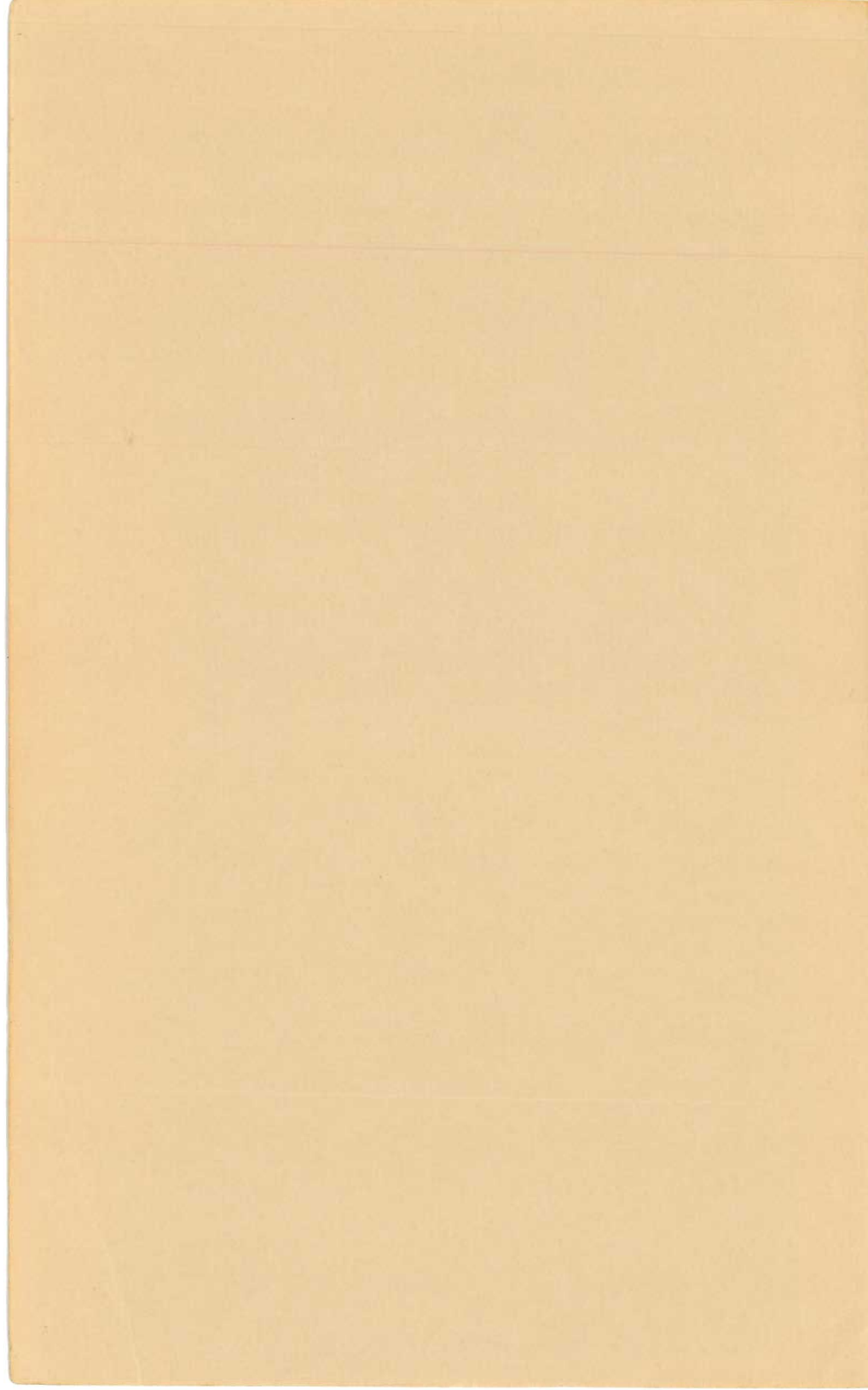


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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS TO BE MADE TO ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE AGENCIESMONTHLY -

Conference Administrative Budget - (beginning October 31st; pledge may also be paid annually in advance.

Make checks payable to the BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH and send them to Horace A. Kauffman, 25 E. Lemon Street, Lititz, Pa. 17543.

Pinebrook Junior College - checks to be made payable to PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE and sent to Box 481, R. D. #3, East Stroudsburg, Pa., 18301 (Contributions may also be made quarterly).

QUARTERLY -

Church Extension - make checks payable to BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION and send them to Daniel G. Ziegler, Treasurer, 1049 Kenyon Ave., Plainfield, N. J. 07060.

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BY MARCH 1

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Ministers' Retirement Fund - Pastor's payment is figured on the basis of 1% on the first \$1,000 and 1-1/2% on each additional \$1,000. Half of the whole assessment is to be paid by April 1. The remainder at Annual Conference.

Make checks payable to the BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH and mail to Horace A. Kauffman, 25 E. Lemon Street, Lititz, Pa. 17543.

#### REGULATIONS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REVIEW:

The Minimum Salary for a Pastor of a Bible Fellowship Church shall be no less than \$7,000. This sum shall include the allowances to the Pastor covering payments into the Ministers' Retirement Fund and his Social Security Taxes. (Effective, October 1, 1973) (See page 21) (To be reviewed by the Ministerial Relations Committee)

The rate for calculating annuities from the Ministers' Retirement Fund in the 1973-74 year is \$50.00 for each year of active service. (See page 22) (To be reviewed by the Board of Directors, Pension Committee)



CHURCH EXTENSION DIRECTOR'S PARSONAGE



## ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS - 1973

## First Meeting

Monday Morning, October 8, 1973 - 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Jansen E. Hartman called the Conference to order and asked F. B. Hertzog to lead in prayer.

The roll was called and established as follows:

Allentown, Bethel - James G. Koch - John L. Deily  
Allentown, Cedar Crest - Roy Hertzog - John Pfeiffer  
Allentown, Salem - John H. Herb - Allan C. Palmer  
Bethlehem - Frank L. Herb, Jr. - Warren L. Zimmerman  
Blandon - Arthur H. Frable - Stanley C. Kalbach  
Coopersburg - - Delbert L. Seifert  
Denville, N. J. - Willard E. Cassel - Charles M. Petersen  
Easton - LeRoy C. Wilcox - William T. Margeson  
Emmaus - Harvey J. Fritz, Jr. - Clifford L. Kauffman  
Ephrata - Robert W. Smock - Robert W. Gehret  
Fleetwood - Austin G. Shelly - Norman L. Reed  
Graterford - Keith E. Plows - Edward Stortz  
Harlevsille - David E. Thomann - Clayton Dietz  
Harrisburg - R. C. Reichenbach - Darwin C. Wagner  
Hatfield - Ronald C. Mahurin - Clyde W. Snyder  
Lancaster - John Dunn - Horace A. Kauffman  
Lebanon - Bruce A. Ellingson - David Herb  
Maple Glen - Carl K. Spackman - Byron C. Cassel  
Mt. Carmel - Paul G. Zimmerman - Harold L. Snyder, Jr.  
Nazareth - James A. Beil - Norman W. Granda  
Paradise - William A. Heffner - E. Gerald Hershey  
Quakertown - Bert N. Brosius - L. James Roberts, Jr.  
Reading - Jansen E. Hartman - Robert Breitegam  
Royersford - Robert F. Johnson - William R. Hunsberger  
Shamokin - Harold C. Weaver - Ronald C. Lahr  
Stroudsburg - Robert A. Minnig - Harold E. Snyder  
Sunbury - LeRoy S. Heller - Merle H. Phillips  
Terre Hill - W. W. Hartman - Robert L. Weaver  
Wallingford - C. E. Kirkwood - Edward Shockley, Sr.  
Walnutport - David L. Branning - Oliver W. Beil  
York - John H. Riggall - Sterling Baer  
Zionsville - E. W. Bean - Bright N. Heist

Catasauqua - Roger Reitz - Arthur W. Deppe  
 Finesville - D. Thomas Phillips - Melvin C. Dilts  
 Lehighton - Terry Tareila - Ernest C. Bauer  
 Phila., Calvary - Keith L. Yoder - Lee M. Schaffer, Jr.  
 Phila., Emmanuel - Dana E. Weller - Edward J. Dietzman

Scranton - Bernard N. Coble - Franklin Mead  
 Sinking Spring - Terris Byrd - Kenneth P. Kneezle  
 Spring City - Richard Taylor - R. Stanley Weidner  
 Staten Island - Dennis Dodge - Ralph D. Cole

CHURCH EXTENSION: Donald R. Knauer, William W. Mull,  
 Daniel G. Ziegler

PINEBROOK MINISTRIES: Carl C. Cassel, George E. Herb,  
 A. L. Seifert, David J. Watkins

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Donald T. Kirkwood

RETIRED MINISTERS: Paul E. Baer, W. F. Heffner, F. B.  
 Hertzog, E. J. Rutman, N. H. Wolf

ORDAINED MISSIONARIES: T. James Bigley, Brian H. But-  
 ler, Leonard E. Buck, Richard J. Gehman, Robert F. Gordon,  
 J. Barclay Harley, Edward Moyer, Laird F. Stengele

Letters of excuse and oral excuses: Paul E. Baer, C. E.  
 Kirkwood, Donald T. Kirkwood, W. F. Heffner

Requests for absence from various sessions were asked by  
 the following: Edward Stortz, E. W. Bean, Keith E. Plows,  
 LeRoy C. Wilcox, Clifford L. Kauffman, William T. Mar-  
 geson, Oliver W. Beil, Allan C. Palmer, David J. Watkins, A.  
 L. Seifert, Austin G. Shelly, Robert A. Minnig, Raymond R.  
 Dotts.

RESOLVED: that the above excuses be granted.

RESOLVED: that the first 9 rows constitute the Conference  
 bar.

Secretary James A. Beil appointed Willard E. Cassel, As-  
 sistant Secretary and Harold C. Weaber, Recording Sec-  
 retary.

The following Committees were appointed by the Chairman  
 and approved by the Conference:

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS: LeRoy S. Heller, Ro-  
 bert A. Minnig, Warren L. Zimmerman, Arthur H. Frable

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: Frank L. Herb, Jr., Dan-  
 iel G. Ziegler, Austin G. Shelly, William R. Hunsberger, Ro-  
 bert W. Smock, R. C. Reichenbach



TIMEKEEPER: Terry Tareila

REPORTER: Bernard N. Coble

TELLERS: Robert F. Johnson, Keith E. Plows, John L. Deily,  
Norman W. Granda, Carl K. Spackman, Paul G. Zimmerman

RESOLVED: that the Agenda be adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM (See page 32)

Report was accepted.

Devotional Speaker, Charles L. Kiloski was introduced by Robert F. Johnson. He spoke on "Peter the Man."

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (See page 33)

Report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (See page 34)

Report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEE (See page 37)

Report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Report was accepted.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER (See page 39)

Report was accepted.

A. L. Seifert, Director of Pinebrook Conference Center, gave a word of welcome.

The following were elected:

MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (3 years): Byron C. Cassel, William A. Heffner

CONFERENCE TREASURER: Robert W. Gehret.

RESOLVED: that we suspend the rules and adjourn. Adjourned at 11:55 a.m. with prayer by Robert L. Weaver.

## Second Meeting

Monday Afternoon, October 8, 1973 - 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened with prayer by David J. Watkins.

The delegates and pastors who are attending Annual Conference for the first time were introduced to the Conference.

The following were appointed by the Chairman and approved by the Conference:

COMMITTEE ON AUDITING: Norman L. Reed, Edward Shockley, Sr., Clifford L. Kauffman, John Pfeiffer, Allan C. Palmer, Stanley C. Kalbach, David Herb, Harold L. Snyder, Jr., Darwin Wagner, Ronald C. Lahr, Robert L. Weaver, Edward Stortz, Clayton Dietz, Bright N. Heist, Merle H. Phillips

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF LOCAL CONFERENCE MINUTES: E. W. Bean, W. W. Hartman, Arthur W. Deppe, Delbert L. Seifert, Charles M. Petersen, William T. Margeson, Clyde W. Snyder, Ernest E. Bauer, Ralph D. Cole, Edward J. Dietzman, Franklin Mead, Harold E. Snyder, Oliver W. Beil, E. Gerald Hershey, R. Stanley Weidner, Melvin C. Dilts, Kenneth P. Kneezle

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
(See page 41)

Report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION & PRINTING  
(See page 43)

Report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL CONVENTION (See page 46)

Report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (See page 47)

Report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOME FOR THE AGING (See page 48)

Report was accepted.

The Administrator of the Home, F. B. Hertzog, addressed the Conference.

The following were elected:

MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEE: James A. Beil, Carl C. Cassel, Robert F. Johnson, David E. Thomann, David J. Watkins

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS: Willard E. Cassel, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Frank L. Herb, Jr., Keith E. Plows, John H. Riggall

EDITOR-PUBLISHER OF FELLOWSHIP NEWS: Willard E. Cassel

BUSINESS MANAGER: R. C. Reichenbach

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (3 years): Paul H. Cressman

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHURCH EXTENSION  
(See page 51)

Report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS (See  
page 62)

Report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VICTORY VALLEY (See page  
86)

Report was accepted.

RESOLVED: that we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet  
at 6:30 p.m. Adjourned at 3:10 p.m. with prayer by Dana E.  
Weller.

### Third Meeting

Monday Evening, October 8, 1973 - 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened with prayer by John H. Riggall.

The minutes of the first and second meetings were read  
and approved as corrected.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION (See  
page 90)

Report was accepted.

The following were elected:

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (3 years) LeRoy S. Heller, William W. Mull

GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS: David E. Thomann

RESOLVED: that the election of Daniel G. Ziegler to the office of Director of Church Extension for a three year term be ratified.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE (See page 96)

Report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE (See page 98)

Report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PINEBROOK CONFERENCE CENTER (See page 102)

Report was accepted.

REPORT OF PINEBROOK CONFERENCE BOARD (See page 105)

Report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (See page 109)

Report was accepted.

RESOLVED: that we extend the time.

RESOLVED: that we adjourn. Adjourned at 9:05 p.m. with prayer by Roy Hertzog.

#### Fourth Meeting

Tuesday Morning, October 9, 1973 - 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was opened in prayer by John Dunn.

The minutes were read and approved.

Charles Kiloski spoke on "Peter, His Message."

An offering was received.

Harold C. Weaber prayed for guidance.

RESOLVED: that Paul Rogers, alternate delegate from Walnutport be seated in the bar.

RESOLVED: that William A. Heffner be excused from the Tuesday afternoon and evening sessions.

The following were elected:

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION (3 years) Robert W. Smock, Clayton Weber, Arthur H. Frable.

Recessed at 10:25 a.m. Reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS was discussed.

The following were elected:

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (3 years) Norman L. Reed, Roy E. Williams

RESOLVED: that we extend the time.

RESOLVED: that we adjourn. Adjourned at 12:03 p.m. with prayer by Stanley Kalbach.

#### Fifth Meeting

Tuesday Afternoon, October 9, 1973 - 1:30 p.m.

The minutes were read and approved as read.

The following were elected:

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS: R. C. Reichenbach, Austin G. Shelly, Paul G. Zimmerman, Roy Hertzog, Robert Breitegam, James R. Cressman, Kermit K. Gehman, Paul Truett

BOARD OF PUBLICATION & PRINTING: Willard E. Cassel, Arthur H. Frable, Ray Burger, Gary Sterner

Rev. Clair Harstad, District Superintendent, Eastern District, American Sunday School Union, was introduced by John Dunn and he addressed the Conference.

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended Robert L. Draper to the Credentials Committee for examination for ordination, and,

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee, because of a late communication was unable to give this recommenda-

tion to the Credentials Committee on a date so as to allow the Credentials Committee enough time to conduct its examination and to recommend action on his ordination at this Annual Conference under the duties (FAITH & ORDER, p. 77, duty #2) of the committee as defined in the by-laws, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that this Conference by the rule of exception suspend the applicable by-law in this case, and request that the Credentials Committee examine brother Draper during this session of the Conference, and, if it finds that he meets the qualifications of ordination, the committee bring a recommendation to this Conference that his present ordination be recognized by this Conference.

#### REPORT OF THE PINEBROOK SERVICE BOARD (See page 127)

Report was accepted.

RESOLVED: that the by-laws of the Service Board, Conference Board and College Board be referred to the three Boards involved at Pinebrook, together with representation from the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church, for coordination.

The following were elected:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE (3 years) Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., John H. Herb, Donald R. Knauer, Barry Kauffman, Arthur Amundsen

Jonathan D. Reynolds, Director of Victory Valley, addressed the Conference.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS (See page 132)

The Report was accepted. (Yes 47; No 29)

Recessed at 3:25 p.m. Reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

The following were elected:

BOARD OF VICTORY VALLEY (3 years) Harry Bailey, Harold E. Snyder, Bright N. Heist

Recessed at 4:10 p.m. Reconvened at 4:20 p.m.

The following was adopted at FIRST READING:



## MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

### I. NAME

The name of this fund shall be the Ministers' Retirement Fund of the Bible Fellowship Church.

### II. PURPOSE

The Ministers' Retirement Fund shall be a permanent fund to provide and pay annuities to ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church who by reason of age have retired from active service and also to widows of such ministers according to the rules hereinafter stated.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

This fund shall be controlled by the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church and operated by the Committee on Pensions under the direction of the Annual Conference.

### IV. ELIGIBILITY

A. Every minister who is licensed or who has been ordained by the Bible Fellowship Church is a member of the Fund so long as he is working under the direction of the Annual Conference and his name continues to appear on the list of men eligible to serve as a pastor of a Bible Fellowship Church.

B. When a man receives license with the Bible Fellowship Church, the Ministerial Candidate Committee shall notify him of the requirement for payments into the Fund and its benefits.

C. A man having less than thirty years of active service to the Bible Fellowship Church and no longer meeting both requirements set forth in Paragraph A of this section of these rules, ceases to be a member of the Fund, except as provided in Paragraphs D and E of this section. When a minister ceases to be a member of the Retirement Fund, the money he paid into the Fund shall be refunded to him; and he by receiving this refund shall forfeit all further claims on the Fund.

D. Should a minister no longer meet both eligibility requirements of Paragraph A of this section because he is

awaiting a call to the pulpit of a Bible Fellowship Church, his membership in the Fund will continue so long as he desires, and this period between calls will be included as years of active service as this term is used in Section VIII, Paragraph A, 3. However, to maintain the continuity of his service, a minister covered by this paragraph shall on April 1 and at Annual Conference of each year make his contribution to the Fund in accordance with the provision of Section V, Paragraph B based on the minimum salary currently prescribed for a pastor by Annual Conference.

E. Should a minister, after having accepted a refund as provided in Paragraph C of this section, return to work under the direction of Annual Conference, he may return the refund to the Fund and the years of service represented by the refund, will be included in the base for calculating his annuity.

## V. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND

The Fund shall be maintained by the following:

A. Contributions through the Annual Conference Administrative Budget.

B. Contributions from each member who shall pay into this Fund one and one-half percent of his salary. One half of this payment shall be forwarded to the Financial Secretary of the Board of Directors on or before April 1 and the balance shall be paid at Annual Conference each year.

C. Gifts, bequests and devises from any sources.

## VI. RETIREMENT AGE

A. A minister of the Bible Fellowship Church who has attained the age of sixty five (65) years may retire from active service.

B. It is mandatory that a minister retire at the end of the month in which he attains the age of seventy-two (72) years.

C. A minister who has given thirty (30) years or more of service to the Bible Fellowship Church may retire from the active ministry prior to age sixty-five (65)



and be eligible for an annuity at age sixty-five (65).

## VII. DISABILITY

A minister who has given twenty-five (25) years or more of active service to the Bible Fellowship Church may become eligible for an annuity at the end of the month in which he is disabled.

## VIII. ANNUITIES

### A. For Ministers

1. No annuity will be paid unless a minister has met the requirements of Section VI and has paid in full according to Section V, B at least five years.

2. The annuity for a retired minister shall be calculated at the rate established annually by Annual Conference by a two-thirds majority vote at one reading.

3. A minister's annuity will be based on his years of active service to the Bible Fellowship Church subject to a maximum of forty (40) years.

4. Services rendered after the age of seventy-two (72) years shall not increase the annuity.

5. If at any time the money in the Fund is insufficient to pay the annuities in full, the Board of Directors shall determine the amount of monthly installments pro rata.

6. No minister shall be entitled to the full amount of his annuity unless he has paid in full as according to Section V, B. The years of service shall be reduced for each year in which he was a member of the Fund, but failed to make the required payments.

### B. Annuities for Widows

1. The widow of a deceased minister 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 widow shall have attained the age of sixty-five (65) years or beginning at the time that she shall attain the age of sixty-five (65) years.

2. A widow's annuity shall be calculated at one-half the rate of Section VIII, A for each year that she was the wife of a minister during which he was in active service in the Bible Fellowship Church subject to a maximum of forty (40) years.

3. The annuity shall cease if the widow remarries.

C. All annuities cease at the time of the death of the annuitant.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE LOCAL CONFERENCE MINUTES (See page 144)

Report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS (See page 144)

Report was accepted.

RESOLVED: that the report of the Committee to Examine Annual Conference Minutes be referred back to the Committee so that all reports of boards and committees can be examined, and further

RESOLVED: that the secretary of each board and committee verify by December 1, 1973, the accuracy of the respective reports as they appear in the 1972 Year Book.

RESOLVED: that we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet at 7:00 p.m. Adjourned at 5:00 p.m. with prayer by Franklin Mead.

Sixth Meeting

Tuesday Evening, October 9, 1973 - 7:00 p.m.

Robert Breitegam led in prayer.

The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDITING (See page 146)

Report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS (See page 146)

Report was accepted.

# REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE PURCHASE OF SMILEY PROPERTY (North of Pinebrook) (See page 146)

The report was accepted.

The following were elected:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH:** James A. Beil, Carl C. Cassel, Jansen E. Hartman, Frank L. Herb, Jr., John H. Riggall, Byron C. Cassel, James R. Cressman, Robert W. Gehret, Horace A. Kaufman

Dale Seifert, Director of Public Relations of Pinebrook Bible Conference presented some materials that the Bible and Gift Shop has for sale.

The following were elected:

**PINEBROOK BIBLE CONFERENCE BOARD:** John H. Riggall, Kermit K. Gehman

The following has been adopted for **FIRST READING:**

## BOARD OF DEACONS

The Board of Deacons shall be composed of all deacons duly elected by and from the congregation, and who meet the qualifications of the Scriptures. They shall be mature men who demonstrate spiritual wisdom and compassion so that they might serve the needy in a Christ-like and merciful manner. The number of deacons chosen to serve on the Board of Deacons shall be established by the congregation by ballot vote upon the recommendation of the Board of Elders.

The Board of Deacons shall serve under the direction of the Board of Elders and shall elect a chairman and a secretary from among the membership of the Board. The secretary shall be responsible to report the actions of the Deacons to the Board of Elders. Two-thirds of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

The general responsibility of the Deacons is one of sympathetic and benevolent service to the church, the distressed, friendless and sick, showing the mercy and concern of the church for the material and natural needs of others. The Deacons shall assume the responsibility to care for such

specific benevolent and material services as directed to them by the Board of Elders.

The function of the Deacons is to see that the material and natural needs of the church constituency are met so that the Elders can give freely of their time and concern to the spiritual needs of the congregation.

### Electing and Installing Deacons

Each congregation may elect deacons in keeping with the qualifications set forth in Scripture. Deacons must be male members in full communion in the church in which they are to exercise their office.

The term of office shall be determined by the particular church by congregational vote, but shall not be for less than three years. Where possible, the Board of Deacons shall be divided into not less than three classes as determined by the congregational vote in each of the particular churches.

In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or removal, one may be elected to fill the unexpired term of office.

In a service of worship, the minister shall state in a concise manner the warrant and nature of the office of deacon together with the Scriptural qualifications required for its exercise and the duties to be fulfilled. He shall then ask the candidate, in the presence of the congregation, the following questions:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and conduct?
2. Do you accept the office of deacon in the congregation and promise faithfully to perform this ministry of service?
3. Do you promise to promote the purity, peace and unity of the church?

After the deacon-elect has answered these questions in the affirmative, the minister shall ask the members of the church the following questions:

1. Do you the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a deacon?

2. Do you promise to give him all the honor, encouragement and support in the Lord to which his office entitles him?

After the members of the church have answered these questions in the affirmative by holding up their right hands, the minister shall proceed to set apart the candidate by prayer to the office of deacon and shall give to him and to the congregation an exhortation suited to the occasion.

The following were elected:

**PINEBROOK SERVICE BOARD:** Robert Breitegam, Ronald N. Ensminger, George E. Herb, Gerald Schlonecker, Paul G. Zimmerman, Donald Matz, Harold C. Weaver

Recessed at 8:11 p.m. Reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

**RESOLVED:** that Terris L. Byrd be ordained at a service to be held in the Sinking Spring Bible Fellowship Church on Thursday, November 1, 1973 at 8:00 p.m.

The Credentials Committee shall be in charge of the service.

The Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended that the Ordination Credentials of Robert L. Draper be recognized by the Bible Fellowship Church.

Robert L. Draper has served acceptably as a probationer in the Church Extension Department for the past one year and is highly recommended for recognition of his ordination credentials by the Board of Church Extension.

The Credentials Committee, after an examination of Robert L. Draper, believe that he is called of God to the Gospel ministry and that he is in accord with the FAITH & ORDER of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore,

**RESOLVED:** that the ordination of Robert L. Draper be recognized at a meeting to be held in the Sinking Spring Bible Fellowship Church on November 1, 1973 at 8:00 p.m.

Robert L. Draper was seated in the Conference bar.

**RESOLVED:** that the section of the Credential Committee's Report relative to Status of Men on Leave of Absence be referred back, and further,

**RESOLVED:** that the Credentials Committee study the various categories of ministries in the Bible Fellowship Church.

**RESOLVED:** that we extend the time.



The following were elected:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HOME:** (2 years) James A. Beil, W. W. Hartman, Clifford L. Kauffman

**RESOLVED:** that we adjourn. Adjourned at 9:17 p.m. with prayer by Ronald C. Mahurin who prayed for special needs.

Seventh Meeting  
Wednesday Morning, October 10, 1973 - 9:00 a.m.

James G. Koch led in prayer.

The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Charles Kiloski spoke on "Paul, the Man."

**RESOLVED:** that part d, of the **FAITH & ORDER** Questionnaire as it appears in the **FAITH & ORDER** on page 77, be changed to read:

d. If you desire to retain credentials with the Bible Fellowship Church this questionnaire must be returned by September 1. Failure to do so may result in your credentials being withdrawn. (**FIRST READING**)

Whereas, the purpose of the Ministers' Assistance Fund is to assist pastors, and

Whereas, the Credentials Committee and the Ministerial Candidate Committee have oversight of the ministers and are therefore better acquainted with their needs than other committees or boards, and

Whereas, the Credentials Committee and the Ministerial Candidate Committee have special concern for the spiritual and moral welfare of ministers under their care, and

Whereas, the rules that regulate the manner in which this fund is to be handled were transitional legislation which experience seems to indicate has become outdated, and

Whereas, the funds under question should be disbursed by a Committee or Committees comprised only of ministers, be it

**RESOLVED:** that money from the Ministers' Assistance Fund shall be disbursed only at the recommendation of the Credentials Committee or the Ministerial Candidate Committee.

Recessed at 10:25 a.m. Reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

RESOLVED: that the following men who are under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee be accepted:

Probationers:

Terris Byrd, Sinking Spring, Pa.  
 Bernard N. Coble, Scranton, Pa.  
 Dennis Dodge, Staten Island, N. Y.  
 Robert L. Draper, Ramtown, N. J.  
 David Manney, Ecuador  
 D. Thomas Phillips, Finesville, N. J.  
 Roger Reitz, Catasauqua, Pa.  
 Mark T. Smith, Hamburg, Pa.  
 Terry Tareila, Lehighton, Pa.  
 Richard Taylor, Spring City, Pa.  
 Dana E. Weller, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Keith L. Yoder, Philadelphia, Pa.

Candidates:

William Bartron, Belvidere, N. J.  
 Donald D. Reitz, Coopersburg, Pa.  
 Harland C. Smith, Sasc. Canada  
 John Vandegriff, Englishtown, N. J.

Applicants:

Douglas Bowne, Rahns, Pa.  
 Frank De Juana, Staten Island, N. Y.  
 Douglas Emr, Telford, Pa.  
 Kenneth Good, Strasburg, Pa.  
 William L. Graybill, Paradise, Pa.  
 Thomas Heimer, Nazareth, Pa.  
 Kenneth Keeler, Morwood, Pa.  
 Charles Kramer, Spring City, Pa.  
 Rodney Long, Elysburg, Pa.  
 Jonathan D. Reynolds, Zionsville, Pa.  
 Robert Smith, Castile, N. Y.  
 Keith Stickler, Bethlehem, Pa.  
 David A. Thomann, Harleysville, Pa.  
 Harold Wittig, Ramsey, N. J.

RESOLVED: that the month of January be designated as Fellowship News Subscription Month: That each pastor seek to increase his number of subscribers to meet the goal of 1,350 subscriptions.

RESOLVED: that donations be given to Fellowship News from the following:

Board of Victory Valley	50.00
Board of Foreign Missions	50.00
Board of Church Extension	50.00
Board of Christian Education	50.00
Pinebrook Junior College Board	50.00
Pinebrook Bible Conference Board	50.00

Checks should be made payable to the Board of Publication & Printing and sent to the Business Manager by February 1, 1974.

RESOLVED: that the price of the Year Book be \$1.50.

RESOLVED: that the price of one year's subscription to Fellowship News be increased to \$2.50; student subscription to \$1.50.

RESOLVED: that we adopt the following budget for the Board of Publication & Printing:

#### BOARD OF PUBLICATION & PRINTING Budgets for 1973-1974

##### Fellowship News:

1350 Subscriptions @ 2.50	3,375.00	
50 Subscriptions @ 1.50	75.00	
Donations from Boards	300.00	
Board of Pub & Printing	<u>600.00</u>	
		4,350.00

##### Expenditures:

Printing 12 issues F. News	3,500.00	
Honorariums	175.00	
Secretary Aid	100.00	
Contingencies	75.00	
Editor's Expenses	250.00	
Bus. Mgr.'s Expenses including postage	<u>250.00</u>	
		4,350.00

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##### Board of Publication & Printing

Administration Budget	2,000.00	
Year Books (1,100 @ 1.50)	1,650.00	
Faith & Order	<u>1,500.00</u>	
		5,150.00



## Expenditures

Fellowship News Subsidy	600.00	
Year Books	1,650.00	
Faith & Order	1,500.00	
Honorariums (A. Con.)	75.00	
Church Supplies	825.00	
Debt Service	<u>500.00</u>	
		5,150.00

RESOLVED: that we adopt the following:

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION  
Budget - 1974-75

## RECEIPTS:

Churches	\$55,000.00	
Interest	1,800.00	
Special Gifts	<u>2,400.00</u>	
	59,200.00	59,200.00

## EXPENDITURES:

Appropriations	
Church	\$3,600.00
Missions	14,000.00
TIE TEAM	300.00
PISCES	<u>3,000.00</u>
	20,900.00

## Administration

Director's Salary	7,400.00
Sup. Benefits	1,200.00
Parsonage	3,300.00
Dir. Travel	2,000.00
Office exp.	1,475.00
Con. Ad. Budget	125.00
Workman's Comp.	100.00
Board Expenses	650.00
Fellow. News	<u>50.00</u>
	16,300.00

## RESERVES:

Capital Fund	4,000.00
New Missions	17,000.00

Contingencies

1,000.00

22,000.00

59,200.00

RESOLVED: that we adjourn. Adjourned at 12:00 noon with prayer by A. L. Seifert.

