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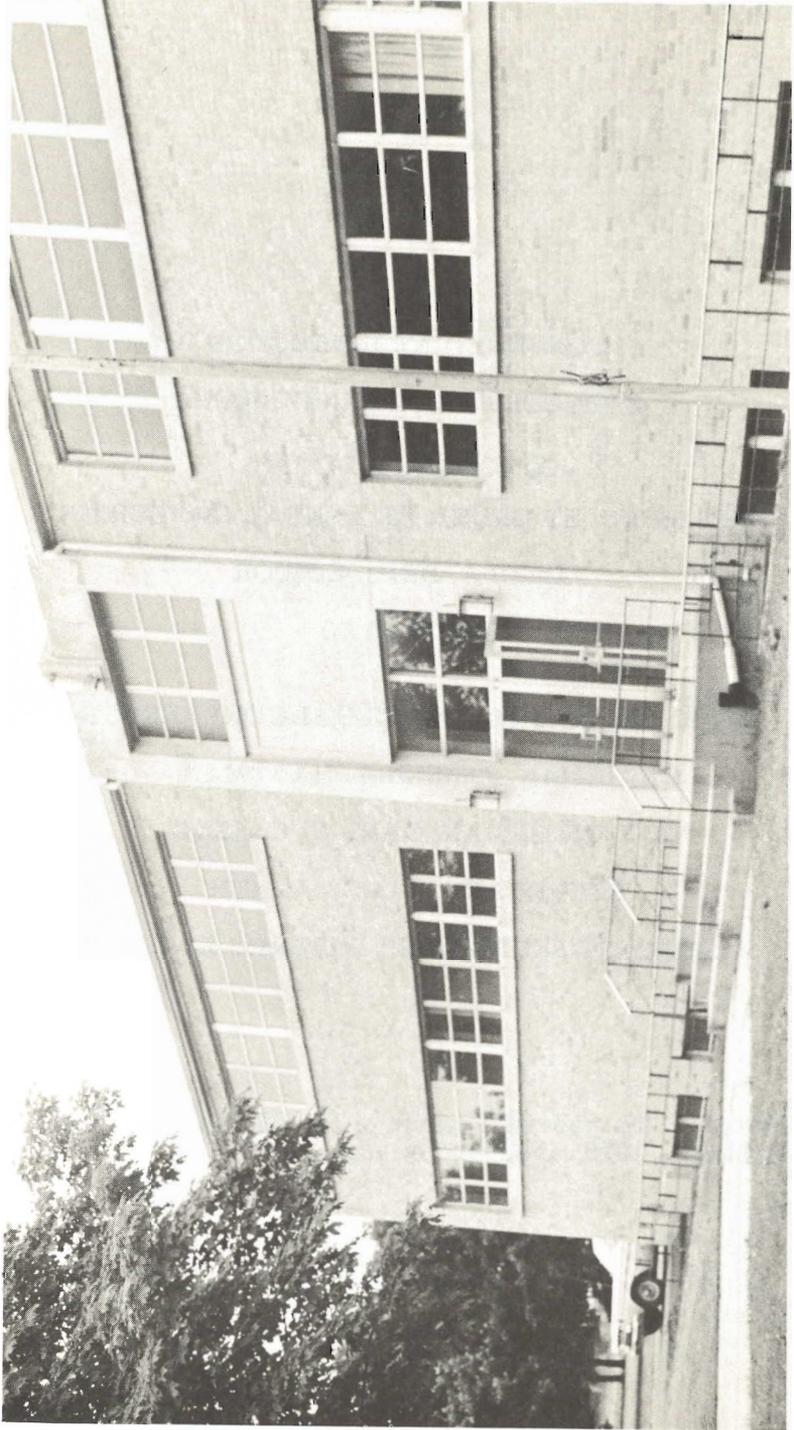
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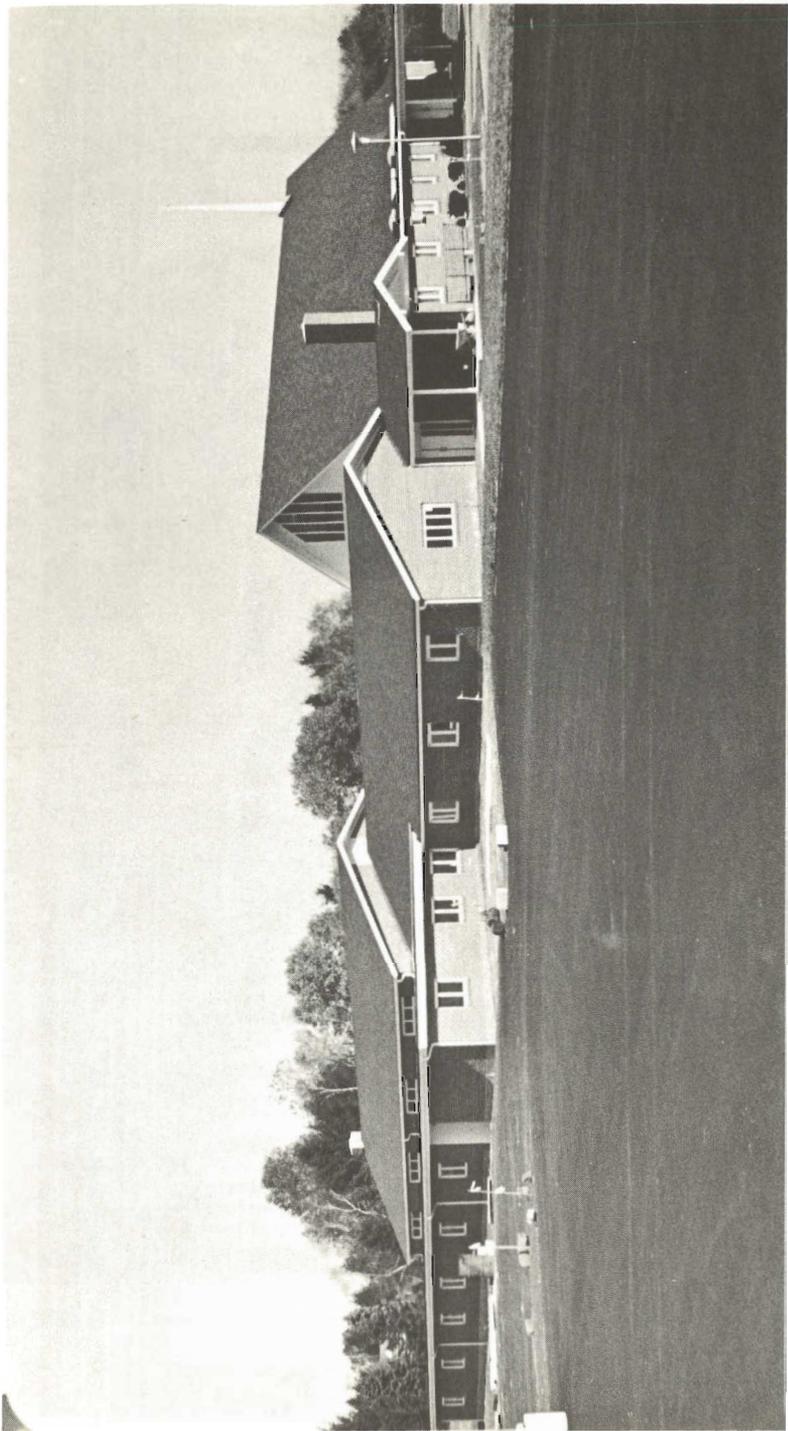
