 above their budget requirements within a period of six months toward the cost of constructing a new church building with adequate Sunday School facilities. The present plans are to commence the building program this fall.

EMMAUS -- For several years Emmaus has been raising funds to construct an educational building for their expanding Sunday School. Their members have responded to this challenge and they have received an amount sufficient to enable them to begin this project. The new building should be ready for occupancy before next summer.

FLEETWOOD -- A large Christian Education Building was dedicated at Fleetwood on Saturday, May 15. This building contains a lovely basement

nearly at ground level in addition to two floors. The cost of construction was kept at a minimum and this improvement has already been an asset in reaching people with the message of life in Christ.

MAPLE GLEN -- Within a few months the congregation at Maple Glen expects to conduct the dedication services for their beautiful church. It is situated in a fine residential area along a well-travelled highway. After many disappointments and long delays throughout their building program they are looking forward to being located where the possibilities for growth seem unlimited.

PHILADELPHIA (CALVARY)-- Some renovations have been made to the church building again this year. Last week the Pastor and his family moved into a house which is adjacent to the present parsonage. Although it is not a new building, it is very well constructed and in excellent condition and located on a lot having 50 feet frontage and a depth of 235 feet which includes a two-car garage. The old parsonage is to be removed and the space used for parking.

PHILADELPHIA (EMMANUEL)-- A hope cherished by many of the people at Emmanuel was realized this year when the corner lot adjoining the church was offered to them at a reasonable price. This lot is 50 by 100 feet and will provided good frontage on a main thoroughfare.

STATEN ISLAND-- Many hours of labor have been supplied by the men and women of this metropolitan congregation to make renovations to their building which has resulted in provisions for a beautiful nursery and extensive redecorations in the church and parsonage. Plans are now being formulated to do work on the outside of their building and improve the lighting and general appearance of the sanctuary.

ZIONSVILLE -- Since last Conference the Lord's people at Zionsville have continued their labors to renovate and redecorate their church and Sunday School facilities. By performing many of these tasks with the help of their own members the cost of this project is being greatly reduced.

FINANCIAL

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year	\$ 635.94	
Received from Church Extension Fund	<u>9,120.00</u>	
		\$9,755.94

EXPENSES

A. Appropriations:

Blandon	\$ 420.00
Denville	960.00
Philadelphia (Emmanuel)	900.00

Staten Island	840.00	
Stroudsburg	1,500.00	
Zionsville	<u>1,500.00</u>	
		\$6,120.00
B. Miscellaneous:		
Assistance to Churches	\$1,450.95	
Assistance to Pastors	1,148.60	
Mileage and Meals	139.06	
Telephone	199.72	
Printing Letterheads	<u>13.25</u>	
		\$2,951.58
Balance, October 9, 1965	<u>\$ 684.36</u>	
		\$9,755.94

A. L. Seifert, District Superintendent

III. CHURCH EXTENSION DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1965

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness." Psalm 65:11

It is with a sense of deep gratitude to God for His faithfulness throughout another year that we present our 6th report to Annual Conference since coming into this office. Although all of the goals set one year ago have not been realized, much groundwork has been laid for these future accomplishments. We have been aware of an increasing interest in prayer concern for this department of our church. Especially have we been encouraged to note an enthusiasm among our pastoral constituency to see the Bible Fellowship Church advance. Many have offered to assist in any way possible. A few, including some Godly laymen, were asked to serve on various committees this past year. This has been helpful in providing a variety of suggestions and recommendations for the future development of our departmental program.

The Church Extension Board has been most considerate of the Director and has willingly provided the advice and counsel needed to perform his administrative duties effectively. The Board has spent many hours reviewing the needs of each area under their care, as well as analyzing the reports of the various committees referred to above. One of the first orders of business in the new conference year will be for the Board to consider these suggestions and recommendations, with the hope that we may have some concrete proposals to present to this body at the Adjourned Session of the Annual Conference in spring.

We sincerely solicit the prayers of all Bible Fellowship Church folk, that we may be so empowered by the Spirit of God to see a mighty movement of outreach in the coming year. Plans are being laid presently for an intensive 1966 summer program in possibly 4 or 5 areas upon which our attention is being focused. It is hoped that we will be able to employ some energetic, spirit-filled young men to give themselves to the hard work of door-to-door visitation and survey work in these areas. Pray with us that this may be possible financially, and that God will provide the right men for the job.

BELVIDERE, NEW JERSEY

Pastor John H. Herb was assigned to this, our second newest field, last Annual Conference. The believers here warmly received their new pastor and his family, and quickly assured him of their whole-hearted support. Although a few withdrew from the work during the year, many new faces have been seen since, and the unity of the believers has never been more obvious! At present a new church building is being constructed on Pequest Road in Belvidere, and is already being used for the worship services. Within a few weeks the congregation expects to have their dedication service. Although a forty thousand dollar project places a heavy responsibility upon this small congregation, they are accepting the challenge with enthusiasm, meeting their monthly obligations regularly, and are already anticipating the possibility of building a parsonage in the near future. God will certainly reward their faith.

As the church was being built, a summer tent campaign was conducted on the same lot nearby. This was the 5th consecutive year for the tent project which has become an expected summer feature in Belvidere and has been the means of reaching a number for Christ.

BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

This is our northernmost church, and the only church within the framework of the Church Extension Department that is in New York state. Pastor Austin B. Sullivan has concluded his second year of pastoring this flock, faithfully giving himself to the preaching and teaching of the Word, and showing himself a true shepherd who cares for his sheep. His ministry has not been easy, and the work in general has shown little progress. Some of this is due to the present church location, --- which seemingly must be changed if this work is to survive. Pray with us as we seek the mind of the Lord for the future of this testimony.

FINESVILLE, NEW JERSEY

A strong, steadily growing church is emerging in this western New Jersey area. This becomes more obvious with each visit to the field, as we witness new faces constantly, and see new men assuming spiritual leadership in the church. Pastor Bruce A. Ellingson has created a deep respect and love for the Word of God among his people. He has been "a faithful servant of Jesus Christ," fearlessly taking his position upon God's Word, yet lovingly endeavoring to help all whom he shepherds.

This congregation has been waiting patiently for the Lord to open the door for the relocation program they have officially decided upon. This is becoming increasingly more important, and we believe it will prove to be of tremendous value in the reaching of many, when God sees fit (in His own time) to provide the place of His choosing.

MACUNGIE, PENNSYLVANIA

This congregation has been greatly blessed in that they have been privileged to have their present pastor for four years of ministry among them. Pastor Donald R. Knauer has endeavored to lead this flock faithfully, encouraging them to look ahead by faith, and plan for great things in the future. The need for relocating this plant is most obvious, --- and until such time, perhaps much development cannot be expected. These dear believers remain faithful and steady at the places of service, many of whom seldom miss a meeting, loving the Word of God and the fellowship of the believers. As they wait upon God, and seek His will, let us anticipate with them a real moving of the Holy Spirit and a forward thrust in the coming year.

MILLER HEIGHTS, PENNSYLVANIA

This church is located on the fringe of the city of Bethlehem, in an increasingly developing area, providing a great growth potential for the church. Again this year the area has had a steady witness from the believers of this Christian testimony, and with gratitude to the Lord of the Harvest we can report that some souls have been saved and others have made a new commitment to Jesus Christ, with a number following the Lord in baptism. For the first time an all male Official Board was elected to guide the affairs of the church, this being in response to the desire stated by the Annual Conference in its by-laws.

Pastor Harold C. Weaver has served here the past three years. He has been faithful to the Word and has been privileged to see some fruit in his ministry among these saints.

MILLERSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

This is one of the busiest areas of Lancaster County, due mainly no doubt to the vigorous and rapidly expanding State College located several blocks from our church. The congregation in Millersville has kept pace with the area building development program in the last several years and are now enjoying both a lovely parsonage and the first floor of their church building. This year was used to build spiritually and solidify the work--- not without a measure of success. Several new families have shown a deep interest in the work, are attending regularly, and will probably be uniting with the church shortly. The Official Board, comprised of six men, displays a genuine concern for the future development of this church. It is hoped that before very long the main sanctuary can be constructed on top of the existing structure.

Pastor Robert Paul concluded his third year of ministry among these believers, faithfully declaring the Unsearchable Riches of Christ. He has conducted a personal door-to-door canvass over a large area, spending many hours in this ministry to make the Church and Christ known to all he can. We believe God has great things in store for this group of believers.

SINKING SPRING, PENNSYLVANIA

June 26th was a great day for these Christians this year, for it was on that day scores of Bible Fellowship folk came from many miles around to participate in the dedication of their new church and Christian education building. What a thrill to see what God has done here in just two years--- providing a faithful group of Christ's own, some recently born again, others having been saved for some years but without a church home in the area--- the Holy Spirit of God knitting these together for a witness to Jesus Christ. Satan has contested each step of progress, --- but the Victor has conquered time and again!

Financially the church is meeting all its obligations, with the exception of full support of its pastor which they hope to assume within two or three years. After only these two years they already pay their pastor a salary of \$3,000., a most commendable accomplishment.

After serving as the first full-time pastor of this flock, Pastor LeRoy J. Bickel has requested a leave of absence and has left the pastorate to pursue further education. He feels led of God to plan to enter the field of Christian Education in the future. Brother Bickel has worked hard to bring the church to this point of its progress. He has faithfully taught God's Word and has shown a tender concern for those in His care. We wish him God's best as he travels the path he feels constrained by God's Spirit to follow.

WALNUTPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

The need for a strong gospel testimony in this area is most apparent. This small group of God's people is endeavoring to meet that need, with a faithful ministry to some they are presently reaching who are very religious but have not been redeemed. Pastor M. Leslie Campbell, while pursuing further education at Berean Bible School has ministered the Word to this congregation faithfully for the third year. He has displayed a real burden for the work and a strong desire to have God's Word produce more stable, dedicated believers.

FINANCIAL

RECEIPTS:

Balance in Treasury -- October 1964	\$ 51.92
Received from Church Extension Board	5,500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>31.60</u>
	\$5,583.52

EXPENDITURES:

Special Appropriations	\$1,275.68
Pastor's travel and meals	226.38
Director's travel	1,503.62
Assisting Churches	1,528.70
Furnishings	268.06
Postage	14.00
Literature	81.20
Committee and Board meals	19.42
Secretarial work	5.00
Office supplies	31.07
Office equipment	350.65
Miscellaneous	79.12
	\$5,382.90

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$5,583.52

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: 5,382.90

BALANCE 10/11/65 \$ 200.62

William A. Heffner
Church Extension Director

IV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Lord Jesus Christ gave the command, "Make disciples," The Berean Bible School has endeavored to carry this task forward during the past year. It has been a year not only to continue the program begun but to evaluate and come to a self-realization of the exact educational role committed to the school. The Board of Directors, administration and staff have come to better understand Christian education and its application to the contemporary needs of the church. Here is a concise statement that is a summary of the essence of Berean Bible School:

"Berean Bible School is a community of Christian disciples striving to promote an understanding of and love for the sacred Scriptures, to lay a foundation of knowledge for the total development of the individual, and to cultivate a desire for further study and for service thoroughly Christian."

NEW OBJECTIVES

The General Objectives of the school were re-studied in the light of the

teaching of the Scriptures, our experience, demands of the church and the educational needs of modern Christian youth.

The objectives are:

To develop in the student a Christian world view which integrates all knowledge and experience with Biblical revelation.

To inspire the student to seek a deeper personal relationship with God and conformity to His will.

To guide the student's growth into maturity as a person, a Christian, and a responsible citizen.

To broaden the student's perspective on life and culture through an acquaintance with the main areas of human knowledge.

To prepare the student to serve with dedication and competence in church vocations and Christian ministries through a program of Biblical, general, and professional studies.

The objectives formulated embrace the founding purposes of the school while seeking to broaden the scope of educational intentions.

A NEW CURRICULUM

To implement the new objectives, changes were made in the curriculum. The enabling motion adopted by this Board at the special meeting held on December 5, 1964, authorized the revision as follows: "Resolved, that the Committee on Faculty and Instruction develop the details necessary for a September introduction of this curriculum, (as outlined by the President), serving as a foundation for an additional two-year training in church-related vocations leading to appropriate degrees and also providing adequate training for those who have completed two years of study and desiring to prepare for other vocations and will be required to transfer to other schools." This led to the development of four and five year programs which we will install over the next four years. The first phase of this implementation has already been instituted for the incoming freshman class. The full program will be installed as soon as finances and faculty warrants and student demand hastens it.

ACCREDITATION

In addition to our continuing relationship with the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges efforts have been made to receive the approval of the Department of Public Instruction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to offer the appropriate degrees. The officials from the Department of Public Instruction were sympathetic but quite frank about our strengths and weaknesses. They outlined a course of action that must be taken prior to our approval. Remedial action has already been instituted. The task will not be accomplished in one or two years, but eventually we believe we shall be able to warrant the approval of the officials of the State.

THE FACULTY

We have reason to believe that the faculty has acquired added maturity during the year. The work of developing a Christian philosophy of education, the clarifying of our role as an educational institution has given insights and understanding to each member who participated in our lengthy deliberations. The experience gained was most profitable. Due to the revisions made in the program and the demands of accreditation several of the faculty have been given assistance to pursue training leading to the doctorate degree. The emphasis this year is on faculty improvement. They are to be commended for their hard work, dedication and sacrifice made during this past year.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The contributions of the Board of Directors of Berean Bible School have been significant toward the continual growth and development of the school. It has been a year of cooperation and quiet unassuming service on the part of all members. Here are several outstanding actions of the Board.

1. The help and encouragement given by the Board in the formulation of the new program has been invaluable.
2. The manner in which the laymen on the Board have quietly undertaken to obtain a commitment from our churches to support the school financially is commendable.
3. The establishment of the Faculty Scholarship loan fund to aid faculty members to pursue graduate degree programs.
4. The establishment of faculty rank giving recognition for the quality of service rendered.
5. The Board has made preparation to enter into the planning stage for the development of the new campus. Especially the efforts of the Chairman T.D. Gehret and District Superintendent A. L. Seifert to secure a new site for Berean must be cited. The work they have put forth on this project has involved many hours and much sacrifice.

We wish to acknowledge our appreciation to the Board for their contributions made during this past year to the cause of Christian education and the church.

ALUMNI

The Alumni Association has become more active with the election of a new Executive Secretary, Donald R. Knauer. The Board of Directors of the Alumni is making a concerted effort to rally support for the school. A paper was published with a new format. New activities are planned for the future which are designed to stimulate support and loyalty for Berean.

FINANCES

It may not always be fitting to reserve the most vocal praise to God for the supplying of our temporal needs, since enabling grace and our Spiritual needs have been supplied in abundance. However, one would be remiss and unthankful not to recognize the hand of God in the meeting of the fiscal obligations by slightly more than \$200.00 This meant the exacting of strict economy measures.

The budget of last year called for \$26,000. to be received from the supporting Bible Fellowship Churches. Contributions amounted to \$22,679.00 or 87% of the quota. If the school is to receive recognition by the State and be authorized to grant degrees then there must be a solid commitment from the supporting church that the budgetary amount will be met.

NEW FACILITIES NEEDED

The buildings now occupied by Berean Bible School were purchased in 1952. They have served a purpose during the early stages of development but now are quite crowded. Our present policy calls for the school to provide housing for the faculty. With a growing staff the facilities leave much to be desired. The Library has reached its capacity. Classrooms which were not designed for educational uses are cramped.

The State authorities inspecting the school stated that the present facilities and location are inadequate for the development of a college. It is imperative that we move ahead with a well designed plan for the development of the land now under option. The dignity of the task at hand requires that at least adequate facilities be provided.

In conclusion the difficulties encountered in maintaining a Christian educational institution that provides quality education seem at this stage to be overwhelming. The original call that brought Berean Bible School into existence did not arise from the circumstances primarily but came from God himself. The mounting obstacles are however, exceeded by the faithfulness of God to provide for the all important work of training youth in the Scriptures, and the providing of leadership for all the churches in this the last age prior to the coming of Jesus Christ. By God's grace we must and will persevere until we have served our generation well in the field of Christian education.

Jansen E. Hartman, President
Berean Bible School

V. REPORT OF THE STATIONING, BOUNDARY AND APPROPRIATING COMMITTEE

The committee organized with T. D. Gehret as Chairman and A. L. Seifert as Secretary.

The committee had a season of prayer for the men of God and for the Lord's direction relative to the decisions to be made.

We recommend that the petition from the Blandon church seeking the privilege of being self-supporting be granted. We commend the brethren for their desire to make this advance in the service of the Lord and extend the request that the congregation at Blandon make a zealous effort to give their pastor substantially more than a minimum contribution toward his support.

The following appointments are reported:

ALLENTOWN DISTRICT

T. D. Gehret, District Superintendent

Stations

Allentown (Bethel)	Carl C. Cassel
Catasauqua	Alva C. Cassel
Harrisburg	R. C. Reichenbach
Hatfield	C. E. Kirkwood
Lancaster	Norman R. Weiss
Lebanon	Glenn R. Huratiak
Mount Carmel	F. B. Hertzog
Nazareth	Richard H. Kline
Reading	James G. Koch
Royersford	Robert F. Johnson
Spring City	Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.
Shamokin	W. W. Hartman
Sunbury	N. H. Wolf
York	Russell T. Allen

Missions

Graterford	David J. Watkins
Harleysville	David E. Thomann
Lehighton	Bert N. Brosius
Paradise	Leon K. Overpeck

Retired Ministers

E. E. Kublic, Lebanon
 E. J. Rutman, Harrisburg
 J. B. Layne, York
 W. F. Heffner, Harrisburg
 P. T. Stengele, Allentown (Bethel)

BETHLEHEM DISTRICT

A. L. Seifert, District Superintendent

Stations

Allentown (Salem)	Willard E. Cassel
Bethlehem	Frank L. Herb, Jr.
Blandon	E. W. Bean
Coopersburg	LeRoy S. Heller
Easton	Robert W. Smock
Emmaus	Earl M. Hosler
Fleetwood	George E. Herb
Maple Glen	Donald T. Kirkwood
Philadelphia (Calvary)	W. B. Hottel
Quakertown	Donald R. Knauer
Scranton	James A. Beil
Terre Hill	Donald B. Schaeffer
Wallingford	John H. Riggall

Missions

Denville	Ronald C. Mahurin
Philadelphia (Emmanuel)	John Dunn
Staten Island	Daniel G. Ziegler
Stroudsburg	Reynold D. Gardner
Zionsville	Ernest B. Hartman

Ministers on Leave of Absence

Paul E. Baer, Easton

John E. Golla is referred to the Board of Church Extension for appointment.

APPROPRIATIONS

Allentown District	Per Month
Graterford	\$ 75.00
Harleysville	35.00
Lehighton	30.00
Paradise	140.00

Per Annum

To be used by the District Superintendent
\$3,750.00

Bethlehem District	Per Month
Denville	\$ 40.00
Philadelphia (Emmanuel)	65.00
Staten Island	60.00
Stroudsburg	125.00
Zionsville	125.00

Per Annum

To be used by the District Superintendent
\$3,500.00

The Funds listed above shall be allocated from the Church Extension Board Treasury.

CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

William A. Heffner, Director

Missions to be supplied

Belvidere, N. J.

Binghamton, N. Y.

Finesville, N. J.

Macungie, Pa.

Miller Heights, Bethlehem, Pa.

Millersville, Pa.

Sinking Spring, Pa.

Walnutport, Pa.

We make the following recommendation for redistricting:

The Bible Fellowship Church be constituted in two districts - East and West.