### Eighth Meeting

Wednesday Afternoon, October 10, 1973 - 1:30 p.m.

Roger Reitz led in prayer.

RESOLVED: that we ask our churches to consider giving for Church Extension at a level of 5% of their annual offerings. Smaller churches which find such a goal unrealistic might consider offerings of \$10.00 per member as a goal.

Whereas, a church in Englishtown, New Jersey, formerly known as Grace Bible Church has applied to the Board of Church Extension to become part of the Bible Fellowship Church, and

Whereas, this Church by congregational vote according to the by-laws, adopted the FAITH & ORDER of the Bible Fellowship Church as its statement of faith and constitution, and

Whereas, this Church has previously existed as an independent church, incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and

Whereas, this Church has changed the name of the corporation to Grace Bible Fellowship Church and has amended its articles of incorporation to include a statement of its relationship to the denomination and has re-written the title to its property to include the trust clause, and

Whereas, the Board of Church Extension has received Grace Bible Fellowship Church as a mission under the Board's jurisdiction, therefore,

RESOLVED: that this Annual Conference recognize Grace Bible Fellowship Church of Englishtown, New Jersey as a mission under the Church Extension Department, and be it further,

RESOLVED: that we bid the brethren of Englishtown welcome to the Bible Fellowship Church and pray God's blessing on them as we work together in seeking the kingdom of God.

## REPORT OF MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (II)

This Committee submitted a report at the first meeting of the 90th Annual Conference. In addition to the information contained therein, we now report that the Bible Fellowship Church of Spring City, Pa. has duly called Pastor Richard Taylor to its pulpit and this call was approved, effective October 7, 1973.

This Committee recommends that the salary for a pastor of a Bible Fellowship Church shall, effective October 1, 1973, be no less than \$7,000. This sum shall include the allowances to the pastor covering his payments into the Ministers' Retirement Fund and his Social Security Taxes.

The Committee makes this recommendation, based upon the Word of God, which says (among many other things on this same subject):

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine."

And:

"The laborer is worthy of his reward."

This recommendation merely establishes a minimum. It must be considered inadequate by any measure of fairness in meeting the obligation each church has to its pastor. We urge a greater compassion for the need of this brother -- a brother for whom we are enjoined, by Scripture, to give double honor.

Jansen E. Hartman, Byron C. Cassel, John H. Riggall, Ronald C. Mahurin, John L. Deily, Horace A. Kauffman, David E. Thomann COMMITTEE

Recessed at 3:05 p.m. Reconvened at 4:10 p.m.

RESOLVED: that the salary for a pastor of a Bible Fellowship Church shall be no less than \$7,000 (effective October 1, 1973). This sum shall include the allowances to the pastor covering his payments into the Ministers' Retirement Fund and his Social Security Taxes.

RESOLVED: that each church make a contribution to Victory Valley Camp during the next year. Contribution in the amount of 1% of the total giving of each church would pro-

vide sufficient help for the camp at this time.

RESOLVED: that the General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions be elected for a term of three years and that the Board of Foreign Missions be divided into three classes:

Two Pastors and two Laymen elected for 1 year

One Pastor and one Layman elected for 2 years

One Pastor and one Layman elected for 3 years

Thereafter each class shall be elected for 3 years (FIRST READING).

RESOLVED: that the Pinebrook Bible Conference Board prepare Articles of Incorporation to be submitted to the 91st Annual Conference for approval.

RESOLVED: that each church make a contribution to Pinebrook Conference Center. Checks should be made payable to Pinebrook Conference Board.

RESOLVED: that each church make a contribution to the Pinebrook Service Board.

RESOLVED: that the \$35,000. from the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company be applied toward the cost of construction of the sewage treatment plant at Pinebrook.

RESOLVED: that the rate for calculating annuities from the Ministers' Retirement Fund in the 1973-74 year be \$50.00 for each year of active service.

RESOLVED: that the following regulations for developing the Administrative Budget be approved (FIRST READING) as an amendment to the By-laws of the Annual Conference.

## THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

The Administrative Budget was initially established by Annual Conference meeting in October 1964. The following summarizes that legislation and changes which have been made subsequently.

### I. Preparation of the Budget

At Annual Conference, the Board of Directors shall present a proposed budget covering expected expenses for the conference year that will begin 12 months later. The Budget will include the following expense items:

- A. Publication and Printing
- B. Conference Entertainment
- C. Beneficiary Fund
- D. Ministers' Retirement Fund
- E. Moving Fund
- F. Expenses for Board and Committee Business
- G. Other Expense of Board of Directors
- H. Ministerial Convention
  - I. Ministers' Assistance Fund
  - J. Health & Welfare Ins. for Pastors & Dependents
- K. Ministerial Candidate Committee Fund for Internships

## II. Subscription to the Budget

A. By April 15, following Annual Conference, each church through its delegate, or an alternate officer, shall forward to the Financial Secretary of the Board of Directors, his church's pledge of the amount it will contribute toward the proposed budget.

B. At its May meeting, the Board of Directors will review the pledges received for the proposed budget.

C. The Board will distribute to each church a report of the total amount subscribed. This report shall be presented to the Board of Elders of each church.

D. Should the budget be undersubscribed, opportunity will be given to each local church to increase its pledge. Notice of increases should be forwarded to the Financial Secretary by August 15.

E. At its September meeting, the Board of Directors will consider any adjustments to proposed budget expenses that will bring the budget into balance with the total pledged. This recommendation shall be submitted to the Annual Conference as part of their Annual Report.

## III. Adoption of the Budget

The recommendation of the Board of Directors will be presented to Annual Conference for approval. Increases in pledges or alterations to budgeted expenses may be proposed prior to adoption.

## IV. Payment of Budget Pledges



A. Pledges to meet these budget needs should be considered as binding as any other vow made before the Lord.

B. Payments may be made quarterly or annually in advance. If monthly payment is preferred, one-eleventh of the pledge should be paid each month from October to August of the following year.

C. All payments should be completed by August 31, prior to the next Annual Conference.

RESOLVED: that we adopt the following Budget.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR 1973-1974  
COMPARED WITH BUDGET APPROVED FOR 1972-1973

	Approved 1972-1973	Approved 1973-1974
1. Publication & Printing	1,500.00	2,000.00
2. Conference Entertainment	1,600.00	2,400.00
3. Beneficiary	1,000.00	1,000.00
4. Ministers' Retirement	8,500.00	9,500.00
5. Moving Fund	3,000.00	1,000.00
6. Expenses, Boards & Com. on A. C. Business	2,100.00	2,250.00
7. Other Exp. Brd. of Dir.	350.00	450.00
8. Ministerial Conv.	450.00	450.00
9. Ministers' Assistance Fund	2,000.00	100.00
10. Health & Welfare for Pas- tors & Dependents *	15,593.44	19,718.32
11. Ministerial Cand. Com. Internships	1,000.00	250.00
12. Contingencies	<u>500.00</u>	<u>1,080.16</u>
TOTALS	37,593.44	40,198.48

\* Insurance coverage for pastors and dependents (\$38.16 per month) of 44 churches pledging to the budget.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET PROPOSED FOR 1974-1975  
COMPARED WITH BUDGET APPROVED FOR 1973-1974

	Approved 1973-1974	Proposed 1974-1975
1. Publication & Printing	2,000.00	2,500.00

2. Conference Entertainment	2,400.00	2,500.00
3. Beneficiary Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
4. Ministers' Retirement	9,500.00	10,500.00
5. Moving Fund	1,000.00	3,000.00
6. Expenses, Boards & Com. on A. C. Business	2,250.00	2,250.00
7. Other Exp. Brd. of Dir.	450.00	400.00
8. Ministerial Conv.	450.00	500.00
9. Ministers' Assistance Fund	100.00	500.00
10. Health & Welfare for Pas- tors & Dependents *	19,718.32	20,600.00
11. Ministerial Cand. Com. Internships	250.00	250.00
12. Contingencies	<u>1,080.16</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTALS	40,198.48	44,000.00

\* Includes insurance coverage (\$38.16/month) for Pastors of 43 churches contributing to the Budget.

RESOLVED: that we approve for presentation to our churches of the above Administrative Budget proposed for 1974-1975.

RESOLVED: that if a Pastor's schedule is not in the hands of the Committee on Statistics by 9:30 a.m. of the Thursday prior to Annual Conference, the facts from that church(s) will not be included in the current year's report.

RESOLVED: that the size of the Committee on Auditing be reduced to four because of the decrease in work due to previous auditing.

The following were elected:

Chairman of 91st Annual Conference - Jansen E. Hartman  
Vice Chairman of 91st Annual Conference - Carl C. Cassel  
Secretary of 91st Annual Conference - James A. Beil

RESOLVED: that we extend the time.

RESOLVED: that we adjourn. Adjourned at 5:03 p.m. with prayer by Ernest E. Bauer.

Ninth Meeting

Wednesday Evening, October 10, 1973 - 6:30 p.m.

Donald R. Knauer led in prayer.

The minutes were read and approved as read.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Jansen E. Hartman has served ably as Chairman of the 90th Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore,

RESOLVED: that we express our appreciation to Brother Hartman for his patient and expeditious leadership of the business meetings.

Whereas, A. L. Seifert has given unselfishly of his time and energy to directing Pinebrook Bible Conference, therefore,

RESOLVED: that we thank God for Brother Seifert and pray for continuing strength and wisdom for him in his task.

Whereas, David J. Watkins has continued to exercise creative and progressive leadership as President of Pinebrook Junior College, and

Whereas, Carl C. Cassel has ministered with distinction as Academic Dean of the College, and

Whereas, the faculty and administrative staff of Pinebrook Junior College have served with concern and dedication, therefore,

RESOLVED: that we thank the Lord for His blessing on Pinebrook Junior College and that we pledge to President Watkins, Dean Cassel and their colleagues our continuing support.

Whereas, Daniel G. Ziegler has provided deep concern and able leadership for the Department of Church Extension and has been used of the Lord not only in directing the existing missions but also seeing the vision for new missions, therefore

RESOLVED: that we give thanks to the Lord for Brother Ziegler and his faithfulness to the task of extending the church.

Whereas, F. B. Hertzog has served conscientiously and compassionately as Administrator of the Bible Fellowship Church Home, therefore



RESOLVED: that we express our gratitude for Brother Hertzog and his gracious ministry and pray God's rich blessing upon the Home and through it to those it serves.

Whereas, David E. Thomann, General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, has efficiently fulfilled the responsibilities of this office, therefore

RESOLVED: that we thank the Lord for this labor of love.

Whereas, Editor-Publisher Willard E. Cassel and Business Manager R. C. Reichenbach have most admirably accomplished the increasingly difficult task of preparing and circulating FELLOWSHIP NEWS for another year, therefore

RESOLVED: that we thank these men for their faithfulness.

Whereas, Robert W. Gehret, Conference Treasurer and Horace A. Kauffman, Financial Secretary, have faithfully fulfilled their duties, therefore

RESOLVED: that we express to these men our sincere thanks for their services given to the Church.

Whereas, James A. Beil has served diligently as Secretary of this Annual Conference, efficiently assisted by Willard E. Cassel, Assistant Secretary and Harold C. Weaver, Recording Secretary, therefore

RESOLVED: that we thank these brethren for their service and that each of them be given a token gift of \$25.00 from the Board of Publication & Printing.

Whereas, the Lord by His grace has added to the churches, enabling us to record the highest net membership increase in twenty years, bringing the total membership to its highest point ever, and

Whereas, the Lord has called a sufficient number of men into the ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church so that all of our churches are supplied with pastors, therefore,

RESOLVED: that we bless the Lord for these evidences of His blessing in the growth of the church, and further

RESOLVED: that we earnestly beseech God for continuing and accelerating growth in the years ahead as He tarries.

Whereas, the ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church have been faithful to the Lord, His Word and the church, therefore,

RESOLVED: that we thank God for His gifts to the Church in these, His servants.

Whereas, the Lord has again raised up a staff of faithful delegates from our local churches, and

Whereas, these men have graciously given of their time to participate in this Conference, therefore

RESOLVED: that we thank the Lord for these men of God and for their concern for the furtherance of the Gospel through the Bible Fellowship Church.

Whereas, God has given to us a devoted and loyal missionary family laboring under the care of the Board of Foreign Missions, therefore

RESOLVED: that we praise God for them and their spirit sacrificial dedication and, further

RESOLVED: that we pledge ourselves to consistent prayer and financial support on their behalf.

Whereas, the 90th Annual Conference has been graciously entertained by the Pinebrook Staff and volunteers, therefore

RESOLVED: that we express our appreciation to them by a rising vote of thanks at the evening meal on Wednesday, October 10, 1973.

RESOLVED: that the 91st Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church convene at Pinebrook, Stroudsburg, Pa. on October 14, 1974 at 10:00 a.m.

RESOLVED: that the Yearbooks shall be ordered and paid for at the Annual Conference. Payment shall be made to the Board of Publication & Printing.

RESOLVED: that all monies which are due to Conference Boards and Committees be forwarded to them prior to August 31 of the year in which they are to be reported.

RESOLVED: that the following become part of the Standing Rules:

a. Each Pastor shortly after the election of the Conference Delegate and Alternate Delegate shall inform the Secretary of the Annual Conference of the results of these elections.

b. The Report of each Board and Committee made to Annual Conference shall include a report of its treasurer stating the total amount of cash on hand and the depository where this fund is maintained.

c. The term of office for those elected and appointed by this body shall be for the term designated by our rules for that office or until successors are chosen.

Frank L. Herb, Jr., Daniel G. Ziegler, Austin G. Shelly, William R. Hunsberger, Robert W. Smock, R. C. Reichenbach,  
COMMITTEE

The Budget for Pinebrook Junior College was presented.

The following were elected:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: James A. Beil, John Dunn, James G. Koch, Robert F. Johnson, Norman L. Reed, Norman W. Granda, William R. Hunsberger

The following were appointed by the Chairman and approved by the Conference:

COMMITTEE ON AGENDA: James A. Beil, Willard E. Cassel, Harold C. Weaber

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINUTES: Roger Reitz, Warren L. Zimmerman

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM FOR NEXT ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Frank L. Herb, Jr., Ronald C. Mahurin, Robert W. Smock

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS: Willard E. Cassel, LeRoy S. Heller, John Dunn, Donald R. Knauer, Paul G. Zimmerman.

Sterling Baker, missionary to Kenya, supported by the Board of Foreign Missions, addressed the Conference.

RESOLVED: that the material "Qualifications and Duties of Church Membership" be adopted as part of the FAITH &

ORDER of the Bible Fellowship Church (FIRST READING).

## QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Anyone desiring to be a member of the Bible Fellowship Church shall give testimony and evidence of faith in Christ and the new birth. He shall be in sympathy with the FAITH & ORDER, be baptized by immersion subsequent to salvation and manifest holiness toward God and separation from the world (Acts 2:41-47).

Duties: Commitment to Christ and the Bible Fellowship Church shall be manifest by the joyful acceptance of the following responsibilities:

1. To live in keeping with the doctrines and standards of the church as found in the FAITH & ORDER (John 17:15-17; I Cor. 5:6-11; 6:14-18; Eph. 5:26,27; Titus 3:10; James 1:26, 27; II John 9,10).
2. To exercise willingly his spiritual gifts within the body (Eph. 4:11-16; I Cor. 12:4-31; Romans 12:3-8).
3. To minister under the direction of the church (Acts 20:28; Heb. 13:7; I Peter 5:2,3; I Tim. 3:1; 5:17).
4. To bear the message of the church to the outside world (Matthew 28:19,20; Acts 1:8; Matthew 5:13-16).
5. To pray daily for the pastor and the ministries of the church (Romans 10:1; Matt. 9:28; Acts 4:29; Eph. 6:18,19; Acts 13:2-4).
6. To support the program of the church financially with the regular giving of tithes and offerings (Mal. 3:10; I Cor. 9:13,14; 16:1,2; II Cor. 8:7-9; 9:6,7).
7. To submit to those God has ordained as rulers in the church (Heb. 13:17, cf. also references under #3 above).
8. To attend faithfully the stated meetings of the church (Acts 2:42; Heb. 10:25).
9. To observe the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:23-28).
10. To demonstrate mutual care and concern for the other members of the church (John 13:34,35; 15:12,17; Gal. 6:1,

21,10; James 5:19,16).

RESOLVED: that the material regarding alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the article on Harmful Indulgences in the FAITH & ORDER be retained. (Yes - 54; No 29)

RESOLVED: that we extend the time.

Whereas, this Annual Conference has passed a resolution establishing a minimum salary for pastors of \$7,000, including payments of his Ministers' Retirement Fund assessments and allowances for Social Security Tax payments, and

Whereas, the Board of Church Extension has a policy of providing each pastor serving under its jurisdiction with at least a minimum salary as established by Annual Conference, and

Whereas, the Board of Church Extension presently has no means to provide for this increase, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that each church that is presently supporting its pastor at or above the new minimum salary give a liberal offering to the Board of Church Extension, designated for increasing the salaries of the men who are presently working under the Board for less than this minimum salary. This offering shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension by November 30, 1973. The amount needed to fully provide for this is \$3,529.50.

James G. Koch, Daniel G. Ziegler, John L. Deily, Clyde W. Snyder, Arthur H. Frable, LeRoy S. Heller

RESOLVED: that we adjourn. Adjourned at 9:50 p.m. with prayer by Byron C. Cassel.



# REPORTS

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

Monday, October 8, 1973

David E. Thomann	Song Leader
Wallingford Delegate	Invocation
Bert N. Brosius	Special Selection
Charles Kiloski	Message
"Peter the Man"	

Tuesday, October 9, 1973

David E. Thomann	Song Leader
Bethlehem Delegate	Invocation
Pastors' Quartet	Special Selection
Charles Kiloski	Message
"Peter, His Message"	

Wednesday, October 10, 1973

David E. Thomann	Song Leader
Emmaus Delegate	Invocation
Frank & John Herb	Special Selection
Charles Kiloski	Message
"Paul, The Man"	

Thursday, October 11, 1973

David E. Thomann	Song Leader
Mt. Carmel Delegate	Invocation
Pinebrook Jr. Col. Choir	Special Selection
Charles Kiloski	Message
"Paul, His Message"	

The suggested worship period each morning shall be 45 minutes in length following the roll call. The program shall consist of a hymn, invocation, special selection and message. Keith E. Plows shall serve as pianist. The Observance of the Lord's Supper shall be conducted after the message on Thursday morning under the direction of James G. Koch and James A. Beil

Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Robert F. Johnson, A. Franklin Campbell, Clifford L. Kauffman, COMMITTEE



## REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

When your committee submitted its report to the 89th Annual Conference, four of our churches were without pastors. By the grace of God, these needs have been supplied, as follows:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Finesville, N.J.	D. Thomas Phillips	11/5/72
Stroudsburg, Pa.	Robert A. Minnig	11/12/72
Belvidere, N. J.	William H. Bartron	9/22/73

Since December 21, 1972, Mr. Dennis Dodge has been working as the stated supply pastor of the church on Staten Island, N. Y.

Certain churches, that were being served by men who were working as stated supply pastors, duly called these men to the pastorate, as follows:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Lehighton	Terry Tareila	10/31/72
Phila. Emmanuel	Dana Weller	12/11/72
Scranton	Bernard N. Coble	7/16/73

Effective November 12, 1972, Pastor William W. Mull resigned his pastorate of the church at Sunbury. The Sunbury Church called to its pulpit, Pastor LeRoy S. Heller, effective January 1, 1973.

Pastor William W. Mull accepted a call from the Board of Church Extension to work as pastor of the mission at Freehold, N. J.

The resignation of Pastor Heller from his pastorate of the church at Coopersburg, Pa. became effective December 31, 1972. Pastor Donald D. Reitz was approved as a stated supply for the Coopersburg Church, effective May 7, 1973.

Effective February 24, 1973, Pastor George E. Herb resigned his pastorate of the church at Spring City, Pa. for physical reasons.

Richard Taylor was approved as a stated supply pastor of the Spring City church effective June 15, 1973.

Pastor Dean Bult, who was working as a stated supply pastor to the Cedar Crest Church, Allentown, Pa. resigned May 15, 1973. Effective September 23, 1973, the Cedar Crest Church called Pastor Roy Hertzog to be its pastor.

Generally speaking, the Committee believes the needs of our churches for a good relationship between pastor and people were met by our pulpit supply rules. The Committee strongly urges delegates from each church to read and to have his Board of Elders read carefully all of the rules so any action that may be taken thereunder will follow the prescribed procedures.

The Committee is making a survey of the pastors' support as planned by the individual churches for the coming year. When this survey is complete, the committee will submit a supplemental report to the 90th Annual Conference with a recommendation as to the minimum pastor's salary.

Jansen E. Hartman, Chairman, Byron C. Cassel, Secretary, David E. Thomann, John H. Riggall, John L. Deily, Ronald C. Mahurin, Horace A. Kauffman, COMMITTEE

## REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee held three meetings during the year in the performance of its duties.

The Faith and Order Questionnaire was sent to each of our ministers holding credentials with us except those in retirement. All the brethren signed and returned it, having responded satisfactorily except as follows:

1. Two Questionnaires were not received as of September 11, 1973. This will be dealt with by the Committee.
2. Leon Overpeck did not return his Questionnaire but wrote the Committee expressing his desire to relinquish his credentials with the Bible Fellowship Church. The Committee granted his request.

The Ministerial Candidate Committee recommended that Terris L. Byrd be ordained to the Christian ministry.

Terris L. Byrd has served as pastor in the Bible Fellowship Church during his probationary period and evidences the Lord's approval upon his ministry. He has been under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee.

The Credentials Committee after an examination of Terris L. Byrd, believes that he is called of God to the Gospel Ministry and that he is in accord with the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church. We therefore,

Recommend, that Terris L. Byrd be ordained at a service to be held in the Sinking Spring Bible Fellowship Church on Thursday, November 1, 1973 at 8:00 p.m.

The Credentials Committee shall be in charge of this service.

We recommend the following material for adoption:

#### I. Status of Men on Leave of Absence

##### A. Definition of Ministers on Leave of Absence.

1. A minister who, for personal reasons, resigns from ministry under the direction of the Bible Fellowship Church may be granted this classification upon approval of the Credentials Committee.

2. A minister who resigns from his pastorate and accepts no other pastorate within one year shall be classified under this category.

3. This classification shall be reviewed annually by the Credentials Committee.

We recommend that the Ministerial Relations Committee produce and circulate the Eligibility List. Both the Ministerial Candidate Committee and the Credentials Committee shall inform the Ministerial Relations Committee of their respective eligible men. (This would be a change in the FAITH & ORDER on page 32, part d).

We recommend that part d of the Faith and Order Questionnaire as it appears in the FAITH & ORDER on page 77, be changed to read:

d. If you desire to retain credentials with the Bible Fellowship Church this questionnaire must be returned by September 1st. Failure to do so may result in your credentials being withdrawn.

Whereas, the purpose of the Ministers' Assistance Fund is to assist pastors, and,

Whereas, The Credentials Committee and the Ministerial Candidate Committee have oversight of the ministers and are

therefore better acquainted with their needs than other committees or boards, and

Whereas, the Credentials Committee and the Ministerial Candidate Committee have special concern for the spiritual and moral welfare of ministers under their care, and,

Whereas, the rules that regulate the manner in which this fund is to be handled were transitional legislation which experience seems to indicate has become outdated, and,

Whereas, the funds under question should be disbursed by a Committee or Committees comprised only of ministers, therefore,

We recommend: That money from the Ministers' Assistance Fund shall be disbursed only at the recommendation of the Credentials Committee or the Ministerial Candidate Committee.

The following men are eligible to serve in the Bible Fellowship Church:

#### I. Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church:

Bean, E. W.  
Beil, James A.  
Branning, David L.  
Brosius, Bert N.  
Byrd, Terris L. \*  
Cassel, Carl C.  
Cassel, Willard E.  
Draper, Robert L. \*  
Dunn, John  
Ellingson, Bruce A.  
Frable, Arthur H.  
Fritz, Harvey J., Jr.  
Hartman, Jansen E.  
Hartman, W. W.  
Heffner, William A.  
Heller, LeRoy S.  
Herb, Frank L., Jr.  
Herb, George E.  
Herb, John H.

Johnson, Robert F.  
Kirkwood, C. E.  
Knauer, Donald R.  
Koch, James G.  
Mahurin, Ronald C.  
Minnig, Robert A.  
Mull, William W.  
Plows, Keith E.  
Reichenbach, R. C.  
Riggall, John H.  
Selfert, A. L.  
Shelly, Austin G.  
Smock, Robert W.  
Spackman, Carl K.  
Thomann, David E.  
Watkins, David J.  
Weaber, Harold C.  
Wilcox, LeRoy C.  
Ziegler, Daniel G.  
Zimmerman, Paul G.

## II. Ordained Missionaries

Bigley James	Harley, J. Barclay
Butler, Brian	Hertzog, Roy
Buck, Leonard	Moyer, Edward
Gehman, Richard J.	Stengele, Laird F.
Gordon, Robert	

## III. Ordained Ministers Working With Other Organizations

Cassel, Alva C.	Miller, C. Leslie
Dotts, Raymond R.	Schaeffer, Donald B.
Frank, Walter H.	Yarrington, Harold D.

## IV. Ordained Ministers On Leave Of Absence

Kirkwood, Donald T.

## V. Ordained Ministers in Retirement

Baer, Paul E.	Rutman, E. J.
Heffner, W. F.	Wolf, N. H.
Hertzog, F. B.	

## VI. Probationers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church:

Coble, Bernard N.	Smith, Mark T.
Dodge, Dennis	Tareila, Terry
Manney, David	Taylor, Richard
Phillips, D. Thomas	Weller, Dana E.
Reitz, Roger	Yoder, Keith L.

\* Contingent upon approval of recommendation for their ordination in this report.

John H. Riggall, Chairman; Frank L. Herb, Jr., Secretary; Willard E. Cassel, James G. Koch, Keith E. Plows, COMMITTEE

## REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEE

The Ministerial Candidate Committee met ten times during the year to continue the work of interviewing and enlisting men for the ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church. This Committee seeks to enlist the prayers of believers for God to



call forth men of His own choosing, as well as guidance in the serious responsibilities placed upon it.

Terris Byrd and Robert Draper were recommended to the Credentials Committee for an examination relative to ordination.

The Committee recommends the acceptance of the following men who are under its care:

#### PROBATIONERS:

Terris Byrd, Sinking Spring, Pa.  
 Bernard N. Coble, Scranton, Pa.  
 Dennis Dodge, Staten Island, N. Y.  
 Robert L. Draper, Ramtown, N. J.  
 David Manney, Ecuador, S. A.  
 D. Thomas Phillips, Finesville, N. J.  
 Roger Reitz, Catasauqua, Pa.  
 Mark T. Smith, Hamburg, Pa.  
 Terry Tareila, Lehighton, Pa.  
 Richard Taylor, Spring City, Pa.  
 Dana E. Weller, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Keith L. Yoder, Philadelphia, Pa.

#### CANDIDATES:

William Bartron, Belvidere, N. J.  
 Donald D. Reitz, Coopersburg, Pa.  
 Harland C. Smith, Sasc., Canada  
 John Vandegriff, Englishtown, N. J.

#### APPLICANTS:

Douglas Bowne, Rahns, Pa.  
 Frank De Juana, Staten Island, N. Y.  
 Douglas Emr, Telford, Pa.  
 Kenneth Good, Strasburg, Pa.  
 William L. Graybill, Paradise, Pa.  
 Thomas Heimer, Nazareth, Pa.  
 Kenneth Keeler, Morwood, Pa.  
 Charles Kramer, Spring City, Pa.  
 Rodney Long, Elysburg, Pa.  
 Jonathan D. Reynolds, Zionsville, Pa.  
 Robert Smith, Castile, N. Y.  
 Keith Stickler, Bethlehem, Pa.  
 David A. Thomann, Harleysville, Pa.  
 Harold Wittig, Ramsey, N. J.



James A. Beil, Chairman, Robert F. Johnson, Secretary,  
 Carl C. Cassel, David E. Thomann, David J. Watkins, COM-  
 MITTEE.

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER

### Board of Directors (General Fund)

Balance, 9/30/72	14,779.78
Receipts	48,961.67
Disbursements	59,267.59
Balance, 9/30/73	4,473.86

### Moving Fund

Balance, 9/30/72	1,877.86
Receipts	3,000.00
Disbursements	4,030.50
Balance, 9/30/73	847.36

### Fund to Promote Church Extension

Balance, 9/30/72	3,783.01
Receipts	42,137.24
Disbursements	29,689.18
Balance, 9/30/73	16,231.07

### Toward Amortization of Indebtedness of the Fund to Promote Church Extension

Balance, 9/30/72	1,000.00
Receipts	2,000.00
Disbursements	-----
Balance, 9/30/73	3,000.00

### Pinebrook Fund

Balance, 9/30/72	21,550.87
Receipts	81,009.88
Disbursements	86,784.75
Balance, 9/30/73	15,776.00

### Ministers' Retirement Fund

#### Farmers' 1st Nat'l Bank of Ephrata

Balance, 9/30/72	16,972.91
Receipts	58,227.76
Disbursements	11,585.92
Balance, 9/30/73	63,614.75

## Red Hill Savings &amp; Loan Assoc.

Balance, 9/30/72	3,832.65
Receipts	1,973.37
Disbursements	-----
Balance, 9/30/73	5,806.02

## Pastors' Assistance Fund

Balance, 9/30/72	3,926.56
Receipts	2,500.00
Disbursements	3,421.80
Balance, 9/30/73	3,004.76

Ministerial Candidate Committee's  
Internship Program

Balance, 9/30/72	1,000.00
Receipts	1,000.00
Disbursement	-----
Balance, 9/30/73	2,000.00

## Committee on Publication &amp; Printing

Balance, 9/30/72	467.83 CR
Receipts	505.73
Disbursements	37.90
Balance, 9/30/73	-----

## Board of Victory Valley

Balance, 9/30/72	1,431.76
Receipts	31,652.62
Disbursements	30,638.40
Balance, 9/30/73	2,445.98

## Totals of Above Accounts

Balance, 9/30/72	69,687.57
Receipts	272,968.27
Disbursements	225,456.04
Balance, 9/30/73	117,199.80

The balance of the above funds is on deposit in a checking account with the First National Bank of Allentown; Red Hill Savings & Loan Association and Farmers First National Bank.

The books and this report have been audited by Walter A. Davis.

Robert W. Gehret, Conference Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education of the Bible Fellowship Church met four times during the conference year to conduct its business, with the following elected officers: Harvey J. Fritz, Jr. Chairman; William W. Mull, Secretary; William R. Hunsberger, Treasurer. The second year of this recently constituted board included further self study and determination of operational procedures and organization. The prayer of all God's people in our constituent churches is solicited in the important field of Christian Education. The Board encourages and wishes to be sensitive to suggestions and representations from our various churches. There may well be considerable grass roots ideas or critiques which might profit us all in our work for Christ, if made known to the Board.