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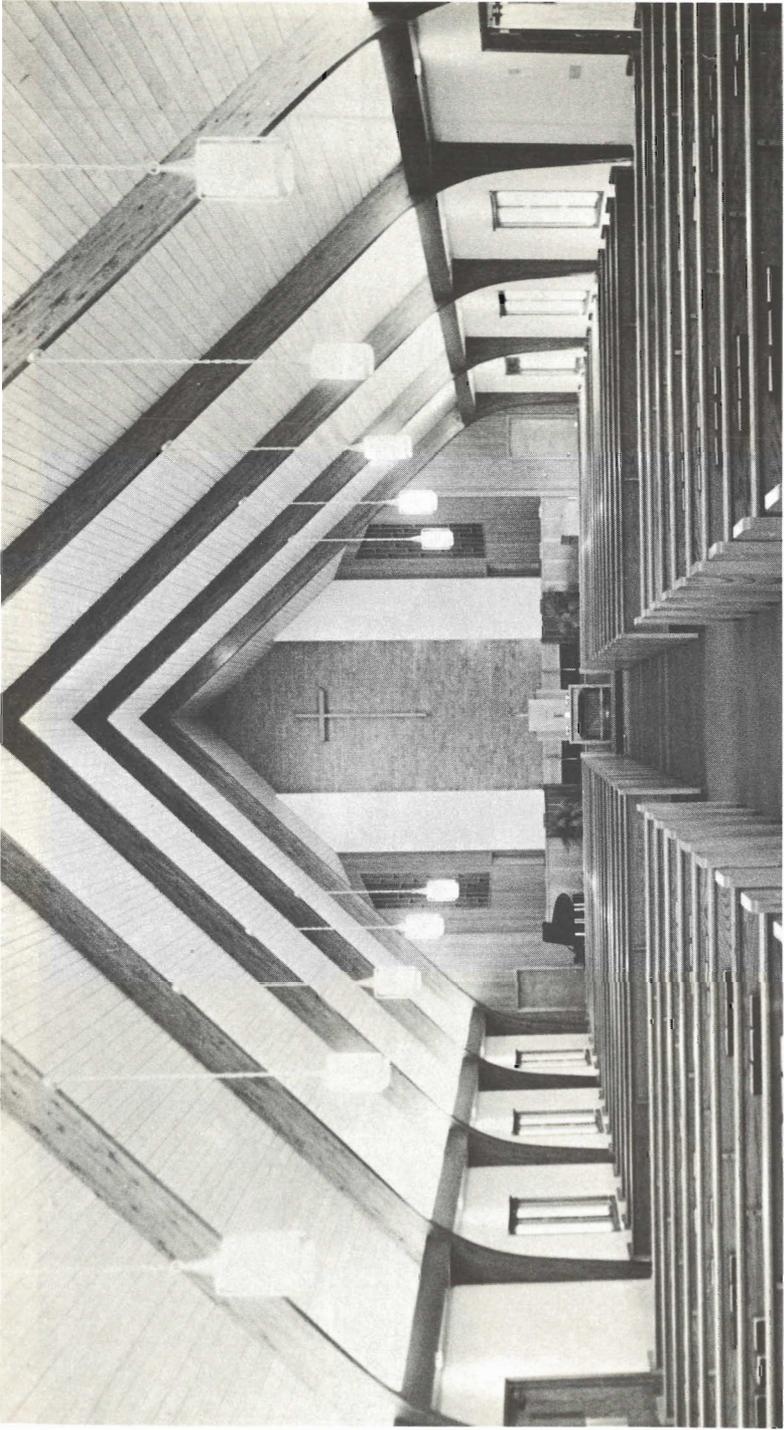
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ROYERSFORD CHURCH NEWLY ENLARGED