The East District shall include all the churches in the States of New Jersey and New York and those churches in the State of Pennsylvania in the Counties of Philadelphia, Delaware and Montgomery, and in other counties of Pennsylvania when the churches are east of U. S. Highway 309, except such churches as are located in the City of Allentown and in the borough of Emmaus.

The churches in the City of Allentown and in the borough of Emmaus and all other churches west of the above-mentioned areas shall form the West District.

The districts will then consist of the following churches:

WEST

Allentown (Bethel)

Allentown (Salem)

Blandon

Coopersburg

Emmaus

Fleetwood

Harrisburg

Lancaster

Lebanon

Mt. Carmel

Paradise

Reading

Shamokin

Spring City

Sunbury

Terre Hill

York

Zionsville

EAST

Bethlehem

Catasauqua

Denville

Easton

Graterford

Harleysville

Hatfield

Lehighton

Maple Glen

Nazareth

Philadelphia (Calvary)

Philadelphia (Emmanuel)

Quakertown

Royersford

Scranton

Staten Island

Stroudsburg

Wallingford

We recommend that the redistricting be made effective at the adjournment of Annual Conference 1966.

T. D. Gehret
A. L. Seifert
Kermit K. Gehman
John Deily
Arthur W. Deppe
Daniel K. Ziegler
Paul T. Rutman
Horace A. Kauffman
Jack S. Herb
Roy E. Williams
Norman W. Granda
Robert Breitegam
William R. Hunsberger
T. Lamarn Manney
R. S. Weidner
Allan F. Smith
Sterling E. Baer

Robert E. McIntyre
Paul H. Cressman
Harold A. Mann
Leonard Kessler
Clifford L. Kauffman
Norman L. Reed
Harry Wilkinson
Byron C. Cassel
Harold Shelly, Sr.
Carl H. Kellerman
Robert W. Gehret
Harold Griest

Committee

VI. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOME

With thanksgiving, we submit this sixtieth annual report, acknowledging the presence and grace of God. With His guidance and assistance, the work has been carried on for another year. The Board of Directors of the Home met twice during the year to transact the necessary business.

The matron, Clara Messner, has looked after the interest of the Home and the comfort of the guests. Kathryn Rosencranz assisted in the work and assumed full responsibility of the work for four months, while the matron was disabled because of sickness. Other helpers were hired as needed.

Mrs. Gertrude Trexler of Nazareth was admitted into the Home this past year. This brings the total number of guests to seven. During the year, several guests were hospitalized and others required special care in the Home. As the guests grow older, their physical and mental strength decreases and more care and attention is needed. The average age of the guests is eighty-one.

The Board is very grateful to all the members of the Bible Fellowship Church for the offerings received and to the Women's Missionary Societies for the following donations: groceries valued at \$390, household items valued at \$10, linens valued at \$120, and clothing valued at \$140. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams of Bethlehem, Pa. donated a hospital bed. A number of Missionary Society groups donated labor for housecleaning and general

housework. A special project to secure a new piano for the Home was spearheaded by the matron and her assistant in cooperation with the General Committee of the Women's Missionary Society. Two hundred and thirteen S&H Green Stamp Books were collected, and five hundred and eight dollars in cash was received. Besides the purchase of a new Gulbransen piano, there were sufficient funds to buy a new hospital bed with mattress and side-rails.

Our basic objective and pledge is to provide personal care for our guest-residents that will add to their comfort, happiness, and well-being and give peace of mind to them and to their loved ones. Legacies of real estate, stocks, bonds, and cash have played an important role in the expansion and maintenance of the Home since the work began. Your continued support will be most helpful to us in realizing our goal for enlargement and in providing better services for our people.

The Board had hoped that the proposed new building would be under construction before now. But there have been unavoidable delays in proceeding with the proposed building of the new home because of unforeseen circumstances.

If you are interested in becoming a resident of the Home, write to the secretary, in care of the Home, 38 South New Street, Nazareth, Pennsylvania and ask for information and an application form.

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 1, 1964 - August 31, 1965

Receipts:

Balance in Checking Account, September, 1964		\$4,369.34
Matrons Working Capital, September, 1964		884.72
<u>Contributions:</u>		
From the Churches	\$1,319.01	
Special	7,200.00	
Women's Missionary Society	<u>394.00</u>	8,913.01
Rental - Apartment	780.00	
Farm Receipts	775.00	
Dividends & Interest	7,222.76	
Mizpah Grove - Loan	4,000.00	
Social Security, Pensions & Public Assistance	6,026.08	
Payments on Investments	931.80	
Miscellaneous	<u>240.59</u>	19,976.23
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>34,143.30</u>

Disbursements:

Architect's Fee	\$1,500.00	
Appliances & Furniture	1,449.70	
Board of Directors	100.00	
Food and Supplies	1,471.19	
Fuel	1,731.22	
Funeral and Cemetery	562.75	
Guests Monthly Allowances	790.14	
Maintenance	549.27	
Medical	865.68	
Oil Burner	915.52	
Public Utilities	1,232.87	
Salary & Wages, Net	5,749.59	
Social Security Tax	387.94	
Travel & Meals	276.00	
Taxes	10.39	
Withholding Tax	406.09	
Workmen's Compensation - Insurance	37.33	
Miscellaneous	<u>324.65</u>	18,360.33
Transfer to Savings Account		5,485.37
Matrons Working Capital, August 31, 1965		1,383.62
Balance in Checking Account, August 31, 1965		<u>8,913.98</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>		34,143.30

INVENTORY

August 31, 1965

Property:

Home Property -		
38 S. New Street	\$38,000.00	
Home Property -		
7 S. New Street	<u>35,000.00</u>	\$73,000.00

Miscellaneous:

Furniture	3,200.00	
Appliances and Equipment	1,100.00	
Office Equipment	125.00	
Provisions	<u>150.00</u>	4,575.00

Securities:

Investments & Savings	184,434.50
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Loans -

Board of Directors	16,000.00
Lancaster Church	3,249.22

Emmanuel Church, Phila.	3,640.65	
Matrons Working Capital	1,383.62	
Checking Account	<u>8,913.98</u>	<u>217,621.97</u>

<u>TOTAL</u>		295,196.97
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Whereas, the present by-laws (as given in the 1964 Year Book) are out-of-date and out-moded because of the sale of the farm and the reduction in the number of Board members; therefore,

Be it resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Home petition Annual Conference to adopt the revision of the bylaws as follows:

By-laws

The Home

1. The Annual Conference shall elect a Board of Directors of the Home which shall consist of five ordained ministers and two laymen. Each director shall be elected for a period of two years. The Board shall be divided into two classes. The first class shall consist of two ministers and one layman and shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The second class shall consist of three ministers and one layman and shall be elected in even-numbered years.
2. The Board of Directors of the Home shall have the authority to appoint a Superintendent to administer the work of the Home. They shall have the authority to elect committees to carry forward the work of the Home and shall direct all other relative matters.
3. It shall have the authority to purchase property necessary to carry on the work of the Home. It shall have the authority to sell any property advisable for the interest of the work under its supervision and trust. It shall execute and deliver good and lawful deeds and conveyances for the same. The approval of all the members of the Board of Annual Conference resolution shall be necessary for the conveyance of Real Estate. A simple majority is required for the purchase or sale of all other property, such as furniture, appliances, etc.
4. The Board of Directors of the Home shall have the authority to make any alterations or raze any of the present buildings, to erect additions to the present buildings, and to erect additional buildings, when necessary for the continuance and furtherance of the work of the Home. The approval of all the members of the Board of Directors of the Home or Annual Conference resolution shall be required.
5. It shall have the authority to borrow money and mortgage properties and securities with the approval of all the members of the Board of Directors of the Home or Annual Conference resolution.
6. It shall have the authority to make investments in mortgages and other

securities. It shall have the authority to pay all debts and satisfy all mortgages. The approval of all the members of the Board of Directors or Annual Conference resolution shall be required.

7. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to admit guests into the Home and determine the conditions of admission. The Board shall have the authority to dismiss any undesirable guests for just cause.
8. Each pastor shall designate a special Sunday at his appointment annually for the purpose of promoting interest and support for the Home. At this time, churches which are not operating on a unified budget shall receive offerings toward the financial needs of the Home. Churches on a unified budget shall provide for their proportionate share of the need at the time of the preparation of their local budgets. Checks for offerings and budgeted contributions should be made payable to the Bible Fellowship Church Home, and submitted at the Adjourned Session of Annual Conference.
9. Contributions for the Home may be made at any time to the Superintendent, any member of the Board of Directors of the Home, or the local pastor.

Board of Directors of the Home

F. B. Hertzog, Chairman
E. W. Bean, Secretary
Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer
T. D. Gehret
A. L. Seifert
Ernest B. Hartman
Paul H. Cressman

VII. YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GENERAL COMMITTEE

The church of Jesus Christ has a world to win for the Saviour. This is an enormous task.

In the personal historic ministry of Christ on earth the church has, in living demonstration, the means by which this unthinkable task may be accomplished -- the method of the Master. He took a small group, twelve men, and trained them to do His work, commissioning them to go and do the same with others (Matthew 28:19,20). In this way the world was to be won.

The Bible Fellowship Church has provision for a similar small training group to be used in the same way -- the Youth Fellowship. It remains for us to apply ourselves, with vision and determination, to make it work.

Following up the adult Leadership Workshop of last September, the Youth Fellowship General Committee sought further to develop and disseminate this leadership training philosophy of Youth Fellowship by means of a Youth Leadership Congress for young people, September 10-12, at Victory Valley and Milford Park camps.

The entire week-end was attended by 115 youths from many of our churches. Each participant heard four excellent challenging messages by Mr. William Knudsen of High School Evangelism Fellowship, New York City, and each one attended from three to five of the twenty workshop groups on various phases of youth work in the local church. A Saturday evening public rally brought additional hundreds to participate in the Congress.

The Committee met six times during the year, mainly to plan the Congress.

The Committee wishes to thank the following: Pastors Seifert, Ellingson, Smock, Willard Cassel, Carl Cassel, Fritz, Heffner, Watkins, Knauer and Frank Herb, and Mr. Bull, who led workshop groups; Pastor Smock, who also directed a mixer; Mr. Bull, who also directed the choir; Pastor Ellingson, who drove a bus, and served as a counselor, as did his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Boyles, who served as counselors and Mr. Boyles drove a bus; Misses Frances Yonce and Nancy Hershey, who served as counselors, as did the wives of some Committee members. All of these contributed to the success of the Congress at their own expense.

The Committee is appreciative of the helpfulness of the Victory Valley Board and Staff. And it thanks the churches and individuals who contributed financially to make the retreat possible at a low, subsidized fee for all who attended. We believe the results will prove rewarding.

The Committee announces tentative plans for two retreats next year -- one for college-career age young people and the second for junior and senior high youths. The latter, being at one time and place, will have a departmentalized program for the two age groups.

The Committee recommends:

1. That each Youth Fellowship remit an offering for the work of the Youth Fellowship General Committee, and that this offering be forwarded to the treasurer of the Youth Fellowship General Committee by April 1, 1966.
2. That the Annual Conference elect a layman to fill the remaining one year of the unexpired term of Carl Rishel, who has resigned from the Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORTReceipts:

Balance, October 1, 1964		\$ 157.67
Offerings	\$ 443.88	
Congress Fees	1,382.00	
<u>Total</u>		\$ 1,983.55

Expenditures:

Mailing	\$ 73.06	
Mileage	152.00	
Workshop		
General Expenses	46.47	
Speaker	50.00	
Mailing	26.40	
Phone Calls	4.26	
Supplies	18.08	
Retreat (64) Hayride	15.00	
Congress		
Speaker	75.00	
Advertising	101.00	
Film	25.85	
Booklets	25.75	
Busses	43.80	
Refunds	10.00	
Milford Park Charges	730.30	
Victory Valley Charges	340.50	
Victory Valley Contribution	75.00	
<u>Total</u>		\$1,812.47
Balance		\$ 171.08

This report was audited and approved by Mr. Clyde H. Snyder.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GENERAL COMMITTEE:

Donald B. Schaeffer, Chairman	T. D. Gehret
Daniel G. Ziegler, Secretary	A. L. Seifert
Clyde W. Snyder, Treasurer	LeRoy S. Heller
	Ronald C. Mahurin
	Harold P. Shelly
	Carl Rishel
	Michael L. Fiorelli
	Leroy O. Herb

VIII. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

The Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church carried on an unprecedented amount of work related to the temporal affairs of the Church during the year beginning October 1, 1964 and ending September 30, 1965. In addition to the four regular meetings, four special meetings were held to handle the legal and financial concerns placed under its jurisdiction, as well as providing these services to other Conference Boards, Committees and Churches when required.

Several churches consulted the Board in connection with expansion programs. Churches located in Graterford, Coopersburg, South Allentown and Belvidere, N. J. presented plans for new church buildings. Calvary Bible Fellowship Church of Philadelphia petitioned for consideration to purchase another parsonage. Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church of Philadelphia requested advice on the acquisition of an adjacent lot while the Lebanon and the Nazareth Bible Fellowship Churches asked the Property Committee to view sites under consideration for relocation. The Board handled the legal affairs and the financing of the new building projects for the Board of Church Extension at Sinking Spring, Pa. and Belvidere, N. J.

New concrete walks and steps with iron guard rails were installed in the front of the Allentown District Superintendent's home.

The church building and parsonage in Ewing Township (Trenton) were sold under the regulation related to abandoned churches. The money realized after all obligations were settled was placed in the Reserve to Promote the Church Extension Department of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The Board carried out the directive of the Annual conference held in October 1964 which stated:

“Resolved that the Board of Directors be authorized to negotiate with Mr. Adams for the purchase of the property at Fogelsville as outlined by Mr. Hahn of Wolf and Hahn and further,

Resolved that the Board of Directors be authorized to provide a plan of financing.”

The Board as a result has obtained an option to purchase 136 acres of land located in Upper Macungie Township from Earl T. Adams, of Westcoesville. The option is in effect until April 1, 1966. The cost of the land to be purchased is \$225,000.

The matter of financing the new project was considered at two Board meetings. The Reverend David H. Holl, Director of Development at Bridge-water College addressed a combined meeting of the Board of Directors, Board of Directors of the Berean Bible School and the Board of Mizpah

Grove. From this meeting came the recommendation that Reverend Holl be asked to address the Annual Conference to be held in York on the subject of "Christian Stewardship and Fund Raising." It is expected that he will address this body at a session later in the week.

Inquiries have been made with the local banking officials concerning the borrowing of the funds necessary to purchase the land. Assurances have been given that financing is available to make the purchase.

The following were elected to serve with the District Superintendents as a Committee to plan the Development of the Fogelsville Tract.

Board of Directors: Jansen E. Hartman, C. E. Kirkwood, Daniel K. Ziegler.

Board of Directors of the Berean Bible School: Harvey J. Fritz, Albert L. Wentz, and Robert W. Gehret.

Board of Mizpah Grove: Robert W. Smock, Bert Brosius, James A. Beil.

The Conference Treasurer, Paul I. Wentz was taken ill on September 12 and has been hospitalized from the following day until the present. This event has uncovered the vast amount of work this faithful servant of the Lord has performed so efficiently in a quiet humble fashion. We all join in prayer to the Lord - our Healer, requesting the recovery and restoration of Brother Wentz to the place he has occupied in the Church for so many years.

Petitions were forwarded to this Board from Grace Bible Fellowship Church of Harrisburg and Trinity Bible Fellowship Church of Blandon, to be distributed to Conference members prior to the Annual Session.

The following recommendation is submitted to this Annual Conference for their consideration:

"Resolved, that we recommend to the Annual Conference convening in October, 1965 a revision of the manner by which money is to be received from the churches for the Ministers' Retirement Fund. Paragraph 3 would be revised to read as follows:

The Fund shall be sustained by - First - a payment by each church of an amount equal to 3% of the amount paid to the pastor during the previous year and paid to the District Superintendent at the Local Conference. The District Superintendents shall pay to the Treasurer the amounts received for this purpose at the Adjourned Session and at the Annual Conference.

Second - Each Pastor shall pay into this Fund one-percent (1%) of the amount received in support during the current year. The pastor's support shall include money received from Conference

appropriations. District Superintendents and other ministers laboring under the direction of the Conference shall pay at the same rate. (rest of paragraph the same as on page 12 of the 1964 Yearbook.)"

In accordance with the legislation passed at the Annual Conference, 1964 Yearbook, page 31, as follows:

"1. At Annual Conference, the Board of Directors of the Church shall present to the Annual Conference a proposed budget covering the administrative expenses for the year that begins 12 months later, embracing the following needs:"

The budget is herewith presented:

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Proposed Budget

Administration Expenses - 1966-1967

	Proposed Budget	Offerings 1963-1964
1. Publication and Printing	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,755.60
2. Conference Entertainment Expenses	660.00	658.95
3. Beneficiary Fund	800.00	790.30
4. District Superintendents:		
(a) Annual Support	14,000.00	15,936.00
(b) Grant for Travelling Expenses & Utilities	5,000.00	-
5. District Superintendents' Parsonages	3,100.00	1,811.91
6. Ministers' Retirement Fund	4,700.00	3,630.16
7. Moving Fund	2,200.00	2,223.00
8. Expenses for Boards and Committees while transacting Conference business	800.00	-
9. Incidentals	325.00	-
10. Contingencies	500.00	-
11. Ministerial Convention Expenses	400.00	
	<u>\$33,985.00</u>	<u>\$26,805.92</u>

Line 5. Includes \$2500.00 to be applied on indebtedness.