A well attended Thanksgiving Rally, an annual event, was held at Reading with Pastor Robert A. Minnig as speaker with music by Found Free. Among the results was an inquirer who sought the Lord for salvation with a midnight knock at one of our pastor's homes, as a result of the presentation of Christ. Financial support of this Rally was considerably increased over last year.

Sno-Glow, again held two week ends in January, was by all consensus coming to the Board, the best held in several years, with speakers John Vandegriff and Dr. Robert Ream. Campers' recorded response for the second week included the comments, "fantastic" (66%) and "OK" (34%).

The annual Sunday School Convention was held at Emmaus, with 257 adults registered, as well as a number of youth at the Youth Section. While attendance was down somewhat from 1972, helpful sessions were conducted by Sherwood Stroedel, key-noter, and other participants. Some consideration was given to a different format and approach for future conventions, with such possibilities as regional conventions. No such plans are definite as this time.

Attendance at Pinebrook Youth Week was considerably better than recent years, with about 100 registered. While the speaker, Mike McGervey from Grand Rapids, was rather different in method from the straight speaking or preaching approach, staff members felt that a great deal of spiritual good was accomplished in the lives of the young people. One Christian worker reported the evening services as the most creative evenings, spiritually, he had ever been a part of. Every single evaluation praised the evening meetings. Ken

Medema with his approach in music had a fine ministry among the youth. There were some headaches, but much profit!

A useful Sunday School Superintendents' Retreat was again conducted at Pinebrook, although attendance was less than 1972, possibly due to the fall date, with spring preferable to many. The Board appreciates the support and interest of the churches. Pray with us for the blessing of God in all our endeavors together.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend that the churches continue and increase their annual giving with contributions payable by April 1.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

(September 7, 1972 - September 20, 1973)

BALANCE, 1972 YEARBOOK	1,425.13
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#### RECEIPTS:

Offerings from Churches	1,654.00	
Studies in Bib. Doc. Sales	1,389.50	
Thanksgiving Rally	199.43	
Sno Glo Retreat	4,096.27	
Sunday school Con. Offs.	220.50	
Pinebrook (1972 youth week, camper's check)	<u>35.00</u>	<u>7,594.70</u>
		9,019.83

#### EXPENDITURES:

Board Expenses (mileage, meals, phone, postage)	571.93	
Audio Visual Library	146.70	
Studies in Bib. Doc. Books	1,100.00	
Studies in Bib. Doc. loan returned	1,100.00	
Thanksgiving Rally	221.00	
Sno Glo Retreat	3,502.62	
Board of Pub. & Printing	50.00	
Sunday School Convention	899.08	
1973 Superintendents' Retreat brochures	58.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>24.33</u>	<u>7,673.66</u>
Balance in treasury, 9/20/73		<u>1,346.17</u>
		9,019.83

Account was audited by Richard I. Erb

Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Chairman; William W. Mull, Secretary;  
William R. Hunsberger, Treasurer; David Branning, Bruce  
A. Ellingson, LeRoy S. Heller, Leroy O. Herb, Leon H.  
Naudasher, Keith E. Plows, Norman L. Reed, Harold E.  
Snyder, Robert W. Truett, BOARD

# REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION & PRINTING

Deficit from Committee on Pub. & Printing	505.73
Gift from Board of Directors	505.73
	<u>000.00</u>

Administration Budget Allotment	1,500.00
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## Fellowship News

### Income:

Balance in treasury	1,208.63
Donations from Boards	300.00
Subscriptions	2,700.00
Loan - Brd. of Dir.	<u>2,500.00</u>

6,708.63

### Expenditures

Printing of F. News	3,388.00
Editor's Expenses	295.90
New equipment	2,525.00
Mileage	24.40
Repair of Equipment	175.90
Secretary help	100.00
Miscellaneous	<u>77.70</u>

6,586.90

Balance	121.73
Faith & Order Income	<u>292.65</u>

TOTAL	1,914.38
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### Year Books:

Expenditures	1,562.38
Income	<u>1,111.56</u>

Deficit	<u>450.82</u>
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Balance	1,463.56
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### Miscellaneous Expenses

Board Expenses	97.41
Church Supplies	322.34

Honorariums (A.C. 85.00)	<u>260.00</u>	
	679.75	<u>679.75</u>
Balance		783.81
Refund to Board of Pub. & Printing		<u>25.00</u>
CASH BALANCE in Dauphin Deposit Bank, Harrisburg, Pa.		808.81

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## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Balance, 9/1/72	98.34
Received through Subscriptions	<u>2,895.75</u>
Total	2,994.09

## Expenditures

Trans. to Board of P & P	2,700.00	
Refunds	17.50	
Manager's Expenses	<u>198.35</u>	
	2,915.85	
Bal. Fel. News Acc.	<u>78.24</u>	
		2,994.09

Cash balance, Board of Pub & Printing	808.81
Cash balance, Fellowship News Acc.	<u>78.24</u>
Total Cash on hand in Dauphin Deposit Bank	887.05

Assets	2,525.00
Liabilities (loan)	2,500.00

All accounts have been audited by Charles Kline.

## PROSPECTIVE BUDGETS FOR 1973-1974

## Fellowship News:

1,350 Subscriptions @ 2.50	3,375.00	
50 Subscriptions @ 1.50	75.00	
Donations from Boards	300.00	
Board of Pub & Printing	<u>600.00</u>	
		4,350.00

## Expenditures:



Printing 12 issues F. News	3,500.00	
Honorariums	175.00	
Secretary Aid	100.00	
Contingencies	75.00	
Editor's Expenses	250.00	
Bus. Mgr.'s Expenses in- cluding postage	<u>250.00</u>	
		4,350.00

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## Board of Publication &amp; Printing

Administration Budget	2,000.00	
Year Books (1,100 @ 1.50)	1,650.00	
Faith & Order	<u>1,500.00</u>	
		5,150.00

## Expenditures

Fellowship News Subsidy	600.00	
Year Books	1,650.00	
Faith & Order	1,500.00	
Honorariums (A. Con.)	75.00	
Church Supplies	825.00	
Debt Service	<u>500.00</u>	
		5,150.00

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the month of January be designated as Fellowship News Subscription month: that each pastor seek to increase his number of subscriptions to meet the goal of 1,350 subscriptions.

2. That donations be given from the following:

Board of Victory Valley	50.00
Board of Foreign Missions	50.00
Board of Church Extension	50.00
Board of Christian Education	50.00
Board of Pinebrook Jr. College	50.00
Board of Pinebrook Bible Conference	50.00

(Checks should be made payable to the Board of Publication & Printing and sent to the Business Manager by February 1, 1974)

3. That the price of the Year Book be \$1.50.

4. That the price of one year's subscription to Fellowship News be increased to \$2.50; Student subscriptions to \$1.50.

Willard E. Cassel, Chairman, David E. Thomann, Secretary, R. C. Reichenbach, Business Manager, Paul T. Rutman, Gary Sterner, BOARD

## REPORT OF THE 82nd MINISTERIAL CONVENTION

The 82nd Ministerial Convention of the Bible Fellowship Church convened on Monday thru Wednesday, May 21-23, 1973 at Pinebrook Bible Conference.

The members of the Convention Committee were: Chairman, Daniel G. Ziegler, Vice-Chairman, Willard E. Cassel, Secretary, Bert N. Brosius, LeRoy S. Heller, Robert W. Smock, James G. Koch.

The theme of the convention was EVANGELISM. Dr. C. John Miller of Westminster Theological Seminary, Phila., Pa. was the guest speaker. The following are the topics of his five lectures:

Repentance and Spiritual Power for Witness  
Repentance and Witness to Modern Youth  
Repentance and Witness to American Business Men  
Repentance and Witness Within the Evangelical Church  
Repentance and Witness to Roman Catholics

There was a time given to interaction after each lecture. On Tuesday evening the film, "A New Wind Is Blowing," was shown. A period of discussion followed the showing of the film.

A business meeting was held on Tuesday morning with the following action:

RESOLVED: that a vice-chairman be elected for the 1974 Ministerial Convention. He shall serve as the Chairman for the 1975 Ministerial Convention

RESOLVED: that a secretary be elected for the 1974 Ministerial Convention.

RESOLVED: that two members-at-large be elected for the 1974 Ministerial Convention.

The following were elected:

William A. Heffner, Vice-Chairman for 1974  
 Austin G. Shelly, Secretary for 1974  
 Arthur H. Frable - member at large for 1974  
 Paul G. Zimmerman, member-at-large for 1974.

RESOLVED: that the Ministerial Convention Committee for 1974 shall determine the date, place, subject and length of the 1974 Convention.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Income

Balance from 1972	13.40
Administrative Budget	433.35
Registrations	<u>123.00</u>
Totals	569.75

### Disbursements

Pinebrook Service Board	400.00
Dr. C. John Miller	123.00
Film rental	35.00
Postage, phone, programs	<u>11.75</u>
Totals	569.75

Balance

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Bert N. Brosius, secretary

## REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Committee met once during the past Conference year.

Several photographs were added to the archival collection through the efforts of E. W. Bean.

Since the question of location of the archives has not been permanently settled, the archival materials are presently located at the rear of Classroom "C" in the Echobrook Classroom Building of Pinebrook Junior College. Access can be gained to these documents and photographs by contacting Harold E. Snyder, Archivist.

We would urge all congregations to send announcements of Anniversary and special events to the Archivist for future

reference. The committee also encourages newer, recently organized congregations to gather information regarding their beginnings and deposit same with the Archivist.

E. W. Bean, Paul H. Cressman, Bright N. Heist, COMMITTEE

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HOME

This report exhibits eleven months of business because of the change in our fiscal year. The Home, a State-approved, Skilled Nursing Facility, has a capacity of 27 patients. On September 22 & 23, we celebrated our fifth anniversary in the present location. We observed our anniversary with an open house attended by many Pastors and members of the Bible Fellowship Church and friends from the community.

People, Plans, Actions, Abilities -- these all have obviously been crucial in the progress of the Home. We are fortunate to have a very able staff and Administrator, Rev. Franklin B. Hertzog, who is licensed to practice Professional Nursing Home Administration in the state of Pennsylvania. Brother Hertzog is gifted with a keen intellect, a breadth of interest, a warm personality and an abiding concern for his fellow man.

There are few people that can receive the distinctive recognition of being a centenarian. We refer to Miss Miriam Frack (a member of Grace Church, Nazareth) who, on June 22, 1973 was 100 years of age and Wilson Wieand (a member of Bethel Church, Allentown) who was 102 years of age on June 14, 1973. In addition, there are 25 other patients most of whom are above 80 years of age. As the process of aging continues in our guests, the work load of our staff increases.

Fine food is one of the Home's trademarks; and, in the dining room, wholesome fellowship is combined with the tasty meals. The spacious, attractively-decorated living room with a color television, makes a pleasant center for Christian fellowship. In this relaxed, comfortable atmosphere, our guests live in security, happiness and comfort.

The Board is very grateful for the offerings received from the Churches and special gifts for the Building Fund from individuals totaling \$2,986. New State regulations required the expenditure of \$6,046 for the installation of a new fire detection and coded fire alarm system. The State may require the installation of a sprinkler system costing approximately

\$35,000. At the time of this report the sum of \$138,758 is available in the Building Fund. Your continued support of the Building Program will be most helpful to us in realizing our goal for enlargement and in providing better services to our people. Hopefully, the construction of the proposed new wing will begin during this next year.

Legacies of real estate, stocks, bonds and cash have played an important role in the expansion and maintenance of the Home through the years. The Board will welcome any contribution towards the operation of the Home. The anticipated budget of the Home indicates a need of contributions of at least \$9,500 by the churches.

### FINANCIAL

September 1, 1972 - July 31, 1973

#### RECEIPTS:

Balance in bank, 9/1/72	1,131.20
Administrator's Working Capital 9/1/72	10,602.90

#### Guests:

Room and Board	83,220.92	
Social Security	16,428.04	
Public Assistance	22,483.10	
		122,132.06

#### Contributions:

Churches	5,800.00	
Building Fund	2,986.85	
Apartment Rental	6,378.00	
Dividends & Interest	12,418.51	
Albert L. Wentz, Bequest	19,766.61	
Minnie Seiple, Bequest	1,000.00	
Memorial Fund for Mr. & Mrs. Howard Shelly	2,000.00	
		50,349.97

Total	184,216.13
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#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Advertising	565.95
Food	8,992.58
Fuel Oil	1,059.86
Funeral & Cemetery	663.90
Furnishing & equipment	694.37
Household Supplies	854.88
Improvements	6,046.88
Insurance	636.62

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Laundry	1,671.45	
Maintenance	2,259.55	
Medical	3,926.12	
Miscellaneous	376.21	
Office Supplies	409.81	
Public Utilities	2,735.56	
Salaries & Wages	<u>89,016.29</u>	119,910.03
Apartment Buildings;		
5 S. New Street	4,634.73	
7 S. New Street	<u>1,429.51</u>	6,064.24
Transferred to Building Fund		36,758.22
Cash on hand, 7/31/73 (1st National, Allentown)		2,124.53
Administrator's Working Capital, 7/31/73 (2nd National, Nazareth)		<u>19,359.11</u>
Total		184,216.13

#### BALANCE SHEET

##### Assets:

Cash in bank (1st National, Allentown)	2,124.53	
Administrator's Working Cap. (2nd Nat. Naz)	<u>19,359.11</u>	21,483.64
Building Fund		138,758.22
Escrow Fund - Guests		46,411.46
Administrator's Ap't.	10,000.00	
Lot - Pine Street	1,500.00	
Apt. House, 5 S. New	35,000.00	
Home	210,000.00	
Equipment & Furnishings	<u>10,000.00</u>	266,500.00
TOTAL ASSETS		473,153.32
Liabilities & Net Worth		
Liabilities - Escrow Fund		46,411.46
Net Worth		<u>426,741.86</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH		473,153.32



Because of change in fiscal year this financial report is only for the eleven months from September 1, 1972 to July 31, 1973.

The Home Board Accounts and this report have been audited by Robert Ringler, R. D. #2, Reading, Pa.

Paul H. Cressman, President; James A. Beil, Vice President; Ernest W. Bean, Secretary; John Dunn, Treasurer; Walter Schlagel, William A. Heffner, David E. Thomann, BOARD

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHURCH EXTENSION

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Phil. 1:3-5). These words occur at the start of Paul's letter to the church in Phillipi, which, under God, he and his colleagues had founded.

### "From the First Day Until Now..." (Phil. 1:5)

The completion of a full three-year term in the office of Director provides the occasion for one to reflect with thanksgiving upon the partnership in the Gospel of the total constituency of the Bible Fellowship Church, from the first day of service until now.

The progress in the same three years of the new churches in process of formation also moves the heart to thanksgiving, especially for colleagues in the ministry and on the Board of Church Extension and for people in the fields of labor who have been involved in this church-planting endeavor "from the first day until now."

### "He Who Began a Good Work..." (Phil. 1:6)

"I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6). Our Lord has truly begun a good work in the TIE churches in East Central New Jersey. People are being saved and are growing in grace. The progress of these young churches can be measured in several ways. During the year 28 persons were baptized by the TIE pastors, bringing the total number of baptisms in the TIE project to 68 in the three years of its existence.

Organizational progress may be seen in the formation of a preliminary membership roll at Franklin Township on June 24, 1973, when 21 people were welcomed into fellowship and the work moved from the "unorganized" to the "organized mission" status. Pastor Donald R. Knauer continues to do the work of recruiting more committed families and training leadership.

The Howell mission has continued to add new people. Under the active and able leadership of Robert L. Draper, we anticipate that the tenth family will indicate commitment soon and that a preliminary membership roll will be formed.

In all four of the TIE missions the people are taking more responsibility in teaching, making decisions concerning the development of the work, handling finances, etc. Franklin now has a lay treasurer, Mr. John Lincoln, and a very competent, responsible and hard working finance committee.

Financial progress is real and demonstrable. Total offerings of the TIE missions for the fiscal year just completed amounted to approximately \$22,700.00, up about 42% over last year. This progress may also be measured by the decrease in appropriations for the TIE missions and team, as summarized in the following table:

Year	Total Approp.	No. of Missions	Average
1971	32,250.	3	10,750.
1972	35,016.	4	8,754.
1973	19,980.	4	4,995.
1974 (proposed)	16,500.	5	3,300.

Another measure of the financial development will be the giving of these newest churches to denominational benevolences. A little over \$150.00 was given this year to the college, foreign missions and church extension ministries. This is but a trickle, but it will grow. All of the missions in the Department will be contributing toward the Conference Administrative Budget in this next fiscal year.

"...Will Bring It To Completion" (Phil. 1:6)

We are confident that it is the intention of the Lord to bring each of these young churches to maturity. Let us pray to that end, especially for the two TIE missions that seem to be lagging in development. Both of these received new pastors within the past year.

At Freehold, William Mull succeeded Robert Minnig as pastor in November. This area is particularly difficult because of the apparent resistance of husbands and fathers to becoming fully committed to the work of Christ's church. The establishment of an organized, responsible church in Freehold will not be accomplished unless and until a number of men become committed so that they may assume leadership. Some good contacts with new families through recent programs may provide a breakthrough.

The Director has served as interim pastor of the Neptune Mission for this past year. This is the smallest and slowest to develop of the original three TIE missions. A very limited part-time ministry, conducted from a base which is forty miles distant, can hardly be expected to do a great deal to speed development. There have been, however, some indications of progress this year and the people there expect more development in the coming year.

"...To Advance the Gospel" (Phil. 1:12)

From time to time we have opportunity to consider, survey and begin preliminary work in, prospective areas for new churches. Some of these materialize and some do not. In the Director's Report to the 1971 Annual Conference, one of these was mentioned, "An established independent church in New Jersey which is seeking a larger association." With the Lord's blessing and leading, two years of preliminary contacts, planning and prayer resulted in Grace Bible Church becoming Grace Bible Fellowship Church of Englishtown. This small but vigorous and growing body of believers is located in a strategic growth area. Pastor John Vandegriff, a spiritual son of the Denville Church, serves this church well. The Englishtown mission, by size and location, fits beautifully into the TIE Team.

Another community within the TIE area, which appears ripe for a new church attempt and has a solid core of evangelically committed families, was the target of several preliminary discussions and surveys, including one by the Board of Church Extension. At present, however, it appears that if a church forms it will not be a Bible Fellowship Church.

The Korean church planting attempt mentioned in last year's Report has continued to develop, but as an independent church rather than in association with the Bible Fellowship Church.

An additional area, Poughquag, New York, which presently

looks rather promising for a new church attempt on our part is discussed below.

While the 1973 Evangelism Thrust did not develop as a formal denomination-wide program, it appears that many of the churches have made this year one of intensive evangelistic outreach, with resultant growth. The Ministerial Convention, led by Dr. C. John Miller of Westminster Theological Seminary was helpful in focusing on compassionate, forthright personal evangelism.

"As Lights in the World, Holding Fast the Word of Life"  
(Phil. 2:15,16)

The fourth summer of PISCES proved of benefit to both the students and the churches that participated. Four single people and a married couple made up the group. They served as evangelists in nine locations, confronting many persons with the Gospel and leading some of them to faith in the Savior.

Two PISCES men conducted a fruitful Teen Week in Poughquag, New York. More than sixty youths attended the gatherings, a number of whom professed faith in Christ and become involved in follow-up Bible studies. This is an indication of the responsiveness of this rural-exurban area in Dutchess County, about 75 miles north of New York City and 10 miles west of the Connecticut line.

During most of the year the Director has conducted a bi-weekly adult Bible study at Poughquag in the homes of many of the ten or so families who have been involved in the studies. Interest has been steady and keen. The opening of this area came in a manner not entirely unlike the Macedonian Call, "Come over...and help us" (Acts 16:9) that led to the new church in Philippi. An attractive committed Christian couple, who are very active witnesses for Christ, asked us to come and help. It appears that there may be an increasing interest on the part of an increasing number of people there in a new church. We may soon have to face the question of whether or not we can muster the resources to respond to this opportunity at the right time, "concluding that God has called us to preach the gospel to them" (Acts 16:10).

"With Me in the Gospel...Fellow Worker and Fellow Soldier"  
(Phil. 2:22,25)

In his Philippian letter, Paul speaks warmly of his colleagues, Timothy and Epaphroditus (Phil. 2:19-30). Of Tim-



othy he says, "No one like him" and "Genuinely anxious for your welfare" (v. 20). Epaphroditus had "risked his life" for the work of Christ (v. 30). Paul says his readers should "honor such men."

The men who labor as pastors and Board members in the Department give of themselves generously, tirelessly and far beyond all reasonable expectation to move the work forward. They deserve real honor.

William Bartron, a son of the Stroudsburg church, served under PISCES as summer intern pastor at Belvidere, with deep concern and genuine enthusiasm. There seems to have been positive response to his ministry and a bit of growth. For most of the year prior to the summer, A. L. Seifert ministered at Belvidere on the Lord's Days and on Wednesday evenings. At this writing, Brother Bartron has received, and is considering, a call to the Belvidere pastorate.

Under the leadership of D. Thomas Phillips the church at Finesville completed a major project during the year, the complete redecoration of the sanctuary. Over the past years this old building has been transformed from what was, frankly, an eyesore to an attractive colonial house of worship. Some recent new contacts which turned up through Pastor Phillips' door-to-door canvassing activity yield expectation of a new home Bible study group and hope for growth of this small congregation.

The Walnutport church, which ceased taking financial assistance a year ago, has been successful in fully supporting its own ministry. It continues to develop. David Branning is pastor.

A regional church growth study group, outgrowth of the 1972 Ministerial Convention, has met and worked through the year. It comprises the TIE Team members and the pastors at Denville and Staten Island, with Willard E. Cassel as chairman. In its meetings the group spends time in Bible study and prayer and in considering principles and problems of church growth. It expects to produce some help and encouragement for the growth of the churches in the group and, perhaps, beyond. We hope that other regional church growth groups are meeting or will meet. They will be a factor in stimulating the growth of our churches.

"Partnership with Me in Giving and Receiving" (Phil. 4:15)

Writing to the Philippians, as to others, Paul candidly dis-

cussed financial matters with his readers (cf. Phil. 4:10-20). In this report I aim to do the same with our churches.

"Concern for me" (v. 10) -- Paul thanks the church at Philippi for its support of himself and his ministry both "now" (v. 10) and formerly, when it sent offerings "once and again" (v. 16). So we, too, are grateful to the churches for their faithful support in this ministry. Part of this support is the provision of the parsonage in Plainfield, which is comfortable for living and convenient for the work. Its strategic location has made it possible to minister regularly at Neptune, to be within easy access to the other Department locations and to be closely involved with the TIE missions in their development.

"Fruit which increases to your credit" (v. 17) -- One of the duties of the Director is to "actively promote the program of Church extension throughout the denomination" (Duties, no. 11, p. 71, FAITH & ORDER). The job description prepared by the Board of Church Extension and presented to the Annual Conference under the title, "A Study of the Office of Director" states, "In times of shortage of funds and manpower the Director might well use much time and energy to call the church to enter into its responsibility for church planting evangelism and to help the churches to see and use ways and means to fulfill their commission."

Toward fulfilling this duty, the Interim Director wrote in his 1969 Report to Conference, "We must drastically increase our Church Extension giving in the next few years if we are to mount the kind of church planting offensive that is needed" (1969 Yearbook, p. 48). Again in 1971, the Director's Report stated, "Our churches must plan to increase their giving for new church planting. They must see this as of urgent priority and realize that such giving is 'seedgiving' which will reproduce itself many fold as new churches are formed, grow and then, in turn, give for missions" (1971 Yearbook, p. 59).

Now, the fact is that, with some notable exceptions, our churches have not been increasing their church extension giving. Rather, in the face of rising costs and declining dollar values, they have been decreasing their giving. This decline can be clearly seen in a study of the percentages of the total offerings of the churches that are being given for church extension.

The first Yearbook ever published, in 1896, shows that the sixteen churches gave \$699 for church extension out of total



offerings of \$8,561, which is 8.07%. Throughout all of its history, the denomination has averaged a bit over 5% of total offerings for church extension. Averages in the 6% range were realized in the earliest years, up to 1907, and again in 1922 through 1926. This level was approached again in 1949 through 1955. The early 1960s were high years of financial commitment to church planting, reaching a maximum in 1962. Since that year there has been a steady but disastrous slide, which is chronicled in the following table:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Offerings</u>	<u>For Church Ex.</u>	<u>%</u>
1962	778,106	44,479	5.72
1963	838,824	46,817	5.59
1964	860,853	44,850	5.23
1965	899,281	44,937	4.99
1966	956,004	44,195	4.62
1967	968,387	41,809	4.32
1968	1,097,584	42,367	3.86
1969	1,185,980	41,599	3.51
1970	1,241,891	41,876	3.38
1971	1,309,967	43,992	3.36
1972	1,401,732	43,702	3.12

Last year's 3.12% was the second lowest in our history. Before this recent decline, the only years when church extension giving fell below 4% were the depression years of 1935 through 1940, which bottomed out at 3.01% in 1938. Within three years the giving had increased dramatically to 4.41% in 1941 and on up to 5.00% in 1945. A general rise continued to just \$277 short of 6% in 1953 and the church extension offerings never fell below 5% until 1965.

In the year just ended we may have, for the first time in history, fallen below the 3% line in church extension giving; and this is in times of unprecedented economic boom. It is past time for our churches carefully to consider and reverse this trend. If we be responsive to the needs and opportunities of our times, if we be true to our own history, if we be obedient to the top priority of the Great Commission, we must go home and so increase or rework our budgets that we produce drastic increases of church extension offerings in the next few years. Would anyone argue that less than \$10.00 per member per year is anywhere near an adequate response to this need? "Not that I seek a gift; but I seek fruit which increases to your credit" (Phil. 4:17).

"A sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God" (v. 18) -- There are reasons to believe that we are now at a point of special

opportunity. While most denominations have been declining in membership, we have reported five consecutive years of increase. Last year was only the second in history when the number of baptisms topped 400. The net membership increase of 74 -- less than two per church, far fewer than we should expect -- was, nevertheless, the highest in twenty years. An equal increase this year will put denominational membership at an all-time high.

While we have, hopefully, seen a reversal of the non-growth and declension of 1954 through 1967, and expect that the upward trend will accelerate in the years ahead, we have also begun to develop an effective new thrust and methodology for church planting. The new churches are forming now before our eyes.

Let me project a budget that we might implement if our churches would again give 5.5% of their total offerings for church extension, based on last year's total offerings:

#### INCOME

Churches	77,000	
Interest	4,500	
Special Gifts	<u>3,000</u>	
Total		84,500

#### EXPENDITURES:

Missions	54,000	
Teams	2,000	
PISCES	<u>4,000</u>	
		60,000

<u>Administration</u>	18,000
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#### Reserves:

Capital Funds	5,000	
Contingency	<u>1,500</u>	
		6,500
Total Expenditures		84,500

Such a budget could, we believe, provide for two new church planting attempts per year. This is based on two assumptions:

(1) We have a good idea of the cost of starting a church; and  
 (2) These churches can, on the average, reach self-support within four years of their beginning. We believe these assumptions are reasonably accurate and we hope to be able to prove their accuracy in the church extension laboratory. The appropriations projected in this estimate for a new church are:

First year	11,000
Second year	8,000
Third year	5,000
Fourth year	<u>3,000</u>
Total	27,000

Some factors that might reduce the cost and increase effectiveness are:

1. Greater efficiency in methods, selection of locations, etc., may be acquired through experience.
2. Implementation of the branch-church method could cut the total cost of a new church by 1/3 or more and speed up the self-support and self-government process by a year or more.
3. There would likely be a reinforcing effect and conservation of transfers through more locations, especially if they are well selected.
4. Successes could create a "snowball effect," attracting more people and help to us.
5. Existing churches may want to become part of the Bible Fellowship Church, as Englishtown has done.

It is, therefore, not unreasonable that such a budget could provide for 20 new churches in 10 years and that, with this kind of commitment, the number of our churches could more than double in 20 years, should the Lord tarry.

Administrative expenses make up 33.8% of the 1973-74 budget under which we must operate. These costs are pretty well fixed. In the projection I have offered, they would be reduced to merely 21.3% and the projected modest dollar increase would be more than met by the added increase that could be earned by investing the higher receipts.

Such expansion would require that many more young men

enter the ministry of our churches. The Lord has bidden us pray to Him for laborers to harvest. We may count on Him to call them, first from our own churches and also from elsewhere. We have already seen His provision in that there are presently sufficient men to supply all of our pulpits. While He may call men from outside, we cannot expect outsiders to give to extend the Bible Fellowship Church. That will have to come from our own people.

PISCES has been a vital and fruitful program. It has challenged, directed and trained some of our finest Christian youths. Over the years it would probably be a factor in recruiting ministerial candidates. It has, furthermore, provided shock troops in opening four new locations, and possibly a fifth (Poughquag). The financial pinch is so severe this year that money for this worthwhile program has had to be cut out for next summer. Then too, the budget has no money for contingencies and nothing to help in a new church opening during 1973-74 year, should an opportunity become urgent, such as Poughquag. And unless there is a substantial increase for next year, we are not likely to be able to provide for a new opening next year.

Within the next year or two several young men of excellent character and qualification, who are sons of our churches, will be completing their formal schooling and presenting themselves for service. Will we have places for them to minister or shall we tell them to find service with other church groups?

So we are faced with a need of crisis proportions and an opportunity of unprecedented magnitude. Our churches must carefully, prayerfully consider their responses at this crucial point in our history.

"My God will supply..." (v. 19) -- As the churches offer to the Lord such "a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God" (v. 18), they may in faith bank on His promise, "My God shall supply every need of yours, according to his riches in Christ Jesus" (v. 19).

"Stand Firm Thus in the Lord" (Phil. 4:1)

To paraphrase Paul closely, then, "Brethren, let us do one thing: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, let us press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13, 14). And in doing that, "Let us stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and

not frightened by our opponents.... Let us, then, be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind" (Phil. 1:27,28; 2:2).

## FINANCIAL

### Receipts:

Balance, 9/21/72	1,130.01
Board of Church Ex.	5,224.96
Literature sales	20.55
Reimbursement, Appropriation & Salary Advances	350.00
Miscellaneous	<u>20.00</u>

Total	6,945.52
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### Disbursements:

PISCES	2,372.81
Office	
Equipment & supplies	179.26
Printing	434.50
Postage	361.52
Telephone	<u>430.38</u>

1,405.66

Parsonage	
Fuel Oil	600.08
Utilities	603.62
Maintenance	226.89
Insurance	173.15
Equipment	<u>239.95</u>

1,843.69

Director's Travel & Meals	71.26
Pastor's Travel & Meals	12.00
Board Expenses	176.90
PISCES Refund	590.00
Appropriation & Salary Advance	350.00
Miscellaneous	<u>24.75</u>

Total	6,847.07
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Balance, 9/19/73	<u>98.45</u>
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6,945.52



All funds in this account are on deposit in a checking account with the First National Bank of Allentown, under the name "Church Extension Department of The Bible Fellowship Church."