ROYERSFORD CHURCH NEWLY ENLARGED (INTERIOR)



WILLIAM A. HEFFNER

Rev. W. F. Heffner finished his course here on earth and entered the presence of his Lord, December 9, 1975, in his 84th year, after serving in the active ministry for 44 years.

Brother Heffner was born on a farm in Fleetwood, Pa., September 3, 1892 where his grandfather had settled after coming to this country from Germany. His mother died when he was five years old, leaving a family of six children. At the age of twelve he became a hired hand on a neighboring farm, living with his employer for two years.

At age fifteen, Brother Heffner's family moved to Reading, Pa., where he learned the paint and paper-hanging trade. His employer was a great hunter and interested "Will" in this sport which he pursued with real enthusiasm until he was 80 years old.

In Reading, Brother Heffner began to attend the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church and was subsequently converted to Jesus Christ under the guidance of Pastor F. M. Hottel. He met and married one of the girls of the church, Anneda Schearer, lived in Reading for four years and then was called by God into the Gospel Herald Society. Together they served the Lord in Washington, N. J. in 1916, also ministering in Plainfield, N. J. and Hackettstown, N. J. during the year. In 1917 they were located in Harrisburg, Pa. and in 1918 Brother Heffner became pastor of the Nazareth M. B. C. Church. For six years, from 1919 to 1925 he was pastor of a church in Quakertown, Pa. while starting a mission work in Hatfield, Pa. During this time he became owner of his first automobile which he picked up from a nearby factory for \$595.00 - a NEW OPEN TOURING CHEVROLET!

From 1925 to 1935 he was stationed at Graterford/Harleys-

ville circuit where he annually conducted four to six weeks of NIGHTLY tent services during the summer with many coming to Christ through his preaching. During these years he was introduced to the art of fishing by his oldest son, and enjoyed this sport in his leisure time for forty years. The next ten years, 1935 to 1945, were spent in the Lord's work in Harrisburg, Pa.

After the death of his wife, he married Miss Miriam Parker of the Harrisburg congregation in 1937. York, Pa., became their home from 1945 to 1954 where he was pastor of a thriving church. After spending a year at Shamokin, Pa., he served his last pastorate at Lebanon, Pa. from 1955 to 1960. Because of a severe heart attack, he felt led of the Lord to retire from the active ministry in 1960.

Brother and Sister Heffner made their home in Harrisburg upon retiring and served the Lord faithfully in the Bible Fellowship Church there. Even after his retirement his greatest interest revolved around the prayer service, where he was active in starting choruses, reading poems, giving a lively testimony and being diligent in prayer. His sense of humor endeared him to many people, especially to the youth and children, and often helped to smooth the difficult places throughout the years of his ministry.