Line 6. Is based on 3% of Ministers' Support in Cash in 1963-1964.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Balance Sheet October 1, 1965 compared with October 1, 1964

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
Cash - Board of Directors	\$ 6,119.67	\$3,768.28
Cash - District Superintendents' Parsonages	3,192.91	2,615.47
Cash - Dormitory Fund	755.00	755.00
Cash - Moving Fund	753.14	17.41
Cash - Truck Fund	557.59	545.92
	<u>\$11,378.31</u>	<u>\$7,702.08</u>
Notes Receivable - Victory Valley Board	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Notes Receivable - Wallingford	-	800.00
Notes Receivable - Blandon	-	500.00
	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,300.00</u>
Furnishings and Equipment		
Mizpah Grove	\$ 1,448.89	\$1,448.89
District Superintendents' Parsonages	<u>457.75</u>	<u>457.75</u>
	<u>\$ 1,906.64</u>	<u>\$1,906.64</u>
Real Estate:		
Berean Bible School	\$116,000.00	\$116,000.00
District Superintendent Parsonage- (Net Equity) Allentown	7,556.93	7,556.93
District Superintendent Parsonage- Bethlehem	21,807.86	21,807.86
Church Extension Director's Parsonage	16,000.00	16,000.00
Mizpah Grove	90,984.00	90,984.00
Victory Valley	67,489.01	67,489.01
Option to purchase Fogelsville land	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$320,837.80</u>	<u>\$319,837.80</u>
<u>FUNDS TO PROMOTE CHURCH EXTENSION</u>		
Cash - Church Expansion Fund	\$ (895.45)	\$5,384.02
Cash - Sinking Spring Church	(10,963.92)	-
Notes Receivable:		
Board of Church Extension - Denville	11,000.00	11,000.00
Belvidere Bible Fellowship Church	11,000.00	-
Mortgages Receivable:		
Binghamton Church	4,079.18	4,406.98
First Newborn Tabernacle, Inc.	7,166.54	8,212.40
Miller Heights Bible Fellowship Church	3,500.00	3,500.00
Real Estate - Church at Sinking Spring	<u>43,884.67</u>	<u>9,397.75</u>
	<u>\$68,771.02</u>	<u>\$41,901.15</u>

FUNDS TO PROMOTE BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL

Cash - Berean Bible School Fund	\$ 243.10	\$ -
Real Estate in Lower Macungie Township	25,000.00	-
	<u>\$25,243.10</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Cash	\$ 2,255.13	\$ 2,255.13
District Superintendent's Parsonage (interest free loan until October 1, 1973)	11,244.87	11,244.87
	<u>\$13,500.00</u>	<u>\$13,500.00</u>

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Restricted Gifts)

Cash	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,550.00
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$449,636.87</u>	<u>\$392,697.67</u>

STATEMENT "A"

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Liabilities

Accrued Payroll Taxes	\$ 6.02	\$ (127.13)
Notes Payable - Foreign Mission Board	7,000.00	7,000.00
Notes Payable - Berean Bible School Contract	5,000.00	5,000.00
Notes Payable - Board of the Home (Victory Valley)	16,000.00	16,000.00
Notes Payable - Ministers' Retirement Fund (District Superintendent Parsonage)	16,000.00	16,000.00
Mortgage Payable Berean Bible School	5,581.56	6,042.43
	<u>\$49,587.58</u>	<u>\$49,915.30</u>

CHURCH EXPANSION FUND

Notes Payable - Sinking Spring Loan	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Mortgage Payable - People's Bank & Trust Co., Reading, Pennsylvania	20,000.00	-
Fund for Sinking Spring, In trust	9,920.75	6,900.00
Downpayment on sale of Trenton Church	1,200.00	
Reserve to Promote Church Extension Department as of October 1, 1964	\$33,303.40	
Transferred from Statement "B"	<u>1,346.87</u>	<u>\$33,303.40</u>
	<u>\$68,771.02</u>	<u>\$40,203.40</u>

Reserve to Promote Berean Bible School			
as of October 1, 1964	\$		
Gain transferred from			
Statement "B"	<u>25,243.10</u>	\$25,243.10	\$ -
Payable to Bible Fellowship Home		\$13,500.00	\$ -
Reserve for Special Contributions (Restricted Gift)			
as of October 1, 1964	\$4,550.00		
Distributed during year	(3,550.00)		
Gain transferred - Statement "B"	<u>5,000.00</u>	6,000.00	\$ 4,550.00
Unrestricted Net Worth			
October 1, 1964	\$284,528.97		
Transferred from Statement "B"	<u>2,006.20</u>	<u>286,535.17</u>	<u>284,528.97</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH		<u>\$449,636.17</u>	<u>\$392,697.67</u>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

Year ended October 1, 1965 compared with October 1, 1964

	1965	1964
<u>MIZPAH GROVE</u>		
Income		
Truck Fund	<u>\$ 354.20</u>	<u>\$ 171.44</u>
Total Income	\$ 354.20	
Expenses		
Board of Mizpah Grove		1,827.78
Truck - Maintenance & Repairs	<u>342.53</u>	<u>243.39</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 342.53</u>	<u>\$ 2,071.17</u>
Income over expenses	\$ 11.67	\$ (1,899.73)
<u>DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS' PARSONAGE</u>		
Income		
Contributions from Churches	<u>\$ 2,061.68</u>	<u>\$ 1,811.91</u>
Total Income	\$ 2,061.68	\$ 1,811.91
Expense		
Allentown District:		
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 469.00	-
Taxes, Water & Sewer Rent	<u>376.79</u>	<u>371.95</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 845.79	\$ 371.95
Bethlehem District:		
Interest	\$ 480.00	\$ 480.00
Insurance	-	69.84
Maintenance & Repairs	23.10	-
Taxes, Water & Sewer Rent	<u>135.35</u>	<u>109.09</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$ 1,484.24</u>	<u>\$ 658.93</u>
Income over Expense	\$ 577.44	\$ 781.03

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

	1965	1964
<u>Income</u>		
Administrative Income	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,100.00
Berean Bible School, Reduction of indebtedness	460.87	477.02
Special Contributions (Restricted Gift)	5,000.00	-
Interest - General	310.64	396.89
Moving Fund	<u>3,250.75</u>	<u>2,223.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 9,872.26</u>	<u>\$ 4,196.91</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Attorney Fees	\$ 207.50	\$ 17.00
Committee Expenses:		
Board of Directors	168.98	125.57
Ministerial Candidate	63.14	-
Statistical and Agenda	83.13	65.21
Credentials	78.24	91.78
Stewardship	-	17.00
Secret Society Study	-	61.92
To Study Government	279.26	254.45
Divorce	91.22	-
Stationery, Printing & Postage	28.25	150.00
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation	(59.57)	(309.29)
Moving Fund	2,515.02	3,418.92
Safe Deposit Box Rental	-	5.50
Total Expense	<u>\$ 3,455.17</u>	<u>\$ 3,898.06</u>
Transferred to Statement "A"	<u>6,417.09</u>	<u>4,963.22</u>
To Special Contributions (Restricted Gifts)	5,000.00	
To Net Worth	<u>2,006.20</u>	

CHURCH EXPANSION FUND

<u>Income</u>		
Interest on Loans made out of fund to promote Church Extension		
Department	\$ 156.29	\$ 201.39
Proceeds from the Sale of Trenton Parsonage	<u>10,500.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>
Total Income	\$10,656.29	\$ 1,001.39
<u>Expenses</u>		
Millersville Interest	-	100.00
Denville Loan	-	1,500.00
Trenton Liquidation	\$ 1,989.66	
Payment of Encumbrance on Trenton		
Property	<u>7,319.76</u>	<u>\$ 9,309.43</u>
Excess of Income over Expense	\$ 1,346.87	\$ (598.61)
Transferred to Statement "A"	\$ 1,346.87	\$ (598.61)

FUND TO PROMOTE BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL

<u>Income</u>	1965	1964
Gift of Real Estate, Lower Macungie	\$25,000.00	-
Rent from Lower Macungie Property	<u>1,025.00</u>	-
Total Income	\$26,025.00	-
<u>Expense</u>		
Maintenance and Repairs - Lower Macungie Property	\$ 781.90	-
Income over Expense	\$25,243.10	
Transferred to Statement "A"	<u>\$25,243.10</u>	<u>-</u>

STATEMENT "B"

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND

Balance Sheet October 1, 1965 compared with October 1, 1964

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
Cash - Ministers' Retirement Fund	\$ 31,923.10	\$ 28,798.63
Stocks and Bonds (Cost at date of purchase*)	48,740.45	48,740.45
Notes Receivable and Mortgages:		
Board of Directors - District Superintendent Parsonages	16,000.00	16,000.00
Lancaster Bible Fellowship Church	2,950.00	2,950.00
Paradise Bible Fellowship Church	7,365.24	7,879.85
Catasauqua Bible Fellowship Church	<u>3,223.76</u>	<u>4,072.53</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	\$110,202.55	\$108,441.46
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>		
(None)		
 <u>NET WORTH</u>		
Net Worth, October 1, 1964	\$ 108,441.46	
Gain transferred from Statement "D"	<u>1,761.09</u>	<u>\$108,441.46</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH</u>	<u>\$110,202.55</u>	<u>\$108,441.46</u>

	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
200 shares Pennsylvania Power & Light Company preferred with a dividend of \$4.50 annually.	\$21,536.81	\$19,675.00
1 - U. S. Treasury Bond (2 1/2% due 1969)	4,593.41	4,700.00
2 - U. S. Treasury Bonds (2 1/2% due 1969)	22,610.23	23,500.00
1 - U. S. Treasury Bond (2 1/2% due 1969)		

STATEMENT "C"

MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND

Annual Conference-1965

Statement of Income and Expense for year ended October 1, 1965
compared with year ended October 1, 1964

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
Contributions from Chuches	\$3,826.00	\$3,630.16
Contributions from Pastors	2,593.03	2,652.17
Dividends	675.00	900.00
Interest Received	<u>2,442.98</u>	<u>2,498.99</u>
Total Income	\$9,537.01	\$9,681.32
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Retirement Annuities	\$7,775.92	\$7,953.30
Total Expenses	<u>\$7,775.92</u>	<u>\$7,953.30</u>
Excess of Income over Expense	<u>\$1,761.09</u>	<u>\$1,728.02</u>
Transferred to Statement "C"	<u>\$1,761.09</u>	<u>\$1,728.02</u>

STATEMENT "D"

Respectfully submitted:

T. D. Gehret,
President and Chairman
A. L. Seifert, Vice President
Jansen E. Hartman, Secretary
Paul I. Wentz, Sr., Treasurer
John H. Riggall
Byron C. Cassel
Daniel K. Ziegler
C. E. Kirkwood
Frank L. Herb, Jr.

IX. Eighty-First Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions

for year ending, September 30, 1965

“Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.” John 4:35

“Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.” Luke 10:2

How broad is your vision? How far is your vision? The Lord commands us to lift up our eyes and look on the whitened harvest fields. Some of us can see no farther than our noses because we have never exercised our vision to see the lost around us, let alone the lost in the regions beyond.

I believe the basic problem is found in the fact that we have never gotten a good look at the Lord Jesus. He died for the sins of the whole world. He suffered that all men might be saved. We have experienced the joy of salvation but selfishly keep it to ourselves.

When the Lord admonished His disciples to lift up their eyes, they beheld the crowd coming out of Sychar. This was their field that was white unto harvest. It was also the field for the woman of Sychar. She began to witness of her salvation as soon as she found someone to listen. “And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman which testified, ‘He told me all that ever I did.’”

There certainly is a field right in your own neighborhood. Are you harvesting the grain for the Lord? I have found that when people get their eyes off themselves and begin to see the souls right around them that are lost their vision widens to take in an interest in Foreign Missions.

There has never been a day when the harvest has been greater. The population explosion has been much greater than the birth of souls by the Spirit of God. Humanly speaking we are fighting a losing battle, but the Lord has never withdrawn His command to GO.

This is also a day when labourers are few. There is not a mission board that is not asking for missionary volunteers. There are always areas to be entered, work to be done, souls to be reached with the Good News of Salvation.

This brings us to the second admonition: “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.” Are you praying for labourers for the work here at home as well as in the regions

beyond? James tells us that we have not because we ask not (James 4:2). Some of you must have been praying during the past year as the Lord has brought forward from our own young people eight candidates that have offered themselves for service on the foreign field. The Board at its last meeting accepted Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Gehman and Mr. & Mrs. George Lee. We rejoice that all four of these candidates are graduates of Berean Bible School. The other candidates are in various phases of preparation for going to the field.

You have heard the expression, "Put feet to your prayers." Are you doing this? Maybe the Lord would have you offer yourself for foreign service. Parents, what would be your reaction if the Lord should call your son or daughter to serve Him on a distant continent? Have you placed them on the altar for the Lord to "burn up" if He sees fit?

The financial report which follows shows that we have ended the year with a balance of approximately \$9,500.00. We praise the Lord for the sacrifice of His people for foreign missions. But there has to be much more sacrificial giving if we are going to complete the work that is before us. Our giving for foreign missions will have to increase steadily over the coming years if we are going to be able to thrust forth the young people who are and will be offering themselves in answer to our praying the Lord of the harvest. We have an obligation to our young people, and the Board keenly desires to be able to support everyone of them that qualifies for service abroad.

During the year the Lord has bared His arm in the behalf of one of our missionary families -- the Manns. The Church at home united in prayer in their behalf and the Lord gave deliverance the end of November. They had been held by the rebel forces of the Congo for approximately four months. They have been led of the Lord to labor at Berean for this year and so have been dropped from our roll of missionaries.

This again has been furlough year for many of our missionaries. The following participated in the camp program at Mizpah Grove: Mr. & Mrs. J. Barclay Harley, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Moyer, Miss Olive Rawn and Mr. & Mrs. David Solt. Later in the summer Mr. & Mrs. Paul Chaponniere and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gordon arrived in the States.

The Women's Missionary Societies have been active in prayer and the making of articles to be used by our missionaries. All of the regions have met in semi-annual sessions. The names of the new officers appear later in this report. The Spring Rally was conducted in Shamokin. The speaker for the morning session was Rev. David Cornell and for the afternoon Mr. Aubrey Brown. Both of these men are members of the World-Wide Evan-

gelization Crusade. Mr. Brown and his family were evacuated from the Congo after being held prisoners of the rebel forces.

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS RECOMMENDS THAT ALL FOREIGN MISSION FUNDS BE FORWARDED QUARTERLY TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Willard E. Cassel, General Secretary
C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman
T. D. Gehret
A. L. Seifert
Earl M. Hosler

James R. Cressman
Kermit K. Gehman
Harold W. Griest
Roy E. Williams

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME:

Balance in treasury, September 30, 1964	939.84	
Received from Churches 10/64	73,757.78	
Received from Sunday Schools 10/64	24,913.38	
Interest	1,106.62	
Securities gain	715.30	
Missionary Apartment rent	425.00	
Insurance refund	12.10	
Refund on loan	1,050.00	
Special Contributions	<u>123.00</u>	
		103,043.02

EXPENDITURES:

Africa Inland Mission	7,440.00
Bible Club Movement	1,320.00
Overseas Missionary Fellowship	7,200.00
Christian & Missionary Alliance	13,070.52
D. M. Stearns Missionary Fund	2,880.00
Greater Europe Mission	8,757.00
High School Evangelism, Inc.	3,600.00
Latin America Mission	5,222.00
Navigators	1,680.00
North Africa Mission	2,520.00
Orinoco River Mission	10,800.00
Sudan Interior Mission	2,666.66
The Evangelical Alliance Mission	6,927.00
Trans World Radio	8,880.00
Unevangelized Fields Mission	3,720.00
West Indies Mission	3,180.00
World-Wide Evangelization Crusade	2,400.00
Missionary Support (unassigned)	2,250.00

Fares & Meals	423.85
Postage	153.17
Telephone	75.09

Fellowship News	112.00	
Apartment Rental	1,340.00	
Committee on Publication & Printing	35.00	
Office Supplies	131.12	
Special Contributions:		
Board of Directors	250.00	
Olive Rawn (emergency)	200.00	
Timothy G. Kauffman	60.00	
Passage for Bakers	500.00	
Honorarium for General Secretary	300.00	
Utilities	241.15	
Camp Expenses	538.02	
Moving Furniture to Nazareth	135.00	
Office Equipment	350.00	
Printing	21.50	
Loan	2,500.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>40.64</u>	
		101,919.72
Balance in treasury, September 30, 1965		<u>1,123.30</u>
		103,043.02
Loans	8,450.00	

The Accounts and Report of the Foreign Mission Board have been audited by Robert E. McIntyre and found to be correct.

AFRICA

BAKER, Mr. & Mrs. Sterling, 2462 Crystal Lane, York, Pa. 17402.

The Bakers are members of Faith Church, York, Pa. They were accepted by our Board at its November meeting and then proceeded to make application to the Africa Inland Mission. Acceptance by this supervisory Board was made in March of this year. They have been making preparations to leave for Kenya the beginning of 1966.

Sterling is an experienced public school teacher and Delores is a registered nurse. They have two children: Keith, six and Kimberly, nearly two.

BIGLEY, Mr. & Mrs. T. James, Africa Inland Mission, Litein via

Kericho, Kenya, East Africa. "The ministry of teaching in the Litein Secondary School is an important one for Jim. Renee has been working at the hospital as well as teaching music and health education at the school.

Renee
checking
patients
in the
ward



Jim is teaching Religious Instruction, History, Geography and Current Events.

“The Bookmobile ministry continues to be a constant source of encouragement. Two days each week, Jim visits various African shopkeepers and supplies them with Bibles, New Testaments and other Christian literature. Since October, 1963 over 34,000 miles have been logged on literature safaris to 42 outlets including A.I.M. schools. During school holidays, Jim goes on cinema safaris to youth camps and conferences. Under Jim’s guidance, the Christian boys from the secondary school known as Student Union, visit the market places each Sunday. Their Christian service assignments include distribution of Christian literature, giving short messages and much witnessing.

“Renee directs the women’s choir at the local Africa Inland Church every Sunday. Jimmie has started attending nursery school in Kericho at least two days each week and brings home many samples of his handiwork. Joel enjoys playing with his new playmate, Timmie Stough. The Stoughs have come from the Congo to help in the teaching ministry, which we

Renee
with native
and her
fetishes



surely appreciate. We expect, the Lord willing, to have an addition to our family in the first week in October.

"As we anticipate our furlough in May, 1966, we pray that these last few months may count for the Lord and that we may be found worthy of being called Ambassadors.

BUCK, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard, P. O. Box 121, Vryheid, Natal, South Africa. The Bucks were detained beyond the usual year of furlough due to the fact that they made a change in supervising mission boards. They left for South Africa on Friday, September 17, 1965 from the International Airport, Philadelphia. Their families, as well as several pastors,



The Bucks

were present to bid them God's speed. On their way, they visited a few days with the Hertzogs in Monaco.

The work to which they are returning is in the realm of literature although it is with The Evangelical Alliance Mission. The exact nature of their work is not known at this writing.

CAMPBELL, Dr. William, 3 rue Larache, Tangiers, Morocco.

During the early spring there was held a conference for Moroccans. Dr. Campbell writes of it: "Forty to fifty Moroccans -- the majority of them Christians -- the rest strongly interested, met for two and a half days last weekend. There were seven meetings each taken by a different Moroccan speaker. Many others gave testimonies. . . .

"This was all arranged, run, and paid for by the Moroccans. The only things not done by them were the cooking and piano playing. An independent missionary . . . lent the use of a farm where he has summer camps. . . .

"We've heard nothing but happiness and praising the Lord from those who went. One thing will interest you Americans who are used to trusting your neighbors whether Christian or not. Bou Silham said, 'I never expected to see anything like it. You could leave your suitcase or your money (in the sleeping halls) and come back and find that nothing had been touched.'

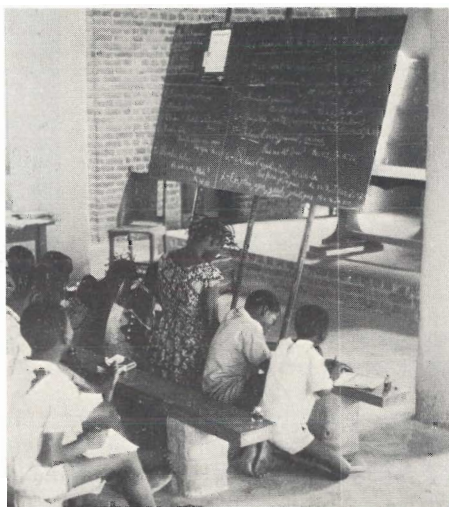
This experience of being able to trust other Moroccans was marvelous to them. . . .

"There is no cause for pride. It has taken 84 years before the church sent enough warriors against the fortress Islam to bring this about. Pray that our sons and daughters and the children of these Moroccans will be obedient to finish the task."

CHAPONNIERE, Mr. & Mrs. Paul, c/o Limerick Chapel, Limerick, Pa. 19468. The entire family arrived in the States the latter part of August. It is seven years since Paul has had a furlough in America. There was a short furlough for him in Switzerland the other year.

Paul has been busy in making contacts in various countries of French-speaking people. His main work is the teaching of the nationals how to

Students
copying
Bible
outline
(Chaponniere)



systematically study their Bibles. It is his purpose to instruct promising nationals to lead the various groups. There are too many people for the pastors to handle all of the teaching.

Theresa has been occupied in teaching Bible in the schools of Leopoldville as well as filling in as an operator of a missionary linotype machine.