This financial report and the account book have been audited by Ralph D. Cole.

Daniel G. Ziegler, Director

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS (Year ending 9/30/73)

"The Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations: and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14).

To evangelize the world in the light of the Lord's coming is our theme today. The words of Jesus in Revelation, "Behold I come quickly," go hand-in-hand with the evangelization of the world. Because our Lord is coming soon, the great commission is imperative, urgent and obligatory. "I am coming," Jesus said, "So GO into all the world and preach the gospel to all creatures."

The coming of Jesus Christ is the great end of creation and redemption. Man's highest aims are to develop and improve the conditions of the old earth. Man wants a golden age and he thinks he can provide this by his power. God's wisdom and love have something better for our race than civilization, reformation, social reforms or scientific progress. His highest thought is not self-improvement, nor reformation but a new creation, a regeneration so complete that old things pass away and all things become new.

Abraham looked for a new city, whose builder and maker is God. The Lord is gathering "stones" now for that city, that building. "I am coming," so "Go ye into all the world with the gospel."

The beginning of the book of Acts gives us information about Christ's death, resurrection, promise of the Holy Spirit and then the commission to be witnesses unto Him in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. It is possible that we have been working as though the establishment of the church and evangelization of the world was the real end for which the Spirit is working. The angel, in Acts 1:10 told of the coming again of Jesus Christ. This picture is needed to complete the perspective. Beyond the church



and the mission field is the real goal...Christ's coming. Unless we have this GOAL we have not grasped the whole conception of God's great plan. This was what the early church was looking for..."turn from idols to serve the living and true God and to wait for His Son from heaven." This was the comfort given the bereaved and sorrowing saints as they bade farewell to the martyred forms of their beloved ones, that Christ was coming soon and they should be "caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air." Our business is to gather stones, jewels for THAT glorious edifice and pass them to the great Architect. The Church must keep this aim as her aim.

The work of missions is the means of hastening that end. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). When the apostles were starting out to the great task of the world's evangelization a great council was held in Jerusalem to settle certain principles for the guidance of the church of the present age. James, the leader, quoted from the ancient prophet Amos, the divine order of events in the program of the Lord. The first of these steps was stated thus, "At the first God did visit the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name." The second stage was as definitely stated in the next sentence, "After this I will return and build again the tabernacle of David that is fallen down" (Acts 15:16).

The glorious goal of our Lord is to present the church, without spot, to His Father. This is the future toward which the cross of Calvary and the Holy Spirit are leading the generations.

Some of the reasons why the hope of Christ's coming should encourage and inspire missionary efforts are:

1. It gives us a definite and practicable plan of work. It does not send us in some vague ways to sweep in whole-sale all earth's multitudes, but it teaches us that God's plan is "to visit the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name sake." So the plan and the work are clear.
2. It gives us a powerful motive and incentive. Our missionary work is not in vain.
3. The hope of the Lord's coming gives us a message to the heathen.

O let us then His coming haste!  
 O let us end this awful waste  
 Of souls that never die!

A thousand millions still are lost,  
 A saviour's blood has paid the cost,  
 O hear their dying cry!

The Master's coming draweth near,  
 The Son of man will soon appear,  
 His kingdom is at hand.

But ere that glorious day can be,  
 This Gospel of the Kingdom we  
 Must preach in every land.

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The Board met four times during the year, conducting and transacting the business of Foreign Missions. Members of the Board were faithful in their attendance and cooperative in dealing with the needs of the 41 missionaries serving under 17 boards.

During the year, David and Mary Ellen Wurm felt led of the Lord to leave their missionary assignment in Alaska to seek other employment in the States. Roy and Diane Hertzog have resigned from Trans World Radio after serving 13 years in radio work at Monte Carlo, Monaco. Roy has accepted the call from the Cedar Crest Church to become their pastor. Joseph and Lois Hoffman, after spending more than a year on leave of absence, have been reassigned by Wycliffe to go to South America. Presently they are at Waxhaw, South Carolina. Lillian Solt, daughter of David and Georgina Solt, has been accepted by the Board as a candidate. While waiting for an assignment she is preparing for her work, in Canada, and expects to be assigned sometime next year. Robert and Charlotte Smith, members of the Coopersburg Bible Fellowship Church were interviewed as possible candidates for the mission field. They are presently attending the Missionary Internship in Michigan. Connie Hartman, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Jansen E. Hartman of Reading, Pa., was accepted to do missionary work in Austria. On September 14 she left for Europe to serve for one year under the International Communion of Christians, Holland Mission.

Missionaries home on furlough this year were: David and Georgina Solt, Brian Butler, Timothy and Wanda Kauffman. The Kauffmans left for Zaire, Africa on September 4. Missionaries now home are: Herbert and Betty Dyke, Sterling and Delores Baker. The Stengeles are planning their furlough July, 1974.

All of our missionaries are able to continue in the work. We thank the Lord for the health and strength given to them to continue to do the work to which He has called them.

The Board gratefully acknowledges the generous giving from members and friends of the Bible Fellowship Church which continues to make possible the granting of support to our dedicated missionaries. A few of our churches have increased their giving to missions this year. In view of the devaluation of the American dollar and inflation, our missionaries have felt quite a squeeze financially. A missionary leader has stated that an increase of 10 to 12% toward the missionary support only makes up for the rise in inflation during the past year. The Board is ready to stand by our missionaries in this time of need and we are looking to the Lord for additional help financially from our churches.

Money is still being set aside for the proposed missionary home, which the Board feels is necessary for our furlough missionaries. A few designated gifts have been received to be applied toward this project. Pinebrook Bible Conference contributed a gift of \$325.00 for the new proposed missionary home. A four-family missionary home is being considered in order to meet this need. With the high costs of rent we do not want to cause our missionaries hardships while home on furlough.

The Women's Missionary Societies have done well again this year to help all of our missionaries, supplying them with gifts, money and much needed items.

Regional meetings of the various societies were held during the Spring and Fall of the year. A great interest is shown in these meetings for our missionaries. Quite a number of men visit these meetings. The Conference-Wide Rally was held in Reading on May 10 with the following missionaries taking part: David and Georgina Solt, Mexico; Timothy and Wanda Kauffman, Africa. The church was filled with missionary enthusiasts.

The General Secretary represented the Board at all the Regional Fallies and one farewell service in Harrisburg.

We want to make those reading this report aware that the total support figures given each missionary is not received totally by the missionary. A certain percentage is taken out of this total for the mission under which they serve and the balance goes to the missionary.

The Board made scholarships available for young people who were interested in missionary work to attend the Urbana Missionary Conference.

As General Secretary of the Board I want to express once again my thanks for your prayers and support during the year. We have tried, under God, to do the best we could in promoting harmony and interest among the constituents of the Bible Fellowship Church and the missionaries. I thank the Lord for His strength. The members of the Board have been very helpful and understanding during the past year.

While the day of GRACE is still upon us, let us ALL proclaim Jesus Christ, as the Saviour of them that put their trust in Him.

Maranatha, (O Lord come)

David E. Thomann, General Secretary

The Board makes the following recommendation:

That the General Secretary be elected for a term of three years, and that the Board be divided into three classes:

2 Pastors and 2 laymen be elected for 1 year

1 Pastor and 1 layman be elected for 2 years

1 Pastor and 1 layman be elected for 3 years

Thereafter each class shall be elected for 3 years.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts from Churches for 1972-73 use 152,843.36

Expenditures: (Missions)

Africa Inland Mission	24,786.00
Ambassadors for Christ	2,850.00
Christian & Missionary Alliance	15,885.00
Evangelical Alliance	7,485.00
Far Eastern Gospel Cru.	450.00
Greater Europe Mission	19,479.00
International Students	5,400.00
Latin America Mission	6,752.00



New Tribes Mission	1,200.00	
North Africa Mission	4,507.00	
Orinoco River Mission	7,200.00	
Pocket Testament Leag.	3,402.00	
Trans World Radio	7,829.00	
Unevan. Fields Missions	3,876.00	
West Indies	6,000.00	
World Radio Missionary Fellowship	7,500.00	
Wycliffe Translators	<u>5,036.00</u>	129,637.00

Board	428.28	
Electric & Utilities	831.32	
Fellowship News	106.25	
Mileage	273.90	
Missionaries Special	800.00	
Miscellaneous	352.64	
Printing	62.53	
Postage	112.40	
Rents	3,120.00	
Secretary Honorarium	1,000.00	
Supplies	216.55	
Sewer-water	176.48	
Telephone	206.99	
Year Book	50.00	
Specials	1,338.29	
Manney's car	2,980.88	
Transferred to housing	<u>16.82</u>	<u>12,073.33</u>

141,710.33

Transferred to Housing Fund	9,700.00
Receipts from churches over expenses	<u>1,433.03</u>

152,843.36

## Other Receipts:

Interest	12,571.34
Special	1,517.70
Rents	428.81
Miscellaneous	<u>282.00</u>

14,799.85

Balance of receipts over expenditures	16,232.85
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## INVESTMENTS:

Merchants, Emmaus 5-3/4%	34,412.64
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68	
Harleysville Savings & Loan 6%	115,112.32
Telford Savings & Loan 6%	20,000.00
Red Hill Savings & Loan 6-1/2%	<u>9,000.00</u>
	178,524.96
Cash on hand 9/30/73	
Harleysville Savings & Loan 5%	10,807.03
Telford Savings & Loan 6%	30,076.21
Checking - Harleysville National	<u>4.42</u>
Total Cash on hand	40,887.66
Total investments	219,412.62

#### Housing Account:

Harleysville Savings & Loan 6%	10,557.15
Red Hill Savings & Loan 6-1/2	8,000.00
Merchants, Emmaus 5-3/4	8,512.00
Merchants, Savings 5%	<u>100.51</u>
	27,169.66
Received from churches for 1973-74	154,260.32
Received from other sources	<u>14,799.85</u>
Total	169,060.17

Accounts and books audited by Charles Wieand, C.P.A.

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Tamil - Nadu, South India

HOFFMAN: Aaron & Marlene



E. Hoffman

The building of houses in a field thousands of miles from home does not seem very glamorous...and it isn't. But what would the translators

do in New Guinea without homes to live in or if they had to spend time building their own homes. Aaron is doing a great work in helping to get the Bible translated in native tongues while building houses. Many Christians from the European countries are beginning to help in the work. Marlene keeps busy with caring for the home and family and the work of the post office. The children are well and doing fine in their school work.

## SOLT: David &amp; Georgina



Their year was spent at home on furlough. Besides speaking in almost all of the Bible Fellowship Churches, both David and Georgina took studies at the Biblical School of Theology, Hatfield.

While home on furlough, their pickup truck, which they now use for outdoor evangelism, was equipped. Two months this past year were spent on the mission field helping at YNOL which had been off the air because of the earthquake and also installing three new recording studios in Guatemala.

During the year Georgina had an eyelid tumor removed in the States. After five weeks it grew back larger than before. The doctor in Merida removed the tumor and both Georgina and David are thanking the Lord that the tumor was not malignant.

Lillian has been accepted as a missionary candidate by the Board of Foreign Missions.

## MOYER: Ed &amp; Ruth



THE MOYER FAMILY

Training Christian workers was the main thrust in the program of the church. Ed taught Biblical Introduction to some 50 students in the Seminary. Ruth has been busy teaching regular Bible studies on the Island. An Arab Christian presented prophetic studies and messages for several weeks which resulted in many conversions. Besides Ed's responsibilities of church planting he has the burden of the young people's camps and retreats, the management of the book store and preaching in evangelistic campaigns.

Duane has returned to his studies at Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Nebraska. Douglas is in his senior year and both Jerry and Judy are adapting to the French language. Ruth had a physical need during the year and the Lord wonderfully answered prayer for her.

MANNEY: David & Rose Marie

David is engrossed in the radio work in Quayaquil, Ecuador. The FM radio work is growing. Recently the station went on 10-13 hours daily. The AM frequency is more difficult to come by.

It appears that David will be assigned more responsibilities in his radio work establishing other stations in Ecuador. Studies have already begun in another city. Besides the radio work he will be engaged in the Annual International Fair in October where he is coordinating the mission effort. Already 50,000 tracts and gospel portions are prepared for distribution. Rosemarie is kept busy caring for their four sons.

HARLEY: Barclay & Dorothy

The Harleys have been supported by the Bible Fellowship Church since October, 1956 and have served in Venezuela with the Orinoco River Mission since January, 1958 after one year of Spanish language study in Costa Rica. There are four children: Linda, married and living in Mexico; John, teaching this year at Pinebrook Junior College; Susan, a sixth grade pupil at the Orinoco Academy; and Robert in the second grade at the same school. Since returning to Venezuela at the end of their first furlough August, 1961, the Harleys have been assigned to the River Project of the mission and have served as crew members of the mission's houseboat, the BUENA ESPERANZA (Good Hope). The houseboat is a 42 foot, diesel powered, steel craft with a range of about 1,000 miles, and four trips are made each year with each trip running up to 8 weeks in duration. These trips are for the purpose of Bible



### CAMP MEETING IN VENEZUELA

teaching among Christians in their homes and in their congregations, house to house visitation along the river banks, children's classes, women's classes as well as evangelism in all forms. An annual spiritual retreat is also conducted for those living near the Caura River. Barclay has also engaged in a number of building projects over the years, including: two houses for mission personnel, the school for missionaries' children and just in the past year the completion of a new church for the congregation in Caicara.

There are hundreds of miles of navigable waterways in the Orinoco basin with scores of villages and thousands of people yet needing to hear the Gospel of our Saviour.

REAM: Shirley



Shirley is still living in Michigan and waiting on the Lord for orders. At the present time Shirley will serve as the school nurse at the New Tribes Mission Bible Institute in Michigan. Some 150 students have enrolled there in Bible training. Kimberly is doing well and loves the attention she gets from the students.



**SHELLING: Ted & Grete**

In October, 1972, the Shellings moved into an eleven room house which was purchased by International Students, Inc., through gifts and loans. The house is strategically located in the area of Baltimore which has the highest concentration of internationals.

During the Christmas season over 100 different international contacts visited the home. Various events are held such as slide and film showings, socials, musical evenings, national gatherings, Bible study groups and personal discussions. In all of this the Word of God is sown to help encourage the believers and to bring individuals to Jesus Christ. Through these types of meetings, the Shellings discover those who are hungry and open to hear more of the Gospel.

During January, three foreign students moved into the home and as a result a Peruvian girl accepted Christ, a Japanese girl is seeking the truth and the Indian boy is realizing his need to commit himself fully to Christ.

Ted and Grete traveled abroad during the summer months to visit with foreign students who spent time in America. They also gained more knowledge in how to deal with the internationals when they visit America.

**HOFFMAN: Joseph & Lois**

**THE JOSEPH HOFFMAN FAMILY**

The Hoffmans have been reactivated after spending over a year on furlough. At the present time they are living at one of Wycliffe's training centers, Waxhaw, North Carolina. Their plans are to return to South America.

CHOW: Moses

China is in the focus of world events today. Missionary-minded Christians are increasingly praying for and planning for some kind of renewed witness among the Chinese quarter of the world's population that are in Mainland China without the Good News of salvation through Christ. But today's China awareness is a wonderful confirmation and answer to prayer for those of us to whom God gave the vision of AFC a decade ago! At that time God already began to prepare His instruments for His future plan through AFC's ministry among overseas Chinese and students in North America.

As thousands of Chinese students and graduates came to America to further their academic training, we made ourselves available to the Lord through AFC to win them to Christ, build up their faith and set before them the Lord's mandate to world evangelism. Many have followed Christ in full dedication and are ready instruments for His use. From many sources we hear the echo that it will be the Christian Chinese who will be the witness vanguard for Christ when the door to China opens to any extent. This is proving to be so!

1972-73 has been a high point in our ministry among Chinese. We moved forward strongly in every area of our calling from God.

Among the Chinese, we have stepped up our evangelistic emphasis through campus meetings, Bible study groups, etc. We are putting greater emphasis on discipleship training of those who have given themselves to the Lord. We have had special Discipleship Seminars for that purpose, some of them at our Pennsylvania property at Paradise. We have shared that Retreat Center with other Christian groups with much spiritual gain and during the past year have improved the physical facilities at the Farm Retreat.

We have increasingly encouraged Christians in North America toward mission involvement and participated in missionary conferences to share our vision and call to prayer for China and Chinese. We participated in EXPLO 72 and other cooperative thrusts in evangelism. Our work in Canada was incorporated during the past year and is making rapid growth among the thousands of Chinese on Canadian



campuses.

Our major student and graduate and family Chinese conferences have had record attendances this past year and our campus visitation has borne fruit. We are in the midst of an expanding Christian literature emphasis to meet the campus need.

AFC reached out beyond America's shores as well. Last year we channeled the largest amount ever from Christian Chinese to support Chinese missionaries and ministries abroad - over \$20,000. So far we have had 9 Christian Chinese graduates to go forth to Asia with our CONTEMPO short-term lay missionary program. I personally made a trip to Europe and East Africa to explore possibilities of witness for Christ among Chinese there and believe that God used those contacts for His glory. AFC also sponsored a TEAM of Chinese Christians last summer to Europe for witness in 5 countries. We believe that Christian Chinese should share in the world-wide task of the Church in every way in obedience to Christ's Great Commission.

#### BUTLER: Brian & Maureen



Brian, in his report to the Board of Foreign Missions, stated that he is at peace and well satisfied with his work as teacher in the Moorlands Bible College. The teaching and instructing of young people for Christian ministry is rewarding. Practical work is connected with his ministry; preach-

ing tours, street evangelism, out-door preaching and youth work. Thousands of foreign students from all over the world gather near Moorlands to study English. Brian has a burden for these people in presenting the Gospel to them.

Fifty students are enrolled in the school which is a large enrollment according to English standards.

Earl writes: "The opening theme of one of our five weekly Russian programs that go out over several stations had barely begun when a listener who 'accidentally' tuned in burst into tears of repentance and was saved before the program was over. Life had lost its meaning for him, he was at the brink of despair and he 'just happened' to tune in when he heard the words about the orchestral rendition of 'How Great Thou Art.'

"Another young man, living in what is considered an ideal Communist town - without a church and no known believer, also, in his drunken stupor, 'accidentally' tuned in our program and was instantly transformed. He surrendered his Communist Party Card and persecution began. Before he went to prison for his faith, he led 11 other young men to Christ by having them listen to the radio. Eight out of these original twelve in this Communist town, saved through the radio, have already tasted persecution by going into bonds for their testimony.

"Half of a Russian village was converted entirely through the radio programs."

The radio ministry is reaching the masses for Christ today. Pray for the radio ministry all over the world.

HOYLE: Ron & Doris

The Hoyles moved into the unfinished annex of the Amiens Church at the beginning of 1973 and because of the lack of time and funds have been slowly completing each room over



RON HOYLE WITH FRENCH YOUNG PEOPLE

the months. Interest remains high in the ministry of the church with four being baptized in May. A dynamic couple have moved to town contributing much to the local witness. They felt the loss of one key family who was moved to Paris. In a work that is small every individual is counted in the work of the church. About a dozen working class and youth gather together each Saturday evening for fun and study, while the university age group meets once during the week and worships with the others on the Lord's day. The attendance at worship averages 30.

Beginning this October a team of six American young people will settle into Amiens for a two-year term of service under the Hoyle's supervision.

Six weeks were spent at the GEM youth camp helping in the renovations and then directing the program for 16 to 21 year old youths.

Their aim is to spend four more years in Amiens so that the church will be debt free and under French leadership.

RITTER: Don & Elizabeth

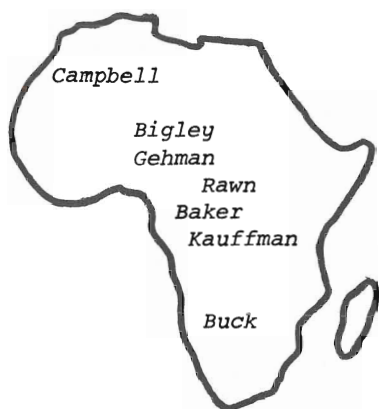
The Ritters have changed their ministry from school teaching to pioneer church planting in Sweden. During the summer Don was responsible for the renovation work about the campus and teaching in the two-week summer school. They are now settled in Gothenburg, Sweden's second largest city, where together with a Swedish couple, plan to open a new church. Plans are: intensive literature distribution campaign, children's Bible club ministry and beginning of a Sunday worship service.

During August, Don was called home to attend his mother's funeral. While at home he ministered in several churches.

HARTMAN: Connie

Connie, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Jansen E. Hartman, felt the call of the Lord to go to Austria for one year. She had been teaching German in the States, but felt the need of the Lord's work in Austria, working with the International Communion of Christians, Holland Mission. Pray much for this young, new missionary.

## CAMPBELL: William &amp; Holly



The Lord has answered prayer in providing a residence permit for Holly. This means that she will be allowed to stay for another two years in Safi. The Lord opened up a way to hold meetings in their house, in spite of the newspaper article speaking against their ministry. The local Christians have been questioned by the police and five young people were willing to confess that they were Christians.

The devil continues to wage a battle against the ministry of the Word, where the going is difficult and hard. Bill writes and says: "I have been able to teach one Frenchman how to lead a discussion-type Bible study. Just recently we have found a fifth Christian from the Rumanian Orthodox Church who is alive and enthusiastic about her salvation in Christ." Karin, who had spent a year in the States, is now home with her parents helping in a modest Vacation Bible School. Three French children have attended the school.

## GEHMAN: Richard &amp; Flo

Both Richard and Flo have been kept busy teaching at the school. Besides teaching theology, Greek, speech and Hermeneutics, Richard has been asked to teach Africa Traditional Religions. Pray for him so that through this class he will exalt Christ and Christianity.

The Staff at the school has made Richard responsible for the oversight of Christian service on the weekends which includes ministries in the jail, market places, teaching Sunday school classes, doing visitation and pastoring several A.I.C. Churches. Supervising the native pastors, helping them in sermon preparation is difficult and not very glamorous. This type of ministry requires wisdom, love, patience, humility and all that Christ is.

Flo spends much time in teaching and providing hospitality for guests and members of the staff who must travel. Nathan has been a source of great comfort to the Gehmans.



## RAWN: Olive

Olive has spent many years on the field doing nursing and medical work in the hospital. The maternity work has been a great challenge to her this year as she trusted the Lord for strength to help deliver over 1,000 babies. The problem of help is always certain. Doctors from the States were a great help in the hospital work. Olive writes about the National



OLIVE RAWN WITH CHILDREN

staff and their need of spiritual maturity. She is encouraged to find some who bear witness in the hospital for Christ. The work of evangelism continues strong in the wards. Several each month receive Christ as Saviour. The work is hard without sufficient help but Olive does not complain. She asks for prayer.

## BAKER: Sterling & Delores

The Bakers are now home on furlough and will leave again for Kenya in January, 1974. Sterling's ministry is teaching in the elementary school. During the year he acted as Principal for several weeks together with his teaching responsibilities. Delores has had physical problems during the year which caused some hardships. Pray for her.



## BIGLEY: James &amp; Renee

In 1962 the Bigleys arrived in Africa and at that time Jim was involved in literature work and Renee in medical work. This term Jim's ministry at the Rift Valley Academy is centered around food preparation with some 15 men under his supervision. Jim writes and says that he has great peace in this ministry for he believes this is the Lord's will. Renee's responsibilities are: private duty nursing, bedside care instruction to the student nurses and relief night duty. There is a possibility that Jim will be able to do some literature work together with his responsibilities at the Academy. Jim has had some physical problems, including a touch of malaria, but the Lord has given much grace in the time of need.

## KAUFFMAN: Timothy &amp; Wanda

After spending more than one year home on furlough, the Kauffmans left for Zaire, Africa on September 4 from New York. Church problems in Zaire caused much concern and anxiety and it looked like the field was going to close to the Kauffmans. Through much prayer the Lord gave the go ahead sign for them to return to the field.

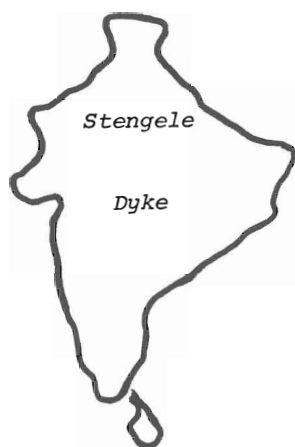
## BUCK: Leonard &amp; Nina

In the southern part of Africa you will find the Bucks busy in the literature work of spreading the gospel. A literature center was built this year housing the publishing department, correspondence school, head accounting office and the wholesale section. A great amount of literature has been sold during the year with the month of May being the highest totaling some \$15,000.

## DYKE: Herb &amp; Betty

The Dykes are home on furlough and living at Nyack, N. Y. with their son Bruce. Their responsibilities have been many during the year. In one of Herb's letters he stated: "We are kept busy with teaching, preaching, supervising the boarding school and Principal of the Bible School. The work of India is being turned over to the National Church which means that the missionaries are invited to fit into every way of evangelism possible. I was the last foreign Principal of the Boys' Boarding School in 1955 and now, almost 20 years later, I end up to be the last foreign Principal of the Bible School."

# STENGELE: Laird & Mary Ann



Laird has spent 21 years in India using his talents in teaching young people in school. Together with his duties at the school, and caring for the missionary children, Laird also preaches and conducts Sunday morning worship services in the school chapel occasionally. Mary Ann is busy with teaching in Sunday school and sharing with the responsibilities of caring for the children. Her official title is "House-mother." The Stengeles are preparing to return on furlough, July, 1974.

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	25,200.
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Stengele, Mr. & Mrs. Laird	<u>7,920.</u>
	15,900.
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Ritter, Mr. & Mrs. Don	<u>7,700.</u>
	19,520.
International Students, Inc.	
Shelling, Mr. & Mrs. Ted	5,400.
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Solt, Dr. & Mrs. David	6,750.
North Africa Mission	
Campbell, Dr. & Mrs. William	4,500.

Orinoco River Mission	
Harley, Mr. & Mrs. J. Barclay	7,200.
Pocket Testament League	
Poysti, Mr. & Mrs. Earl	3,400.
Trans World Radio	
Hertzog, Mr. & Mrs. Roy	7,500.
New Tribes Mission	
Ream, Mrs. Shirley	1,200.
Unevangelized Fields Mission	
Kauffman, Mr. & Mrs. Timothy	3,620.
West Indies Mission	
Moyer, Mr. & Mrs. Edward	6,000.
World Radio Missionary Fellowship	
Manney, Mr. & Mrs. David	8,000.
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R. C. Reichenbach, Chairman; David E. Thomann, General Secretary; Kermit K. Gehman, Treasurer; Willard E. Cassel, Austin G. Shelly, Paul G. Zimmerman, Robert Breitegam, James R. Cressman, Paul Truett, BOARD

## REPORT OF BOARD OF VICTORY VALLEY

This Board is pleased to make its eighteenth annual report to the Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church. Again this year new steps have been taken in serving our Lord and His people in this evangelistic and educational work.

The facilities of the camp accomodate 96 campers each week. This summer 573 campers attended this six-week session.

This means the attendance of campers came within three of capacity for the season.

Jonathan D. Reynolds, the new camp director, recruited and led the staff very well. The staff was as follows: Jonathan D. Reynolds, Director; Rodney Stortz, Boys' Program Director; Shirley Kinsey, Girls' Program Director; David Schlonecker, Counselor-in-Training Director.

The sense of team work and sharing of responsibility was clearly evident as these people led the rest of the staff of counselors to serve the campers. Mrs. Raymond Rawn served as cook and took charge of the kitchen for the second year. Mrs. Jonathan D. Reynolds served in caring for the office work.

The facilities were improved with the construction of a new winterized cabin at a cost of \$9,100. This addition was made possible by a gift to the camp from the estate of Brother A. L. Wentz. With this addition, small groups can be served by the camp through all the winter season. Reservations for these facilities can be made through the Director, Jonathan Reynolds. The potential use of the facilities for more of the weeks and weekends during the year increases our ability to serve our people and a help toward meeting the year round costs of the camp.

The financial condition of the camp has become stronger. Increased income from the camp operation and the offerings from the churches, has enabled the camp to operate in the black and to reduce its indebtedness. During the last two years the indebtedness of the camp has decreased \$16,000 to a total of \$15,000 at August 31, 1973. The value of the assets has increased to a total of \$167,559.19 as of the same date. Due to the rising cost of camp operation, the Board has increased the camp fees from \$40.00 to \$45.00 for the coming year. This is the first increase since 1967.

The program of the camp has been evaluated and some changes are planned for the coming years. The schedule of camps in the 1974 season will be as follows:

Orientation - June 30 - July 6  
 Junior Camp - July 6 - July 13  
                   July 13 - July 20  
                   July 20 - July 27  
                   July 27 - August 3  
                   August 3 - August 10  
                   August 10 - August 17  
 Junior High -- August 17 - August 24

This season we will add a 5 week program to provide for campers registered for more than two weeks.

We praise the Lord for His guidance and provision in the development of the life of the camp.

We recommend that each church make a contribution to Victory Valley Camp during the year. Contribution in the amount of 1% of the total giving of each church would provide sufficient help for the camp at this time.

### Financial Report for September 1, 1972 - August 31, 1973

#### INCOME:

1. Camp Contributions		
Churches	4,530.00	
Gifts	196.88	
Camp Offerings	226.58	
Scholarships	500.00	
2. Rental Fees	10,148.60	
3. Camper Fees	21,495.56	
4. Concessions		
Crafts	537.80	
Snak Shak	1,351.85	
Dry Goods	825.09	
5. Notes & Legacies	10,380.80	
6. Misc. & Refunds	517.14	
	<hr/>	50,710.30

#### EXPENDITURES

1. Program and Staff	
Salaries	6,618.43
Payroll Taxes	2,098.77
Educational Materials	410.37
Recreational Materials	182.69
Horsemanship Program	1,045.00
Scholarship Payments	500.00
Miscellaneous	326.57
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	11,181.83
2. Administrative	
Salaries	1,987.59
Payroll taxes	553.82
Office sup. & Postage	794.24
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	3,335.65

3. General Expenses		
Publicity & Promotion	1,364.75	
Health Expenses	146.10	
Telephone	442.01	
Camper Insurance	528.00	
Membership & Con. Fees	120.00	
Travel Expenses	200.01	
Interest	1,473.34	
Taxes	18.79	
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	4,293.00	
4. Food Service		
Salaries	1,856.86	
Payroll Taxes	363.14	
Kitchen Supplies	400.00	
Food	7,906.35	
Garbage Removal	165.00	
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	10,691.35	
5. Building & Grounds		
Salaries	1,394.68	
Payroll Taxes	141.36	
Workmen's Compen.	364.15	
Hospitalization	430.16	
Janitorial Supplies	179.85	
Fire & Liability Ins.	688.00	
Camp Fuel & Power	1,984.66	
House Fuel & Power	745.27	
Repairs & Maintenance		
Buildings	1,781.50	
Equipment	363.30	
Pool	813.43	
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	8,885.36	
6. Concessions		
Crafts	217.04	
Dry Goods	611.99	
Snak Shak	1,130.62	
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	1,959.65	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		40,346.84
GAIN - TRANSFERRED TO NET WORTH		<hr/>
		10,363.46
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		50,710.30



## BALANCE SHEET

## ASSETS:

Cash - General Account	2,445.60	
Cash - Summer Account	441.00	
Inventory	493.10	
Accounts Receivable	1,200.00	
Swimming Pool	24,110.54	
Furniture & Fixtures	15,675.44	
Real Estate	<u>123,193.51</u>	
		167,559.19

## LIABILITIES

Notes Payable to M.R.F	15,000.00	
Net Worth 9/1/72	142,195.73	
Gain from '72-'73 season	<u>10,363.46</u>	
		167,559.19

This Financial Report was prepared by John H. Herb, Financial Secretary. This financial report and account book was audited by Miss Joyce P. Mann, Nazareth, Pa.