Brother Heffner was always a man "busy for God." He was a strict keeper of records and his diary reveals that he had driven his automobiles a total of 484,748 miles (nearly a half million miles!) -- mostly "on the King's business."

He is now gone from us. His wife, Miriam, daughters Ethel and Helen, sons Donald and Bill, all deeply miss him. But until that great reunion day when we shall meet in the air, we are convinced that "he being dead yet speaketh" applies to Dad Heffner because of the many he led to the Lord and continue to spread the good news of the Gospel which he preached.



### NORMAN H. WOLF

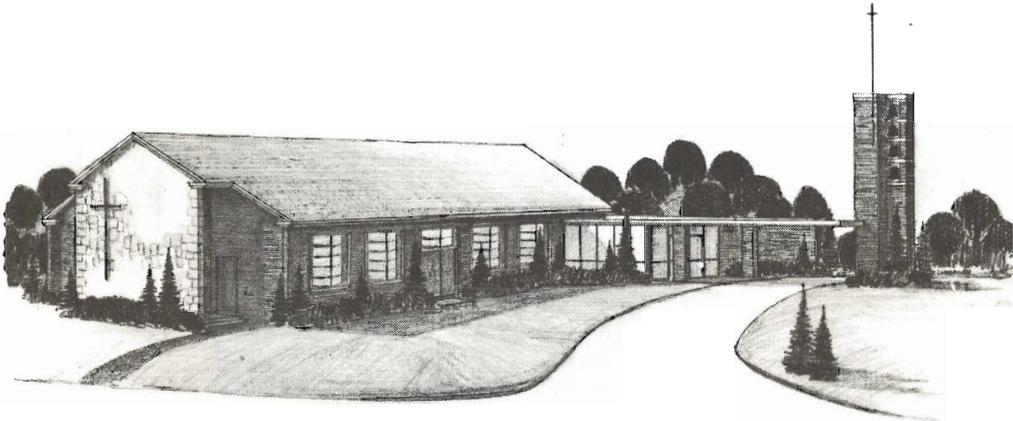
Pastor Norman H. Wolf passed from this life in peaceful sleep at his home in Ephrata, Pa., on June 8, 1976, just 19 days after his wife went to her eternal reward. At the time of his death, he was serving as Associate Pastor at the Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata, a position he filled for the 9 years since his retirement from the active ministry.

He entered the Gospel Herald Society on March 3, 1911 at the age of 15 and was assigned to Lebanon. He was ordained in 1920 and served the following charges: Lebanon, Harrisburg, Lehighton, Weissport, Shamokin, Sunbury, Spring City, Royersford and Bethlehem.

For many years he served as Secretary of the Annual Conference as well as on various denominational boards and committees.

The Home-going service was held in the Ephrata Church with Pastors Jansen E. Hartman and F. B. Hertzog officiating. Interment was at Zionsville, Pa.

He was born in Philadelphia, a son of the late Daniel C. and Theresa Kirtchman Wolf. He is survived by four children: Thelma, wife of Robert W. Smock, Ephrata; Beatrice, wife of Marlin Derck, Hanover; Ellen, wife of John Derck, Pottstown and Horace A. Kauffman, Lititz.

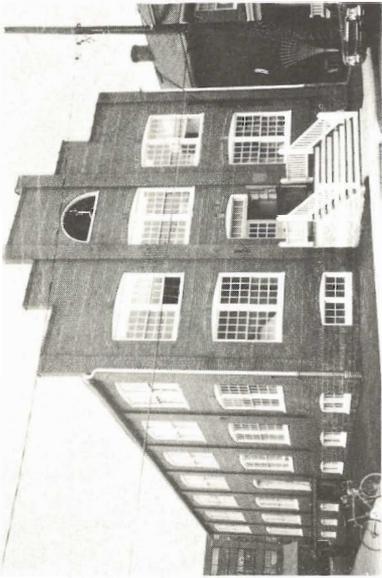


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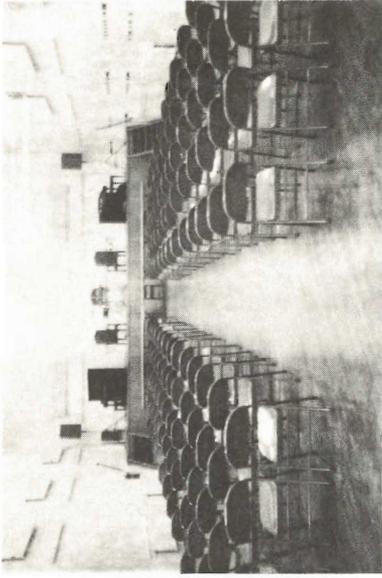
**EMMANUEL CHURCH, SUNBURY, PENNA.**



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**EPHRATA YOUTH BUILDING**



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**MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND**

Ministers' Retirement Fund - Pastor's payment is figured on the basis of 1-1/2% of his salary. 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.