The younger children are studying in the public schools of Montgomery county. Paulette is enrolled at the Lancaster School of the Bible in preparation to entering the teaching profession. Paul has made application to Wheaton College Graduate School to work on his master's degree. They probably will be in the homeland for approximately two years.

MILLER, Miss Sylvia, Box 1414 Mwanza, Tanzania, East Africa. Sylvia returned to Tanzania on March 6, 1965, sailing from New York City.

A large group of friends were present to see her off. She returned to a disturbed field in many ways. There were questions in many people's minds concerning her returning. She went forth in the spirit of Barbara Ryberg's poem on Sylvia's prayer reminder:

"He does not lead me year by year
Nor even day by day.
But step by step my path unfolds;
My Lord directs my way."

I quote from her recent letter: "Most of the time since coming back has been used in helping Miss Tilley complete the six-year course on Sunday School Lessons that we started to do before I came home. I think I can safely say that in these six months we have done two years' work and that is only due to His help and all of us working together. The urgency of all this was laid upon Miss Tilley's heart last year during all the unrest. She made it a real matter of prayer and God has done great things for us in this matter. . . . This then completes the six-year course of cycle teaching and leaves on the shelves books for the next ten years. So in all of this I see the hand of the Lord in my return and if it should be for no other reason."

The tension and extra work has caused a flareup of a physical condition under which Sylvia suffered at the end of her last term. While in the States the condition cleared up. Pray for her health.

RAWN, Miss Olive, Germantown, Md. 20767. Word has been received which rejoices our hearts that it will be possible for Miss Rawn to return to Africa. Our report last year told of her evacuation from Congo and her returning to this country before her furlough time. Conditions in the Congo have quieted down so that Dr. & Mrs. Carl Becker are making plans to return to Oicha. At the present time they are working in a hospital in Uganda.

Olive is waiting for visa and a flight. It will not be immediately possible for her to return to Oicha, but that is the aim of the medical staff which worked at this mission station and hospital.

SCHOFFSTALL, Dr. & Mrs. Robert, Daniel Boone Clinic, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858. As of June, 1965, the Schoffstall family returned to work in the mountains of Kentucky at the Daniel Boone Clinic. This gives opportunity for medical as well as spiritual service. They expect to return to Nigeria the early part of next year.

In December and January, Dr. Bob will be taking his final examinations for special surgical certification. This is the completion of his work which he began September, 1964.

Another daughter -- Brenda Lee -- was born to them August 20, 1965.

VENABLE, Mr. & Mrs. Fred, Box 26, Monrovia, Liberia. Fred writes about a disappointment of the natives: "The Christians looked ready to weep. Some ran, others hobbled back to the half-finished air strip when they saw the plane go over. Now they were trying hard to digest the sad news that the plane could not take anyone out to the conference. Days were spent in waiting for the plane. They had given up hope of its coming and had begun to trek the long 35 miles through the bush. Their faces showed distress, disappointment and vexation. Sweat ran down their tired faces as they listened to me trying to explain that the field just isn't good enough to risk taking anyone out. . . . The evangelists turned around to me and said, 'We've done all that work for nothing then. If you can't help us we'll walk it like we've been doing all these years.' I felt so helpless and almost like it was my fault. I offered to take some of their heavier loads out since I had to get out myself. . . . I guess they were so disappointed that they tried to show their resentment by saying they would carry their own loads. But I did talk a few into giving me their larger bundles.

. . . As I waited I saw them pick up their small belongings and hobble off. Some had fever, some were crippled, some were old with age, some had babies on their backs, but they set out to reach the conference at Garplay. One day and a half later they arrived. . . . I couldn't help but think what it would be like at home if the Christians were that eager to get to the meetings. I did see some of them at the close of the conference and they were happy and full of joy running over."

Fred has many opportunities to witness to the natives. An occasional opportunity is given to preach in the English service in the church at Bahn.

In April, 1965, another son, Donald Mark, came to bless their home.

FAR EAST Taiwan

GRIEBENOW, Mr. & Mrs. M. G., R.D. 1, Janesville, Iowa, 50647.

Our veteran missionaries have spent a profitable year of furlough. Mr. Griebenow had opportunity to speak in a few of our churches while participating in the Allentown, Bethel, Missionary Conference. Mrs. Griebenow also took the privilege to speak in her supporting churches, especially to the women.

It was their desired purpose to return to India to work among the displaced Tibetans. This is not possible at this time. He writes: "This is to let you know that finally the visas to India were not forthcoming and then we decided not to return to the field in Taiwan either. This decision was made after much prayer and thoughtful study of the matter. The Lord did not give me the 'green light' to return at this time. We do not know exactly what this signifies for us, but we feel that it might be that He wants us to place more emphasis on calling out 'Elishas' to take up the mantle and go forth to the front lines. At any rate, we feel quite sure it doesn't mean going into in-

activity. Already we have offered our services to the Foreign Department of the CMA for more deputational service. . . .”

Japan

FISHER Mr. & Mrs. Hubert, c o Overseas Missionary Fellowship, 237 W. School Lane, Philadelphia, Pa. 19144. The Fishers spent the early part of this calendar year with relatives of Mrs. Fisher in western Canada. Brother Fisher was recuperating from frequent recurring headaches which began on the field. He seems to have completely recovered with this rest.

During the month of July they were in charge of the retired workers home in Toronto, Canada. They will be spending the last few months of the year in the Philadelphia area and participating in various missionary conferences of the area.



Gospel Van Announcing Meetings (Fishers)

Thailand

HATTON, Mr. & Mrs. Howard, 14 1 Sri Vieng, Bangkok, Thailand. The Hatton family spent seven days by plane to arrive back at their home in Bangkok. They left the Philadelphia airport on July 2nd. He writes about the acclimation to Thailand:

“We have settled down happily into Thai life again. I was afraid Cindy would have some trouble adjusting; but after a few days she began to regard 14/1 Sri Vieng as her home and now is speaking some Thai. Philip has cut four teeth since arrival, so that has disturbed sleep at night to a certain extent.

“One of my first tasks since coming back has been the locating of new

premises. We can feel the effect of the prayers of people back home, for quite a good offer has been made to us. . . . It just appeared out of the blue -- obviously in answer to prayer. We have felt God's leading in many ways since coming back here."

Some of Howard's work is the translation of the New Testament into Thai vernacular. He continues: "We have almost finished revising Mark and I have made the draft for the first chapter of Acts. It has been good to put to use the training I received in college -- which has laid dormant for years. I have my B.A. in New Testament Greek. So now I am sharpening up this language again."

Another calendar featuring Laos is planned for this coming year and it will be available for free distribution among the churches.

West Pakistan

LILLEY, Mr. David K., 246 Carre Ave., Essington, Pa. 19029. Sixteen months have passed since David made his initial application for a visa to enter West Pakistan. No word of acceptance or rejection has been received. Mr. W.H.W. Paget, General Director of the Ceylon & India General Mission, is now in India and will try to expedite the matter directly in the land of Pakistan.

The church has been challenged frequently to pray Brother Lilley out to the field. His equipment is all accumulated and funds are on hand for passage. Continue to pray him out!

During the interim, David is pursuing the completion of his degree at Muhlenberg College. This will enable him to be used in any country to which the Lord might lead.

India

DYKE, Mr. and Mrs. C. Herbert, Mission House, Jalgaon, Dist. Jalgaon, Maharashtra, India. "We have the privilege again this year to be teaching in the Men's Bible Training School. The new school year has started out with 12 single students and 12 married couples, making a total of 24 men and 12 women who have come to study God's Word. We take it as no light responsibility and trust you will pray that we shall be fully equipped so that these young people shall go forth prepared to meet the challenge of their age. Pray too that the grains necessary for their food may be obtainable. There are usually personality problems arising in an institution; may the Lord keep us from satanic inroads of this kind this year.

"Our paths cross many different people during the course of the months. How we long to be a 'savour of life unto life' to many of them. Many young men have come to visit us to ask about the Christian way. So far it seems that they have had some hope of employment or other gain that has brought them. Pray that the Word they have received will bear fruit."



The Dykes

Concerning the family, they write: "Betty and I are well. Being well is one thing, and having painful joints is another. Some years ago Betty fell and injured her right knee. In recent months it has become increasingly painful and a fine Missionary osteologist has suggested that she... have the offending chip removed. His suggestion is seriously being considered...."

The three older children are at school at Kodai Kanal where the Stengeles are houseparents (see below). Concerning Joyce, Herb writes: "She helps to keep us young, while her brother and sisters are in school. She is four."

STENGELE, Mr. & Mrs. Laird F., "Longcroft" Kodai Kanal 1, Madurai District, South India. The Stengeles are well engrossed as houseparents at Longcroft" -- the hostel for the C.M.A. children at the school in South India. This is the area in which the Dykes spend their vacation away from the hot weather of the plains. Laird writes:

"Twenty school children have come to live here and attend school while their parents are ministering the Word of God on the plains approximately 1,000 miles distant. Including our pre-school son and ourselves we are twenty-three persons in the hostel. It is the responsibility of the houseparents among many other responsibilities, to give these missionaries' children a good Christian home with a Christian atmosphere and Christian training, a home to which they can come and enjoy when not in school.

Meal at
CMA hostel,
Kodai Kanal
(Stengeles)



It is understandable, of course, that the houseparents can never actually take the place of their real parents. Nevertheless, the houseparents do endeavor to make each and every child 'feel at home' at all times as much as possible."

Laird has opportunity to substitute in some of the classes in the high school as well as participate in the physical education classes. He, for one, enjoys the cool climate of the hill country.

New Guinea

HOFFMAN, Mrs. Aaron D., R. D. 1, Schnecksville, Pa. 18078.

Marlene is one of our newest candidates. She has been accepted for service, with her husband, in New Guinea under the Wycliffe Bible Translators. This is a new supervisory mission board to our work.



The Hoffmans

As you note from the picture, they have a new son, Daniel, born August 2, 1965. Their other son is A. David, Jr.

We are sharing the Hoffman's support with the First Baptist Church of Allentown, Pa.

They are expecting to leave for the field in the early part of December. Their work will be a support ministry as well as evangelism.

EUROPE Germany

DOVERSPIKE, Miss Betty, 65 Mainz, Forsterstrasse 4, Germany.
I quote from a very recent letter: "I especially praise the Lord for the new German girl who will be coming October 1st -- Karin Ruoss. . . special praise for health and strength and protection from the Lord throughout these past months. . . also, for the work among the American children. There is a wide open door for the military families and I could spend all my time serving in this way. Just returned this week, where I was invited to an 'Officers Christian Union Conference' where I had charge of the children. The Lord gave special wisdom and blessing (they are quite a different group from the German children).

"I am praying constantly about the work here in Germany. . . and that it will be more and more indigenous. . . the work is mainly carried on in Wiesbaden and surrounding areas by the German leaders for which I



Bible Class in open air, note flannelgraph in trunk

am thankful. Here in Mainz it goes rather slowly, but there are several leaders who teach most of the clubs here.”

During the summer, Betty took some of the young people to join in a camp directed by the Greater Europe Mission.

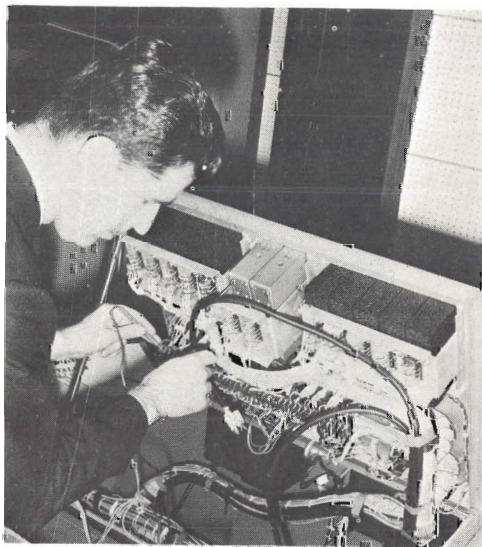
HOPKINS, Mr. Robert, 46 Dortmund, Chemnitzerstr 101, Germany.

Brother Hopkins continues to know the blessing of the Lord upon his personal witness as well as discipling classes which he conducts. As you notice from the address above, they have moved since our last annual report.

In April, he was instrumental in the instructing of counsellors for the Billy Graham campaign in Copenhagen, Denmark. He also returned during the campaign for follow-up work.

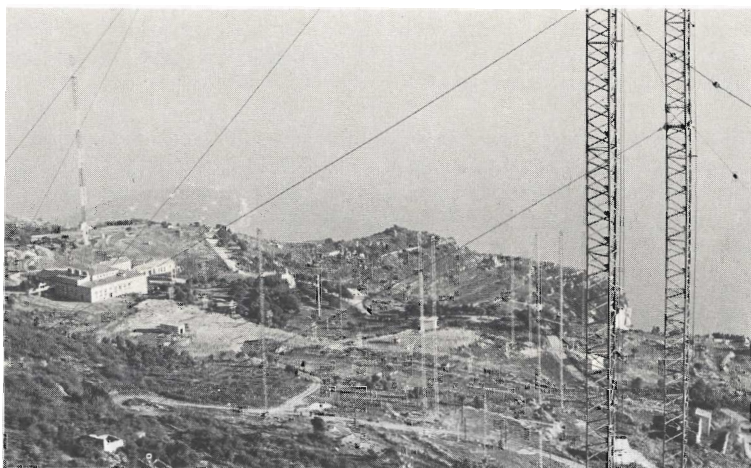
Monaco

HERTZOG, Mr. & Mrs. Roy, Box 141, Monte Carlo, Monaco. The Hertzogs have been kept busy in the proclamation of the Gospel by means of the radio. Most of Roy's work has been in maintenance of the equipment



Roy Hertzog
as technician

to be able to continue to broadcast. A ten-minute message by Roy is being aired daily from Trans World's new radio station in Bonaire. We are using quite a few pictures of Trans World's work as there have been few pictures in past reports.



TWR's antennas in Monte Carlo

POYSTI, Mr. Earl, Box 141, Monte Carlo, Monaco. I quote from Pirkko's recent letter: "The religious situation in the Soviet Union has somewhat changed in the past year or so. There is a definite revival among young people in particular. The believers have awakened to the need of an uncompromising attitude toward the world. Needless to say they are meeting with strong opposition both from the government and the so-called 'brethren.' In view of these developments the radio ministry is a still more vital and responsible ministry. . . .

"Earl is working most of the time seven days a week without counting the hours to prepare messages. They all have to be typed before recording. . . . Then we receive mail both from behind the iron curtain as well



Earl Poysti
at microphone

as from the rest of Europe and now also from South America in response to our station in Bonaire. Every letter is answered and that, 'we feel is also a very important part of the ministry. . . .

"The family is all well. Six of them will this year attend the French school. The children have their various activities. Some of them sing for an English language children's program we produce here. The three oldest baby-sit among our missionary families whenever the parents have to work at the studios. That is part of the ministry too. The Lord has been good and we rejoice in Him."

France

HOYLE, Mr. & Mrs. Ron, 2 Rue des Francs Muriers, Amiens

(Somme) France. I quote from Ron's recent letter: "Doris and I continue in our ministry of church-planting two hours north of Paris. Great has been our joy to see the Lord continue to touch hearts of young and old alike in this Roman-Catholic, materialistic, advanced mission field. We continue our ministry of home Bible studies, Bible club, Sunday school and Sunday morning worship. We are believing God to be able to have our first baptismal service before Christmas. What a day of victory after many months of sowing and struggle. Ten adults now come on Sunday mornings, most coming out of indifference and Catholicism.

"Special activities in the summer of 1965 included two tent campaigns



Tent meeting scene, Amiens, France 1965

in Amiens in June and September. What a thrill to see fruit in both efforts. Doris led Daniele to Christ on the last Sunday of the early campaign and she hasn't missed a service since. Pray that she will be a Timothy for the Sunday school ministry and among other youth on Saturday nights. Some of the younger boys we hope to incorporate into a Brigade sort of ministry. In the second campaign other young women and a young couple were con-

verted, so there will be follow-up to do with them. Already they are facing the struggles of opposition from R.C. parents.

"The three-week youth camp in August was richly blessed as the Lord spoke to five hearts. Ron directed the program and Doris helped in the kitchen and counselling. One young teen-ager from Amiens professed faith in Christ and is manifesting His love in her home and our services. Pray for one keen young man who has put off his decision after much careful weighing of the issues. May God speak to him in his time of military service and bring him back to the ministry in Amiens."

The Hoyles expect to attend the 1966 camp meeting season at Mizpah Grove.

KAUFFMAN, Mr. Timothy G., Chateau de St. Albain, par Fleurville (Saone et Loire) France.

Since the rebel uprising in Congo, it has been impossible for the Kauffmans to proceed to their assigned field when finished with language school. They have been assigned to work in the French department of the Unevangelized Fields Mission. They have been working in conjunction with the Grace Brethren Mission. Timothy writes: "The work here during the summer months has been quite varied. Between the evangelistic campaigns and tent meetings we have gotten the rooms fixed up for the printing press and the press is now rolling. We are ready to begin printing a bi-monthly youth magazine put out by a group from Marseille. But besides the magazine we have had many other requests for printed material. One organization who puts out a year here in France has asked us to print their material.

"Printing isn't the only thing we'll be doing here; we are still responsible to do maintenance work here at the chateau, conduct a children's



The Kauffmans

Bible class, literature distribution on the markets, visitation in the villages, care for mission equipment, etc., etc. Like everywhere else we find there is no lack of work to do here in France. . . .

"The work over here looks quite encouraging. Of course many hard years of labor have already been done without much visible results. But the Lord is working especially among the young people. The older folk seem to be in such spiritual darkness due especially to the Catholic church, but interest is shown by the younger generation."

Sweden

RITTER, Mr. & Mrs. DONALD J., Vastra Bangatan 53A, Marsta,

Sweden. One of the aims of the Greater Europe Mission in Sweden is the establishing of a Bible School. A beginning has been made with the start of an evening school September 20, 1965. They are offering six Bible-related courses, each course meeting one hour per week. The school is located in a public school building in central Stockholm. They began with a student body of 29. This is an auspicious beginning. Praise the Lord!

During the summer, a resort evangelistic ministry was carried on by the Ritters and 15 young people. Don conducted a week of preparation before entering into the ministry. The meetings in the open air were conducted near Lake Siljan.

CENTRAL and SOUTH AMERICA Guadeloupe

MOYER, Mr. & Mrs. Edward, 325 Walnut Street, Perkasio, Pa. 18944.

The Moyers arrived in the States in time to enjoy both camp meetings at Mizpah. They are occupying an apartment above the garage of Edward's parents.



The Moyers

The older boys are attending public school in the Perkasie area. Ed writes: "The boys are thrilled with school this year. Doug says 'My, Daddy, school goes fast this year.' They are both in new buildings and it seems they have the best of teachers for which we praise the Lord. This was a real concern as often missionaries' kids are looked down on,



Part of congregation in Capesterre, Guadeloupe

and even neglected because 'after all they'll only be there one year.' But this is not the case this time. Duane is out for soccer, a game that he learned in Guadeloupe."

El Salvador

SOLT, Mr. & Mrs. David, Box 855, San Salvador, El Salvador.

The Solts, with five of their six children, left on September 19th to drive to San Salvador, a trip of approximately 4,000 miles. They expected to make



The Solts

it in eight days. Their oldest daughter, Lois, was left in Syracuse to finish her last year in high school.

It took two cars and a travel trailer to transport all the necessary equipment for the family for another term in Central America. An added passenger and joy was Miss Harriet Kassay, a school teacher, whom the Lord directed to them during camp at Mizpah. Miss Kassay, a member of Ebenezer Church, Bethlehem, is a certified school teacher in Pennsylvania



Transmitter in San Salvador

and is also a graduate of the mission's course at Columbia Bible College. She has agreed to stay in San Salvador for one year to teach missionaries' children -- not only the Solts. It is yet to be seen how many will be in the new student body.