Carl C. Cassel, Chairman; John H. Herb, Financial Secretary; Arthur Frable, Secretary; Ronald C. Mahurin, Harry Bailey, Bright N. Heist, Harold E. Snyder, James Herrold, Clayton E. Weber - BOARD

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all" (Eph. 1: 22,23).

The Board of Church Extension realizes that Christ is the head of the Church and that in order to extend its borders, we must bow to His authority and direction. The Church is "the body of Christ," and this involves the fact that it is HIS POSSESSION, He purchased it; HIS HABITATION, He lives in it; HIS INSTRUMENT, He works thru it; and HIS MANIFESTATION, His glory is revealed in it. This is a solemn responsibility which we have to care for and seek to extend His body.

This is the first year that our director, Daniel G. Ziegler, has been full-time in the work of Church Extension. We thank God for his vision and leadership in this great work.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Church Extension held on April 16, 1973, Daniel G. Ziegler was elected as the director of Church Extension for a three-year period, October 1, 1973 - September 30, 1976.

On May 14, 1973 the board voted to accept the Grace Bible Church of Englishtown, N. J. as a part of the TIE Team of the Church Extension Department. We thank God for this small group of believers who join us in our effort to evangelize the central part of the state of New Jersey. This church is pastored by John Vandegriff. There are now five missions in the TIE Team. The missions are located at the following: Neptune, Franklin, Howell, Freehold and Englishtown, New Jersey. The department also has the oversight of the church at Finesville, N. J. and the mission at Belvidere, N. J. At a congregational meeting of the Belvidere Church on November 27, 1972 the congregation voted to dissolve its Official Board and turn the work over to the Board of Church Extension. The Board of Church Extension has assumed the administration of this mission.

The Board held 8 regular meetings during the year. The Board is organized as follows:

James G. Koch, Chairman  
 Bert N. Brosius, Secretary  
 Daniel G. Ziegler, Treasurer  
 Robert W. Smock  
 LeRoy S. Heller  
 Clayton Weber  
 John Deily  
 Clyde W. Snyder

We recommend the following:

1. That the Annual Conference adopt the proposed budget for 1974-75.
2. That our churches consider giving for Church Extension at a level of 5% of their annual offerings. Smaller churches which find such a goal unrealistic might consider offerings of \$10.00 per member as a goal.
3. That Annual Conference ratify the election of Daniel G. Ziegler as Director of Church Extension for a three year term, October 1, 1973 - September 30, 1976.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## RECEIPTS:

Balance, 9/26/72		12,025.08
Churches		
Prepaid, 1973-74	43,168.19	
Designated (current ex.)		
Director's Support	752.00	
Other	<u>2,368.02</u>	
		46,288.21
Other Contributions		655.00
Interest		2,025.84
Reimbursements & Refunds		
Director's Travel	722.31	
Director's Move (from Brd. of Directors)	838.85	
PISCES	890.00	
Parsonage Expenses	<u>262.09</u>	
		2,713.25
Repayment of Loans		
Board of Directors - Dir. Parsonage	4,200.00	
Easton Church	1,000.00	
General Acceptance Corp. Debentures	<u>20,000.00</u>	
		<u>25,200.00</u>
TOTAL		88,907.38

## EXPENDITURES:

Appropriations		
Churches		
Belvidere	3,000.00	
Finesville	<u>3,900.00</u>	
		6,900.00
Missions		
Franklin	4,500.08	
Freehold	5,845.00	
Howell	8,648.83	
Neptune	<u>450.00</u>	
		19,479.91

TIE Team	500.00	
PISCES	<u>2,874.96</u>	
	29,754.87	
Administration		
Director's Salary	7,000.00	
Director's Sup. Benefits	1,077.97	
Director's Parsonage	2,454.96	
Director's Travel	2,051.42	
Director's Operating	2,350.00	
Board Expenses	252.80	
Fellowship News	<u>50.00</u>	
	15,237.15	
Reserves:		
Capital Fund	2,000.00	
Contingency		
Director's Move	838.85	
Freehold Purchase dep.	<u>3,400.00</u>	
	6,238.85	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	51,230.87	
Balance, 9/21/73	<u>37,676.51</u> *	
	88,907.83	

\* This balance is deposited as follows:

Checking account with The First National Bank of Allentown under the name "Bible Fellowship Church, Board of Church Extension"	76.71
Regular Savings Account with The Savings Bank of Central Jersey	250.00
Investment Savings Account with The Savings Bank of Central Jersey	12,349.80
Certificate of Deposit #1-01-17111-6 The First National Bank of Allentown	5,000.00
Certificate of Deposit #1-01-17112-9 The First National Bank of Allentown	5,000.00
Certificate of Deposit #340944, City Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.	10,000.00

Certificate of Deposit #10093, North Plainfield State Bank	5,000.00
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NOTE: The difference between the amount prepaid by churches for 1973-74 and the balance, \$5,491.68, includes the following:

Receivable from the Fund to Promote Church Extension upon sale of 85 Helen Ave., Freehold, N. J.	3,400.00
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Borrowed from Prepaid	2,091.68
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The Board has \$3,000 on deposit with the Conference Treasurer in the Fund Toward Amortization of the Indebtedness of the Fund to Promote Church Extension

This report and the account book have been audited by Roger S. Bowne.

The financial report has been prepared by Daniel G. Ziegler, Treasurer.

#### Revised Budget - 1973-74

#### RECEIPTS:

Churches	\$42,040.00	
Interest	1,800.00	
Special Gifts	<u>2,290.00</u>	
	46,130.00	46,130.00

#### EXPENDITURES

Appropriations	
Belvidere	\$7,200.00
Englishtown	1,200.00
Franklin	3,000.00
Freehold	5,000.00
Finesville	3,900.00
Howell	7,000.00
Neptune	-----
TIE Team	<u>300.00</u>

27,600.00

#### Administration

Director's salary	7,200.00
Sup. Benefits	1,150.00
Parsonage	3,130.00
(Mort. 1,880.	
(Utili. 420.	



(Fuel	450.	
(Insur.	170.	
(Main.	150.	
(Disp.	60.	
Dir. Travel		1,800.00
Office Expense		1,500.00
(Print	450.	
(Equip.	200.	
(Post.	420.	
(Phone	430.	
Board Expenses		600.00
Admin. Budget		100.00
Fellowship News		<u>50.00</u>
		15,530.00

## RESERVES:

Capital Fund	3,000.00	46,130.00
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## BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

Proposed Budget - 1974-75

## RECEIPTS:

Churches	\$55,000.00	
Interest	1,800.00	
Special Gifts	<u>2,400.00</u>	
	59,200.00	59,200.00

## EXPENDITURES:

Appropriations	
Church	\$3,600.00
Missions	14,000.00
TIE TEAM	300.00
PISCES	<u>3,000.00</u>
	20,900.00

## Administration

Director's Salary	7,400.00
Sup. Benefits	1,200.00
Parsonage	3,300.00
Dir. Travel	2,000.00
Office exp.	1,475.00
Con. Ad. Budget	125.00
Workman's Comp.	100.00
Board Expenses	650.00
Fellow. News	<u>50.00</u>

16,300.00

## RESERVES:

Capital Fund	4,000.00	
New Missions	17,000.00	
Contingencies	<u>1,000.00</u>	
	22,000.00	
		59,200.00

James G. Koch, Chairman, Bert N. Brosius, Secretary; Daniel G. Ziegler, Director & Treasurer; Robert W. Smock, Clayton Weber, Clyde W. Snyder, LeRoy S. Heller, John L. Deily, BOARD

## REPORT OF PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE PRESIDENT

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the people" (Psalm 105:1).

It is with great joy and thanksgiving that I have the privilege to report significant progress at Pinebrook Junior College during this past year.

Enrollment for the fall of 1973 reached 81. This is the fourth successive year in which the Lord has enabled the school to show an increase in the total number of students.

Financial progress was realized as the College was able to operate in the black for the first time in several years. Progress was made in the liquidation of previous debts. We are thankful for the generous giving of Bible Fellowship Churches. This giving provides a solid base for our contribution program and is crucial to our growth in assets. During this past year our churches gave approximately \$34,000 to the College, and many of our people gave individual contributions to the College. Our financial planning for the coming year is geared toward a level of \$36,000 in church giving, which represents an increase of around 5.6%. This increase would help us to offset the rapid pace of inflation. We are beginning to plan a deferred giving program by which the College will be able to give guidance to those who feel led to give to this ministry of education through legacies. The College continues to participate in governmental programs on the state and national level by which aid to students is made available. It appears that Pinebrook students will receive close to \$30,000 in such aid during this school year.

The College has also been active in revamping its organizational structure during this past year. This has resulted in a revision of the By-Laws. The roles and relationships of administrative officers are now clearly defined in the By-Laws. The Faculty, Administration Council of the College and the Board of Directors were all active in this task.

We have also been diligent in seeking to broaden our professional horizons. Representatives of Pinebrook Junior College have taken part in a goodly number of state, regional and national educational conventions and working seminars during the past year. The President and the Academic Dean attended the Middle States Convention last fall and Dean Cassel was an Associate Member of a Middle States evaluation team in the spring of 1973. These steps were taken in preparation for moving toward an official relationship with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

During a visit to the College on September 18, 1973, Dr. Warren Evans of the Pennsylvania Department of Education informed us that our institutional progress was sufficient to warrant sending a full team of educators to examine the College in the fall of 1974 in respect to the issuing of permanent degree granting approval by the State Department of Education.

Some progress in upgrading the physical facilities at Pinebrook has been made over the past year, but much remains to be done in order to bring most of our facilities up to a level wherein the needs of year round school usage can be adequately met. The hiring of Brother George Herb as Acting Business Manager of the Service Board has been helpful to the ministry of the College and we trust that progress in coordinating the physical oversight of the properties will continue during the coming year.

As the President of Pinebrook Junior College I am thankful for the loyal, competent, energetic, Godly assistance that I receive from the Board Members, fellow administrators, the teaching team and the staff members of the College. There remains a great task to perform. The young people of this generation need to be educated in such a way that they may see every discipline and all of life as resting under the unified Lordship of Christ. We are using all our energy and ability to help bring this to pass. It is our goal that the young people of our churches might be challenged to begin their college careers at Pinebrook Junior College. While we are pleased to have a part in the Christian growth of any student, our basic commitment is to provide quality Christian educa-

tion for the young people in the Bible Fellowship Church. To this end we are endeavoring to make a personal contact with each graduating senior in the Bible Fellowship Church this year in order that we might personally present the challenge of a Pinebrook education.

Pray for us and with us as we seek to further the glory of God in the life of each Pinebrook student.

David J. Watkins, President  
Pinebrook Junior College

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE

We will always thank the Lord;  
We will never stop praising Him.  
We will praise Him for what He has done;  
May all who are oppressed listen and be glad!  
Proclaim with us the Lord's greatness;  
Let us praise His name together!  
We prayed to the Lord and He answered us;  
He freed us from all our fears.  
When oppressed we look to Him and are glad;  
We will never be disappointed.  
Helpless we call to Him, and He answers us;  
He saves us from our troubles.

(Writer's variation of Psalm 34:1-6 TEV)

Where do we begin? How do we tell of His many many blessings?

The Board met five times during the year to conduct its business and organized as follows: Chairman, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Secretary, Nicholas J. Sheetz, Treasurer, Carlton R. Wentz. The elected and appointed committees have functioned well and are to be commended for fulfilling their responsibilities.

The By-Laws of the Board have been revised and the revised By-Laws were adopted in a special meeting held on 30 June 1973. This move was necessary for the previous By-Laws was a much amended document conceived with the origin of Berean Bible School. The main short coming of the previous By-Laws was that it did not clearly define the respective roles of the various individuals and groups within the or-

ganizational structure of the College.

Our charter, as approved by the court in 1969, posed several problems in the mind of the Department of Education. A new charter satisfactory to the Department of Education was approved in the special meeting of 30 June 1973. This charter is in the process of being approved by the Corporation Bureau, Department of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A study on faculty ranking is in progress. It is hoped that we will have a ranking system compatible with the size of our faculty.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has extended, for another year, their provisional approval of the programs offered by the College and has informed the College Administration that a full team visit will be conducted the fall of 1974 at which time it is reasonable to hope that the College will be granted permanent approval by the Department of Education. This past spring we were privileged to grant fifteen associate degrees.

Our enrollment this fall totals eighty one (81) students, an increase of six over last fall's enrollment.

This past year has been a year of change in other areas, the Faculty and Administration. Dean Stortz, the Financial Officer, is no longer with us and four faculty members are no longer with us these being:

Robert V. Clausen  
Kathleen F. Forlow  
William Forlow  
Keitha B. Wittig

In addition Harold E. Snyder will not be in the classroom this fall, but will be working full-time as the Director of Development. The following have been added as either full-time or part-time Faculty members starting this fall:

Kennard Brackney  
Ellen Cate  
Syd Eltringham  
John B. Harley, III

In the area of Administration our Brother Byron C. Cassel has been hired as Business Manager of the College.

The Annual Audited Report is encouraging and we praise our



God for His faithfulness in supplying our needs. Our income for the year exceeded our expenses for the year and we were able to reduce our indebtedness.

We are thankful and grateful for the dedicated staff of Administration and Faculty and wish to express our thanks to all who have helped to make this year a success. We pray for God's blessing upon each and every one.

We encourage all saints to daily pray for Pinebrook Junior College.

We encourage our churches to support Pinebrook Junior College at a level of 4% of their budget and that this support be remitted to the College in twelve monthly payments or four quarterly payments.

Each Pastor and Delegate has been given a complete copy of the Audited Financial Report. The following is considered by the Administration of the College to be the crucial financial area.

Balance Sheet - Exhibit A  
June 30, 1973

ASSETS

General Funds:

General (Schedule 1)	3,087.45	
Restricted - Cash	<u>3,915.33</u>	7,002.78

Loan Funds:

Cash	421.36	
Loans - Receivable	<u>2,295.30</u>	2,716.66

Plant Fund (Schedule 1)		88,933.98
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Agency Funds (Schedule 5)		<u>1,810.75</u>
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Total Assets		100,464.17
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LIABILITIES

Current Funds:

Liabilities (Schedule 2)	41,847.47	
(Deficit)	<u>(34,844.69)</u>	7,002.78

## Loan Funds

Principal of Funds (Schedule 2)	2,716.66
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## Plant Fund:

From Gifts & Current Funds	88,933.98
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## Agency Funds:

Balance of Funds Due to Others (Schedule 2)	<u>1,810.75</u>
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Total Liabilities	100,464.17
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Condensed Statement of Current Income & Expenditures  
For the Year Ended June 30, 1973

## I N C O M E

## Educational &amp; General

Student Fees	67,917.38	
Gifts and Grants:		
Unrestricted	79,581.00	
Restricted	3,729.27	
General	<u>7,525.83</u>	158,753.48

Auxiliary Enterprises	<u>60,244.72</u>
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Total Income (Schedule 3)	218,998.20
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## E X P E N D I T U R E S

## Educational &amp; General

Administration	46,622.72	
General Expenses	23,232.70	
Instruction	44,507.62	
Library	8,848.31	
Operation & Maintenance of Physical Plant	<u>9,563.28</u>	132,774.63

Auxiliary Enterprises	46,573.89
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Other Non-Educational Expense	<u>9,059.55</u>
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Total Expenditures (Schedule 4)	188,408.07
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## Excess of Income Over (Under) Expenditures:

Educational & General	25,978.85
Auxiliary Enterprises	13,670.83
Other Non-Educational Transactions	<u>(9,059.55)</u>

Excess of Income over Expenditures - Net (Exhibit C)	30,590.13
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David J. Watkins, President; Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Chairman; Nicholas J. Sheetz, Secretary; Carlton R. Wentz, Treasurer; John H. Herb, Donald R. Knauer, Barry Kauffman, John M. Stengele, LeRoy S. Heller, James Herrold, Clyde W. Snyder, Warren Zimmerman, William W. Mull, BOARD.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PINEBROOK CONFERENCE CENTER

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds” (Titus 2:11-14, N.A. S.V.).

The year 1973, which is rapidly drawing to a close, has been another eventful one at Pinebrook. This past summer marked the Fortieth Anniversary of Pinebrook's Bible Conference ministry, and Labor Day marked the Fifth Anniversary of ownership and operation of Pinebrook by the Bible Fellowship Church. We thank God that, for the fifth straight year, the attendances and spiritual fruitfulness of this ministry increased. An amazing cross section of people from many backgrounds shared in this growth and blessing, as hundreds accepted Christ at Pinebrook during the past year and thousands of Christians were strengthened through the instruction in God's Word.

These results must largely be attributed to the faithful and daily prayers of the Lord's people on Pinebrook's behalf. Hundreds of friends have indicated their desire to back us in prayer, many of which are receiving our monthly list of specific prayer suggestions as partners in the PINEBROOK PRAYER CIRCLE.

Since Saturday, March 31, 1973, we have been producing a half-hour broadcast called PINEBROOK PRESENTS which is being aired on seven radio stations each weekend. A radio program has been an objective of ours for some time, and we have rejoiced to see this outreach begin. Our broadcast features many of Pinebrook's outstanding speakers and musicians and is being received quite enthusiastically. Scores of letters have come from listeners, many of which reveal deep spiritual needs, and we are convinced that our radio outreach is proving to be of benefit and encouragement to many people. Continuing evaluation of the broadcast is being made and, as the Lord continues to bless this avenue of ministry, we hope to add more stations to the current log of stations airing PINEBROOK PRESENTS.

Our summer clientele has continued to grow, as has been true at most other places sponsoring Bible Conferences in recent summers. Many families were turned away from Pinebrook due to a lack of housing this past summer, during which we operated seven out of nine weeks at capacity. The highlight of the summer was our Fortieth Anniversary Rally with Jack Wyrzten as our guest speaker on Tuesday, August 28. Over a thousand people were present and this was probably the most dynamic service we have ever directed at Pinebrook. Truly God was honored during this great evening of praise for His faithfulness through the many years in working out His eternal purposes among mankind. Beginning next year, we will operate Pinebrook's entire summer schedule for the first time under the Bible Fellowship Church sponsorship. Until now, promotion of our summer program has been the major thrust of our Public Relations work. However, we want to begin focusing more and more attention on Pinebrook-sponsored programs during the rest of the year.

Our fourth Sponsor's Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 13, 1973. Again Friday, December 7 through Sunday, December 9, 1973, hundreds of young people will converge at Pinebrook for our Holiday Retreat. And another Spring Retreat for families will be conducted from Friday, April 19 through Sunday, April 21, 1974, with Pinebrook's fifth Sponsors' Banquet slated for Saturday, April 20, 1974.

As we mentioned in last year's report, Pinebrook, with its strategic geographic location, is well situated to serving the great need for a Christian Conference Center in the Pocono Mountains. Our location is near enough to the large metropolitan areas of America's Northeast for convenient travel, but far enough removed to give guests a sense of "being away." Due to this excellent location, our improving facil-



ities and our increasing Public Relations efforts, larger numbers of people are being attracted to Pinebrook each year.

Pinebrook has reached a point where its summer and week-end programs, except for those conducted during the fall season, cannot grow without additional facilities. It seems obvious that new buildings are necessary, unless we choose to simply maintain a "status quo." We are turning many people away from Pinebrook due to our lack of adequate housing. So we are thankful that another dormitory, similar to Pine Lodge but with some major additions, will be constructed during the coming year. This will help relieve our winter and spring retreat situation which has been very tight, and may allow us to consider placing our summer staff in these two dormitories, giving us increased rooms for guests during our Bible Conference season.

Many people today are coming to expect better facilities than Pinebrook presently offers, especially in respect to our Dining Room and meeting areas. We anticipate some sorely needed renovations in the Dining Room within the next year. During recent months, the Conference Board has begun to consider construction of an auditorium alone, instead of an auditorium-gymnasium complex, with the thought that a low-cost structure could be erected for recreation purposes at a later time. Two architects produced preliminary plans for an auditorium during the last year, and continued thinking about this makes us more acutely aware of the pressing need for this facility. We feel that the building should not only include a large auditorium with a well-equipped platform and spacious lobby, but several, additional meeting rooms as well, perhaps some of them being sub-divisions of the main auditorium. Such a building would be the key to two major additions on Pinebrook's year 'round schedule: (1) Increased groups would choose Pinebrook for their Monday-through-Friday Conventions, and (2) Increased Pinebrook-sponsored one-day programs could be conducted.

The Book & Gift Shop, now under the auspices of the Conference Board, continued to accelerate its volume of sales during the past year. Now open daily to the local trade, the store has begun to make its mark on the greater Stroudsburg community. People are increasingly coming to Pinebrook for solid, evangelical literature and distinctively Christian merchandise. Several churches, including some Bible Fellowship Churches, are dealing with the Book & Gift Shop on a fairly regular basis. Plans to carry Sunday School and church supplies are being seriously discussed.



During our 1973 Bible Conferences, we conducted Sponsors' Receptions in the Dining Room each Wednesday night. Attendances at these meetings far surpassed our expectations, with fifty to seventy five adults usually present. We used this opportunity to present a survey of Pinebrook history, discuss our current ministries, including PINEBROOK PRESENTS, and then introduce some future ideas, including the auditorium. Many families were challenged to become financial partners with Pinebrook from time to time, and some pledged to support Pinebrook with a standing gift each month for a one-year period. Significant income was designated for the radio outreach and the auditorium fund, for which we praise the Lord.

Denominational interest in Pinebrook has grown during the past year. We participated in services in seventeen Bible Fellowship Churches last spring, at which many members expressed their interest in our conference ministry. A number of churches contributed to our budget and, although it is probably true that, as a Conference Center, Pinebrook can operate without support from local Bible Fellowship Churches, it is this very support that helps us enhance our ministry. Each year, an increasing percentage of our budget has been used for matters of a direct ministry, with a decreasing percentage going toward operating expenses. This trend has been made possible by friends and churches that have chosen to assist us financially. Increased support from Bible Fellowship Churches can be earmarked exclusively for radio or can be directed toward our fund for the proposed auditorium.

A final note of appreciation is due the Pinebrook Conference Board. The men serving on our board represent, in my opinion, one of the finest boards in our denomination and their efforts on Pinebrook's behalf are surely pleasing to the Lord. Their continued support of our direction and programs has not only been necessary to our progress, but has spurred us on to greater goals. I very much appreciate our board and my sincere thanks goes to each member.

A. L. Seifert, Director, Pinebrook Conference Center

#### REPORT OF THE PINEBROOK CONFERENCE BOARD

"...This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?  
(Matthew 21:42b)

A spirit of praise and thanksgiving to our Lord has prevailed

throughout the year among the Pinebrook Conference Board members. Each board meeting, the Director gave a report of souls being saved and Christians being revived and edified.

The Board continues to be encouraged with the increased use of our facilities throughout all the seasons of the year. Seven of the nine weeks during the summer were filled to capacity and people were turned away due to a lack of accommodations. As a result of this we expect to program and conduct the entire summer schedule beginning with the summer of 1974. We are pleased the Pinebrook Service Board has approved our recommendation to construct a two-story building similar to Pine Lodge. We are in hopes this building will be completed before the heavy schedule of winter retreats begins.

Beginning with April 1, "Pinebrook Presents" has been heard over Trenton, N. J., Zarephath, N. J., Allentown, Pa., Boyertown, Pa., Lancaster, Pa., and Stroudsburg, Pa. On April 15, Danville, Pa. was added to the stations airing our broadcast. Sufficient time has not elapsed as yet to evaluate the effectiveness of these broadcasts. However, the Board is encouraged with initial responses and we have deposited \$7,000 in a passbook account to be retained as an emergency radio fund.

Our full-time staff consists of A. L. Seifert, Director, Dale Seifert, Manager of the Book and Gift Shop and Director of Public Relations and Warren Bish, staff soloist and Assistant Manager of the Book and Gift Shop. These men conducted Pinebrook Promotional Meetings in seventeen churches throughout the year. Our annual spring and fall banquets were filled to capacity and we have had to limit the number of reservations to 450.

The interest in a new auditorium continues to grow with an increasing number of individuals making contributions to this urgent need.

The Board wishes to express their appreciation for the untiring efforts of the Pinebrook staff. A. L. Seifert has been elected to serve as Director of Pinebrook Conference for a sixth term. We would also express appreciation to those churches who have placed Pinebrook Conference in their budget.

We recommend the following:

1. That Annual Conference grant permission to the Pinebrook Conference to become incorporated.

2. That each church make a contribution to Pinebrook Conference Center. Checks should be made payable to Pinebrook Conference Board.

Financial Report  
7/1/72 - 6/30/73

Amount brought forward, 6/30/72 8,009.16

GENERAL FUND

Balance	4,267.89
Receipts	268,893.75 (Sched. I)
Expenses	264,945.08 (Sched. II)

Balance 8,216.56

AUDITORIUM FUND

Balance	3,923.00
Receipts	<u>7,317.36</u>

Balance 11,240.36

CARPET FUND

Balance	(181.74)
Receipts	-----
Expenses	<u>-----</u>

Balance (181.74)

RESERVE RADIO FUND

Balance 7,000.00

Total 26,275.18

Schedule I

Receipts:

Convocations	244,577.00
Gifts	5,570.25
Offerings	6,185.80
New Auditorium	7,317.36
Radio	3,088.75
Furnishings	750.00
Miscellaneous	

Dining Room	675.00	
Missionary	361.16	
Refunds	<u>368.43</u>	<u>1,404.59</u>

TOTAL 268,893.75

## Schedule II

## Expenses:

Pinebrook Service Board		161,262.64
Advertising		5,277.52
Honorarium		10,845.88
Office Equipment		3,561.77
Office Supplies		2,933.34
Postage		2,968.25
Telephone		2,544.57
Director's Health Insurance		434.49
Board Expenses		320.68
Auto Insurance and Maintenance		945.34
Printing		16,695.73
Payroll		19,258.99
Workmen's Compensation		117.10
Accident Insurance		1,504.80
Interest		660.90
Recreation Equipment & Leasing		3,872.10
Employee Tax & Social Security		4,184.85
Refunds		808.50
Linen Rental		5,603.39
Radio		3,312.76
Transfer to Radio Fund		7,000.00
Transfer to Auditorium Fund		7,063.11
Equipment Purchase and Servicing		1,322.21
Miscellaneous		
Subscriptions	5.00	
Moving & Storage	270.55	
Registration & License	12.00	
Donations	950.00	
Architect's Fees	800.89	
Furnishings	<u>407.72</u>	<u>2,446.16</u>

TOTAL 264,945.08

Accounts & Report audited by James Bertsch, accountant for William A. Emmerick, Inc.

Conference Board Budget - July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

Service Board	200,000.
Advertising	5,000.
Honorarium	12,000.
Office Equipment	1,000.
Office Supplies	3,000.

Postage	3,500.
Telephone	2,500.
Director's Health Insurance	450.
Board Expenses	450.
Auto Insurance & Maintenance	1,000.
Printing	17,000.
Payroll	25,000.
Workmen's Compensation	200.
Accident Insurance	1,800.
Recreation Equipment & Leasing	4,000.
Employees' Tax & Social Security	4,500.
Refund	500.
Linen Rental	6,000.
Radio	15,000.
Equipment Purchase & Servicing	1,500.
Miscellaneous	2,000.
Contingency	2,000.
Total	308,400.

John H. Riggall, Chairman; A. L. Seifert, Director; Ronald C. Mahurin, Secretary; Lee E. Boyles, Treasurer; Frank L. Herb, Kermit K. Gehman, Norman W. Granda, BOARD

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

The Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church met eight times during the 1972-1973 year. Progress has been made in several areas of the life of the church; praise is offered to our Lord for the guidance and strength which He gave.

Seven congregations requested and received help in decisions relating to their real estate. These congregations were: Mt. Carmel, Philadelphia (Emmanuel), Shamokin, Lebanon, Terre Hill, Lehighton and Stroudsburg.

The Board worked with the Board of Church Extension in several real estate and financial problems. At the request of the Board of Church Extension the property in Holland Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, and the property at 424 Ridge Street, Emmaus, Pa. were sold. The properties at 1049 Kenyon Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey and 81 East Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey, were purchased.

The home formerly used as a home for the Bethlehem District Superintendent at 1218 E. Rosemont Drive, Bethlehem,



Pennsylvania, was sold and the proceeds placed in the Ministers' Retirement Fund.

The supervision of the real estate and facilities at Pinebrook was also part of the work of the Board this year. The "dog leg" of the Smiley property which protruded into the area presently used as an athletic field was purchased. LeRoy E. Shoesmith and Son, Inc. of Cresco, Pennsylvania, was engaged to construct a sewage treatment plant for \$69,818. This work will be completed before November 1. The court appointed Board of View recommended that the Bible Fellowship Church receive \$35,000. damages from the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company for the utility's exercise of its right of eminent domain for the construction of a power line along Route 191. This Board recommends that the Annual Conference approve use of the money from P.P. & L. be used toward the cost of construction of the sewage disposal plant.

The regulations of the Ministers' Retirement Fund were studied during this year. They were revised to meet the needs brought on by changing circumstances in our general life and the new pulpit supply system. This Board recommends that the Annual Conference approve the new regulations which are submitted with this report and a new rate of payment of annuities.

The regulations for the Administration Budget were also revised during the year to accomodate to the circumstances changed by the new system of pulpit supply. The Board recommends that the Annual Conference approve the new regulations which are submitted with this report.

The Annual Financial Statement of the Board of Directors is also attached. With the financial statement is the Administrative Budget for 1973-1974 and another for the 1974-1975 year. This Board recommends approval of both of these Budgets.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Directors recommends that the Annual Conference approve the following recommendations:

### USE OF MONEY FROM PENNA. POWER AND LIGHT CO.

1. We recommend that the \$35,000. from the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company be applied toward the cost of construction of the sewage treatment plant at Pinebrook.

## MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND REGULATIONS

2. We recommend that the regulations for the Ministers' Retirement Fund of the Bible Fellowship Church which accompanies this report be approved as an amendment to the By-Laws of the Annual Conference.

3. We recommend that the rate for calculating annuities from the Ministers' Retirement Fund in the 1973-1974 year be \$50.00 for each year of active service.

## ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

4. We recommend that the regulations for developing the Administrative Budget which accompanies this report be approved as an amendment to the By-Laws of the Annual Conference.

5. We recommend that the Administrative Budget for 1973-1974 which accompanies this report be approved.

6. We recommend that the Administrative Budget for 1974-1975 which accompanies this report be approved.

## MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

### I. NAME

The name of this fund shall be the Ministers' Retirement Fund of the Bible Fellowship Church.