The rate for calculating Annuities from Ministers' Retirement Fund in the 1976-77 year is \$66.00 for each year of active service (See page 31)

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS TO BE MADE TO ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE AGENCIES

MONTHLY -

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 - make checks payable to PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE and send them to 600 S. Main Street, Coopersburg, Pa. 18036 (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.

Foreign Missions - Make checks payable to BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS and send them to David E. Thomann, Box 1, Stroudsburg, Pa. 18360

BY MARCH 1

Victory Valley Camp - make check payable to VICTORY VALLEY CAMP and send it to John H. Herb, 723 S. Filmore Street, Allentown, Pa. 18103

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Board of Christian Education - make check payable to BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and mail to William R. Hunsberger, Treasurer, 417 N. 7th Avenue, Royersford, Pa. 19468

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# ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS - 1976

## First Meeting

Monday morning, October 11, 1976 - 10:00 a.m.

The Chairman called the 93rd Annual Conference to order at 10:00 a.m. John Dunn led in prayer.

The roll was established as follows:

Allentown, Bethel - James G. Koch - LeRoy M. Siegfried  
Allentown, Cedar Crest - Roy A. Hertzog - Jay Fasnacht  
Allentown, Salem - John H. Herb - Allan C. Palmer  
Bethlehem - Frank L. Herb, Jr. - Warren L. Zimmerman  
Blandon - Dana E. Weller - Stanley Kalbach  
Catasauqua - Roger Reitz - Arthur W. Deppe  
Coopersburg - Donald D. Reitz - Michael Guttman  
Denville - (Probationer) - John F. Moran  
Easton - LeRoy C. Wilcox - Russell E. Dech  
Emmaus - Harvey J. Fritz, Jr. - Clifford L. Kauffman  
Ephrata - Robert W. Smock - Robert W. Gehret  
Finesville - (Probationer) - H. Walter Stout, Jr.  
Fleetwood - Austin G. Shelly - Norman L. Reed  
Freehold-Englishtown - William W. Mull - Clinton L. Crankshaw  
Graterford - Keith E. Plows - C. Roger Detwiler  
Harleysville - Arthur H. Frable, Jr. - Clayton Dietz  
Harrisburg - R. C. Reichenbach - Walter A. Schlagel  
Hatfield - Ronald C. Mahurin - Clyde W. Snyder  
Howell - Robert L. Draper - Peter Hauge  
Lancaster - John Dunn - Horace A. Kauffman  
Lebanon - Bruce A. Ellingson - Leroy O. Herb  
Lehighton - (Probationer) - Ernest Bauer  
Maple Glen - Carl K. Spackman - Byron C. Cassel  
Mt. Carmel - Alva C. Cassel - Harold L. Snyder, Jr.  
Nazareth - Paul G. Zimmerman - Ralph Hendershot  
Paradise - E. Gerald Hershey  
Phila. (Calvary) - (Probationer) - Leon H. Naudasher  
Phila., (Emmanuel) - (Probationer) - Horace G. Manuel  
Quakertown - Bert N. Brosius - L. James Roberts, Jr.  
Reading - Jansen E. Hartman - 1st - Robert Breitegam  
2nd - Rodney Muthard  
Royersford - Robert F. Johnson - William R. Hunsberger  
Scranton - Bernard N. Coble - Carl H. Kellerman  
Shamokin - T. Lamarn Manney  
Sinking Spring - Terris L. Byrd - Jack Largent  
Spring City - Richard Taylor - R. Stanley Weidner  
Staten Island - Roger S. Bowne

Stroudsburg - Harold E. Snyder  
 Sunbury - LeRoy S. Heller - Merle H. Phillips  
 Terre Hill - (Probationer) - Paul Weber  
 Wallingford - William A. Heffner - Rufus Spedden  
 Walnutport - Harold C. Weaver - Paul Rodgers  
 York - John H. Riggall - Sterling E. Baer  
 Zionsville - (Probationer) - David Weller

**ORDAINED MEN WITHOUT PASTORATES** - William Bartron, James A. Beil, Carl C. Cassel, Willard E. Cassel, George E. Herb, David E. Thomann, David J. Watkins, Daniel G. Ziegler

**ORDAINED MISSIONARIES** - James Bigley, Brian H. Butler, Leonard E. Buck, Richard J. Gehman, J. Barclay Harley, Edward Moyer, Laird F. Stengele

**ORDAINED MINISTERS IN RETIREMENT** - Paul E. Baer, E. W. Bean, W. W. Hartman, F. B. Hertzog, C. E. Kirkwood, C. Leslie Miller, E. J. Rutman

**PROBATIONERS --**

Delbert R. Baker, II	Newark, N. J.
James R. Batchler, Jr.	Zionsville, Pa.
Kenneth L. Good	Leighton, Pa.
William L. Graybill, II	Terre Hill, Pa.
Richard D. Harris	Denville, N. J.
Charles E. Kramer	Neptune, N. J.
D. Thomas Phillips	Finesville, N. J.
Frank T. Robinson (asst.)	Royersford, Pa.
Terry N. Tareila	Phila., Pa. (Calvary)
John Vandegriff, Jr. (asst.)	Reading, Pa.