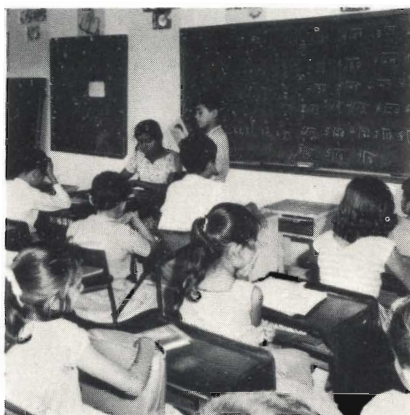
Colombia

GORDON, Mr. & Mrs. Robert, R. D. 1, Dallastown Pa. 17313.

The Gordons are enjoying fellowship with the people of God at Faith Church, York. They live approximately ten miles from the church. The two younger boys are enrolled in the York Christian Day School for this year of furlough. The family arrived home the middle of August, and so have not had too much opportunity to minister in our churches. They are looking forward



The Gordons' home - Colombia



Class room scene - Colombia

to meeting many of their friends who have prayed for them and shown interest in other ways.

Venezuela

HARLEY, Mr. & Mrs. J. Barclay, 1515 N. 22nd St., Allentown, Pa. 18104 The Lord's provision to transport the Harleys from Venezuela was a Sinclair tanker which arrived in Marcus Hook the latter part of June. They enjoyed the ministry of the Word and fellowship during both of the camps at Mizpah. The Lord has provided an ideal home for them to occupy during the next nine months of their furlough. They expect to return to the launch work on the Orinoco River.



SHELLY, Mr. & Mrs. Austin, Instituto Biblicio las Delicias, Estado, Mongas, Caripe, Venezuela. I quote from Austin's last letter: "Last week we had the Young People's Summer Camp here. There were 120 in attendance. I had little responsibility in that, but I was on a panel to answer the questions that they put in a box. Four of us together had a half hour each night. Wow! What questions! They asked questions about these subjects: Creation, Evolution, Baptism of the Spirit, Birth Control, Communism, Calvinism, Eternal Security, Reformation & Capitalism, Faith & Works, the Soul, etc. It really gave us an insight to future Venezuela. . . .

"Our family is well (except for a few toothaches). Susanne will be nine next week and is doing well in school -- on the honor roll every time since first grade. Joanne is enjoying school too, but not with as good grades. David, 2 1/2, is talking and following Dad around all over. Ruth has been spending many hours in the library this summer, processing books, etc. She will be helping with the DVBS in Caripe next week."

UNITED STATES

SHELLING, Mr. Ted, 104-19-114th St., Richmond Hills, N. Y. 13144. During the year, Ted was able to bring some high school students to various of our churches. The glowing testimonies of these fellows were an inspiration to all who heard. He is now back in the swing of Hi. B.A. Clubs in the high schools of the metropolitan New York area.

Much of Ted's time this summer was spent as a counsellor at the World's Fair pavilions of "Sermons from Science" and Billy Graham's.

SNYDER, Mrs. Phoebe, 335 Mission Rd., Glendale, California, 91205. We rejoice in the goodness of the Lord to Sister Snyder. On August 31st she celebrated her 90th birthday. We learn through her correspondent, Mrs. Thomas Mosely, that Mrs. Snyder enjoys comparatively good health and enjoys the fellowship with the other guests at the Suppes Memorial Home.

MISSIONARY ASSIGNMENTS TO CHURCHES

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X. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION AND PRINTING

RECEIPTS

Balance in treasury October 1, 1964	\$1,163.33
Sale of Year Books	1,095.00
Received from Churches at Adjourned Session	<u>1,732.80</u>
	\$3,991.13

EXPENDITURES

Honorarium Conference Secretary	\$ 75.00
Honorarium Conference Treasurer	75.00
1,200 Year Books	1,663.00
Year Book Editing	51.45
Loan to Print Faith and Order	100.00
200 Statistical Committee Forms	8.00
50,500 Stewardship Envelopes	
51,500 Sunday School Envelopes	322.34
1300 Adjourned Session Supplements	37.16
10,000 Berean Contribution Envelopes	63.00
Committee Expenses - Mileage, Meals, Postage	32.27
Balance in treasury, September 30, 1965	<u>1,563.91</u>
	\$3,991.13

COMMITTEE:

John H. Riggall, President
 John Dunn, Secretary
 Robert W. Smock

XI. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO PUBLISH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

You have done it again! Yes, you have pushed the circulation of Fellowship News up again, and now our subscribers number 1,411!

The Fellowship News reaches into 26 states and 12 foreign countries.

New postal regulations require that we use zip codes. Please be sure that all new subscriptions and renewals include the proper zip code.

The Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. The month of January be designated as subscription month.
2. That a donation of \$50 each be given by the Board of Foreign Missions, Sunday School Promotion Committee, Board of Church Extension and Board of Directors of Berean Bible School.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR CONFERENCE YEAR 1964-1965RECEIPTS

Balance - Business Mgr. (8-31-64)	\$ 79.10	
Treasurer (9-30-64)	<u>504.03</u>	583.13
Subscriptions		2,813.78
Donations: Sunday School Promotion Comm., Church Ext. Board, Board of Foreign Missions and Berean Bible School (\$50.00 each)		<u>200.00</u>
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCES</u>		\$3,596.91

EXPENDITURES

Printing 12 issues of Fellowship News	\$2,304.45	
Business Manager Expenses	241.04	
Refunds	45.25	
Honorariums for Business Manager & Editor	175.00	
Committee Expenses	<u>78.56</u>	
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>		\$2,844.30
Balance - Business Manager (8-31-65)	106.59	
Treasurer (9-30-65)	<u>646.02</u>	
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES AND YEAR END BALANCES</u>		\$3,596.91

The Committee:

Robert W. Smock, Chairman
 Robert W. Gehret, Secretary
 James R. Cressman, Treasurer
 David E. Thomann, Editor
 R. C. Reichenbach, Business Manager

XII. REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

“The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.” (Matt. 9:37, 38)

Despite the abundance of churches in the area of our labour, very few individuals seem to know or even care about Jesus Christ. Everywhere we

look we see sin and its terrible manifestations. The gods to which men have turned in rejecting the Gospel have not met their needs. Paul Tournier said, "The typical sickness of our epoch is neurosis. . . . The cause of it is that our materialistic and amoral civilization no longer answers the deepest needs of the soul."

If we have a message that can transform lives we must put our hearts into the proclamation of that message. Eugene Myers Harrison wrote, "Evangelism was intended to have, and must have, the place of primacy and of pre-eminence in the program of the Church and in the life of the individual Christian. World conditions demand it. Christ's commission commands it."

The Bible Fellowship Church must enter new territory, establish new churches, reach new individuals with the gospel. . . . or at length it will be abandoned by God and die. Every other program of the church depends on our outreach and it is imperative that we recognize the priority of this work. "The harvest truly is plenteous." May God save us from being lethargic and lazy in the sight of great harvests which wait for wise and zealous reapers! Let's get on with the job!

But to do that we will need men with the call of God upon their lives. Men who are willing to work long and hard, without regard to sacrifice, for the salvation of souls, and the development of saints. Pray for men who will heed God's call and enter into the harvest. That is our most urgent need.

Another need that has been pressing during the past year is financing for our new building projects. We need your sacrificial support.

The Board is grateful to the churches and Sunday Schools of our denomination for their liberal gifts and we continue to look to you for your continued and increased support in the momentous days of opportunity that lie ahead.

The Board met 10 times during the year to transact the business of the department, and the Director has spent many hours in the oversight of the several appointments and in surveys he conducted in new areas.

We have experienced some disappointments during the year, chief of which was the termination of the work at Trenton. On the other hand, there have been very encouraging things such as the completion of the new church building in Sinking Spring and the continued development of that work. After long delay and opposition we are grateful that the new church building in Belvidere, N. J. is nearing completion.

During the year four committees were formed to give attention to the areas of development, finance, policy and promotion. Since these committees are composed of many men, both laymen and pastors, some of whom are not on the Extension Board, but have special aptitude in these areas, this arrangement gives promise of helpful guidance to the Board in the future.

The following men have laboured under the direction of the Board of Church Extension during the year:

LeRoy J. Bickel
 Leslie M. Campbell
 Bruce A. Ellingson
 John H. Herb

Donald R. Knauer
 Robert Paul
 Austin B. Sullivan, Jr.
 Harold C. Weaver

FINANCIAL

Receipts:

Balance in Treas. Oct. 1, 1964	\$ 723.71
Received from churches	36,601.62
Received from Sunday Schools	8,247.62
Received from mortgages and loans:	
Finesville, N. J.	300.00
Trenton, N. J.	543.29
For tent rentals	<u>55.00</u>
 Total Receipts	 \$46,471.24

Expenditures:

Appropriations:

For conference appointments	
Allentown District	\$ 7,400.00
Bethlehem District	9,120.00
For Church Extension Pastors	15,436.64
To Director for operating expenses	<u>5,500.00</u>

Administration:

Director's Salary	4,783.00
Director's Parsonage Maintenance	1,159.33
Workman's Compensation	34.53
Board Expenses	204.55
Taxes	227.23

General:

Donation to Board of Directors	200.00
Donation to Fellowship News	50.00
Assistance to Churches	950.00
Assistance to Pastors	542.55
Tent Meetings	<u>200.00</u>

<u>Total Expenditures</u>	\$45,807.83
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Balance, September 10, 1965	<u>\$ 663.41</u>
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A. L. Seifert, Chairman
Frank L. Herb, Jr., Secretary
William A. Heffner
T. D. Gehret
Jansen E. Hartman
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Board of Church Extension

XIII. REPORT OF THE VICTORY VALLEY BOARD 1965

Certainly, by God's grace, Victory Valley Camp can claim its name as given of the Lord for a testimony of the accomplishments of this past year. The first verse of Psalm 98 expresses so well our experience. "O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: His right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory."

From every aspect God's blessing has been sensed by the leadership of the camp, which has continued under the direction of Theodore Bull, with Donald Knauer and Karen Ettinger serving as program directors. In three years the registrations have more than doubled. Of the 429 registrations received, 379 were enrolled as campers. While fifty were unable to come, this still represents an increase of fifty-eight campers over last year, exceeding the present permanent capacity of the camp.

This was made possible by the hurried erection of temporary facilities which allowed for acceptance of sixteen additional campers per week, and additional staff members as well. These facilities included a large tent made available through the generosity of the Church Extension Department, as well as a trailer loaned by a member of the board, several small tents which belong to Mizpah Grove, and the construction of a utility building housing showers, sinks, and toilets.

The program of Victory Valley is being continually expanded and developed to meet the needs of the increased enrollment and interests of the campers. Horsemanship was offered at no additional cost to all campers in every session. The "Living Faith" hour was instituted to help the campers learn to apply Christian principles of living, serving, and witnessing, to their own lives. Stimulating discussions, dramatizations, and talks involving the campers made this very effective.

As a result of the dedication of the staff, counselors, missionaries, and guest speakers, the campers were brought into a deeper relationship with God. Only eternity will reveal the lasting results of these efforts. Many accepted Christ as Lord and Savior. Numbers resolved to witness, begin daily devotions, and continue Bible study which they began at camp.

One significant factor is the increase in the number of campers being reached outside the constituency of the Bible Fellowship Church, as well as the enlarged representation from other denominations and Christian schools among the staff.

We are grateful for the many financial contributions received, as well as a variety of other gifts in the form of supplies, foodstuffs, and labor, which have enabled us to keep costs down. At the recommendation of Annual Conference, 1964, the camp fee was retained at \$25 per camper. Church contributions have increased slightly, but not sufficiently to counteract the deficit created since the camper fee is far under the cost of the full program of the camp (other camps of comparable quality are charging from fifteen to twenty dollars more).

We rely heavily on the contributions of the churches and others to meet the budgetary needs, especially since the additional enrollment has caused an increase in expense of camp operation. The board urges other groups to plan to use the camp, and encourages churches to consider projects which would result in increased support to help compensate for this natural deficit.

In addition to the summer seasonal program, the facilities of the camp have been used by the Youth Retreat, the Ministerial Convention, church groups, and other Christian organizations. With more complete winterization it would be possible to use the camp on a year-round basis.

In addition to the present operational needs, the Board recognizes the necessity of beginning a debt-reduction program. With the encroachment of civilization and demand for land, camping authorities strongly advise acquiring all available adjoining property, not only for development and expansion of the camp, but for natural protection of the campsite as well. This is impossible to consider in light of our present indebtedness.

There is also a need for building as part of our plan of expansion. Projecting on the basis of recent trends in enrollment without increased housing facilities, we will turn away at least 200 campers in the next two years. In terms of providing opportunity for reaching campers spiritually this is a great loss. The Victory Valley Board has voted to increase its permanent facilities in order to accommodate maximum of 80 campers per week, an increase of 32 over the present permanent capacity. These facilities should be available for the 1966 season.

Recommendations of the American Camping Association evaluation include a need for development of the natural surroundings through landscaping including grading, seeding, development of rock gardens, and transplanting trees, shrubs, and plants, as well as development of a waterfront for boating and fishing through restoration of the old dam on the property. Some of these projects have already been begun. A master plan of the camp is being developed in order that the full potential of the campsite and opportunities for reaching youth may be realized.

Finally, if we are to maintain the present program, we are going to have to realize increased income. In light of the present and anticipated needs of the camp the Board has established a five dollar registration fee and thirty dollar camper fee for 1966. Realizing that some campers may not be able to afford the entire fee, the Board has established the following policy: a discount of five dollars will be allowed per camper when two or more attend from the same family, when campers attend for more than one week, or when ten or more campers attend from the same church, providing that the entire transaction is handled on or before the admission of the first camper involved in the arrangement. In addition, the Board is developing a plan to help campers who could not otherwise attend. We trust that all of our constituency will show their interest and concern for this effective medium of reaching youth, by their support through their encouragement, prayers and gifts.

The Victory Valley Board makes the following recommendations:

- (1) That the dates of the camps in 1966 shall be as follows:

July 2-9	Girls 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 9-16	Girls 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 16-23	Boys 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 23-30	Boys 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 30-August 6	Junior High boys and girls
August 6-13	Junior High boys and girls
August 13-20	Senior High boys and girls

A choice will be given girls and boys in seventh and eighth grades to continue in Girls and Boys camps, respectively, or select Junior High Camp involving a co-ed situation, according to their preferences.

- (2) That each Church make a contribution to Victory Valley Camp. The anticipated budget of the Camp indicates need for contributions of at least \$3,500.00 by the churches. Checks shall be made payable to Victory Valley Camp and be sent to the secretary of the Board (LeRoy S. Heller) before March 1, 1966.

- (3) That the facilities of the Victory Valley Camp be made available for limited use by groups from Bible Fellowship Churches and other interested Christian organizations. Arrangements for such use shall be made through, and offerings sent to, the secretary of the Board.

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

CAMP OPERATION:

Camp fees and registrations	\$9,290.00
Offerings	127.18
Handcraft	195.61

EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Snack Shack Sales	\$ 954.53	
Reimbursements	40.23	
		\$10,607.55

GENERAL:

Contributions from:

Churches	2,692.74	
Groups (rentals)	1,293.50	
Special	2,354.31	
Other	127.60	
		\$ 6,468.15

TOTAL INCOME

\$17,075.70

EXPENSES

CAMP OPERATION:

Fuel and Power	\$1,212.01	
Food purchased	3,411.85	
Handcraft purchased	133.14	
Kitchen Supplies	597.08	
Medical	78.44	
Postage and Office Supplies	310.68	
Publicity	191.00	
Program Material	921.42	
Swimming Pool Maintenance	76.35	
Small tools and supplies	176.45	
Snack Shack purchases	671.54	
Sports Equipment	60.67	
Telephone	120.01	
Truck and Tractor	479.47	
Wages	5,516.00	
Garbage Removal	7.50	
Miscellaneous	194.47	
Board of Directors Assessment	100.00	
		\$14,258.08

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Fuel and Power - White House	\$ 90.25	
Insurance - Fire	406.00	
Insurance - Personal Liability	158.36	
Accrued Interest	480.00	
Maintenance and Repairs:		
Building	275.17	
Equipment	677.34	
Grounds	1,072.19	
Membership fees	101.70	
Taxes	13.18	
		\$ 3,274.19

TOTALS

\$17,532.27

Deficit

\$ (456.57)

BALANCE SHEETASSETS:

Cash	\$ (1,545.54)
Furniture and Fixtures	2,773.13
Swimming Pool	24,110.54
Real Estate	69,659.43
Engineering Expenses in Suspense	<u>495.80</u>
	\$95,493.36

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH:

Notes Payable	\$ 2,000.00
Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church	
Accounts Payable	480.00
Notes Payable	16,000.00
Board of Directors of the Home for the Aging	
Net Worth	\$77,469.93
Loss	<u>456.57</u>
	<u>77,013.36</u>
	\$95,493.36

Mr. William Bobbitt has audited this report and found it to be correct.

Victory Valley Board:
 Carl C. Cassel, Chairman
 LeRoy S. Heller, Secretary
 Kermit K. Gehman
 T. D. Gehret
 A. L. Seifert
 Paul I. Wentz, Jr.
 Clayton E. Weber

**XIV. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 OF BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL
 TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1965**

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most high: To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night."
 Psalm 92:1, 2

As we review this past year of Berean's ministry, we recognize that many have been the problems and difficult has been the way, but neverthe-

less, we have been conscious of God's presence and His guiding hand upon us. God has been very good and His faithfulness has been realized throughout the year.

This year could be characterized as a time of preparation for development. President Jansen E. Hartman has labored very faithfully and zealously to inaugurate a new basic curriculum in preparation for a four year program and to lay plans for an eventual relocation of the site of the School.

God has given us an excellent faculty and staff who have served most acceptably. The full-time faculty members are Jansen E. Hartman, Ruth A. Hartman, Harold P. Shelly, Jr., Raymond R. Dotts, Theodore S. Bull, Richard J. Gehman, and Donal Nilsson. The part-time instructors are Willard E. Cassel, Donald R. Knauer, Lenora L. Knauer, Alva C. Cassel, John E. Phillips, Charlene S. Cassel, Mary A. Dotts, and Esther L. Shelly.

On Monday, June 7, 1965 at 7:45 p.m. in our Bethel Church, Allentown, Pa., twelve day students and two evening students were graduated from the School. This brings the total of graduates to 145 in thirteen years. The present enrollment at the beginning of the 1965-66 School year is 38 of which 20 are new students.

The Board has met five times during the year. The Board has also met several times with the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church and the Mizpah Board to discuss relocation problems. The various committees have functioned well and carried out the responsibilities placed upon them.

The Board organized as follows:

Chairman, T. D. Gehret
Secretary, W. B. Hottel
Treasurer, A. L. Wentz

The Board elected the following committees and they organized as follows:

Committee on Finance: Chairman, Roy E. Williams; Secretary, Byron C. Cassel; Representative to the Executive Committee, A. L. Wentz, A. L. Seifert, Jansen E. Hartman.

Committee on Faculty and Instruction; Chairman, T. D. Gehret; Secretary, Horace A. Kauffman; Representative to Executive Committee, John H. Riggall, Jansen E. Hartman, and Daniel K. Ziegler.

Committee on Promotion: Chairman, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.; Secretary, John M. Stengele; Representative to Executive Committee, Robert W. Gehret, Jansen E. Hartman and W. B. Hottel.