### II. PURPOSE

The Ministers' Retirement Fund shall be a permanent fund to provide and pay annuities to ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church who by reason of age have retired from active service and also to widows of such ministers according to the rules hereinafter stated.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

This fund shall be controlled by the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church and operated by the Committee on Pensions under the direction of the Annual Conference.

#### IV. ELIGIBILITY

A. Every minister who is licensed or who has been ordained by the Bible Fellowship Church is a member of the Fund so long as he is working under the direction of the Annual Conference and his name continues to appear on the list of men eligible to serve as a pastor of a Bible Fellowship Church.

B. When a man receives license with the Bible Fellowship Church, the Ministerial Candidate Committee shall notify him of the requirement for payments into the Fund and its benefits.

C. A man having less than thirty years of active service to the Bible Fellowship Church and no longer meeting both requirements set forth in Paragraph A of this section of these rules, ceases to be a member of the Fund, except as provided in Paragraphs D and E of this section. When a minister ceases to be a member of the Retirement Fund, the money he paid into the Fund shall be refunded to him; and he by receiving this refund shall forfeit all further claims on the Fund.

D. Should a minister no longer meet both eligibility requirements of Paragraph A of this Section because he is awaiting a call to the pulpit of a Bible Fellowship Church, his membership in the Fund will continue so long as he desires, and this period between calls will be included as years of active service as this term is used in Section VIII, Paragraph A, 3. However, to maintain the continuity of his service, a minister covered by this paragraph shall on April 1 and at Annual Conference of each year make his contribution to the Fund in accordance with the provision of Section V, Paragraph B based on the minimum salary currently prescribed for a pastor by Annual Conference.

E. Should a minister, after have accepted a refund as provided in Paragraph C of this section, return to work under the direction of Annual Conference, he may return the refund to the Fund and the years of service represented by the refund, will be included in the base for calculating his annuity.

#### V. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND

The Fund shall be maintained by the following:

A. Contributions through the Annual Conference Administrative Budget.

B. Contributions from each member who shall pay into this Fund one and one-half percent of his salary. One half of this payment shall be forwarded to the Financial Secretary of the Board of Directors on or before April 1 and the balance shall be paid at Annual Conference each year.

C. Gifts, bequests and devises from any sources.

## VI. RETIREMENT AGE

A. A minister of the Bible Fellowship Church who has attained the age of sixty five (65) years may retire from active service.

B. It is mandatory that a minister retire at the end of the month in which he attains the age of seventy-two (72) years.

C. A minister who has given thirty (30) years or more of service to the Bible Fellowship Church may retire from the active ministry prior to age sixty-five (65) and be eligible for an annuity at age sixty-five (65).

## VII. DISABILITY

A minister who has given twenty-five (25) years or more of active service to the Bible Fellowship Church may become eligible for an annuity at the end of the month in which he is disabled.

## VIII. ANNUITIES

### A. For Ministers

1. No annuity will be paid unless a minister has met the requirements of Section VI and has paid in full according to Section V, B at least five years.

2. The annuity for a retired minister shall be calculated at the rate established annually by Annual Conference by a two-thirds majority vote at one reading.

3. A minister's annuity will be based on his years of active service to the Bible Fellowship Church sub-

ject to a maximum of forty (40) years.

4. Services rendered after the age of seventy-two (72) years shall not increase the annuity.

5. If at any time the money in the Fund is insufficient to pay the annuities in full, the Board of Directors shall determine the amount of monthly installments pro rata.

6. No minister shall be entitled to the full amount of his annuity unless he has paid in full as according to Section V, B. The years of service shall be reduced for each year in which he was a member of the Fund, but failed to make the required payments.

#### B. Annuities for Widows

1. The widow of a deceased minister who has complied with the provisions of the Fund shall receive annuities beginning at the time of the death of the husband provided that the widow shall have attained the age of sixty-five (65) years or beginning at the time that she shall attain the age of sixty-five (65) years.

2. A widow's annuity shall be calculated at one-half the rate of Section VIII, A for each year that she was the wife of a minister during which he was in active service in the Bible Fellowship Church subject to a maximum of forty (40) years.

3. The annuity shall cease if the widow remarries.

C. All annuities cease at the time of the death of the annuitant.

### THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

The Administrative Budget was initially established by Annual Conference meeting in October 1964. The following summarizes that legislation and changes which have been made subsequently.

#### I. Preparation of the Budget

At Annual Conference, the Board of Directors shall present a proposed budget covering expected expenses



for the conference year that will begin 12 months later. The Budget will include the following expense items:

- A. Publication and Printing
- B. Conference Entertainment
- C. Beneficiary Fund
- D. Ministers' Retirement Fund
- E. Moving Fund
- F. Expenses for Board and Committee Business
- G. Other Expense of Board of Directors
- H. Ministerial Convention
- I. Ministers' Assistance Fund
- J. Health & Welfare Ins. for Pastors & Dependents
- K. Ministerial Candidate Committee Fund for Internships

## II. Subscription to the Budget

A. By April 15, following Annual Conference, each church through its delegate, or an alternate officer, shall forward to the Financial Secretary of the Board of Directors, his church's pledge of the amount it will contribute toward the proposed budget.

B. At its May meeting, the Board of Directors will review the pledges received for the proposed budget.

C. The Board will distribute to each church a report of the total amount subscribed. This report shall be presented to the Board of Elders of each church.

D. Should the budget be undersubscribed, opportunity will be given to each local church to increase its pledge. Notice of increases should be forwarded to the Financial Secretary by August 15.

E. At its September meeting, the Board of Directors will consider any adjustments to proposed budget expenses that will bring the budget into balance with the total pledged. This recommendation shall be submitted to the Annual Conference as part of their Annual Report.

## III. Adoption of the Budget

The recommendation of the Board of Directors will be presented to Annual Conference for approval. Increases in pledges or alterations to budgeted expenses may be proposed prior to adoption.

## IV. Payment of Budget Pledges

A. Pledges to meet these budget needs should be considered as binding as any other vow made before the Lord.

B. Payments may be made quarterly or annually in advance. If monthly payment is preferred, one-eleventh of the pledge should be paid each month from October to August of the following year.

C. All payments should be completed by August 31, prior to the next Annual Conference.

## PLEDGES TO THE 1973-1974 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

Allentown, Bethel	2,500.00
Allentown, Cedar Crest	1,136.28
Allentown, Salem	457.92
Belvidere	25.00 *
Bethlehem	1,620.00
Blandon	800.00
Catasauqua	225.00 *
Coopersburg	1,200.00
Denville	800.00
Easton	150.00
Emmaus	1,740.00
Englishtown	483.00
Ephrata	600.00
Franklin	483.00
Freehold	200.00 *
Finesville	480.00
Fleetwood	1,275.00
Graterford	1,100.00
Harleysville	780.00
Harrisburg	900.00
Hatfield	1,750.00
Howell Township	483.00
Lancaster	1,000.00
Lebanon	540.00
Lehighnton	686.00
Maple Glen	1,260.00
Mount Carmel	750.00
Nazareth	960.00
Neptune	25.00 *
Paradise	616.28
Philadelphia, Calvary	723.00
Philadelphia, Emmanuel	600.00
Quakertown	800.00

Reading	2,200.00
Royersford	1,210.00
Scranton	600.00
Shamokin	780.00
Sinking Spring	900.00
Spring City	890.00
Staten Island	720.00
Stroudsburg	750.00
Sunbury	900.00
Terre Hill	800.00
Wallingford	1,400.00
Walnutport	200.00
York	1,250.00
Zionsville	400.00
Board of Church Extension	100.00 *
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	40,198.48

\* Insurance coverage is not included in these pledges.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET PROPOSED FOR 1973-1974 COMPARED WITH BUDGET APPROVED FOR 1972-1973

	Approved 1972-1973	Proposed 1973-1974
1. Publication & Printing	1,500.00	2,000.00
2. Conference Entertainment	1,600.00	2,400.00
3. Beneficiary	1,000.00	1,000.00
4. Ministers' Retirement	8,500.00	9,500.00
5. Moving Fund	3,000.00	1,000.00
6. Expenses, Boards & Com. on A. C. Business	2,100.00	2,250.00
7. Other Exp. Brd. of Dir.	350.00	450.00
8. Ministerial Conv.	450.00	450.00
9. Ministers' Assistance Fund	2,000.00	100.00
10. Health & Welfare for Pas- tors & Dependents	15,593.44	19,718.32 *
11. Ministerial Cand. Com. Internships	1,000.00	250.00
12. Contingencies	500.00	1,080.16
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TOTALS	37,593.44	40,198.48

\* Insurance coverage for pastors and dependents (\$38.16 per MONTH) of 44 churches pledging to the budget.

# ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET PROPOSED FOR 1974-1975 COMPARED WITH BUDGET PROPOSED FOR 1973-1974

	Proposed 1973-1974	Proposed 1974-1975
1. Publication & Printing	2,000.00	2,500.00
2. Conference Entertainment	2,400.00	2,500.00
3. Beneficiary Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
4. Ministers' Retirement	9,500.00	10,500.00
5. Moving Fund	1,000.00	3,000.00
6. Expenses, Boards & Com. on A. C. Business	2,250.00	2,250.00
7. Other Exp. Brd. of Dir.	450.00	400.00
8. Ministerial Conv.	450.00	500.00
9. Ministers' Assistance Fund	100.00	500.00
10. Health & Welfare for Pas- tors & Dependents	19,718.32*	20,600.00
11. Ministerial Cand. Com. Internships	250.00	250.00
12. Contingencies	<u>1,080.16</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTALS	40,198.48	44,000.00

\* Includes insurance coverage (\$38.16/month) for Pastors of 43 churches contributing to the Budget.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### Balance Sheet Statement A

ASSETS	1973	1972
Statement B, General Funds	88,336.65	118,320.44
Statement D, Promote C.Ex.	274,390.82	246,843.05
Statement F, Pinebrook	741,725.96	706,241.58
Statement H, Min. Retirement	<u>176,083.02</u>	<u>138,532.00</u>
Total Assets	1,280,536.45	1,209,937.07
LIABILITIES		
Statement B, General Funds	6,168.19	12,500.00
Statement D, Promote C. Ex.	89,370.40	75,910.14
Statement F, Pinebrook	50,000.00	25,000.00
Statement H, Min. Retirement	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	145,538.59	113,410.14

## FUNDS HELD IN TRUST

Statement D, Promote C. Ex.	77,195.33	73,576.28
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## NET WORTH

Statement B, General Funds	82,168.46	105,820.44
Statement D, Promote C. Ex.	107,825.09	97,356.63
Statement F, Pinebrook	691,725.96	681,241.58
Statement H, Min. Retirement	<u>176,083.02</u>	<u>138,532.00</u>

Total Net Worth	1,057,802.53	1,203,050.65
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Total Liabilities Trust Funds & Net Worth	1,280,536.45	1,209,937.07
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Note: This Balance Sheet covers only the funds and obligations directly under the care, custody and control of the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church. In this summary no attempt has been made to eliminate duplications, which exist to a small degree because loans are made between the various funds.

## GENERAL FUND - Balance Sheet - STATEMENT B

ASSETS	1973	1974
Cash-General Fund	4,473.86	5,098.61
Cash-Victory Valley	-	10,000.00
Cash-Moving Fund	847.36	1,562.79
Cash-Min. Assist. Fund	3,004.76	3,926.56
Cash-M.C.C. Internship	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Cash	10,325.98	21,587.95

## Accounts Receivable:

## Administrative Budget

Finesville	180.00
Maple Glen	105.00
Mt. Carmel	190.00
Scranton	100.00
Stroudsburg	<u>180.00</u>

755.00	1,714.79
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## Health &amp; Welfare Fund

Allentown, Bethel	38.16
Englishtown	38.16
Freehold	38.16



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Howell Tnship	430.16	
Pinebrook Jr. Col.	<u>222.02</u>	
	766.66	720.83
Notes Receivable - Gen. Fund		
Victory Valley	5,000.00	5,000.00
Brd. Pub. & Printing	2,500.00	-
Note Receivable - Min. Ass.		
Brd. Pub. & Printing	1,500.00	-
Real Estate:		
1218 E. Rosemont, Beth.		21,807.86
Victory Valley Camp	<u>67,489.01</u>	<u>67,489.01</u>
Total Assets	88,336.65	118,320.44

## LIABILITIES

Prepayment to Health & Wel.		
Wallingford	90.19	
Note Payable:		
PJC Contract	5,000.00	5,000.00
Account Payable:		
Workmen's Comp.	1.078.00	-
To Finance V. Valley		
Min. Retirement	<u>-</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>
Total Liabilities	6,168.19	12,500.00

## NET WORTH

Net Worth 9/30/72	105,820.44	
Loss, Statement C	<u>23,651.98</u>	
Net Worth 9/30/73	<u>82,168.46</u>	<u>105,820.44</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	88,336.65	118,320.44

## GENERAL FUND - INCOME STATEMENT, Statement C

INCOME	1973	1972
Administrative Budget	38,976.56	37,220.91
Donations	10.00	-
Health & Welfare Insurance	5,092.38	-
Interest Income	691.67	200.00
Gift for Victory Valley	-	10,000.00

Victory Valley Payment, Loan	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL INCOME	52,270.61	47,420.91
EXPENSES		
Gift for Victory Valley	10,000.00	-
Interest to Victory Valley	375.00	-
Uncollected Pledges	1,098.16	1,551.00
Publication & Printing	2,005.73	500.00
Conference Entertainment	1,600.00	1,600.00
Beneficiary Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Health & Welfare Insurance	21,285.31	15,206.38
Ministers' Retirement Fund	30,307.86	6,000.00
Moving Fund	3,715.42	5,419.82
Expenses of Brds. & Com. while transacting A. C. business:		
Com., Membership	326.30	
Credentials Com.	450.46	
Government Com.	79.96	
Min. Cand. Com.	336.72	
Nominating Com.	53.80	
Min. Relations Com.	541.67	
Statistical Com.	104.10	
Board of Directors	<u>520.25</u>	
	2,413.26	1,718.98
Expenses, Board of Directors	266.70	527.00
Ministers' Assistance Fund	1,421.80	573.44
Ministerial Convention	433.35	450.00
Contingencies	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Budget Expenses	75,922.59	34,546.62
Transfer of 424 Ridge St. Emmaus Property to Fund to Promote Church Extension		
	<u>-</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	75,922.59	50,546.62
Gain (Loss) Transferred to Statement B	(23,651.98)	3,125.71

Fund to Promote Church Extension - BALANCE SHEET  
Statement D

ASSETS	1973	1972
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Cash	16,231.07	3,783.01
Int. Receivable - Brd. C. Ex.	-	68.75
Freehold	41.88	-
Howell Tnsh.	543.89	-
Notes Receivable - Belvidere	11,000.00	11,000.00
Denville	8,255.40	8,715.08
Finesville	3,009.36	3,185.15
Freehold	10,242.08	10,392.08
Howell Tnsh	16,029.51	16,029.51
Franklin	13,703.96	13,703.96
Conditional Sales Agreement		
Macungie, Church of Naz.	9,300.00	10,000.00
Mortgage Receivable - Mt. Nebo		
Church, Binghamton, N. Y.	4,666.61	5,358.45
Real Estate - Plainfield	42,760.00	-
- Tract of Land		
Holland Tnship	-	10,000.00
- Sinking Spring	43,884.69	43,884.69
- 424 Ridge Emm.	-	16,000.00
- Howell Tnship	32,314.76	32,314.76
- Franklin	36,771.94	36,771.94
- Freehold	25,635.67	25,635.67
Total Assets	<u>274,390.82</u>	<u>246,843.05</u>

## LIABILITIES

Acc. Payable, Legal Holland		
Township	220.00	-
Prepaid Interest - Freehold	-	61.25
Note Payable - Didden Green-		
house Profit Sharing	-	3,500.00
Notes Payable - Personal loan	11,000.00	11,000.00
Mortgage Payable - Sinking Sp.	21,161.91	22,252.07
- Freehold	8,681.09	9,743.59
- Howell	11,005.40	11,285.25
- Franklin	16,881.44	18,067.98
- Plainfield	<u>20,420.56</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	89,370.40	75,910.14

## FUNDS HELD IN TRUST

Freehold	16,954.58	15,892.08
Franklin	19,890.50	18,703.96
Howell Township	21,309.36	21,029.51
Sinking Spring	<u>19,040.89</u>	<u>17,950.73</u>
Total Funds Held in Trust	77,195.33	73,576.28

## NET WORTH

Net Worth 9/30/72	97,356.63	
Gain from Statement		
E	<u>10,468.46</u>	
Net Worth as of 9/30/73	<u>107,825.09</u>	<u>97,356.63</u>
Total Liabilities, Trust Fund & Net Worth	274,390.82	246,843.05

FUND TO PROMOTE CHURCH EXTENSION  
Income Statement - E

INCOME	1973	1972
Interest Income	1,732.64	766.97
Sale of 424 Ridge St., Emmaus		
Sales Price	23,000.00	
Cost of sale	1,610.00	
Property Valuation	<u>16,000.00</u>	
Net Sales Income	5,390.00	-
Sale of Holland Tnship lot		
Sales Price	15,500.00	
Cost of Sale	1,776.54	
Legal Fees	220.00	
Lot Valuation	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Net Sales Income	3,503.46	-
Transfer of 424 Ridge St., Emmaus from Brd. of Dir.	-	16,000.00
Bd. of Ch. Ex. Payments on Plainfield Mortgage	<u>579.44</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL INCOME	11,205.54	16,766.97
EXPENSES		
Interest	737.08	-
Grant to Howell Township	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	737.08	5,000.00
Net Gain Transferred to Statement D	10,468.46	11,766.97

Pinebrook \*  
BALANCE SHEET - Statement F

ASSETS	1973	1972
Cash	15,776.00	18,450.87
Interest Receivable Ser. Bd.	283.47	-
Note Receivable		
Pinebrook Service Board	-	23,000.00
Real Estate:		
Furniture & Equipment		
Pinebrook Service Board	60,642.24	60,642.24
Pinebrook Jr. College	14,697.61	14,697.61
Property:		
Original Purchase	433,421.78	432,348.78
Marsh Property	15,369.30	15,369.30
Improvements to Bldgs.		
Ad. Building	3,842.88	3,842.88
Bunk House	12,461.92	12,461.92
Bus. Mgr & Staff House	6,598.94	6,598.94
Camping Area, Shower, Laundry	11,761.29	11,761.29
Chapel	683.90	683.90
Deluxe Cabins	8,774.59	8,774.59
Echobrook	14,494.54	14,494.54
Honeybrook	7,717.26	7,717.26
Kitchen, Dining Hall	12,060.23	12,060.23
Maintenance Building	301.03	301.03
Music Platform	238.28	238.28
Nearbrook	403.93	403.93
Outdoor Pool	2,472.34	2,472.34
Overbrook	47,862.03	47,862.03
Pine Lodge	1,023.50	1,023.50
Snack Shop	5,321.01	5,321.01
Sunnybrook	2,705.79	2,705.79
Viewbrook	209.32	209.32
Truck	2,800.00	2,800.00
Sewage Plant	59,802.78	-
Total Assets	741,725.96	706,241.58

LIABILITIES & NET WORTH

Note Payable, 1st Nat'l Bank		
Allentown	50,000.00	25,000.00
Net Worth 9/30/72	681,241.58	
Gain-transferred from		
Statement G	<u>10,484.38</u>	



Net Worth, 9/30/73	<u>691,725.96</u>	<u>681,241.58</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	741,725.96	706,241.58

\* This fund represents investments at Pinebrook made by and through the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church.

### Pinebrook INCOME STATEMENT - G

INCOME	1973	1972
Contr. from Individuals	9,884.61	15,298.75
Contr. from Churches	175.00	100.00
Interest	<u>918.46</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Income	10,978.07	15,398.75
EXPENSES		
Interest	364.71	-
Legal Fees	<u>128.98</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total Expenses	493.69	50.00
Net Gain Transferred to Statement F	10,484.38	15,348.75

### Ministers' Retirement Fund \* BALANCE SHEET - STATEMENT H

Assets	1973	1972
Cash	63,614.75	17,022.93
Cash- Savings & Loan	5,806.02	3,832.65
Interest Receivable P.J.C.	1,200.00	1,800.00
Stocks & Bonds (See Footnote)	71,411.81	71,411.81
Notes Receivable		
Pinebrook Jr. College	20,000.00	20,000.00
Paradise Church	4,050.44	4,464.61
Victory Valley	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total Assets	176,083.02	138,532.00

### LIABILITIES & NET WORTH

#### Liabilities

Net Worth, 9/30/72	138,532.00
Gain Statement I	<u>37,551.02</u>

Net Worth, 9/30/73	<u>176,083.02</u>	<u>138,532.00</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	176,083.02	138,532.00

Footnote: The Book Value of this portfolio is as follows:

200 Shares Pennsylvania Power & Light Co. preferred stock with annual dividend of \$4.50	21,536.81
25 U.S. Treasury Notes 7-1/2% due August 15, 1976	24,875.00
75 Shares Red Hill Savings & Loan Assn. 5-1/4%	15,000.00
1 Savings Cert. - 1st Penna. Bank & Trust Co., Phila. (Compounded daily 5-3/4%)	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Stocks and Bonds	71,411.81

\* This fund is held in the custody of the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church for the benefit of retired ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church, page F, 1972 Yearbook.

#### Ministers' Retirement Fund INCOME STATEMENT - I

INCOME	1973	1972
Contr. from Admin. Budget	8,500.00	6,000.00
Contr. from Pastors	4,105.20	3,890.30
Dividends	900.00	900.00
Interest Income	6,330.10	4,388.71
Sale of 1218 E. Rosemont Dr.		
Sales Price	31,500.00	
Cost of Sale	<u>2,230.87</u>	
Net Sales Income	<u>29,269.13</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Income	49,104.43	15,179.01
EXPENSES		
Refunds to members resigned	-	269.50

Annuities Paid	<u>11,553.41</u>	<u>10,714.64</u>
Total Expenses	11,553.41	10,984.14
Net Gain, Trans to Statement H	37,551.02	4,194.87

Jansen E. Hartman, Chairman & President; James G. Koch, Vice Chairman & Vice President; Carl C. Cassel, Secretary; Robert W. Gehret, Conference Treasurer; Horace A. Kaufman, Financial Secretary; James R. Cressman, Health & Welfare Secretary; James A. Beil, Byron C. Cassel, John H. Riggall, BOARD

#### REPORT OF THE PINEBROOK SERVICE BOARD

There were fourteen meetings of the Pinebrook Service Board held during the 1972-1973 year. The Board met concerning many of the physical needs of the Pinebrook buildings and grounds. The following items were covered by these meetings with the aid of a five year priority list prepared by the previous Service Board:

1. Coffee Urn
2. Walk-in freezer for dining hall
3. Ice Maker for Snack Shop
4. Remodeling of rooms in Viewbrook
5. Insulation of motel units in certain areas
6. Relocation of stream due to flooding
7. Hiring of Food Service Manager
8. Hiring of Acting Service Board Manager
9. Planning of new bunk house
10. New water and electrical lines
11. 20 new beds for conference use
12. New roof for Snack Shop
13. Re-shingled the main roof of Overbrook with the aid of men from the various congregations
14. Recommend the awarding of contract to LeRoy Shoesmith for the Sewage Treatment Plant at a cost of \$69,818.00. This project is approximately 75% complete at the time of this reporting.
15. Paid off debt to the Board of Directors.

There is a continuing program of capital improvements under way at the present time, with work being done to the heating of the dining room, electrical work and work on the new bunk house as soon as state approval of plans has been received.

New by-laws of the Pinebrook Service Board were drawn up.

The Service Board wishes to thank each person who gave generously of their time on the three work days at Pinebrook sponsored by the board. It was a real joy to see each one work and fellowship together.

The financial report of the Pinebrook Service Board has improved to the point where the debt has been paid off to the Board of Directors.

We seek your prayers for the new Pinebrook Service Board and the care of the physical development at Pinebrook.

We recommend that each Church make a contribution to the Pinebrook Service Board.

All monies are on deposit at First National Bank of Eastern Pennsylvania, Stroudsburg office.

The books were audited by Miss Joyce Mann.

### Balance Sheet, June 30, 1973

#### ASSETS

Cash		32,695.23
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Accounts Receivable		
Conference Board	6,398.67	
Junior College	1,773.29	
Snack Shop	(213.45)	
Book & Gift Shop	<u>131.64</u>	8,090.15

Inventory, Materials & Supplies		911.09
Prepayments		309.37

Property Accounts	
Administration Building	389.93
Beacon Hill Road (New)	510.66
Cabins	1,215.96
Camp Grounds	1,113.50
Chapel	476.50
Echobrook	714.75
Honeybrook	351.82
Kitchen & Dining Room	9,133.17
Lake House	613.05
Main Water Supply pump	768.49
Nearbrook	<u>2,325.26</u>

Overbrook	2,839.75	
Personality		
Beds	1,898.05	
Fire Ex.	292.40	
Mattress &		
Spring	3,297.25	
Samsonite		
Chairs	342.51	
Girls' Room		
Furniture	<u>6,267.00</u>	12,097.21
Pine Lodge		600.50
Sewage Treatment Plant		88.12
Snack Shop		2,335.12
Diverting Stream around		
Sunnybrook		2,474.87
Staff House		100.00
Sunnybrook		2,630.09
Tabernacle		600.00
Tool & machine shop		549.49
Viewbrook	<u>1,528.41</u>	<u>43,456.65</u>

Total Assets	85,462.49
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#### LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Net Wages Payable	369.27
FICA & IRS Taxes Withheld Payable	590.24
Local Wage Taxes Withheld Payable	139.47
Penna. Income Taxes Withheld Payable	293.90
Accrued Payroll Taxes Payable	247.14
Audited Bills Payable	30,381.46
Accrued accounts Payable	2,106.16
Accrued School Taxes Payable	1,292.05
Accrued Township & County Taxes Payable	190.39
Accrued Depreciation Charges on College	
Furniture	313.38
Deferred Credit	<u>18.38</u>

Total Liabilities	35,941.84
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Net Worth, June 30, 1972	24,098.48
Net Gain for year ending	
June 30, 1973	<u>25,422.17</u>

Net Worth, June 30, 1973	<u>49,520.65</u>
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Total Liabilities and Net Worth	85,462.49
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Income Statement  
Year Ended, June 30, 1973

## REVENUE:

Conference Board	164,467.94	
Junior College	47,748.92	
Snack Shop	4,881.45	
Book & Gift Shop	753.79	
Annual Conference	1,247.96	
Pocono Venders	32.59	
Telephone Commissions	40.64	
Washers & Dryers	793.50	
Gifts from Churches	1,460.00	
Cash Discounts earned	200.62	
Miscellaneous	<u>16.00</u>	221,643.41

## EXPENSES FOR MAINTENANCE &amp; OPERATION:

## Payroll:

Building & Grounds	2,292.32	
Food Service	26,381.25	
Housekeeping	6,614.58	
Office	1,300.00	
Life Guard	436.91	
Snack Shop	2,307.85	
Book & Gift Shop	35.00	
General Maintenance	656.89	
Maintenance - Conference	1,193.12	
Maintenance - College	159.38	
Maintenance - Kitchen	319.12	
Maintenance - Snack Shop	<u>28.13</u>	41,724.55

Payroll Taxes		2,311.72
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## Maintenance Bills Payable:

Conference	3,580.98	
College	1,964.18	
Kitchen	1,385.56	
Snack Shop	385.24	
General	2,379.08	
Auto & Power Equipment	1,465.64	
Recreation Equipment	4.00	
Outdoor pool	558.17	
Indoor Pool	<u>199.44</u>	11,922.29

## Other Bills Payable:

Food	80,793.40
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Doctor & Hospital Bills		
related to food service	188.99	
Labor - College Work Study		
Program	3,618.11	
Kitchen Supplies	8,417.16	
Garbage Removal - Gen.	249.85	
Garbage Removal - Con.	247.40	
Garbage Removal - Col.	124.65	
Laundry	641.14	
Conference Supplies	1,877.37	
Propane Gas - Con.	333.68	
Propane Gas - Col.	494.55	
Propane Gas - Kitchen	1,006.77	
Propane Gas - Laundry	500.84	
Electric Power - Con.	6,484.33	
Electric Power - Col.	3,900.25	
Electric Power - Kitchen	2,515.67	
Electric Power - Snack S.	763.90	
Electric Power - General	1,636.85	
Bookstore Power, heat		
& insurance	540.00	
Heating Oil - Con.	5,904.07	
Heating Oil - College	4,453.54	
Heating Oil - Kitchen	1,521.55	
Heating Oil - Snack Shop	236.75	
Laboratory for Pool	103.00	
Contract Labor	6.00	
Telephone	333.53	
Snack Shop Supplies	113.94	
Service Board Office Sup.	172.50	
Interest Payable	<u>259.99</u>	127,439.78

## Accruals:

Taxes	2,451.66	
Fire Insurance	7,004.88	
Automobile Insurance	432.00	
Liability Insurance	1,545.00	
Workmen's Compensation		
Insurance	1,075.98	
Depreciation Charges	<u>313.38</u>	<u>12,822.90</u>
		196,221.24
Net Gain		25,422.17

Robert Breitegam, Chairman; Donald Matz, Secretary; Ronald Enslinger, Treasurer; George E. Herb, Paul G. Zimmerman, Gerald Schlonecker, BOARD

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

### I. Preamble

The 89th Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, that a study committee of four ordained ministers and three laymen be appointed by the chairman to study in the light of Scriptures our denomination's statements on the qualifications and duties of members and moral standards. This committee shall present definite recommendations for the consideration of Annual Conference." Thus the committee was created. To carry out its responsibilities the committee met six times. Having considered what we felt to be all areas falling into the purview of this committee, we found our main efforts centering on a statement of the qualifications and duties of church membership and Section A (Alcoholic Drinks) of the article in the FAITH & ORDER entitled "Harmful Indulgences." Detailed consideration of Scripture, much study and lengthy discussions went into the committee's work. From this we submit our report and recommendations.

### II. Church Membership

Our current rules state very little regarding church membership. A review of our standards reveals no positive statement on qualifications for church membership. All that is written is found in the Moral Standards; namely, that members of secret oath-bound societies and those who make, deal in or use alcoholic beverages are prohibited from membership in the Bible Fellowship Church, and that divorcees are permitted church membership.

Sensing the need for a positive statement on church membership, the committee considered various biblical data in an endeavor to formulate such a statement. Acts 2:41-47 indicates that those who gave evidence of repentance and faith and were baptized by immersion subsequent to conversion were added to the church. Numerous New Testament passages delineate the responsibilities of those who associate themselves with the New Testament churches. With this as background we recommend the adoption of the

following as a statement on the qualifications and duties of church membership:

### Qualifications and Duties of Church Membership

Anyone desiring to be a member of the Bible Fellowship Church shall give testimony and evidence of faith in Christ and the new birth. He shall be in sympathy with the FAITH & ORDER, be baptized by immersion subsequent to salvation and manifest holiness toward God and separation from the world (Acts 2:41-47).