**RESOLVED:** that when a Probationer is called through the Pulpit Supply System to serve as a pastor or in another ministerial capacity, he shall be a voting member of Annual Conference.

The Secretary appointed Willard E. Cassel as Assistant Secretary.

**RESOLVED:** that the first 10 rows constitute the Conference Bar.

The following submitted excuses for absences: Richard Taylor, Paul E. Baer, David L. Branning, H. Walter Stout, Jr., Clyde W. Snyder, R. C. Reichenbach, Donald T. Kirkwood, John H. Herb, David J. Watkins.

**RESOLVED:** that we accept these excuses.

The following delegates were introduced to the Conference: Jack Largent, Peter Hauge, Ralph Hendershot, Jay Fasnacht, Paul Weber, David Weller, Rufus Spedden, C. Roger Detwiler.

The following Committees were appointed:

**TELLERS:** Robert F. Johnson, Chairman; Keith E. Plows, Secretary; LeRoy S. Heller, Carl K. Spackman, Norman L. Reed, Leroy O. Herb, Harold L. Snyder, Jr., L. James Roberts, Jr., Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.

**COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:** Frank L. Herb, Jr., Chairman; Paul G. Zimmerman, Harvey J. Fritz, Bert N. Brosius, Robert Breitegam, Harold E. Snyder, John F. Moran, Robert W. Gehret, Dana E. Weller

**COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS:** Robert W. Smock, Chairman, Arthur H. Frable, Jr., Jay Fasnacht, Austin G. Shelly, Terris L. Byrd

**COMMITTEE ON AUDITING:** William R. Hunsberger, Chairman; R. Stanley Weidner, Roger S. Bowne, Leon H. Nau-dasher, Rodney Muthard, David Weller, Byron C. Cassel

**COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF MINUTES OF PARTICULAR CHURCHES:** R. C. Reichenbach, Chairman; Richard Taylor, Robert L. Draper, Stanley Kalbach, Arthur W. Deppe, Ernest Bauer, Allan C. Palmer, Sterling E. Baer, Paul Weber, T. Lamarn Manney, LeRoy M. Siegfried, Russell E. Dech, Clifford L. Kauffman, Clyde W. Snyder, E. Gerald Hershey, Horace Manuel, Jack Largent, Ralph Hendershot, Walter A. Schlagel, C. Roger Detwiler, Michael Guttman, Clinton Crankshaw, Rufus Spedden, Merle Phillips, Peter Hauge, Clayton Dietz, Carl H. Kellerman, Paul Rodgers.

**TIMEKEEPER:** Kenneth Good

**REPORTER:** Harold C. Weaver

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**  
Report was accepted.

**RESOLVED:** that the Agenda be adopted.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM** (See page 38)  
Report was accepted.

Chairman Jansen E. Hartman gave the Keynote Address on "Biblical Authority."

The Lord's Supper was observed.

The following missionaries were introduced to the Conference: Brian H. Butler, Leonard E. Buck, T. James Bigley.

The following were introduced to the Conference: Frank T. Robinson, James R. Batchler, Jr., Hugh C. Coulbourn, Jr., David George.

**RESOLVED:** that we suspend the rules and extend the time.

**RESOLVED:** that we adjourn. Adjourned at 12:07 p.m. with prayer by Stanley Kalbach.

## Second Meeting

Monday afternoon, October 11, 1976 - 1:30 p.m.

James G. Koch led in prayer.

**REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE** (See page 39)

Report was accepted.

**RESOLVED:** that pastors be excluded from voting on the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** that we strongly encourage each church to strive to provide its pastor a salary that is at least equal to the average gross income of its constituent households, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that we encourage each church to increase its pastor's salary for 1976-1977 to at least 7% above the previous year's salary, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that it is the consensus of this Conference that the minimum salary adequate for a pastor serving a Bible Fellowship Church, including supplemental benefits, should be no less than \$8,600.00 for the 1976-1977 year.

**RESOLVED:** that the editor of the Yearbook be instructed to add a column to the Yearbook Register of Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church that will show the year in which each of the pastor-

ates was established.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS (See page 40)

Report was accepted.