Executive Committee: Chairman, T. D. Gehret; Secretary, Robert W. Gehret; A. L. Seifert; John H. Riggall; A. L. Wentz.

Jansen E. Hartman was re-elected President of the School for the term of office from June 30, 1965 to June 30, 1966.

We praise the Lord that the School has been able to meet all of its financial obligations through the faithful and sacrificial support of the members and friends of the Bible Fellowship Church. We thank God for all those who pray and give in order to make the ministry of Berean Bible School possible.

The Board of Directors of Berean Bible School recommends to the Annual Conference meeting in Faith Church, York, Pa., on Monday, October 11, 1965:

That the following procedure for meeting the needs of Berean Bible School this coming year shall be:

That each church be encouraged to support Berean Bible School at a level equal to 4% of its annual offerings and that this support be remitted to the school in twelve monthly payments. The laymen on the Board of Directors of Berean Bible School shall maintain contact throughout the year with the pastors and official boards of each church keeping them informed of the work of the school and its needs.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Sheet June 30, 1965

Exhibit A

Assets

I	Current Funds		
	General (Schedule 1)	\$ 8,960.71	
	Restricted -- Cash	<u>1,269.84</u>	\$ 10,230.55
II	Loan Fund		
	Cash		109.01
III	Endowments and Other Non-Expendable Funds		
	Funds Subject to Annuity Agreements		
	Institutional Property		1,835.33
IV	Plant Fund (Schedule 1)		155,122.68
V	Agency Funds (Schedule 5)		
	Cash		<u>2,043.75</u>
	Total Assets		<u>\$169,341.32</u>

		<u>Liabilities</u>	
I	Current Funds		
	Liabilities (Schedule 2)	310.81	
	Surplus (Exhibit C)		
	Restricted	\$ 1,269.84	
	Unappropriated	<u>8,649.90</u>	<u>9,919.74</u>
			10,230.55
II	Loan Fund		
	Principal of Fund		109.01
III	Endowments and Other Non-Expendable Funds		
	Funds Subject to Annuity Agreements		
	Unrestricted Principal (Schedule 6)		1,835.33
IV	Plant Fund		
	Invested in Plant		
	Liabilities -- Mortgage Payable	\$ 5,667.09	
	From Gifts and Current Funds	<u>149,455.59</u>	<u>\$155,122.68</u>
V	Agency Funds		
	Balance of Funds Due to Others (Schedule 2)		<u>2,043.75</u>
	Total Liabilities		<u><u>\$169,341.32</u></u>

Exhibit B

Condensed Statement of Current Income and Expenditures
For the Year Ended June 30, 1965

		<u>Income</u>
Educational and General --		
Student Fees	\$10,337.70	
Gifts and Grants:		
Unrestricted	29,134.98	
Restricted	4,274.99	
General	<u>700.00</u>	<u>\$44,447.67</u>
Auxiliary Enterprises		24,504.13
Other Non-Educational Income		<u>20.00</u>
Total Income (Schedule 3)		<u><u>\$68,971.80</u></u>

		<u>Expenditures</u>
Educational and General		
Administration	\$12,052.23	
General Expense	5,722.90	
Instruction	17,047.77	
Library	2,572.64	
Operation and Maintenance of Physical Plant	<u>7,732.95</u>	<u>\$45,128.49</u>

Auxiliary Enterprises	18,949.76
Other Non-Educational Expense	<u>3,450.59</u>

Total Expenditures (Schedule 4)	<u>\$67,528.84</u>
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Excess of Income over Expenditures --	
Educational and General	(680.82)
Auxiliary Enterprises	5,554.37
Other Non-Educational Transactions	<u>(3,430.59)</u>

Net Excess of Income over Expenditures (Exhibit C)	<u>\$ 1,442.96</u>
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Exhibit C

Statement of Current Funds Surplus

For the Year Ended June 30, 1965

Balance, June 30, 1964	\$12,415.01
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Addition:

Excess of income over expenditures for the Period (Exhibit B)	<u>1,442.96</u>
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	\$13,857.97
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Deductions:

Current funds transferred to plant fund:

For acquisition of assets	\$2,981.17
For retirement of debt	<u>497.06</u>
	3,478.23

Adjustment for doubtful accounts of
prior years

460.00	3,938.23
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Balance, June 30, 1965	<u>\$ 9,919.74</u>
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Consisting of:

Restricted Surplus	\$ 1,269.84
Unappropriated Surplus	<u>8,649.90</u>

Total, Current Funds Surplus (Exhibit A)	<u>\$ 9,919.74</u>
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T. D. Gehret, Chairman
W. B. Hottel, Secretary
A. L. Wentz, Treasurer
A. L. Seifert
Jansen E. Hartman
John H. Riggall
Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.
Byron C. Cassel
Horace A. Kauffman

Daniel K. Ziegler
Robert W. Gehret
John M. Stengele
Roy E. Williams

Board of Directors of
Berean Bible School.

XV. REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION COMMITTEE

"He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." Ecclesiastes 11:4. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season." II Timothy 4:2

Times and circumstances change but at all times it behooves us to be diligently sowing the living and incorruptible seed of God's Word not observing these changing winds. As one plants and another waters, God gives the increase.

The Lord has given us another good year in the vital work of the Sunday School. The Lord blessed through a Contact and Attendance Contest held during November of 1964 and the Annual Convention held this year in the Bethel Bible Fellowship Church in Emmaus was also a great help.

A number of the participating schools showed an increase in their average attendances during the contest month of November 1964 as compared with their previous average attendance.

A new convention format was introduced this year. Doctors Mr. and Mrs. Simpson conducted sessions designed for teachers of young people and adults. Mrs. Betty Worrall Pelcher held workshops for teachers of children. The sessions were arranged in such a manner as to permit all in attendance to hear all of the speakers one or more times during the day. A delightful musical interlude under the direction of Richard Lefever of Emmaus, Pa., was provided by the Convention Choir and other musical groups.

A convention is again being planned for Saturday, April 30, 1966. Details will be announced later.

The Audio-Visual Library at the Berean Bible School sponsored by this Sunday School Promotion Committee, continues to be a growing asset to our Christian Education ministry.

Most of all we wish to commend those faithful officers and teachers who faithfully render their services from week to week. We also wish to thank the Sunday Schools for their financial support which makes the services of this Committee possible.

This Committee is also presently preparing material on Sunday School Standards and requests permission to present it at the Adjourned Session of this Annual Conference.

We request that the Annual Conference meeting in the Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Sixth Ave. at N. Duke St., York, Pa., on Monday, October 11, 1965 approve the following recommendations:

1. That every Bible Fellowship Sunday School make a contribution

for denominational Sunday School promotion. This contribution should be mailed to the Financial Secretary of the Committee (James R. Cressman) before April 1, 1966.

2. That in the Pastor's Summary Statistical Report the listing "Sunday Schools Visited" be deleted.
3. That in the By-Laws, Section VI, Article H, be changed to read, "The pastor, by virtue of his office, shall be counted as an officer of the Sunday School."
4. That we discontinue the use of the term "scholars" and use the term "members" instead.
5. That the term "staff member" be used to include the categories formerly known as "teachers and officers."

FINANCES

Balance from previous year	\$ 956.95
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RECEIPTS:

Offerings from Sunday Schools	\$1,265.14	
Sunday School Convention Offering	163.00	1,428.14
Total Receipts and Balance from previous year		\$2,385.09

EXPENDITURES:

Convention expenses including honorariums & mileage for speakers and printing	490.83	
Postage, Telephone, Stationery & Mileage	36.70	
Printing and Promotion including Contest	332.15	
Contest Prizes to Sunday Schools	310.00	
Berean Bible School - Visual Aids Library	50.00	
Board of Directors of Bible Fellowship		
Church - Annual contribution	100.00	
Fellowship News - Annual contribution	50.00	1,369.68
Balance in Treasury - September 10, 1965		\$1,015.41

Committee:

James G. Koch, Chairman	William A. Heffner
Norman L. Reed, Asst. Chairman	W. B. Hottel
Harlan Wolf, Rec. Secretary	Robert W. Smock
James R. Cressman, Financial Sec.	Nicholas J. Sheetz
T. D. Gehret	William R. Hunsberger
A. L. Seifert	Robert E. Lee

XVI. REPORT OF THE SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MINISTERIAL CONVENTION

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Ministerial Convention of the Bible Fellowship Church was held at Victory Valley Camp on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 25 and 26, 1965.

Frank L. Herb, Jr. served as chairman and Leon K. Overpeck was the secretary. Other members of the Program Committee were Bert N. Brosius, Jansen E. Hartman and R. C. Reichenbach.

The Convention opened at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning with devotions led by Frank L. Herb followed by the first of a series of heart-warming messages by the Rev. Tracy Miller, retired pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. His first address was on, "The Pastor and His God." After the address there was a question and answer period on this theme. This was followed by a business session in which the various committees for this retreat were appointed. The morning session was concluded with Jansen E. Hartman speaking on, "The Pastor and His Preaching."

The Tuesday afternoon session centered around a panel discussion on the theme, "The Minister and His Ethics" in which R. C. Reichenbach led us in discussion of, "The Pastor and His People, His Community, His Business Ethics, His Ministry and His Home Life."

Tuesday evening we met at 7:45 p.m. and were challenged by Tracy Miller's message on, "The Pastor and the Holy Spirit." This was followed by an informal "fireside chat" with both District Superintendents, T. D. Gehret and A. L. Seifert sharing from their experiences and blessings in the ministry. The meeting was then opened for participation by the pastors to share their testimony of God's goodness.

The Wednesday morning session began at 9 a.m. with devotions and then an address by Tracy Miller on the theme, "The Pastor Dealing With Souls in Need." This was followed with a business meeting in which committee reports were heard and the resolution passed that our 1966 Ministerial Convention again be held at Victory Valley Camp on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 24 and 25. James A. Beil was elected chairman and Glenn R. Huratiak was elected the secretary for the 1966 Convention. W. B. Hottel, David J. Watkins, and Carl C. Cassel were elected to the Program Committee. A resolution expressing our thanks to the Victory Valley Board and the Women's Missionary Society of the Zionsville Church was also passed in appreciation of their gracious hospitality.

Following a brief interlude for a meeting of the Beneficiary Society the Convention then heard Jansen E. Hartman speak on, "The Bible Fellowship Church's Role in Education" wherein was also included a question period.

The closing meeting of the 1965 Ministerial Convention convened at 1:30 p.m. The subject, "The Bible Fellowship Church's Role in Church Extension" was introduced with three papers:

- "The Priority of Church Extension" - Daniel G. Ziegler
- "Past Failures" - William A. Heffner
- "Principles of Future Development" - Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.

The reading of the papers was followed by an enthusiastic discussion of this subject of such great concern to all of us. The Rev. Tracy Miller then brought the closing message from I Kings 19 and the Convention was closed with the hymn, "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee," a hymn undoubtedly expressing the renewed zeal of our hearts after such a practical and inspiring convention.

Frank L. Herb, Jr., Chairman
Leon K. Overpeck, Secretary

XVII. BOARD OF MIZPAH GROVE.

Praise indeed is due to our Lord for the rich spiritual blessings of the two camp meetings held July 3 to 11 and July 17 to 25. Attendances at the services revealed a continued interest in the camp program as did also the fact that orders for tents for the first district had to be refused for lack of facilities.

The Cafeteria and Store were managed in an excellent manner by the Business Administration of Berean Bible School.

During the year approximately \$1,000.00 was spent on road improvement. The wiring for the sound system has been enclosed in conduit in the auditorium and four concrete tent floors have been laid on an experimental basis.

James A. Beil, Bert N. Brosius and Robert W. Smock were elected to represent the Board of Mizpah Grove on the Committee to Study the Future Camp Site.

The Board announces the following:

1. There will be 2 Camp Meetings in 1966.

The churches of the Bethlehem District and the Church Extension Churches located at Belvidere, Finesville, Miller Heights and Macungie shall comprise this Camp Meeting to be held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, July 2 to 10, 1966.

The churches of the Allentown District and the Church Extension

Churches located at Millersville, Sinking Spring, Walnutport and Bing-hamton shall comprise this camp meeting to be held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, July 16 to 24, 1966.

Evening services will also be held Tuesday through Friday of the week between camps.

2. The rental of tents shall be \$10.00 per camp meeting. One (\$1.00) dollar registration fee (not refundable) shall accompany each tent order; the balance shall be paid at the time the tent is selected.

3. All tent orders shall be properly filled in and signed by the persons placing the tent order and sent to the Secretary of the Board of Mizpah Grove, Registrar (Robert W. Smock, 1113 Whitney Ave., Easton, Pa. 18042) no later than June 15, 1966.

FINANCIAL

Income

Balance 10/1/64			\$ 6,780.20
First District Camp			
Income	\$ 6,745.14		
Expended	<u>2,596.13</u>		
		\$ 4,149.01	
Second District Camp			
Income	7,069.59		
Expended	<u>1,862.20</u>		
		<u>\$ 5,207.39</u>	9,356.40
Cafeteria and Store			
Income	14,120.14		
Expended	<u>13,713.87</u>		
Balance 9/65	406.27		
Balance 9/64	<u>299.05</u>		
Total	<u>705.32</u>		
To Board	600.00	600.00	600.00
Balance 9/13/65	<u>105.32</u>		
Sale of scrap iron			7.88
Special donations			25.00
Refund-First District Camp			500.00
Refund-Cafeteria			2,000.00
Refund-Contractors			<u>22.00</u>
			\$19,291.48

Expenditures

Improvements	\$ 1,879.48
Repairs	754.81

Insurance	374.00
Electric	466.15
Telephone	206.23
Taxes, Water, Sewer	247.72
Ground Maintenance	322.44
Equipment	258.98
Care of trees	413.25
Printing and publicity	106.00
Fares	147.12
Meals	70.00
Contractors and Fence Work (Erection & Dismantling)	958.40
Use of trucks	228.92
To Board of Directors	100.00
Forwarded to Cafeteria and First District Camp	2,500.00
Hardware	154.46
Postage	2.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	60.23
Total Expenses	9,250.19
Balance on hand 9/14/65	10,041.29
	<u>\$19,291.48</u>

The books were audited by David E. Thomann

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Board recommends that Section E, (Camp Meetings) page 14 of the 1964 Year Book be removed from our by-laws.
2. The Board recommends that the following be added to the duties of the Board of Mizpah Grove (pg. 30, 1963 Year Book).

(Second Reading)

“15. To determine the time and place of Camp Meetings.”

T. D. Gehret, Chairman
 Robert W. Smock, Secretary
 A. L. Seifert
 James A. Beil
 Bert N. Brosius
 Robert W. Gehret
 George Krigor
 David E. Thomann
 A. L. Wentz
 Board

XVIII. REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER

For Year ended September 30, 1965

	Balance October 1 1964	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance October 1 1965
1. Board of Directors	\$ 8,864.20	\$41,804.42	\$48,712.38	\$ 1,956.24
2. Dormitory Fund	755.00	-	-	755.00
3. Revolving Loan Fund	2,255.13	-	-	2,255.13
4. Ministers' Moving Fund	17.41	3,250.75	2,515.02	753.14
5. Ministers' Retirement Fund	28,798.63	10,900.39	7,775.92	31,923.10
6. District Superintendents' Homes	2,615.47	2,061.68	1,484.24	3,192.91
7. Foreign Missions	939.84	102,103.18	101,919.72	1,123.30
8. The Home	4,369.34	18,252.20	13,707.56	8,913.98
9. Publication and Printing	1,163.33	2,827.80	2,427.22	1,563.91
10. Church Extension	723.71	45,747.53	45,807.83	663.41
11. Special Church Extension Fund	5,384.02	10,701.23	16,980.70	(895.45)
12. Victory Valley	87.44	6,751.50	8,384.48	(1,545.54)
13. Sunday School Promotion	956.95	1,428.14	1,369.68	1,015.41
14. Mizpah Grove	6,780.20	12,511.28	9,250.19	10,041.29

Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer
per Byron C. Casse]

XIX. ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1966

1. Adjourned Session of Annual Conference
Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Reading, Pa. April 2, 1966, 9:00 a.m.

2. Sunday School Convention

Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Fleetwood, Pa., Saturday, April 30, 1966

3. Ministerial Convention

Victory Valley, May 24-25, 1966

4. Victory Valley Camp

July 2-9	Girls 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 9-16	Girls 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 16-23	Boys 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 23-30	Boys 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 30-August 6	Junior High boys and girls
August 6-13	Junior High boys and girls
August 13-20	Senior High boys and girls

A choice will be given girls and boys in seventh and eighth grades to continue in Girls and Boys camps, respectively, or select Junior High Camp involving a co-ed situation, according to their preferences.

5. Camp Meetings

First Camp - Bethlehem District July 2-10, 1966

Second Camp - Allentown District July 16-24, 1966

Evening services will be held Tuesday thru Friday of the week between camps.

6. Youth Fellowship Retreats

College Career Age, Victory Valley Camp, August 26-28

Jr. & Sr. High Combined Retreat - Place and time to be announced later.

7. Annual Conference

Grace Bible Fellowship Church Hampden Blvd. & Marion St., Reading, Pa.
October 10, 1966 10:00 a.m.

XXIII. STATISTICAL COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTMinisters & Officers

District Superintendents	2
Ordained Ministers	50
Probationers	9
Deacons	8
Stewards	43
Parsonage or Building Fund Col.	43
Class Leaders	57
Prayer Meeting Classes	49

Membership

Received into Church Fellowship 202

Received by transfer from B.F.	
Churches	64
Total increase	266
Died	41
Withdrawn	158
Dropped	90
Transferred to B. F. Churches	53
Transferred to other churches	55
Total decrease	397
Net decrease	131
Total membership	4,554

Pastor's Activities

Sermons preached	5,532
Pastoral visits	18,745
Prayer meetings visited	2,060
Sunday Schools visited	2,133
Baptized	164
Children dedicated	117

Sunday Schools

Officers enrolled	326
Teachers enrolled	712
Scholars enrolled	7,059
Total enrollment	8,097
Total average attendance	6,135
Cradle Roll members	457
Home department members	185

Church Property

Churches	45	
Parsonages	40	
Increase of church property		\$ 471,244.90
Present valuation of church Property		\$3,653,863.63

Offerings

Foreign Missions	\$ 90,213.
Foreign Missions (Sunday Schools)	20,231.
Church Extension	38,257.
Church Extension (Sunday Schools)	6,680.
Home for the Aging	1,319.
Home for the Aging (Special)	57.
Ministers' Retirement Fund	3,688.
Beneficiary Fund	828.
Sunday School Promotion Committee	1,265.
District Superintendents	16,205.
Church Extension Director (Missions)	1,191.

District Superintendents' Parsonages	1,989.
Berean Bible School	22,746.
Victory Valley	2,502.
Ministers in Cash	175,301.
Camp Meetings	13,848.
Sunday Schools	68,393.
General Offerings	166,686.
Missionary Conference	13,010.
New Church Property Improvements or Repairs	91,622.
Parsonage or Building Fund	72,190.
Received for reduction of Indebtedness	52,930.
Local Benevolent Fund	5,402.
Youth Fellowship	4,197.
Women's Missionary Society	15,275.
Library	351.
Adult Fellowship	2,029.
Child Evangelism	5,040.
Annual Conference Delegate Fund	2,973.
Radio Ministry	750.
Youth Fellowship General Committee	41.
Mizpah Grove	50.
Christian Education	2,022.
Total Offerings	\$899,281.