Duties: Commitment to Christ and the Bible Fellowship Church shall be manifest by the joyful acceptance of the following responsibilities:

1. To live in keeping with the doctrines and standards of the church as found in the FAITH & ORDER (John 17:15-17; I Cor. 5:6-11; 6:14-18; Eph. 5:26,27; Titus 3:10; James 1:26, 27; II John 9,10).
2. To exercise willingly his spiritual gifts within the body (Eph. 4:11-16; I Cor. 12:4-31; Romans 12:3-8).
3. To minister under the direction of the church (Acts 20:28; Heb. 13:7; I Peter 5:2,3; I Tim. 3:1; 5:17).
4. To bear the message of the church to the outside world (Matthew 28:19,20; Acts 1:8; Matthew 5:13-16).
5. To pray daily for the pastor and the ministries of the church (Romans 10:1; Matt. 9:28; Acts 4:29; Eph. 6:18,19; Acts 13:2-4).
6. To support the program of the church financially with the regular giving of tithes and offerings (Mal. 3:10; I Cor. 9:13,14; 16:1,2; II Cor. 8:7-9; 9:6,7).
7. To submit to those God has ordained as rulers in the church (Heb. 13:17, cf. also references under #3 above).
8. To attend faithfully the stated meetings of the church (Acts 2:42; Heb. 10:25).
9. To observe the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:23-28).
10. To demonstrate mutual care and concern for the other members of the church (John 13:34,35; 15:12,17; Gal. 6:1, 21,10; James 5:19,16).

### III. Secret Oath-Bound Societies

Consideration was given to the revision of the article on Secret Oath-Bound Societies. Many of the tenets and practices of these societies have religious significance which are inconsistent with Christian commitment and belief, especially as they are expressed in the commitment of church membership. We, therefore, concur with the earlier study on this subject (1963 Yearbook, pp. 33-40) and make no recommendation to change the present article on Secret Oath-Bound Societies.

### IV. Alcoholic Drinks

The committee studied many aspects of the question of the use of alcoholic beverages and its relationship to qualification for church membership. We wish to share with the members of Annual Conference some of the material considered.

#### A. Areas of Agreement

##### 1. Church has the right to speak on moral issues

We recognize that true morality comes from the heart and cannot be legislated; that outward conformity is not enough. We recognize that we must ever be on our guard against legalism that violates true Christian liberty.

At the same time we recognize that Christian liberty is for the purpose of glorifying God and not for the purpose of sin (Col. 3:17; I Cor. 10:31). We are set free from the bondage of the law that we might, in our new relationship with Christ, bring forth fruit unto God (Romans 7:4-6).

But we also observe that the Scriptures draw up a rather imposing list on sinful actions and attitudes and that this is obviously consistent with the principles of Christian liberty. This is true because the truly free man wants to exclude from his life whatever is clearly against the will of God. If he does not manifest the graces that the Spirit of God inspires but rather the weeds that the flesh produces - he simply shows by the issue of his life who his master really is (Gal. 5:16-26; I Cor. 6:9-11).

The Bible does not give, nor would it be practical to do so, a law corresponding to every situation that may occur. But it does list practices from which we are to abstain or against which we are to be on guard. Such lists are not to be looked upon as complete lists of sins but as lists of representative sins. This is clear from the words "the like" and "such



things" in Galatians 5:21. This clearly indicates that other sins of the same kind are prohibited. It becomes imperative therefore, that God's people must not only obey the moral law as explicitly laid down in regard to particularly mentioned practices, but they must also diligently apply the principles involved as conditions not named, but similar, arise.

Moreover, the Bible addresses itself to specific moral issues facing the church in the age and culture in which it found itself (I Cor. 5-11). Some of these issues, such as the problem of meat offered to idols, do not exist in the church of America today. In any case, whether the sins were peculiar to that society or not, there are lessons to be learned. We are first of all given examples as to how the church should respond to such problems. At the same time, in dealing with problems current in its own society, the church has abiding biblical principles which are applicable to any age (I Cor. 5: 9-13; 6:12-20; 8:1-13; 10:16-21, 23,24); etc.).

The church is responsible to apply these moral biblical principles to the problems of our time and culture. If this were not so the church would be powerless to speak against new forms of evil to which it must address itself in the various times and cultures in which it finds itself throughout history. This is totally unthinkable. The Bible has nothing to say against our modern forms of gambling, the dope peddler, abortion, pornography and a host of other things. We believe the church does have something to say to such issues.

God has ordained that elders are responsible to shepherd and guide the flock of God (Acts 20:28-32; I Tim. 5:20; 6:17-19; II Tim 2:24-26; 3:1-7, 13-17; 4:1-4). This involves: oversight, teaching, protecting, rebuking, warning, exhorting. Such care is essential for the development of God's people. God has ordained it.

Moral conduct is not a matter left only to each individual independent of the church. Each individual is responsible to know the mind of the Lord to be sure - but his life is not lived independently. He is part of a body, "the church," and that must be taken into account. Everything we do is to be done with an eye to the good of the whole (I Cor. 8:9, 12; Eph. 4:25,28,29; I Cor. 14:26; I Thess. 5:11; Romans 14:19; Gal. 5:13). The elders of the church must keep the larger relationship before him. What they do must be done "for the body's sake, which is the church" (Col. 1:24).

One of the duties of the church is to maintain its own purity

(Acts 5:11; Matt. 18:17; I Cor. 5:6-8,13; Romans 16:17; II Thess. 3:6,14; Titus 3:10,11; II John 10). These texts place responsibility for the doctrinal and moral purity of the church upon the church -- and certainly much of that devolves upon the elders of the church.

On the basis of these truths the committee fully agrees that the church has the right - yes, even the responsibility, in its ministerial and declarative functions to apply the functions of the moral law of God to change cultural circumstances and thus to warn its people against certain forms of evil that it is convinced are contrary to the spirit of Scripture and that will tend to be detrimental to spiritual growth and hinder the development and witness of the church.

## 2. Total abstinence difficult to substantiate from Scripture

One such area is the use of alcoholic beverages. In constructing a case for total abstinence, care must be exercised in handling and presenting the biblical data pertaining to the use and abuse of alcoholic drinks. The committee agrees that it is not possible with integrity to make an absolute exegetical case for total abstinence. In its context, the Bible condones, even recommends, the moderate use of wine. The case for abstinence will not be helped by stating or implying otherwise. On this point, J. C. Ryle wrote, "...I do not like to see a good cause injured by its advocates taking up untenable ground" (Expository Thoughts on the Gospels, Vol. II, P. 232).

D. Miall Edwards counsels, "Rather than defend total abstinence by a false or forced exegesis, it were better to admit that the principle is not formally laid down in the New Testament, while maintaining that there are broad principles enunciated, which in view of modern conditions should lead to voluntary abstinence from all intoxicants" (I.S.B.E., Vol. II, p. 881).

## 3. Case for total abstinence based on application of biblical principles

It would seem that both the Old and New Testaments enjoin moderation rather than total abstinence. How then can we describe a position as Biblical that would urge total abstinence?

Perhaps it would be best to illustrate by way of an analogy to be found in the case of slavery. Nowhere in the Bible is the

institution condemned, and from the time of the patriarchs to Philemon the worthies of both dispensations owned slaves. In the New Testament slaves are urged to obey their masters and their masters are instructed to treat their slaves fairly (Eph. 6:5-9). When a slave ran away and was later converted under Paul's ministry, Paul sent him back to his master (Philemon). Thus the defenders of slavery in the South before the Civil War made out a plausible case from the Bible.

Yet few Christians today would deny that Christian principles require the condemnation of slavery. Similarly one may urge that Christian principles call for abstinence from intoxicating beverages.

It must be observed that there are great differences between the situation in biblical times and our own. The principles of Christian conduct have to be applied to these new circumstances.

It is with these things in mind that the material setting forth the reasons why the church should urge voluntary total abstinence should be studied.

#### 4. Total abstinence recommended for Christians

The members of the committee agree that the Bible repeatedly warns concerning the use of alcoholic beverages and the danger of over indulgence. The Scriptures contain strong and numerous statements that drunkenness is sin and that the drunkard will incur the severe wrath of God. Drunkenness is wholly inconsistent with and opposed to holiness.

The committee is unanimous in agreeing, further, that total abstinence is the best and wisest practice for the believer in this time and culture and that the church ought to teach, recommend and urge its members to abstain.

Biblical principles that form the basis for total abstinence include the following:

1. Respect for and responsibility toward the weaker brother (Rom. 14; I Cor. 8).
2. Avoidance of anything that captivates or enslaves anyone other than the captivity of Christ (Rom. 6:12-23; I Cor. 6:12).
3. Stewardship of the body of the believer as the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 6:19,20; Eph. 5:18).

4. Abstinence from all appearance of evil (I Thess. 5:21, 22).

Considerations that favor the total abstinence position, in addition to the biblical principles, include the following:

1. The abundance and availability today of good, safe drinking water and other wholesome beverages, including fresh, canned and frozen fruit juices, make the use of fermented drinks unnecessary.
2. There is a strong current of conscience within the American society against the use of beverage alcohol, particularly on the part of Christians.
3. The ingestion of even small amounts of alcohol can measurably slow one's reaction time, which is a critical safety factor in operating the automobile and other modern machinery.
4. The abuse of beverage alcohol is one of the most serious social problems today, causing incalculable harm, loss, shame, suffering and death. Pressures contributing to this abuse include advertising and widespread social drinking. One of the best ways for a Christian to protest, and to exert his influence against this evil and these pressures is to abstain completely from buying and using beverage alcohol.

## B. Area of Disagreement

### 1. The Minority position

To this point the committee is in complete agreement. The one area of disagreement has to do with the relationship between total abstinence and church membership.

The minority, while recommending total abstinence, does not believe total abstinence ought to be made a required qualification for church membership. As previously stated, evidence and testimony of repentance and faith and baptism by immersion subsequent to conversion were the only requirements for entering the visible church of the New Testament. Hopefully these people were also members of the invisible Church. Question is raised whether the modern church can add to the requirements of the New Testament church by barring from its membership a Christian brother who does not practice total abstinence. Can we withhold membership in our visible churches from people accepted into the "membership" of God's invisible Church? To do so exceeds the re-



quirements and limitations of Scripture.

Those holding this position believe it is substantiated from consideration of pertinent biblical data. The Hebrew words for wine (yayin) and new wine (tirosh) and the Greek word for wine (oinos) refer to fermented wine possessing intoxicating properties (Hosea 4:11; Eph. 5:18). A study of the usage of these words is most instructive.

A sampling of Old Testament passages show wine to be a normal part of life and abundant wine an indication of God's blessing. When Melchizedek, a priest of God Most High, met Abram he "brought out bread and wine" (Gen. 14:18). Isaac, speaking to Jacob, "blessed him, and said....Now may God give you...an abundance of grain and new wine" (Gen. 27:27, 28). In a prophetic pronouncement of divine blessing Amos records, "'Behold the days are coming,' declares the Lord ...'When...they will plant vineyards and drink their own wine' " (Amos 9:13,14).

Further, moderate use of wine is condoned and enjoined. Scripture states no disapproval of the action of Melchizedek and Isaac in the aforementioned examples. A Nazarite, a strict ascetic of the Old Testament, upon completion of his vow, "may drink wine" (Numbers 6:2).

When the people of Israel were to bring their tithes to the Lord, they were instructed, "And if the distance is so great for you that you are not able to bring the tithe,...then you shall exchange it for money,...and you may spend the money for whatever your heart desires, for oxen, or sheep, or wine, or strong drink, or whatever your heart desires; and there you shall eat in the presence of the Lord your God and rejoice" (Deut. 14:24-26).

Wine was used by men "with a perfect heart" at the great feast celebrating David's coronation at Hebron (I Chron. 12:38-40). The Psalmist blessed the Lord because He provides "wine which makes man's heart glad" (Psalm 104:15). The book of Proverbs, which contains strong warnings against the excessive use of wine, also pictures wisdom as inviting him who lacks understanding to "come,...drink the wine I have mixed" (Proverbs 9:1-6).

Turning to the New Testament we see that Jesus referred to wine in a condoning way (Luke 5:37,38; 17:8). He also drank wine Himself, as is indicated by the saying, "The Son of Man has come eating and drinking" (Luke 7:33,34; cf. Matt. 11:18, 19). He turned water into wine at the marriage feast of Cana,



and used wine at the institution of the Lord's supper.

Paul asked, "Do we not have a right to eat and drink" (I Cor. 9:4)? The context shows he anticipated an affirmative answer. Later in the same epistle Paul clearly implies it is possible to drink to the glory of God (I Cor. 10:31). The Apostle, in placing restrictions on the use of wine, calls for moderation, not total abstinence (I Tim. 3:3,8; Titus 2:3).

This is not an exhaustive listing of passages referring to wine, but a sampling to show part of the biblical outlook toward the use of beverage alcohol. Though the committee is agreed that in the light of these and other Scripture passages total abstinence ought to be encouraged in our church, some having looked at these passages find it difficult to require total abstinence as a qualification for church membership of a Christian brother who does not hold this conviction. Such a requirement would necessitate the denial of church membership to Melchizedek, Isaac and Jesus if they were to apply.

Further, the New Testament strongly indicates that the legalistic prohibition of moderate use of alcohol is wrong. It has the characteristic of hypocritical Phariseeism. In Mark 7:6-13 Jesus draws a clear antithesis between the traditions of men and the commandments of God, charging the Pharisees with substituting the former for the latter. In so doing they actually do away with the commandments of God. Jesus said, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men. Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.... You nicely set aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition,... thus invalidating the word of God by your tradition" (Mark 7:6-9, 13). Utmost care must be exercised to assure us we are enforcing the commandment of God and not the tradition of men lest we too become guilty of invalidating the word of God by our tradition.

The Bible clearly recognizes there are certain areas of conscience about which Christians will disagree. In Romans 14 Paul addresses himself to this issue in regard to eating and drinking wine (v. 21). Paul forcefully pleads with both sides in saying, "Let not him who eats regard with contempt him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats, for God has accepted him" (v. 3). By inference, the word "drinks" can be substituted for "eats," thus the statement can properly be read, "Let not him who drinks regard with contempt him who does not drink, and let not him who does not drink judge him who drinks, for God has

accepted him." Care must be exercised that we do not reject those accepted by God.

In similar fashion Paul admonishes those who do eat or drink not to let others act as their judge in these matters, nor are they to submit to decrees of abstinence in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men. "Therefore let no man act as your judge in regard to food or drink ... Why...do you submit to decrees, such as 'Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!'...in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men? These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgences" (Col. 2:16, 20-23).

At the point of having examined these Scriptures which look positively on the use of beverage alcohol, and considering the warning against legalistic prohibitions, some committee members conclude that total abstinence ought not be made a requirement for church membership.

## 2. The majority position

On the other hand the position of the majority of the committee is that a person who will not practice total abstinence should not be admitted to church membership. We do not look upon such a rule as legalistic because we do not look upon the keeping of the rule as having any religious merit. Legalism has to do with a system of merit being added to the Gospel (Acts 15:1). In requiring abstinence we are not implying that there is any merit in such abstinence. We are saying that in our culture we believe that even moderate drinking constitutes a sin against the body of Christ (Romans 14:15-17, 20, 21; I Cor. 8:10-13).

We believe that the warning of Paul against man-made rules in Colossians 2:20-23 must be understood in the context. He is not talking about moral regulations, but rules of a gnostic nature forbidding the touching, tasting or handling of things which perish with the using. If Paul felt that explication of the application of moral principles was futile why did he give so much of precisely that kind of explication in the immediate context (Col. 3:5-10) as well as in the corresponding section of the epistle to the Ephesians (Eph. 5:1-18)?

It is argued that a rule which refuses membership to any person who will not practice total abstinence is expressly forbidden in Scripture (Rom. 14:3,4; I Cor. 10:31). Again, let it

be observed that the matters treated in these contexts are matters of indifference, things not wrong in themselves. Moreover, we do not dispute the fact that moderation was, in itself, a matter of indifference in that time and culture. But even in that context the right course to follow if the practice became an offense to others was to abstain (Rom. 14:21). In fact, if there is any doubt in such matters the right course is abstinence (Rom. 14:23). But the question of moderation in our context is, in our judgment, not a matter of indifference. It has to do with the moral and financial support of a situation which is responsible for the destruction of life, the mangling of bodies and minds, to say nothing of the whole host of social problems that grow out of it. We are clearly instructed to "abstain from all forms of evil" (1 Thess. 5:22). It would be hard to imagine how a requirement to obey the biblical precept in this context could be construed as unbiblical.

Added to this is the fact that the discovery of distillation has rendered possible an enormous increase in the alcoholic content of beverages. New evidence indicates that even the moderate drinker may incur some loss of irreplaceable brain cells - everytime he drinks. That raises serious question about the stewardship of the body. It certainly does not permit one to look upon the practice of moderation as a matter of indifference even from his own point of view.

More important is that multitudes of youth and others may be emboldened to drink by the example of believers who want to assert their liberty. We have no way of knowing which ones will be destroyed if that happens. But we do know that many will be, and that cannot be taken lightly (Rom. 14:13-23).

These considerations, along with the reasons given for the support of voluntary total abstinence, make us feel that we must take the strongest possible stand against this serious problem of drink.

It must be admitted that two other considerations weigh heavily in the minds of those who make these recommendations:

1. It seems impossible to weaken our rule with regard to strong drink without giving the impression that our stand against strong drink has been compromised.
2. There is fear that the weakening of our stand for total abstinence is one step akin to the steps that other churches have taken which today are without any distinguishing standards of Christian conduct at all.

## C. Conclusion

The committee, therefore, recommends that the following resolution be adopted by Annual Conference:

Resolved: that the material regarding alcoholic drinks and tobacco in the article on Harmful Indulgences in the FAITH & ORDER be retained as presently stated with the exception of the following: that Habakkuk 2:15 and Ephesians 5:18 be deleted from the footnotes, leaving Proverbs 20:1; 23:31,32 as the substantiating Scripture for the section on alcoholic drinks. (This shall appear in the place of the present footnote 2).

## V. Recommendations

In summary, this committee presents the following recommendations to the 90th Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church:

1. That the aforementioned material entitled "Qualifications and Duties of Church Membership" be adopted as a part of the FAITH & ORDER of the Bible Fellowship Church.

2. That the proposed resolution concerning alcoholic drinks and tobacco be adopted.

3. That Section C (Narcotics) in the article on Harmful Indulgences in the FAITH & ORDER be revised to read:

Narcotics and dangerous drugs: Recognizing the dangers of the use of narcotics and other dangerous drugs, we solemnly warn and admonish our people to have no part with the illegal use of or traffic in them. The only legitimate use of narcotic and dangerous drugs is when they are prescribed by competent physicians. In all other instances our every influence should be exerted against this growing evil of drug abuse (Rom. 6:10).

Note: the committee makes no recommendation to change the present article on Secret Oath-Bound Societies.

Frank L. Herb, Jr., Chairman; Bruce A. Ellingson, Secretary, John L. Deily, William A. Heffner, William R. Hunsberger, Harold L. Snyder, Jr., Daniel G. Ziegler, COMMITTEE



## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE LOCAL CONFERENCE MINUTES

We have examined all the Local Conference minute books and have found them in excellent order with a few omissions that were noted with those concerned.

E. W. Bean, W. W. Hartman, R. Stanley Weidner, Arthur W. Deppe, Melvin C. Dilts, Delbert L. Seifert, Charles M. Petersen, William T. Margeson, Clyde W. Snyder, Ernest E. Bauer, Ralph D. Cole, Edward J. Dietzman, Franklin Mead, Harold E. Snyder, Oliver W. Beil, E. Gerald Hershey, Kenneth P. Kneezle, COMMITTEE

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

### RECORD

Ordained Ministers	47
Probationers	10
Elders	277
Deacons	15

### Pastors' Activities

Pastoral Visits	18,256
Baptized	359
Children Dedicated	89
Weddings	87
Funerals	125

### MEMBERSHIP

Received into Church Fellowship	282
Received by Transfer from B. F. C.	31
Received by Transfer from other churches	22
Total Increase	335
Died	49
Withdrawn	46
Dropped	78
Transferred to Bible Fellowship Churches	28
Transferred to other churches	43
Total decrease	244
Net increase	91
Total membership	4,735



## SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Total enrollment	8,216
Total average attendance	5,984
Cradle Roll members	214
Home department members	173

## CHURCH PROPERTIES

Churches	45
Parsonages	45
Present Valuation of Properties	7,389,467.

## FINANCIAL

Total Income	1,681,161.
Total offerings	1,549,180.

## DISBURSEMENTS - Conference Benevolences

Conference Administrative Budget	38,890.
Foreign Missions	154,289.
Church Extension	43,168.
Church Extension Special	3,050.
Home for the Aging	6,504.
Pinebrook Junior College	34,600.
Board of Christian Education	1,360.
Victory Valley	5,085.
Pinebrook	2,984.

## DISBURSEMENTS - Local Benevolences

Ministers' Salaries	272,911.
Ministers' Supplemental Benefits	46,472.
Administrative Assistants' Salaries	16,464.
Christian Education	116,623.
Debt Service	329,628.
Local Benevolences	7,158.
Local Missions	44,744.
Women's Missionary Societies	12,583.
Annual Conference Delegate	5,878.
General Disbursements	489,534.
Total Disbursements	1,633,976.

Your attention is called to the Information relative to the completion of the Pastor's Statistical Schedule. This will be repeated in the back of the Yearbook (See page

We recommend that if a Pastor's schedule is not in the hands of the Committee by 9:30 a.m. of the Thursday previous to Annual Conference, the facts from that church(s) will not be included in the current year's report.

Willard E. Cassel, LeRoy S. Heller, John Dunn, Paul G. Zimmerman, Donald R. Knauer, COMMITTEE

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDITING

The Committee on Auditing has examined the financial reports and accounts, and in the opinion of the Committee, all reports are accurately represented.

We recommend that the size of the Committee on Auditing be reduced to four (4) because of the decrease in work due to previous auditing.

Norman L. Reed, Harold L. Snyder, Jr., John Pfeiffer, Clayton Dietz, Stanley C. Kalbach, Merle H. Phillips, Allan C. Palmer, David Herb, Darwin C. Wagner, Edward Shockley, Sr., Robert L. Weaver, Clifford L. Kauffman, Bright N. Heist, Edward A. Stortz, Ronald C. Lahr, COMMITTEE

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

We received communications from Richard J. Gehman, Paul E. Baer, W. F. Heffner, C. E. Kirkwood, Donald T. Kirkwood, and Walter H. Frank.

Each one has expressed a real interest in the 90th Annual Conference, pledging their prayerful concern for the deliberations of this week.

On behalf of the Conference, we commend these fellow servants of our Lord and promise our continued prayer for them.

LeRoy S. Heller, Arthur H. Frable, Warren L. Zimmerman, Robert A. Minnig, COMMITTEE

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE PURCHASE OF SMILEY PROPERTY

The 89th Annual Conference designated a committee composed of two men chosen from and by four of its Boards to

study the possibility of purchasing the Smiley property north of Pinebrook.

Several meetings were held, but no specific proposal was completed. Therefore no recommendation was submitted to the Annual Conference.

In doing its work, the Committee became aware again of the need to determine the way in which the Conference and College shall use the Pinebrook property for their development. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Pinebrook Conference Board, the Pinebrook Junior College Board, the Pinebrook Service Board and the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church devise a mutually acceptable plan for the use of the land at Pinebrook.

Jansen E. Hartman, Harvey J. Frtiz, Jr., David J. Watkins, A. L. Seifert, Lee Boyles, George E. Herb, Robert Breitgam, Horace A. Kauffman, Carl C. Cassel, COMMITTEE

CHURCH	PASTOR	Ordain Ministers				Pastoral Visits	Children Dedicated			
		Probationers	Elders	Deacons			Baptized	Weddings	Funerals	
Allentown (Bethel)	James G. Koch	1	14		455		2	2	11	
Allentown (C. Crest)			9	3		26	2			
Allentown (Salem)	John H. Herb	2	6		382	3		2	4	
Bethlehem	Frank L. Herb Jr.	1	15		630	14	5	3	12	
Blandon	Arthur H. Frable	1	5		382	10	3	1		
Catasauqua	Roger Reitz		1	4	287	5	1			
Coopersburg										
Denville, N.J.	Willard E. Cassel	1	6	2	196			3	2	
Easton	LeRoy C. Wilcox	1	5		398	9			4	
Emmaus	Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.	1	12		648	18	4	4	3	
Ephrata	Robert W. Smock	2	7		500	17	2	4		
Finesville, N.J.	D. Thomas Phillips		1	1	148				1	
Fleetwood	Austin G. Shelly	1	7		250	23	4	2		
Graterford	Keith E. Plows	1	11		790	15	3	3	4	
Harleysville	David E. Thomann	2	10		400	7	3	2	1	
Harrisburg	R. C. Reichenbach	3	11		435	5	3	1	3	
Hatfield	Ronald C. Mahurin	1			319	3	3	3	5	
Lancaster	John Dunn	1	10		804	13	2	4	4	
Lebanon	Bruce A. Ellingson	1	7	3	324	8		1	1	
Lehighton	Terry Tareila		1	7	217	1			1	
Maple Glen	Carl K. Spackman	1	4	2	175	4		2	2	
Mt. Carmel	Paul G. Zimmerman	1	9		402	4			3	
Nazareth	James A. Beil	2	9		497	10	1		3	
Paradise	William A. Heffner	1	4	5		21		4		
Phila. (Calvary)	Keith L. Yoder		1	5	311		1	2	2	
Phila. (Emmanuel)	Dana Weller		1	5	215		1		3	
Quakertown	Bert N. Brosius	4		8	432	8	4	4	5	
Reading	Jansen E. Hartman	1	1	10	831	7	3	5	1	
Royersford	Robert F. Johnson	1			595	17	9	4	4	
Scranton	Bernard N. Coble		1	6	509			1	2	
Shamokin	Harold C. Weaver	1			704	2	5	3	5	
Sinking Spring	Terris Byrd		1	4	525	27		1	1	
Spring City	Richard Taylor	1	1	5	108	12	1	1	1	
Staten Island, N.Y.	Dennis Dodge	2	1	5	130	8			1	
Stroudsburg	Robert Minnig	4		5	668	13	1		1	
Sunbury	LeRoy S. Heller	1		9	976	5	2	5	7	
Terre Hill	W. W. Hartman	1		9	370		1			
Wallingford	C. E. Kirkwood	1	12		620	35	12	6	12	
Walnutport	David L. Branning	1		9	268		1	3	4	
York	John H. Riggall	1		8	875	3	7	4	4	
Zionsville	E. W. Bean	1		8	218		1			
TOTALS		45	10	278	15	16,994	353	87	80	117

## CHURCH EXTENSION

Belvidere, N.J.					65					
Englishtown, N.J.										
Franklin Township	John Vandegriff	1			511	3	2	2	2	
Freehold N.J.	Donald R. Knauer	1			335				4	
Howell Township N.J.	William W. Mull		1		205				2	
Neptune, N.J.	Robert L. Draper				146	3		1		
TOTALS		2	1		1,262	6	2	7	8	
GRAND TOTALS		47	11	278	15	18,256	359	89	87	125

CHURCH	Received into Church Fellowship	Received by Transfer from B.F.Churches	Rec.By Trans from Other Churches	Total Increase	Died	Withdrawn	Dropped	Transferred to B.F.Churches	Transferred to Other Churches	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership
Allentown (Bethel)	4			4	8	6			14		5	10	245
Allentown (C.Crest)	13	1		14	2	7			9				102
Allentown (Salem)				3	3		1	1	5		5		69
Bethlehem	8		2	10	4				4		6		282
Blandon	8	1		9			3	2	7		2		81
Catasauqua	3			3							3		37
Coopersburg	4			4	1	1		1	3			2	151
Denville, N.J.	6			6					1		5		53
Easton	13			13	2	1	2		5		8		64
Emmaus	8		1	9	1			2	3		6		196
Ephrata	7	3	6	16							16		98
Finesville, N.J.	2	2		2	1		9	2	12			10	9
Fleetwood	23	1		24		1			1	2	22		167
Graterford	16			16	1		3	2	1	7	9		120
Harleysville	10	8		18	1			1	2	16			163
Harrisburg	13	4		17	1	6	1	2	10	7			134
Hatfield	10			10	1	19	13	6	36		26		131
Lancaster	5			5					2		3		123
Lebanon	6		6	12							12		64
Lehighnton	3	3		6	1		1		2	4			55
Maple Glen	2	1	1	4	2				2	2			55
Mt. Carmel	4	1	1	6			10		10		4		86
Nazareth	13			13	2	4	5		11	2			129
Paradise	20			20			3	3	9	11			106
Phila. (Calvary)					1	4		2	7		7		71
Phila. (Emmaus 1)	2			2	1	2	2	2	7		5		35
Quakertown	4	1		5	4	2	1	1	8		3		128
Reading				1					1		1		313
Royersford	15			15		8		5	13	2			154
Scranton				1				2	3		3		47
Shamokin	6			6	3				3	3			134
Sinking Spring	12			12	1				1	11			76
Spring City	7	2		9						9			111
Staten Island N.Y.			2	1		1	2		4		2		44
Stroudsburg	14	3		17		3			3	14			54
Sunbury		3		3	4		1	1	6		3		230
Terre Hill	4			4	1				1	3			87
Wallingford	9			9	3		6	2	11		2		225
Walnutport													68
York	2			2		9	6	15			13		168
Zionsville	8			8						8			53
TOTALS	282	31	22	335	49	44	78	28	43	242	189	96	4718

## CHURCH EXTENSION

Belvidere, N.J.						2			2		2		17
TOTALS						2			2		2		17
GRAND TOTALS	282	31	22	335	49	46	78	28	43	244	189	98	4735



SUNDAY SCHOOL	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Cradle Roll Members	Home Department Members	Churches	Parsonages	Present Valuation of Church Property	Total Income	Total Offerings
Allentown (Bethel)	369	263			1	1	295,000	96,698	96,000
Allentown (C.Crest)	228	156			1	1	250,000	47,034	47,015
Allentown (Salem)	118	80			1	1	65,000	16,677	16,453
Bethlehem	366	236	7		1	1	400,000	77,519	77,093
Blandon	164	129	2		1	1	60,000	21,805	20,672
Catasauqua	58	49			2	1	40,000	15,075	15,075
Coopersburg	142	110		1	2	1	275,000	39,710	39,710
Denville, N.J.	93	57			1	1	140,000	23,963	23,963
Easton	121	77			1	1	120,000	16,768	16,768
Emmaus	305	268	6	6	1	3	280,000	68,858	62,026
Ephrata	310	198	30	25	1	1	130,000	56,559	51,000
Finesville, N.J.	38	24			1	1	60,000	10,118	6,218
Fleetwood	263	205	11	3	1	1	220,000	51,341	51,341
Graterford	307	235	6	1	1	2	338,000	59,380	55,097
Harleysville	185	150	6		1	1	160,000	53,341	53,341
Harrisburg	202	148	7		1	1	140,000	39,923	39,923
Hatfield	248	190	7	65	1	1	150,000	63,357	63,357
Lancaster	304	209	7	6	2	1	300,000	44,249	44,197
Lebanon	168	128			1		165,000	32,810	32,369
Lehighton	132	84	5	6	1	1	55,000	16,196	16,196
Maple Glen	92	65			1	1	190,000	30,839	30,260
Mt. Carmel	104	78		1	1	1	25,000	25,676	24,871
Nazareth	212	157	19	1	1	1	125,000	35,659	29,488
Paradise	216	142	10		1	1	129,000	36,111	33,707
Phila. (Calvary)	107	86	6		1	1	125,000	22,969	22,969
Phila. (Emmanuel)	70	46	3		1	1	70,000	14,971	14,905
Quakertown	217	158	12		1	1	160,000	37,726	36,076
Reading	589	390	13	14	1	1	410,000	91,806	91,806
Royersford	270	209	10		1	1	220,000	65,423	64,125
Scranton	68	59			1	1	100,000	13,275	13,275
Shamokin	181	147			1	1	93,000	37,963	37,963
Sinking Spring	133	108			1	1	91,000	25,059	25,059
Spring City	159	115	2		1	1	200,000	37,146	37,091
Staten Island, N.Y.	83	68			1	1	70,000	21,800	19,534
Stroudsburg	103	78			1	1	45,000	12,241	11,754
Sunbury	280	208	22	18	1	1	175,000	45,391	45,391
Terre Hill	171	122	10	25	1	1	150,000	36,491	36,491
Wallingford	381	283			1	2	325,000	83,847	83,847
Walnutport	107	66			1	1	29,000	14,452	14,452
York	289	233	12		1	1	165,000	74,193	44,193
Zionsville	62	53	1	1	1	1	35,000	14,716	14,716
TOTALS	8,015	5,847	214	173	44	44	6,575,000	1,629,135	1,521,824