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended David L. Manney and D. Thomas Phillips for ordination, and John Vandegriff, Jr. for recognition of a previous ordination, and

Whereas, D. Thomas Phillips and John Vandegriff, Jr. have served acceptably as ministers in the Bible Fellowship Church for several years, and

Whereas, David L. Manney has served acceptably under the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions for several years with World Radio Missionary Fellowship, and

Whereas, after examination, the Credentials Committee believes each of them to be called of God to the Gospel ministry and to be in accord with the FAITH & ORDER of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore,

RESOLVED: that David L. Manney and D. Thomas Phillips be ordained at a service of ordination to be held in the Bible Fellowship Church of Shamokin, Pa., on Thursday November 4, 1976 at 8:00 p.m., and that the ordination of John Vandegriff, Jr. be recognized at this same service.

The Credentials Committee shall be in charge of this service.

Whereas, during the past year two of our ministering brethren were taken home to be with the Lord: W. F. Heffner and N. H. Wolf and the wife of Brother Wolf preceded him in death, we thank God for their past ministries among us. We express our deepest sympathies to their families, be it

RESOLVED: that the Chairman appoint a committee to prepare suitable obituaries for W. F. Heffner and N. H. Wolf to appear in the 1976 Yearbook.

The Chairman appointed Robert W. Smock to write the obituary for N. H. Wolf and William A. Heffner to write the obituary for his father, W. F. Heffner.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEE (See page 43)

Report was accepted.

RESOLVED: that we accept the following men who are under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee:

**PROBATIONERS:** Delbert R. Baker, II, Newark, N.J.; James R. Batchler, Jr., Zionsville, Pa.; Arthur J. Frisbie, Wilmington, Del.; Kenneth L. Good, Lehighton, Pa.; William L. Graybill, II, Terre Hill, Pa.; Richard D. Harris, Denville, N.J.; Thomas E. Heimer, Phila., Pa.; Charles E. Kramer, Neptune, N.J.; David L. Manney, Quito, Ecuador; D. Thomas Phillips, Phillipsburg, N.J.; Frank T. Robinson, Royersford, Pa.; Terry N. Tareila, Phila., Pa.; John Vandegriff, Jr., Reading, Pa.; James A. Wickstead, Hatfield, Pa.

**CANDIDATES:** Leon Clayberger, Sunbury, Pa.; Hugh C. Coulbourn, Jr., Shamokin, Pa.; Dale E. Kehler, Chester Springs, Pa.; Edward MacWilliams, Covington, Georgia; William L. Neff, Media, Pa.; Bruce A. Pickard, Point Pleasant, Pa.; Robert Raup, Sacramento, Ca.; Jonathan D. Reynolds, Zionsville, Pa.; Henry A. Schell, Old Bridge, N.J.; Thomas P. Shorb, Bethlehem, Pa.; Robert G. Ulrich, Tallman, N. J.

**APPLICANTS:** James L. Beaver, Hatfield, Pa.; Richard Berkowitz, Harleysville, Pa.; Douglas D. Bowne, Richmond, Va; Alfred J. Dommel, Portland, Ore.; Ronald Erb, Royersford, Pa.; John Garvin, King of Prussia, Pa.; John Grady, Kulpsville, Pa.; Rodney H. Long, Tallahassee, Fla.; Charles McConnell, Flourtown, Pa.; Scott Murphy, Hatfield, Pa.; Louis Pronnicki, Phila., Pa.; Jeffrey C. Stickler, Maple Glen, Pa.; Thomas Templeton, Phillipsburg, N.J.; David A. Thomann, Coopersburg, Pa.; Phillip E. Yerrington, Royersford, Pa.

Whereas, over the past several years there have been frequent occasions in which more men have been approved by the Ministerial Candidate Committee for ministerial service in the Bible Fellowship Church than there have been open positions available, and

Whereas, even when ministerial positions are open, Bible Fellowship Churches are not required to employ any particular eligible men, and

Whereas, there is a trend within the Bible Fellowship Church toward considering of approved men on a part-time basis or as full-time assistants, and

Whereas, many men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee are willing and desirous for this type of assignment, and

Whereas, it is commonly assumed among us that probationers must be engaged in full-time service (although the Ministerial Candidate Committee has not found any such stated requirement in the "Bible Fellowship Church FAITH & ORDER"), therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that men who meet all stated requirements relating to probationers be eligible to be licensed as probationers by the Ministerial Candidate Committee even if they are serving in a Bible Fellowship Church or denominational agency on a part-time basis, and that the minimum probationary period served must be the equivalent of no less than two years of full-time service, with the added provision that at least six months of service be in a full-time capacity.