Additional Statistics

Subscribers to <u>Fellowship News</u>	1,278
Publication & Printing	\$ 1,728.
Annual Conference Entertainment	636.
Moving Fund	3,202.
Ministers in Other Contributions	14,905.
W.M.S. Donated Materials	7,426.

Willard E. Cassel
J. E. Golla
LeRoy S. Heller
John Dunn
Donald T. Kirkwood

ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church:

Name	Licensed	Ordained	Received present charge	Post Office Address
Russell T.	1955	1958	1961	952 N. Duke St., York, Pa. 17404
E. W.	1928	1938	1958	Box 284, Blandon, Pa. 19510
James A.	1959	1962	1963	1023 Taylor Ave., Scranton, Pa. 18510
s, Bert N.	1958	1961	1959	438 Cypress St., Lehigh, Pa. 18235
, Alva C.	1958	1962	1961	235 Walnut St., Catasauqua, Pa. 18032
, Carl C.	1956	1959	1962	529 N. Eighth St., Allentown, Pa. 18102
, Willard E.	1943	1946	1963	723 Filmore St., Allentown, Pa. 18103
John	1941	1950	1961	6902 Chelwynde Ave., Phila., Pa. 19142
Harvey J., Jr.	1959	1962	1959	311 Yost Ave., Spring City, Pa. 19475
er, Reynold D., Sr.?	1955	1961	1964	21 S. Sixth St., Stroudsburg, Pa. 18360
, T. D.	1921	1925	D.S.	2340 Union St., Allentown, Pa. 18104
John E.	1941	1942	1965	R.D.#1, Macungie, Pa. 18062
an, Ernest B.	1927	1936	1959	Box 266, Zionsville, Pa. 18092
an, Jansen E.?	1942	1946		1020 S. Hall St., Allentown, Pa. 18103
an, W. W.	1930	1937	1964	35 S. Second St., Shamokin, Pa. 17872
er, William A.	1943	1951		424 Ridge St., Emmaus, Pa. 18049
LeRoy S.	1955	1958	1962	504 Oxford St., Coopersburg, Pa. 18036
Frank L., Jr.	1954	1957	1964	1124 N. Main St., Bethlehem, Pa. 18018
George E.	1957	1960	1962	103 W. Pine St., Fleetwood, Pa. 19522
g, F.B.	1922	1925	1962	132 W. Fourth St., Mt. Carmel, Pa. 17851
, Earl M.	1953	1956	1959	313 N. Third St., Emmaus, Pa. 18049
ak, Glenn R. Ellingson		1949	1964	515 Locust St., Lebanon, Pa. 17042
W. B.	1944	1947	1962	4426 Van Kirk St., Phila., Pa. 19135
n, Robert F.	1958	1961	1963	630 Walnut St., Royersford, Pa. 19468
od, C. E.	1937	1940	1962	75 W. Broad St., Hatfield, Pa. 19440
od, Donald T.	1951	1954	1958	418 Roslyn Ave., Glenside, Pa. 19038
Richard H.	1955	1958	1963	16 S. Broad St., Nazareth, Pa. 18064
, Donald R.	1962	1965	1965	25 S. Third St., Quakertown, Pa.
James G.	1950	1953	1961	1122 Hampden Blvd., Reading, Pa. 19604
n, Ronald C.	1960	1959	1963	263 Diamond Spring Rd., Denville, N. J.
ck, Leon K.	1958	1965	1963	Box 32, Paradise, Pa. 17562
Robert	1962	1947	1965	15 E. Penn Ave., Wernersville, Pa. 19565
nbach, R. C.	1937	1941	1964	3210 N. Fourth St., Harrisburg, Pa. 17110
, John H.	1945	1948	1958	723 S. Providence Rd., Wallingford, Pa.
er, Donald B.	1955	1958	1963	404 W. Main St., Terre Hill, Pa. 17581
, A. L.	1950	1953	D.S.	1218 E. Rosemont Drive, Beth., Pa. 18018
Robert W.	1950	1953	1963	1113 Whitney Ave., Easton, Pa. 18042
nn, David E.	1943	1946	1965	78 E. Harleysville Pike, M.R. Harleysville, Pa. 19438
s, David J.	1962	1965	1963	111 Bridge St., Graterford, Pa. 19426
Norman R.	1960	1963	1961	532 Prospect St., Lancaster, Pa. 17603
J. H.	1916	1920	1958	650 Catawissa Ave., Sunbury, Pa. 17801
, Daniel G.	1960	1963	1964	243 Taylor St., Staten Island, N.Y. 10310

#President of Berean Bible School

*Church Extension Director

2. Ordained Ministers Working With Other Organizations

Name	Licensed	Ordained	Received present charge	Post Office Address
Frank, Walter H.	1939	1942		Greater Europe Mission, 214 North St., Wheaton, Illinois
Miller, C. Leslie	1928	1933		300 E. Dryden St., Apt. 21, Glendale, Calif. 91207
Yarrington, H. D.	1942	1952		Chaplain, Connecticut Valley Hospital, 351, Middletown, Conn.
Dotts, Raymond	1960	1965		1020 S. Hall St., Allentown, Pa.

3. Ordained Ministers Retired and On Leave of Absence

Baer, Paul E.	1924	1928		1334 Northampton St., Easton, Pa.
Heffner, W. F.	1917	1920		6103 Ann St., Harrisburg, Pa.
Kubic, E. E.	1901	1907		207 S. Third St., Lebanon, Pa.
Layne, J. B.	1916	1919		R. D. #2, Etters, Pa. 17319
Rutman, E. J.	1937	1940		7809 Sunset Drive, Harrisburg, Pa.
Stengele, P. T.	1918	1923		Orefield, Pa.

4. Probationers

Campbell, M. Leslie	1961			20 Cherry St., Walnutport, Pa.
Ellingson, Bruce A.	1963			Main Road, Finesville, N. J. 08820
Herb, John H.	1962			22 Adams St., Belvidere, N. J.
Sullivan, Austin B., Jr.				5th St., & Alternate Rt. 22, Miller Heights, Bethlehem, Pa. 18017
Weaber, Harold C.	1963			R. D. #1, Millersville, Pa. 17551

5. Missionaries

Baker, Sterling				
Baker, Mrs. Sterling				
Bigley, James	1962			
Bigley, Mrs. James				
Buck, Leonard E.	1958			
Buck, Mrs. Leonard				
Chaponniere, Paul				
Chaponniere, Mrs. Paul				
Doverspike, Miss Betty				
Dyke, C. Herbert				
Dyke, Mrs. C. Herbert				
Gehman, Richard J.				
Gehman, Mrs. Richard J.				
Gordon, Robert	1960			
Gordon, Mrs. Robert				
Harley, J. Barclay	1956	1960		
Harley, Mrs. J. Barclay				
Hertzog, Roy	1959	1960		
Hertzog, Mrs. Roy				
Hoffman, Mrs. Aaron D.				
Hovle, Mrs. Ron				

Name	Licensed	Ordained	Received present charge	Post Office Address
George F., Jr. Mrs. George F., Jr. ley, David K. ler, Miss Sylvia ver, Edward ver, Mrs. Edward wn, Miss Olive er, Donald J. er, Mrs. Donald J. offstall, Dr. Robert offstall, Mrs. Robert lling, Theodore lly, Austin lly, Mrs. Austin der, Mrs. Phoebe ngele, Laird F. ngele, Mrs. Laird F. iable, Fred iable, Mrs. Fred	1956	1961		



Faith Bible Fellowship Church — Spring City, Pennsylvania

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

Church	Location	Time of Services		
		S.S.	Worship	Evening
Allentown(Bethel) - 528 North Eighth St.		9:30	10:40	7:30
Allentown(Salem) - 641 Genesee St.		9:00	10:15	7:30
Bethlehem - 1123-1127 N. Main St.		9:00	10:15	7:15
Blandon - Chestnut Street		9:00	10:15	7:00
Catasauqua - 233 Walnut St.		10:30	9:15	7:00
Coopersburg - 518 N. Main St.		9:00	10:10	7:00
Denville - 263 Diamond Spring Rd.		9:30	10:45	7:00
Easton - 12th & Spruce St.		9:30	10:45	7:30
Emmaus - 418-20 Elm St.		10:15	9:00	7:30
Fleetwood - South Richmond St.		10:30	9:15	7:30
Graterford - Route #29, Graterford, Pa.		9:30	10:40	7:00
Harleysville - 15 Maple Ave.		9:00	10:00	7:30
Harrisburg - Division & Reel Sts.		9:30	10:35	7:30
Hatfield - West Broad St.		9:30	10:30	7:30
Lancaster - Prospect and Hager Sts.		9:30	10:40	7:30
Lebanon - 521 Locust St.		9:30	10:30	7:30
Lehighton - Cypress and Fourth Sts.		9:30	10:40	7:30
Maple Glen - Welsh Road		9:45	10:50	7:30
Mount Carmel - 130 W. Fourth St.		9:30	10:30	7:00
Nazareth - 16 S. Broad St.		9:30	10:30	7:30
Paradise - Lincoln Highway (Rt. 30)		9:30	10:35	7:30
Philadelphia(Calvary) - 4414-16 Van Kick St.		10:00	11:10	7:30
Philadelphia (Emmanuel) - 65th St. & Dickens Ave.		9:45	11:00	7:30
Quakertown - 27 South Third St.		9:00	10:05	7:00
Reading - Hampden Blvd. & Marion St., Reading, Pa.		9:30	10:45	7:30
Royersford - 618 Walnut St., Royersford, Pa.		9:00	10:10	7:30
Scranton - 1021 Taylor Ave.		10:00	11:00	7:30
Shamokin - S. Second & Penn Sts.		9:30	10:45	7:30
Spring City, - Pennhurst Rd. & Bridge St.		9:30	10:45	7:00
Staten Island - 243 Taylor St. (West Brighton)		9:45	11:00	7:30
Stroudsburg - 23 South 6th		9:30	10:30	7:30
Sunbury - Race St. near Sixth St.		9:30	10:30	7:30
Terre Hill - 407 W. Main St., Terre Hill, Pa.		8:50	10:00	7:30
Wallingford - 723 S. Providence Rd., Wallingford, Pa.		9:30	10:45	7:00
York - Cr. 6th Ave. & N. Duke Sts., York, Pa. (North York Boro)		9:30	10:40	7:00
Zionsville - South Vera Cruz Rd., Zionsville, R.D.#1, Pa.		9:30	10:30	7:30

CHURCH EXTENSION CHURCHES

Church	Location	Time of Services		
		S.S.	Worship	Evening
Belvidere - Pequest Road		10:00	11:00	7:30
Binghamton - 5 Rutherford St., Binghamton, N.Y.		10:00	'til 11:30	7:00
Finesville - Main Road, Finesville, N.J.		9:30	10:45	7:30
Macungie - 108 Walnut St., Macungie, Pa.		9:15	10:30	7:00
Miller Heights - 5th St. & Alternate Rt. 22, Miller Heights, Bethlehem, Pa.		9:30	10:30	7:00
Millersville - R.D. 1, Millersville, Pa. 17551		9:30	10:45	7:30
Sinking Spring - R.D. 1, Spring Valley Gardens Route 422		10:00	'til 11:30	7:00
Walnutport - 233 Main St., Walnutport, Pa. 18088		9:15	10:15	7:00

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Pastor	Exchange	Number
Allen, Russell T.	York	717-843-4739
Baer, Paul E.	Easton	215-253-0253
Bean, E. W.	Leesport	215-926-3097
Beil, James A.	Scranton	717-342-2027
Brosius, Bert N.	Lehighton	215-377-1277
Campbell, M. Leslie		215-767-4852
Cassel, Alva C.	Catasauqua	215-264-0947
Cassel, Carl C.	Allentown	215-432-0664
(Bethel Church)	Allentown	215-435-2331
Cassel, Willard E.	Allentown	215-432-7275
Dunn, John	Philadelphia	215-726-4413
Ellingson, Bruce A.		201-993-7308
(Calvary Church)		201-993-7678
Fritz, Harvey J.	Royersford	215-948-3791
(Spring City Church)	Royersford	215-948-9448
Gardner, Reynold D. Sr.	Stroudsburg	717-421-0533
Gehret, T. D.	Allentown	215-435-1732
Golla, John E.	Emmaus	215-965-2308

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY - Continued

Pastor	Exchange	Number
Hartman, Ernest B.	Emmaus	215-965-6346
Hartman, Jansen E.	Allentown	215-434-2251
Hartman, W. W.	Shamokin	717-648-9732
Heffner, William A.	Emmaus	215-967-1643
Heffner, W. F.	Harrisburg	717-564-2568
Heller, LeRoy S.	Coopersburg	215-282-3580
Herb, Frank L. Jr. (Ebenezer Church)	Bethlehem	215-866-2703
Herb, George E.	Bethlehem	215-868-5501
Herb, John H.	Fleetwood	215-944-4742
Hertzog, F. B.		201-475-2769
Hosler, Earl M. (Bethel Church)	Mt. Carmel	717-339-4693
Hottel, W. B.	Emmaus	215-967-2555
(Calvary Church)	Emmaus	215-965-2682
Huratiak, Glenn R.	Philadelphia	215-CU8-6369
	Philadelphia	215-PI3-3751
	Lebanon	717-272-3945
Johnson, Robert F.	Royersford	215-948-3014
Kirkwood, C.E.	Lansdale	215-855-2449
Kirkwood, Donald T. (Maple Glen Church)	Glenside	215-886-4862
Kline, Richard H.	Maple Glen	215-MI6-1220
	Nazareth	215-759-1712
Knauer, Donald R.	Quakertown	215-536-6096
Koch, James G.	Reading	215-372-3330
Kubic, E. E.	Lebanon	717-272-1866
Layne, J. B.	Lewisberry	717-938-2950
Mahurin, Ronald C.	Denville	201-627-6706
Overpeck, Leon K.	Strasburg	717-687-7577
Paul, Robert		215-678-4294
Reichenbach, R. C.	Harrisburg	717-232-0821
Riggall, John H.	Chester	215-876-8449
Rutman, E. J.	Harrisburg	717-652-0479
Schaeffer, Donald B.	Terre Hill	215-445-4401
Seifert, A. L.	Bethlehem	215-868-2781
Smock, Robert W.	Easton	215-252-6352
Sullivan, Austin B. Jr.	Bethlehem	717-872-8979
Thomann, David E.	Harleysville	215-256-8253
Watkins, David J.	Collegeville	215-489-2281

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY - Continued

Pastor	Exchange	Number
Weaber, Harold C.		717-872-8979
Weiss, Norman R.	Lancaster	717-393-7677
Wolf, N. H.	Sunbury	717-286-6106
Ziegler, Daniel G.	New York	212-442-2782
Members of the Board of Directors:		
Cassel, Byron C.	Glenside	215-884-6622
Wentz, Paul I. Sr.	Allentown	215-437-2775
Ziegler, Daniel K.	Lansdale	215-855-2243
Bible Fellowship Church Home 38 S. New St., Nazareth, Pa.	Nazareth	215-759-3778
Berean Bible School 1020 S. Hall St., Allentown, Pa.	Allentown Office	215-434-8151
	Student Phone	215-433-9868
	Hartman, Jansen E.	215-434-2251
	Dotts, Raymond R.	215-437-1787
	Bull, Theodore S.	215-432-8569
	Women's Dormitory	215-433-9868
	Men's Dormitory	215-433-9034

XX. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Allentown District - T. D. Gehret, D.S.

Appointments	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in S.S.	Church Extension	Church Extension in S.S.	Conference Expenses	Total
Allentown (Bethel)	21,480.67	1,943.80	6,842.48	2,026.61	\$ 74.55	32,368.11
Catasauqua	186.00	32.00	132.00	32.00	6.45	388.45
Graterford	575.00	157.00	214.00	134.00	6.60	1,086.60
Harleysville	1,120.00	254.00	500.00	--	10.00	1,884.00
Harrisburg	1,776.00	437.00	688.00	403.00	18.00	3,322.00
Hatfield	8,000.00	--	3,000.00	--	22.80	11,022.80
Lancaster	513.00	187.00	212.00	113.00	8.85	1,033.85
Lebanon	750.00	--	750.00	--	--	1,500.00
Lehighton	190.00	126.85	125.50	115.63	10.20	568.18
Mount Carmel	1,352.00	1,148.00	1,000.00	--	16.65	3,516.65
Nazareth	1,600.26	406.51	697.70	407.53	13.80	3,125.80
Paradise	148.72	581.68	52.00	--	7.35	789.75
Reading	4,650.00	--	1,500.00	--	51.15	6,201.15
Royersford	2,396.77	257.54	1,401.86	248.78	10.80	4,315.75
Shamokin	1,017.71	354.32	670.16	354.32	20.25	2,416.76
Spring City	1,835.77	928.22	359.50	12.45	--	3,135.94
Sunbury	2,203.50	1,123.00	1,387.50	356.00	29.55	5,099.55
York	3,959.04	1,881.00	901.16	--	25.95	6,767.15
Total	53,754.44	9,817.92	20,433.86	4,203.32	\$332.95	88,542.49

Bethlehem District - A. L. Seifert, D.S.

Allentown (Salem)	800.00	--	500.00	--	13.50	1,313.50
Bethlehem	7,403.86	4,263.07	2,719.00	660.23	48.15	15,094.31
Blandon	315.00	649.00	200.00	--	13.00	1,177.00
Coopersburg	2,200.00	--	500.00	--	19.35	2,719.35
Denville	527.07	125.30	527.08	125.30	6.15	1,310.90
Easton	961.00	--	286.00	--	19.00	1,266.00
Emmaus	2,668.49	1,184.00	1,519.19	135.00	28.65	5,535.33
Fleetwood	3,999.25	226.82	2,569.00	106.98	22.05	6,924.10
Maple Glen	1,400.00	--	1,400.00	--	15.15	2,815.15
Phila. (Calvary)	2,030.75	--	622.72	--	10.35	2,663.82
Phila. (Emmanuel)	1,521.00	515.00	27.00	--	7.80	2,070.80
Quakertown	2,425.00	--	2,425.00	--	23.40	4,873.40
Scranton	690.12	82.91	100.00	82.91	10.35	966.29
Staten Island	438.00	115.00	7.00	--	5.40	565.40
Stroudsburg	346.44	99.88	200.00	--	5.85	652.17
Terre Hill	1,868.00	630.00	1,397.00	615.00	17.40	4,527.40
Wallingford	3,987.22	337.79	2,301.21	463.29	24.45	7,113.96
Zionsville	771.00	384.00	525.00	--	7.35	1,687.35
Total	\$34,352.20	\$ 8,612.77	17,825.20	2,188.71	297.35	63,276.23

Church Extension Department - William A. Heffner, Director

Belvidere	308.86	119.83				428.69
Binghamton	33.40	42.35				75.75
Finesville	180.00	259.85				439.85
Macungie	480.00	50.00				530.00
Miller Heights	--	550.00				550.00
Millersville	212.67	246.28				458.95
Sinking Springs	872.68	361.40				1,234.08
Walnutport	30.00	170.00				200.00
Total	\$2,117.61	1,799.71				3,917.32
Grand Total	90,224.25	\$20,230.40	\$38,259.06	\$ 6,392.03	\$ 630.30	155,736.04
Increase	16,466.47		1,657.44			11,556.69
Decrease		4,682.98		1,855.59	28.65	

Byron C. Cassel
H. W. Griest
Kermit K. Gehman
Robert W. Gehret
Roy E. Williams

CHURCH

PASTOR

Allentown District - T. D. Gehret, D. S.