## CHURCH EXTENSION

Belvidere, N.J.	15	20			1	1		8,127	4,857
Englishtown, N.J.									
Franklin, N.J.	90	48						14,081	9,581
Freehold, N.J.	39	30						13,235	6,035
Howell, N.J.	75	50						14,214	5,913
Neptune, N.J.	20	14						2,369	1,970
TOTALS	239	162						52,026	28,356

Plainfield Parsonage							42,760		
Home for Aging							256,500		
Victory Valley							67,489		
Pinebrook							447,718		
GRAND TOTALS	8,216	5,984	214	173	45	45	7,389,467	1,681,161	1,549,180

CHURCH	Conference Admin. Budget	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Home for the Aging	Pinebrook Junior College	Board of Christian Education	Victory Valley	Pinebrook	Church Extension Special
Allentown (Bethel)	2,611	20,250	7,354	1,200	2,948	110	500	1,150	2,262
Allentown (C. Crest)	722	6,050	100	100	100		100		
Allentown (Salem)	382	469		10	85	10	20		
Bethlehem	1,620	15,300	3,500	500	2,000	35	350		50
Blandon	800	1,000	300	150	400		150		
Catasauqua	225	325		30	250	40	30		
Coopersburg	1,200	4,000	1,425	150	600		100		
Denville, N.J.	750	600	600	75	600	35	60		
Easton	225	300	63	40	48	10	500		
Emmaus	1,620	8,400	2,200	500	2,500	50			
Ephrata	600	2,600	200	100	50	20	30	50	
Finesville, N.J.	480					10			15
Fleetwood	1,170	3,000	3,000	100	1,000	35	100		
Graterford	1,000	4,273	1,000	50	1,200	25	100		
Harleysville	860	5,500	100	200	1,600	15	200	300	
Harrisburg	900	4,000	250	200	25		50	100	
Hatfield	1,104	9,500	5,000	667	4,500	100	667		558
Lancaster	825	3,250	1,125	25	1,125	25	50	100	
Lebanon	576	1,100	600	30	660	20	60	353	
Lehighton	798	150	150	55	100	40	25		
Maple Glen	1,260	263	387	20	688	15	63	250	
Mt. Carmel	760	4,000	700	250	900	25	100	25	
Nazareth	960	3,090	1,555	300	600	25	25		
Paradise	200	700	100	150	50	25	75		
Phila. (Calvary)	650	2,000	700	50	800	25	100		35
Phila. (Emmanuel)	612	1,900	100	25	400	25	35		
Quakertown	1,200	2,800	600	200	1,600	5	100		
Reading	2,040	9,120	3,300	300	2,000	260	500	500	
Royersford	1,125	4,500		400	1,110	50	250		
Scranton	570	496	289		82	30	30		
Shamokin	720	4,904	1,521	35	244	35	35		
Sinking Spring	812	1,891							
Spring City	890	3,753	700	55	1,010	20	100	156	
Staten Island, N.Y.	702	726	345	52	175	20	20		130
Stroudsburg	500	800		25	500	30	100		
Sunbury	1,560	4,500	1,300	85	1,000	50	75		
Terre Hill	800	1,200	500	200	500	30	100		
Wallingford	1,400	9,000	3,000	50	2,500	50	125		
Walnutport	185	350			200	10			
York	1,710	7,200	1,000	50	300	50	60		
Zionsville	376	1,000	75	75	120		100		
TOTALS	37,500	154,260	43,139	6,504	34,570	1,360	5,085	2,984	3,050

## CHURCH EXTENSION

Belvidere, N.J.	480								
Englishtown N.J.									
Franklin, N. J.	430								
Freehold, N. J.	480								
Howell, N. J.									
Neptune, N. J.		29	29		30				
TOTALS	1,390	29	29		30				
GRAND TOTALS	38,890	154,260	43,168	6,504	34,600	1,360	5,085	2,984	3,050

CHURCH	Minister's Salary	Minister's Supple. Benefits	Administrative Assistant's Salary	Christian Education	Debt Service	Local Benevolences	Local Missions	Women's Missionary Societies	Annual Con. Delegate
Allentown(Bethel)	7,500	636	4,800	6,097		163	1,165	2,523	250
Allentown(C.Crest)	5,125	784	500	4,273	12,169	154	3,578	200	150
Allentown(Salem)	5,500	491		839	2,481	60	190	448	120
Bethlehem	7,200	1,680	110	3,153	21,637	190	3,128	750	200
Blandon	5,800	1,300		1,700	415		2,540		170
Catasauqua	5,790	430		411			150	72	130
Coopersburg	6,300	1,205	335	1,110	10,453	142	200	50	175
Denville, N.J.	5,400	1,385		850	4,738	300	615		100
Easton	5,850	381		1,010	1,010			216	100
Emmaus	7,433	1,817	1,395	9,541	16,564	127	1,147	1,000	225
Ephrata	7,720	1,000	600	3,769	3,459		163	75	150
Finesville, N.J.	5,400	556				25			150
Fleetwood	7,651	1,426		3,228	8,717		1,037	226	100
Graterford	6,600	1,759		3,322	29,221	300	474	596	125
Harleysville	6,188	1,987		1,763	21,481		486	300	175
Harrisburg	5,400	1,131		1,628			75	605	140
Hatfield	6,575	1,555	2,350	6,319	3,944	1,999	2,209	156	150
Lancaster	6,940	1,560		3,261	13,263	100	469	226	100
Lebanon	5,775	150	60	1,210	3,602	39	863	246	100
Leighton	5,400	500		1,646	1,908		60	281	75
Maple Glen	7,005	585		898	8,013	290	2,051	149	75
Mt.Carmel	5,980	587		1,112			1,107	290	150
Nazareth	6,360	341		3,781	8,602	154	273	231	125
Paradise	5,752	2,298		2,395	5,794		3,365	65	150
Phila.(Calvary)	5,600	1,057		861	7,834	105	217	124	70
Phila.(Emmaneul)	5,400	697		643		59	432	172	135
Quakertown	5,750	2,041		3,814		1,277	500	300	100
Reading	8,600	1,900		17,066	2,414	633	2,729	798	300
Royersford	7,620	2,500		2,677	21,530		2,980	226	185
Scranton	5,400	134		446	1,648		391	223	50
Shamokin	6,923	1,179		6,068	19,171	82	1,092	259	203
Sinking Spring	5,770	792		1,776	8,630		720		120
Spring City	3,656	683		1,985	11,603		1,258	225	125
Staten Island,N.J.	4,586	1,906		793	3,082	20	484	95	150
Stroudsburg	5,432	348		506		18		228	100
Sunbury	6,000	1,700	1,600	3,361		230	740	313	130
Terre Hill	6,729	1,000		2,062	45,082		5,557	106	150
Wallingford	8,500	1,500	4,599	4,895	15,072	380	2,593	231	200
Walnutport	5,600	386		990	1,980	76	278	98	125
York	6,700	1,000	115	3,175	4,850	100	259	300	150
Zionsville	5,400	246		1,097	2,567			180	150
TOTALS	254,310	44,613	16,464	115,545	322,933	7,023	45,575	12,583	5,878

## CHURCH EXTENSION

Belvidere, N.J.				58	3,590		1,075		
Englishtown, N.J.									
Franklin, N.J.	6,000	1,219		215	1,644				
Freehold, N.J.	6,601	459		254	1,461	10	145		
Howell, N.J.	6,000	181		467					
Neptune, N.J.				84		125			
TOTALS	18,601	1,859		1,078	6,695	135	1,220		
GRAND TOTAL	272,911	46,472	16,464	116,623	329,628	7,158	44,744	12,583	5,878

CHURCH	General Disbursements	Total Disbursements
Allentown (Bethel)	46,322	107,841
Allentown (C.Crest)	13,941	48,046
Allentown (Salem)	6,104	17,209
Bethlehem	12,618	74,021
Blandon	8,136	22,861
Catasauqua	8,407	16,290
Coopersburg	491	27,936
Denville, N.J.	7,621	23,729
Easton	11,418	20,685
Emmaus	18,000	73,019
Ephrata	29,356	49,942
Finesville, N.J.		6,636
Fleetwood	16,068	46,858
Graterford	12,901	62,946
Harleysville	8,223	49,377
Harrisburg	5,822	20,326
Hatfield	16,169	63,522
Lancaster	18,054	50,548
Lebanon	16,592	32,036
Lehighton	6,379	17,567
Maple Glen	8,328	30,340
Mt. Carmel	10,895	26,881
Nazareth	9,134	35,556
Paradise	11,515	32,634
Phila. (Calvary)	6,648	26,876
Phila. (Emmanuel)	4,267	14,902
Quakertown	15,757	36,044
Reading	46,370	98,830
Royersford	2,272	47,425
Scranton	3,890	13,679
Shamokin	8,420	50,891
Sinking Spring	4,383	24,894
Spring City	8,907	35,126
Staten Island, N.Y.	7,268	20,544
Stroudsburg	2,540	11,127
Sunbury	9,285	31,921
Terre Hill	6,883	70,899
Wallingford	22,342	76,437
Walnutport	3,378	13,656
York	8,228	35,247
Zionsville	2,588	13,974
TOTALS	465,920	1,579,296

## CHURCH EXTENSION

Belvidere, N.J.	2,622	7,825
Englishtown, N.J.		
Franklin, N.J.	4,424	13,932
Freehold, N.J.	4,845	14,255
Howell, N.J.	8,920	15,568
Neptune, N.J.	2,803	3,100
TOTALS	23,614	54,680
GRAND TOTAL	489,536	1,633,976

## APPENDIX

### For Your Information:

Directions for completing Pastor's Statistical Schedule.

The Annual Report of the Board of Elders to the Congregation shall be the source of information for this Schedule.

It shall contain:

1. Report of the Membership Committee
  - a. Members as of previous report
  - b. Received into Church fellowship
  - c. Received by transfer from Bible Fellowship Churches
  - d. Received by transfer from other churches
  - e. Total increase
  - f. Died
  - g. Withdrawn
  - h. Dropped
  - i. Transferred to Bible Fellowship Churches
  - j. Transferred to other churches
  - k. Total decrease
  - l. Net increase or decrease (not both)
  - m. Total Membership

In compiling this membership report, be sure you have begun with the figure for total membership shown in the previous Yearbook.

2. Benevolence Committee
  - a. Balance as of last report
  - b. Receipts
  - c. Disbursements
  - d. New balance

3. Financial Report

### FORM B

Total average attendance in the Sunday School is an average attendance for the year.

The Present Valuation of Church Properties is established by resolution of the Congregational meeting.



**TOTAL INCOME & TOTAL OFFERINGS.** In most churches, these two figures might be identical. **TOTAL INCOME** would include, above offerings, the following:

Interest, Rent, Church Extension Appropriation

**BUT NOT**

Sale of properties, loans from banks or individuals

**FORM C**

The figures which you show for **Foreign Missions** and **Church Extension** must agree with the amounts which you have sent to the respective Treasurers. We assume that the Treasurers' Reports are correct.

**FORM D**

The Minister's salary shall be from October 1 to September 30.

**Minister's Supplemental Benefits** - This shall include: Social Security and Ministers' Retirement Fund paid to you by the church, automobile allowance, books, etc.

**Christian Education** - This shall include Sunday School, Local Youth Fellowship, Christian Service Brigade, Pioneer Girls, Vacation Bible School, etc.

**Debt Service** - This shall include both Principal and Interest.

**Local Missions** - This shall include: Missionary Conference, Evangelistic Campaigns, Special Speakers, Rescue Missions, etc.

**General Disbursements** - This shall include: Maintenance of Properties, Local Administrative Expenses, Miscellaneous Expenses, etc.

**Total Disbursements** - This is the **TOTAL** reflected on this PS- 3 form.

The Pastor shall send by Certified mail a COPY of the Annual Report of the Board of Elders to the Congregation and the Pastor's Statistical Report (PS-3) to the Committee on Statistics, % PINEBROOK BIBLE CONFERENCE, BOX 1, STROUDSBURG, PENNA. 18360 to arrive by Monday of the week prior to Annual Conference week. These records may

be submitted in person by Tuesday of the same week.

The Delegate and Pastor shall certify the correctness of the Report and the Pastor's Statistical Report (PS-3), prior to the mailing thereof; and shall include a statement of Certification with the report mailed.

If the Pastor's Statistical Schedule (PS-3) is not in the hands of the Committee on Statistics by 9:30 a.m. of the Thursday prior to Annual Conference, the facts from that church(s) will not be included in the current year's report.

The Committee on Statistics shall be appointed by the Chairman at the last meeting of Annual Conference. This Committee shall meet on the Thursday prior to Annual Conference.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

## **ADDENDA, FAITH & ORDER**

### ADDENDA FOR FAITH & ORDER

The following is to be added to "b. Other Miscellaneous By-laws of Annual Conference" on page 83:

9. Each Pastor shortly after the election of the Conference Delegate and Alternate Delegate shall inform the Secretary of the Annual Conference of the results of these elections.

10. The Report of each Board and Committee made to Annual Conference shall include a report of its treasurer stating the total amount of cash on hand and the depository where this fund is maintained.

11. The term of office for those elected and appointed by this body shall be for the term designated by our rules for that office or until successors are chosen.

# 1. ORDAINED MINISTERS WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Licensed      Ordained

Bean, E. W.	1929	1938	215-965-6346	Box 266, Zionsville, Pa.	18092
Beil, James A.	1959	1962	215-759-1712	95 E. Beil Avenue, Nazareth, Pa.	18064
Branning, David L.	1967	1970	215-767-4852	20 Cherry St., Walnutport, Pa.	18088
Brosius, Bert N.	1958	1961	215-536-6096	25 S. 3rd St., Quakertown, Pa.	18951
Byrd, Terris	1969	1973	215-678-5166	Green Valley Rd., R.D.#5, Sinking Spring, Pa.	19608
*Cassel, Carl C.	1956	1959	717-421-2743	891 Queen St., Stroudsburg, Pa.	18360
Cassel, Willard E. Church	1943	1946	201-627-6706	25 Florence Ave., Denville, N. J.	07834
Draper, Robert L.	1972	1973	201-625-1880		
Dunn, John	1941	1950	201-295-2187	Box 994, Lakewood, N. J.	08701
Ellingson, Bruce A. Church	1963	1966	717-393-7677	608 Prospect St., Lancaster, Pa.	17603
			717-272-3945	130 S. 6th St., Lebanon, Pa.	17042
			717-273-4802		
Frable, Arthur H.	1969	1971	215-926-4593	Box 284, Blandon, Pa.	19510
Fritz, Harvey J., Jr. Church	1959	1962	215-967-2555	313 N. 3rd St., Emmaus, Pa.	18049
			215-965-2682		
Hartman, Jansen E. Church	1942	1946	215-372-3330	1122 Hampden Blvd., Reading, Pa.	19604
			215-375-2333		
Hartman, W. W.	1930	1937	215-445-4401	404 W. Main St., Terre Hill, Pa.	17581
Heffner, William A.	1943	1951	717-687-7577	Box 532, Paradise, Pa.	17562
Heller, LeRoy S.	1955	1958	717-286-6106	650 Catawissa Ave., Sunbury, Pa.	17801
Herb, Frank L., Jr. Church	1954	1957	215-866-2703	1124 N. Main St., Bethlehem, Pa.	18018
			215-868-5501		
@Herb, George E.	1957	1960	717-424-5548	R.D.#4, Box 231, E. Stroudsburg, Pa.	18301
Herb, John H.	1962	1966	215-797-7271	723 S. Filmore St., Allentown, Pa.	18103
Hertzog, Roy Church	1950	1968	215-435-1995	816 N. St. Elmo St., Allentown, Pa.	18104
			215-432-3903		
Johnson Robert F. Church	1958	1961	215-948-3014	630 Walnut St., Royersford, Pa.	19468
			215-948-9764		

Kirkwood, C. E.	1937	1940	215-876-8449	723 S. Providence Rd. Wallingford, Pa.	19086
Knauer, Donald R.	1962	1965	201-846-8689	140 Drake Rd., Somerset, N. J.	08873
Koch, James G.	1950	1953	215-432-0664	529 N. 8th St., Allentown, Pa.	18102
Church			215-435-2331		
Mahurin, Ronald C.	1960	1959	215-855-6046	75 W. Broad St., Hatfield, Pa.	19440
Church			215-855-2449		
Minnig, Robert A.	1970	1972	717-421-0533	21 S. 6th St., Stroudsburg, Pa.	18360
Mull, William W.	1968	1950	201-431-2174	81 E. Main St., Freehold, N. J.	07728
Plows, Keith E.	1966	1968	215-489-2281	111 Bridge St., Graterford, Pa.	19426
Reichenbach, R. C.	1937	1941	717-232-0821	3210 N. 4th St., Harrisburg, Pa.	17110
Riggall, John H.	1945	1948	717-764-0755	675 Woodland View Drive, York, Pa.	17402
Church			717-843-4739		
Seifert, A. L.	1950	1953	717-424-1212	Box 1, Stroudsburg, Pa.	18360
Shelly, Austin G.	1956	1961	215-944-7715	103 W. Pine St., Fleetwood, Pa.	19522
Church			215-944-7080		
Smock, Robert W.	1950	1953	717-733-2526	111 E. Chestnut St., Ephrata, Pa.	17522
Spackman, Carl K.	1969	1971	215-886-4862	418 E. Roslyn Ave., Glenside, Pa.	19038
Church			215-646-1220		
Thomann, David E.	1943	1946	215-256-8253	140 Harleysville Pike, Harleysville, Pa.	19438
Watkins, David J.	1962	1965	717-424-1214	Box 481, R.D.#3, E. Stroudsburg, Pa.	18301
Weaber, Harold C.	1963	1967	717-648-9732	35 S. 2nd St., Shamokin, Pa.	17872
Wilcox, LeRoy C.	1968	1972	215-252-6352	1113 Whitney Ave., Easton, Pa.	18042
Ziegler, Daniel G.	1960	1963	201-753-6978	1049 Kenyon Ave., Plainfield, N.J.	07060
Zimmerman, Paul G.	1966	1971	717-339-4693	132 W. 4th St., Mt. Carmel, Pa.	17851

\* Academic Dean, Pinebrook Junior College

@ Acting Business Manager, Pinebrook Service Board

% Director, Pinebrook Bible Conference

! President, Pinebrook Junior College

# Director of Church Extension

## 2. ORDAINED MISSIONARIES

	Licensed	Ordained
Bigley, T. James	1962	1966
Buck, Leonard	1958	1970
Butler, Brian	1968	1957
Gehman, Richard J.	1964	1971
Gordon, Robert	1960	1960
Harley, J. Barclay	1956	1960
Moyer, Edward		1970
Stengele, Laird F.		1952

## 3. ORDAINED MINISTERS WORKING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Cassel, Alva C.	1958	1962	Athens, Maine	04912
Dotts, Raymond R.	1960	1965	211 Weeks Drive, Camden, Del.	19934
Frank, Walter H.	1939	1942	G.E.M. 214 N. Hale, Wheaton, Ill.	60187
Miller, C. Leslie	1928	1933	215 Anchors Way Dr., #163, Ventura, California	93003
Schaeffer, Donald B.	1955	1958	3932 W. Bethany Home Rd. Phoenix, Arizona	85019
Yarrington, Harold D.	1942	1952	Connecticut Valley Hospital, Box 351, Middletown, Conn.	06457

## 4. ORDAINED MINISTERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Kirkwood, Donald T.	1951	1954	215-536-6611	132 S. 10th St., Quakertown, Pa.	18951
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## 5. ORDAINED MINISTERS IN RETIREMENT

	Licensed	Ordained		
Baer, Paul E.	1924	1928	215-257-5422	115 Diamond St., Sellersville, Pa.
Heffner, W. F.	1917	1920	717-564-2568	6103 Ann St. Harrisburg, Pa.
&Hertzog, F. B.	1922	1925	215-759-4827	7 S. New St. (rear), Nazareth, Pa.
Rutman, E. J.	1937	1940	813-636-2758	204 S. Raymond Ave., R. D. #1, Frostproof, Florida
Wolf, N. H.	1916	1920	717-733-7800	121 Park Ave., Ephrata, Pa.

& Administrator, Bible Fellowship Church Home, Nazareth, Pa.

## 6. PROBATIONERS

Coble, Bernard N.	1972	717-342-2027	1023 Taylor Ave., Scranton, Pa.	18510
Dodge, Dennis	1973	212-442-2782	243 Taylor St., Staten Island, N. Y.	10310
Phillips, J. Thomas	1971	201-993-7308	Main Rd. Finesville, Phillipsburg, R. D. #1, N. J.	08865
Reitz, Roger	1972	215-264-1120	235 Walnut St., Catasauqua, Pa.	18032
Tareila, Terry	1972	215-377-1277	134 N. 4th St., Lehighton, Pa.	18235
Taylor, Richard	1973	215-948-3791	25 Pennhurst Rd., Spring City, Pa.	19475
Church		215-948-9448		
Weller, Dana	1972	215-726-4413	6902 Chelwynde Ave., Phila., Pa.	19142
Church		215-727-8959		
Yoder, Keith L.	1971	215-288-6369	4426 VanKirk St., Phila., Pa.	19135
Church		215-743-3751		

## 7. SUPPLY PASTORS

Bartron, William H.	201-475-2250	Box 155, Pequest Rd., Belvidere, N.J.	07823
Reitz, Donald D.	215-282-3580	504 Oxford St., Coopersburg, Pa.	18036
Church	215-282-3161		
Vandegriff, John	201-536-9025	Tennent Rd., Englishtown, N. J.	07726
LAY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS			
Cassel, Byron C.	215-884-6622	747 Hillcrest Ave., Glenside, Pa.	19038
Cressman, James R.	215-867-7334	1128 N. New St., Bethlehem, Pa.	18018
Gehret, Robert W.	717-733-3883	R. D. #3, Ephrata, Pa.	17522
Office	717-733-1673		
Kauffman, Horace A.	717-626-8356	25 E. Lemon St., Lititz, Pa.	17543

## ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Home for the Aging	215-759-5121	7 S. New St., Nazareth, Pa.	18064
Pinebrook Jr. College	717-421-3633	East Stroudsburg, Pa.	18301
Pinebrook Bible Conference	717-424-1212	Box 1, Stroudsburg, Pa.	18360
Victory Valley Camp (J. D. Reynolds)	215-965-5609	R. D., Zionsville, Pa.	18092

# DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Allentown, Bethel	John L. Deily	215-432-0403	514 N. St. Lucas St., Allentown, Pa.	18104
Allentown, C. C.	John Pfeiffer	215-262-5807	R. D. #1, Slatington, Pa.	18080
Allentown, Salem	Allan C. Palmer	215-797-1118	720 E. Juniata St., Allentown, Pa.	18103
Bethlehem	Warren Zimmerman	215-866-5410	1451 Lenox Ave. Bethlehem, Pa.	18018
Blandon	Stanley C. Kalbach	215-929-3534	612 Colombia Ave., Temple, Pa.	19560
Catasauqua	Arthur W. Deppe	215-262-4507	323 E. 9th St., Northampton, Pa.	18067
Coopersburg	Delbert L. Seifert	215-346-7200	R. D. #1 Coopersburg, Pa.	18036
Denville, N. J.	Charles M. Petersen	201-627-4595	25 Wesley Place, Mt. Tabor, N. J.	07878
Easton	William T. Margeson	215-258-9023	4327 Winfield Ter. Easton, Pa.	18042
Emmaus	Clifford L. Kauffman	215-965-4133	16 E. Minor St., Emmaus, Pa.	18049
Ephrata	Robert W. Gehret	717-733-3883	R. D. #3, Ephrata, Pa.	17522
Finesville, N. J.	Melvin C. Dilts	201-995-2589	R. D. #1, Church Rd., Milford, N.J.	08848
Fleetwood	Norman L. Reed	215-944-7029	124 E. Main St., Fleetwood, Pa.	19522
Graterford	Edward A. Stortz	215-489-2062	104 W. 3rd St., Collegeville, Pa.	19426
Harleysville	Clayton Dietz	215-723-4118	Box 420, Becks Rd., Souderton, Pa.	18964
Harrisburg	Darwin C. Wagner	717-564-3874	540 N. 65th St., Harrisburg, Pa.	17111
Hatfield	Clyde W. Snyder	215-855-1414	2129 E. Orvilla Rd., Hatfield, Pa.	19440
Lancaster	Horace A. Kauffman	717-626-8356	25 E. Lemon St., Lititz, Pa.	17543
Lehighton	Ernest E. Bauer	215-377-3557	201 Allen St., Lehighton, Pa.	18235
Lebanon	David Herb	717-273-1355	922 Water St., Lebanon, Pa.	17042
Maple Glen	Byron C. Cassel	215-884-6622	747 Hillcrest Ave., Glenside, Pa.	19038
Mt. Carmel	Harold L. Snyder, Jr.	717-799-5446	R. D. #3, Box 198, Catawissa, Pa.	17820
Nazareth	Norman W. Granda	215-759-4910	North & Whitefield, Nazareth, Pa.	18064
Paradise	E. Gerald Hershey	717-442-4589	R. D. #2, Gap, Pa.	17527
Phila., Calvary	Lee M. Schaffer, Jr.	215-288-5847	5928 Tackawanna St., Phila., Pa.	19135
Phila., Emmanuel	Edward J. Dietzman	215-467-2622	318 Durfor St., Phila., Pa.	19148
Quakertown	L. James Roberts	215-536-8475	518 Juniper St., Quakertown, Pa.	18951
Reading	Robert Breitegam	215-689-5257	Walnut Rd., R.D. #3, Reading, Pa.	19606
Royersford	William R. Hunsberger	215-948-4669	417 N. 7th Ave., Royersford, Pa.	19468

Scranton	Franklin Mead	717-347-9079	931 Clay Ave., (rear), Scranton, Pa.	18510
Shamokin	Ronald C. Lahr	717-644-1076	1259 Pulaski Ave., Shamokin, Pa.	17872
Sinking Spring	Kenneth P. Kneezle	215-484-4802	R. D. #1, Denver, Pa.	17517
Spring City	R. Stanley Weidner	215-948-7283	132 Bridge St., Spring City, Pa.	19475
Staten Island, N. Y.	Ralph D. Cole	212-448-6071	113 Floyd St., Staten Island, N. Y.	10310
Stroudsburg	Harold E. Snyder	717-421-7009	Box 484, R.D.#3, E. Stroudsburg, Pa.	18301
Sunbury	Merle H. Phillips	717-286-9575	R. D. #2, Sunbury, Pa.	17801
Terre Hill	Robert L. Weaver	215-286-9017	Box 113, Morgantown, Pa.	19543
Wallingford	Edward Shockley, Sr.	215-833-5493	1201 Mildred St., Woodlyn, Pa.	19094
Walnutport	Oliver W. Beil	215-262-9751	R. D. #2, Northampton, Pa.	18067
York	Sterling E. Baer	717-854-2057	1903 Bannister St., York, Pa.	17404
Zionsville	Bright N. Heist	215-965-9779	R. D. #1, Zionsville, Pa.	18092

# DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

	Time of Services		
	SS	a.m.	p.m.
Allentown, Bethel, 528 N. 8th St.	9:30	10:40	7:00
Allentown, C. Crest, 801 C. Crest Blvd.	9:30	10:30	7:00
Allentown, Salem, 641 Genesee St.,	9:00	10:15	7:30
Belvidere, Pequest Rd.	10:00	11:00	7:30
Bethlehem, 3100 Hecktown Rd.	9:30-11:15		7:00
Blandon, Chestnut St.	9:00	10:15	7:00
Catasauqua, 233 Walnut St.	9:30	10:30	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 Sts.	9:30	10:45	7:00
Emmaus, 418-20 Elm Street	10:15	9:00	7:00
Ephrata, 101 E. Chestnut Street	9:15	10:30	7:30
Finesville, Main Road	9:30	10:45	7:00
Fleetwood, South Richmond Street	10:30	9:15	7:30
Graterford, Route 29	9:30	10:40	7:00
Harleysville, 140 Harleysville Pk.	9:00	10:15	7:00
Harrisburg, 1250 Colonial Road	9:30	10:35	7:00
Hatfield, West Broad St.	9:30	10:30	7:00
Howell, 53 Sunset Dr. Howell Tnship.	9:45	11:00	7:00
Lancaster, Prospect & Hager Sts.	9:00	10:15	7:30
Lebanon, Mill Rd., Cornwall Tnship.	9:30	10:40	7:00
Lehighton, Cypress & Fourth Sts.	9:30	10:40	7:00
Maple Glen, Welsh Road	9:45	11:00	7:00
Mt. Carmel, 130 W. 4th St.	9:30	10:30	7:00
Nazareth, Rose Inn & Beil Aves.	9:30	10:30	7:30
Paradise, Lincoln Hyway, Rt. #30	9:30	10:35	7:15
Phila. Calv., 4416 VanKirk St.	9:45	11:00	7:00
Phila., Emm. 65th & Dickens Ave.	9:45	11:00	7:30
Quakertown, 27 S. 3rd St.	9:00	10:05	7:00
Reading, Hampden Blvd. & Marion St.	9:30	10:45	7:30
Royersford, 431 N. Lewis Rd.	9:00	10:10	7:00
Scranton, 1021 Taylor Ave.,	10:00	11:00	7:30
Shamokin, 35 S. 2nd St.	9:30	10:45	7:30
Sinking Spring, Route 422	10:00-11:30		7:00
Spring City, Pennhurst Rd. & Bridge	9:30	10:45	7:00
Staten Island, 243 Taylor St.	9:45	11:00	7:00
Stroudsburg, 23 S. 6th Street	9:30	10:30	7:00
Sunbury, Race St. near Sixth	9:30	10:30	7:30
Terre Hill, 407 W. Main St.	8:50	10:00	7:00
Wallingford, 723 S. Providence Rd.	9:30	10:45	7:00
Walnutport, 233 Main St.	9:15	10:15	7:00
York, 6th & Duke Sts. (N. York)	9:30	10:45	7:00
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