Allentown (Bethel)	Carl C. Cassel	1	6	-	-	12	-	14	6	34	12	-2	8	62	-	48	449	68	521	47	47	1	2	9	
	Alva C. Cassel	-	1	-	-	7	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	54	116	300	43	48	4	1		
	Graterford	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54	116	406	46	49	-	1		
	Harleysville	-	-	1	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	67	120	410	40	-49	-	5		
	Harrisburg	-	1	1	-	1	-	12	1	2	-	3	-	7	5	-	123	120	443	40	15	5	5		
	Haffeld	-	1	1	-	1	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	157	180	725	42	48	2	6		
	C. E. Kirkwood	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	2	57	104	400	45	50	-	-		
	Norman R. Weiss	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	6	65	126	400	50	50	-	-		
	Glen Huratiak	-	1	1	-	1	-	4	10	1	-	-	2	1	2	1	67	137	187	42	48	2	-		
	Lebanon	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	2	113	108	379	37	40	7	-		
	Bert N. Brosius	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	6	2	-	-	-	1	4	6	98	150	525	40	48	-	3		
	F. B. Hertzog	-	1	1	-	1	-	5	7	-	-	-	-	1	1	13	36	158	316	36	49	5	5		
	Nazareth	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	1	47	294	109	615	57	43	12	3		
	Paradise	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	46	2	1	2	9	-	81	171	531	84	50	6	7		
	Reading	-	3	3	2	2	8	-	13	2	-	-	-	2	4	9	134	85	445	39	51	2	2		
	Royersford	-	1	1	-	1	11	-	2	8	3	2	-	6	10	-	4	79	125	355	57	50	2	2	
	Shamokin	-	1	1	-	1	5	-	2	7	2	-	-	5	8	-	1	197	262	1,271	72	48	7	3	
	Spring City	-	1	1	1	1	3	-	6	5	3	1	4	-	5	-	-	175	699	47	48	7	3	3	
	Sunbury	-	2	2	2	2	7	-	7	2	3	1	-	-	5	2	-	175	699	47	48	7	3	3	
	York	-	2	2	2	2	7	-	7	2	3	1	-	-	5	2	-	175	699	47	48	7	3	3	
	Yonk	-	2	2	2	2	7	-	7	2	3	1	-	-	5	2	-	175	699	47	48	7	3	3	
	Total		1	24	2	6	21	21	25	21	22	87	30	23	25	187	46	116	2,289	2,337	8,988	864	865	83	54

Bethlehem District - A. L. Seifert, D.S.

Allentown (Salem) Bethlehem Blandon Coopersburg Danville, N.J. Easton Emmaus Fleetwood Maple Glen Phila. (Calvary) Phila. (Emmanuel) Quakertown Scranton Staten Island, N.Y. Stroudsburg Terre Hill Wallingford Zionsville	Willard E. Cassel	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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OFFERINGS

CHURCH	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in Sunday School	Church Extension	Church Extension in Sunday School	Home for the Aged	Home for the Aged (Special)	Ministers' Retirement Fund	Beneficiary Fund	Sunday School Promotion Committee
Allentown District - T. D. Gehret, D. S.									
Allentown (Bethel)	21,482	1,944	6,842	2,027	100		200	60	118
Cataquequa	186	32	132	32	15		33	12	15
Graterford	575	157	214	134	32		80	20	25
Harleysville	1,120	254	500		35		106	13	20
Harrisburg	1,776	437	688	403	31		162	23	50
Hafeld	8,000		3,000		75		200	50	50
Lancaster	513	187	212	113	15		36	5	20
Lebanon	750	127	150		30		75	17	15
Leighton	190	127	125	116	18		46	24	15
Lt. Carmel	1,352	1,446	1,000		60		60	15	20
Nazareth	1,600	407	698	408	25		80	10	20
Paradise	149	582	52		12		28	15	20
Reading	4,650	249	1,500	300	83		339	50	105
Royersford	2,397	258	1,402	249	47	57	127	44	36
Shamokin	1,018	354	670	354	22		69	9	28
Spring City	1,836	928	359		21		64	21	20
Sunbury	2,203	1,123	1,387	356	38		218	44	25
York	3,959	1,881	1,901		14		75	11	41
Total	53,756	9,819	20,432	4,492	673	57	1,998	443	643
Bethlehem District - A. L. Seifert, D. S.									
Allentown (Salem)	800								
Bethlehem	7,404	4,263	2,719	660	35		50	12	20
Blandon	313	649	200		108		171	35	111
Coopersburg	2,201	125	500		25		109	10	20
Denville, N. J.	967	527	125		25		75	25	20
Easton	2,668	1,184	286		10		20	5	10
Emmaus	3,998	1,519	1,335		60		66	20	30
Fleetwood	1,407	227	2,369	107	56		217	47	50
Glenn	2,031	1,400	623		20		130	26	49
Phil. A. (Calvary)	1,521	515	27		20		112	25	15
Phil. A. (Emmanuel)	2,425	83	2,425		25		60	20	20
Quakertown	690	100	83		15		39	20	20
Seranton	438	100			40		230	35	25
Staten Island, N. Y.	346	100			26		56	20	25
Stroudsburg	1,868	330	1,397		10		20	5	15
Terre Hill	3,987	338	2,301	615	20		50	10	10
Wallford	771	384	525	463	60		84	15	65
Zionsville					50		165	30	25
Total	34,351	8,613	17,825	2,188	21		36	25	15
Ch. Extension Dept.	2,106	1,799			626		1,690	385	545
Grand Total	90,213	20,231	38,257	6,680	1,319	57	3,688	828	1,265

XXI. PASTOR'S SUMMARY STATISTICAL REPORT

OFFERINGS											New Church Property, Improvements or Repairs
CHURCH	District Superintendent	District Parsonages	Beacon Bible School	Victory Valley	Ministers in Cabs	Camp Meetings	Sunday School	General Offerings	Missionary Conferences		
Allentown District - T. D. Gehret, D. S.											
Allentown (Bethel)	1,300	200	1,811	193	7,904		5,677	13,393	3,039	9,368	
Catasauqua	223	10	104	25	3,500		663	2,403	149	7,077	
Graterford	323	50	271	25	3,359		2,312	3,855	85	8,043	
Hales	312	25	273	54	3,600		1,747	2,478	206	1,777	
Harleysville	490	66	285	91	4,541		2,035	4,698	907		
Huffield	650	100	1,508	200	5,800		3,033	6,228	498		
Lancaster	248	32	300	25	4,629		928	2,830		500	
Lebanon	240	30	120	30	5,707		600	2,887	300	709	
Leighton	257	29	157	27	3,900		842	2,721	40		
Mt. Carmel	440	50	730	100	4,560		1,171	4,328	240		
Nazareth	300	20	276	25	4,918		1,475	2,463	1,145	4,762	
Paradise	208	20	96		2,359		2,235	4,246	92		
Reading	875	103	1,544	187	5,686		3,958	6,237	470		
Royersford	393	60	1,611	204	5,297		778	2,877	674	1,891	
Shamokin	401	35	375	32	4,505		1,921	4,084	217		
Spring City	308	33	189	40	4,306		1,014	1,143	474		
Sunbury	708	50	852	10	4,392		4,260	3,926	315	5,054	
York	425	20	351	44	5,572		2,313	3,149	590		
Total	8,101	932	10,833	1,302	82,535		36,962	73,346	9,441	42,104	
Bethlehem District - A. L. Seifert, D. S.											
Allentown (Salem)	300	30	266	35	3,833		739	5,661	35	1,740	
Bethlehem	1,132	101	2,954	316	7,321		5,561	7,055	43	2,502	
Blandon	300	15	130	20	3,240		1,230	957	255		
Coopersburg	415	75	300	50	4,300		1,539	4,107	490	12,942	
Denville, N.J.	160	5	155	51	3,058		541	4,852	423		
Easton	513	40	208	60	4,629		1,179	3,862	72		
Emmaus	817	112	674	167	5,754		2,780	5,575	303	13,614	
Fleetwood	530	200	547	63	5,530		2,047	4,032	120		
Maple Glen	525	50	420	50	5,128		294	5,257	350	5,963	
Phila. (Calvary)	345	40	625	50	4,891		903	4,002	197		
Phila. (Emmanuel)	361	45	332	20	3,448		675	2,845	85	559	
Quakertown	500	50	1,425	75	5,200		1,725	6,002	1,000		
Scranton	260	25	208	25	3,900		591	1,992	61	800	
Staten Island, N.Y.	140	10	157	15	3,184		643	1,029	61	466	
Stroudsburg	200	15	117	10	2,100		564	2,651	385		
Terre Hill	827	150	1,423	50	5,151		2,803	3,251	130	6,667	
Wallingford	660	50	1,048	50	7,200		2,108	11,387		708	
Zionsville	179	24	85	27	1,909		950	1,212			
Total	8,104	1,057	11,074	1,134	79,756		26,872	75,629	2,949	46,961	

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Allentown District - T. D. Gehret - D. S.									
Allentown (Bethel)	17,092		100	349	5,439		71	175	
Catasauqua	1,320			101	115		70	55	
Graterford	953			115	239		155	80	
Harleysville	920	1,693		40	372	95	87	60	
Harrisburg	2,307	1,699	143	158	471	95		90	
Hatfield	8,125	8,125	1,136	161	493	650	385	100	
Lebanon	2,779		3	17	93			80	
Lehigh			100	153	230		125	80	
Lehigh Valley	437			243	243			106	
Northampton				79	229		105	50	
North Wales	1,505			87	180		432	80	
Paradise	1,012			44	72		134	60	
Reading	1,637	7,626		821	572		174	105	
Royersford	1,334			297	52		183	59	
Shenandoah	179		46	477	477		115	115	405
Spring City	842			51	491		100	68	
Union	1,593			100	295		82	100	
Union Township	2,102		146	84	367			75	
York									
Total	35,463	22,141	1,674	2,836	10,280	840	2,021	1,520	405

Bethlehem District - A. L. Seifert, D. S.									
Allentown (Salem)	4,940				133				
Bethlehem	1,130		143	355	965		61	90	
Bland		957		62	112		190	136	
Coopersburg	2,477		35	13	57	351	27	75	
Denville, N. J.			56	135	102		247	75	
Easton		2,283		64	254			75	
Emmaus	2,649		284	64	832		1,015	230	
Fleetwood	6,039	7,420		44	72			80	
Maple Glen			48	14	66			75	
Phila. (Calvary)	600	2,661	95	52	92		158	70	
Phila. (Emmanuel)	461	1,593		3	211		153	55	
Quakertown		2,100	100	100	300		104	35	
Seranton	454	1,564		20	98		128	35	
Staten Island, N. Y.	1,960		40	41	31		16	70	
Stroudsburg	2,693	2,797	46	98	288		150	100	
Terre Hill	3,099	5,231	2,452	81	579	1,189		100	
Wallingford		1,091	21	120	122		56	50	
Zionsville	951								
Total	23,453	27,697	3,466	1,222	4,436	351	1,189	1,453	345
Ch. Extension Dept.	13,274	3,092	260	139	559		741		
Grand Totals	72,190	52,930	5,402	4,197	15,275	351	2,029	2,973	750

--- OFFERINGS --- ADDITIONAL STATISTICS ---

CHURCH	Youth Fellowship	Mizpah Grove	Christian Education	Total Offerings	Subscribers to Fellowship News	Publication & Printing	Annual Conference Fund	Moving Fund	Ministers in Other Coun.	Women's Missionary Society (Unlisted material)
Allentown District - T. D. Gehret, D. S.										
Allentown (Bethel)			810	99,684	103	199	74	373	360	3,080
Catsaqua				9,225	14	17	8	32	270	175
Graterford				20,927	31	18	7	33	480	
Harleysville				15,487	24	9	7	50	375	
Harriaburg				24,529	47	47	18	88	705	
Hatfield				40,442	50	60	22	114	260	325
Lancaster				13,565	20	24	9	44	875	
Lebanon				10,368	22	34		30	124	
Leighton				9,419	14	27	10	51	240	47
Mt. Carmel				15,737	20	44	17	83	333	126
Nazareth				20,916	33	37	14	60	321	
Paradise				11,436	17	20	6	37	191	
Reading				37,022	74	136	51	256	500	201
Royersford				20,732	24	29	11	54	989	
Shamokin				14,911	29	54	20	101	422	
Spring City				27,362	32	33	12	63	350	
Sunbury				21,977	31	79	30	148	567	100
York				22,120	31	69	26	131	199	
Total			810	435,859	625	936	342	1,757	7,561	4,054
Bethlehem District - A. L. Seifert, D. S.										
Allentown (Salem)				14,279	17	36	13	67	150	
Bethlehem			399	49,800	82	128	48	241	785	1,230
Blandon				10,304	16	35	13	65	290	
Coopersburg				27,243	28	52	19	97	420	280
Denville, N. J.	7			13,605	19	16	6	31	400	207
Easton				14,554	38	51	19	06	400	
Emmaus				40,746	46	76	29	143	873	69
Fleetwood				29,851	68	59	22	110	395	
Maple Glen		50		20,912	24	40	15	76	635	
Phila. (Calvary)				12,713	25	28	11	52	207	
Phila. (Emmanuel)				23,837	18	21	7	30	261	
Quakertown	5			10,444	8	62	23	117	150	
Scranton				8,828	16	28	11	52	300	75
Staten Island, N. Y.	5			7,340	18	14	5	27	250	68
Stroudsburg				24,734	26	13	5	25	254	1,126
Terre Hill				50,053	33	44	17	85	552	100
Wallingford	10			9,282	43	65	24	122	390	85
Zionsville			813		22	20	7		230	
Total	27	50	1,212	386,940	547	788	294	1,445	6,942	3,240
Church Ext. Dept.	14			62,634	106	4			402	132
Camp Meetings				13,848						
Grand Totals	41	50	2,022	899,281	1,278	1,728	636	3,202	14,905	7,426

XXII. CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

MINISTERS AND OFFICERS										MEMBERSHIP					PASTOR'S ACTIVITIES													
CHURCH	PASTOR	District Superintendents	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	Local Conference Licensed Ministers	Deacons	Stewards	Parsonage or Bldg. Fund Collectors	Class Leaders	Payer Meetings	Received into Church Fellowship	Received by Transfer from B. F. Churches	Total Increase	Deaf	Withdrawn	Dropped	Transferred to B. F. Churches	Transferred to Other Churches	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership	Sermons preached	Patronal Visits	Payer Meetings	Sunday Schools	Baptized	Children Dedicated
		CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT -- WILLIAM HEFFNER, DIRECTOR																										
Belvidere, N.J.	John Herb			1			1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	9	3	4	4	14		12	14	188	318	54	53		
Binghamton, N. Y.	Austin B. Sullivan			1			1	1	1	1	5	4	4	1	2	1			8		4	32	150	241	45	44		
Finesville, N.J.	Bruce Ellingson			1			1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	2	2			4	1	4	27	119	424	44	47		4
Macungie	Donald Knauer			1			1	1	1	1	1	2	9	1	2	1	2	2	3	6	2	29	150	304	49	50		2
Miller Heights	Harold Weber			1			1	1	1	1	7	1	9	1	2	1			2		2	46	155	335	50	8		
Millersville	Robert Paul	1		1			1	1	1	1	9	9	9	2	17				2		2	30	91	602	51	48		
Sinking Spring	LeRoy J. Bickel			1			1	1	1	1	5	5	5	2	22				17	3	8	59	184	601	48	2		4
Walnutport	C. Leslie Campbell			1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1					22				46	182	257	50	4		
Trenton																												
Total		1	7				5	5	5	8	26	9	35	5	35	25	6	6	77	10	52	283	1219	2681	382	392	14	10

CHURCH	SUNDAY SCHOOLS							CHURCH PROPERTY						
	Officers enrolled	Teachers enrolled	Scholars enrolled	Total enrollment	Total Attendance	Cable Roll	Home Members	Churches	Parsonages	Increase of Church Property Valuation	Decrease of Church Property Valuation	Percent Valuation of Church Property		
CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT -- WILLIAM A. HEFFNER, DIRECTOR														
Belvidere, N.J.	4	6	47	57	42	3	2	1	1	30,000		37,000		
Binghamton, N.Y.	5	6	41	52	43	4	5	1	1			15,500		
Finesville, N.J.	5	9	64	78	59	4				9,000		22,600		
Macungie	4	7	37	48	43	5						26,000		
Miller Hts.	8	8	82	98	68	5			1			28,000		
Millersville	4	8	60	72	53	6	1	1	1			54,500		
Sinking Springs	3	8	79	90	65	6				55,000		55,000		
Walnutport	9	8	68	82	60	4	1	1	1		33,000	17,500		
Trenton														
Total	39	60	478	577	433	28	8	8	4	94,000		255,500		

XXII. CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

OFFERINGS									
CHURCH	Foreign Missions	Church Extension in Sunday School	Church Extension	Church Extension in Sunday School	Home for the Aged	Home for the Aged (Special)	Ministers' Retirement Fund	Ministers' Retirement Fund (Special)	Beneficiary Fund
CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT -- WILLIAM A. HEFFNER, DIRECTOR									
Belvidere, N.J.	297	120							15
Binghamton, N.Y.	33	42							5
Finesville, N.J.	180	260			20				5
Macungie	480	50							17
Miller Hts.		550							10
Millersville	213	246							10
Sinking Spring	873	361							10
Walnutport	30	170							5
Total	2,106	1,799			20				77

OFFERINGS									
CHURCH	District Superintendent	District Superintendents' Parsonages	Berean Bible School	Victory Valley	Ministers in Cash	Sunday School	General Offerings	Ministry Conferences	New Church Property, Improvements or Repairs
CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT -- WILLIAM A. HEFFNER, DIRECTOR									
Belvidere, N.J.	200		150	25	1,680	472	3,430		877
Binghamton, N.Y.	61		265	10	926	133	623		419
Finesville, N.J.	120		130	31	1,210	353	1,569	139	551
Macungie	167		80		1,194	718	2,075	66	510
Miller Heights	185		44		1,232	851	1,759	90	200
Millersville	225		90		1,534	1,137	2,723	78	
Sinking Spring	123		80		2,850	283	4,194	232	
Walnutport	110		80		2,384	712	1,338	15	
Total	1,191		839	66	13,010	4,559	17,711	620	2,557

XXII. CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

CHURCH	OFFERINGS						
	Percentage or Building Fund	Received for Reception of Indebtedness	Local Benevolent Fund	Youth Fellowship	Women's Missionary Society	Men's Fellowship	Child Evangelism
CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT -- WILLIAM HEFFNER, DIRECTOR							
Belvidere, N.J.	814		40				120
Binghamton, N. Y.	891		8		114		5
Finesville, N.J.	570	825	75	40	55		157
Macungie	215				121		120
Miller Heights	942			47	91		54
Millersville	1,250	705		52	22		
Sinking Spring	8,455	827	95		149		167
Walnutport	137	735	42		7		118
Total	13,274	3092	260	139	559		741

CHURCH	OFFERINGS							ADDITIONAL STATISTICS		
	Youth Fellowship General Offerings	Total Offerings	Subscribers to Fellowship News	Publishing & Printing	Annual Conference Entertainment Fund	Moving Fund	Ministers in Other Countries	Women's Missionary Society (Donated materials)		
CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT -- WILLIAM HEFFNER										
Belvidere, N.J.	10	8,270	13				200			
Binghamton, N. Y.		3,260					109			
Finesville, N.J.	4	6,388	7	4			227			
Macungie		5,894	14				135			
Miller Heights		6,091	15				170		132	
Millersville		8,139	13				121			
Sinking Spring		18,709	19				225			
Walnutport		5,883	15				215			
Total	14	62,634	106	4			1,402		132	

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