Recessed at 2:55 p.m. Reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER** (See page 45)  
Report was accepted.

**REPORT OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** (See page 47)  
Report was accepted.

**RESOLVED** that the following entitled "Youth Organizations" replace the Youth Fellowship Constitution now appearing in our **FAITH & ORDER**, (pp. 57-60, '75 ed.) **FIRST READING.**

#### YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

"Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth.... The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep all His commandments, because this applies to every person" (Ecclesiastes 12:1,12, NAS). "Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe" (I Timothy 4:12, NAS).

Reflecting on these Scripture passages the Bible Fellowship Church recognizes and joyfully accepts its responsibility and privilege of ministering to youth. The goal of this ministry is to be used of God to help young people experience the new birth in committing themselves to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, to guide them into Christian maturity so they may be "an example of those who believe," and to offer them training and opportunities in Christian service. Further, this ministry seeks to develop future leadership for the church. (cf. Philosophy of Christian Education, By-Laws of the Board of Christian Education).

Programs to attain these goals are to be developed by the particular churches and the denomination. Particular churches may have specific organizations whose function is to minister to youth. Such organizations may be para-

church agencies having affiliations outside the Bible Fellowship Church or the Youth Fellowship of the particular church. In either situation the youth organization shall be under the control of the Board of Elders of the particular church.

The doctrinal standards, teaching, goals, and programs of all para-church agencies incorporated into the youth ministry of any Bible Fellowship Church shall be in compliance with the FAITH & ORDER of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Churches functioning with their own Youth Fellowship are encouraged to formulate a Youth Fellowship Constitution. This constitution shall provide the Youth Fellowship with organizational structure and the effective means of attaining its goals. This document shall include a statement of purpose and goals, a definition of and requirements for membership, a listing of the officers and their duties, and regulations for election of officers. The constitution shall stipulate that all officers shall be those who profess Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and who give evidence of this profession in Christian conduct. The Board of Christian Education offers to serve as a consultant for any particular church formulating a Youth Fellowship Constitution.

To promote regional ministries and activities for the youth of the Bible Fellowship Church, Youth Fellowship regions may be established under the direction of the Board of Christian Education. This may be done upon the initiative of the Board of Christian Education, or upon the initiative of several churches within a given geographical area. In the latter case, the Board of Christian Education shall be consulted by the cooperating churches. In either case the formulation of a constitution is encouraged. To facilitate the coordination of regional and denominational activities, notification of regional activities shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Christian Education.

To promote ministries and activities for the youth of the Bible Fellowship Church, denominational programs shall be formulated, planned and operated by the Board of Christian Education. These shall be in compliance with the By-Laws of the Board of Christian Education and the FAITH & ORDER of the Bible Fellowship Church.

RESOLVED: that paragraph 4, Section E, "By-Laws for Particular Churches" of FAITH & ORDER (p. 52, '75 ed.) be changed to read:

#### 4. Other Organizations in the Particular Church.

Officers of organized groups within the church, having election procedures approved by Annual Conference, shall elect according to their by-laws. **FIRST READING.**

**RESOLVED:** that we suspend the rules concerning the orders of the day in respect to time.

The following were elected:

**MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE** (3 years):  
William A. Heffner, Harold L. Snyder, Jr.

**CONFERENCE TREASURER:** Robert W. Gehret

**EDITOR-PUBLISHER OF FELLOWSHIP NEWS:** Willard E. Cassel

**BUSINESS MANAGER OF BOARD OF PUBLICATION & PRINTING:** R. C. Reichenbach

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:** James A. Beil, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Frank L. Herb, Jr., J. H. Riggall, Keith E. Plows

**REPORT OF HISTORICAL COMMITTEE** (See page 51)  
Report was accepted.

The following was elected:

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE** (3 years): Willard E. Cassel

**RESOLVED:** that we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet at 6:30 p.m.

**RESOLVED:** that we adjourn. Adjourned at 4:52 p.m. with prayer by Rufus Spedden.

#### Third Meeting

Monday evening, October 11, 1976 - 6:30 p.m.

Paul G. Zimmerman spoke on "The Place of Elders in the Church."

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION & PRINTING** (See page 52)

Report was accepted.

**RESOLVED:** 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 1,300 total subscriptions.

**RESOLVED:** that donations of \$50.00 each be given to Fellowship News from the following Boards: Victory Valley, Foreign Missions, Church Extension, Christian Education, Pinebrook Junior College, Pinebrook Bible Conference. (Checks should be made payable to the Board of Publication & Printing and sent to the Business Manager by February 1, 1977).

**RESOLVED:** that the price of the Yearbook be \$1.50.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS** (See page 54)

Report was accepted.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HOME** (See page 73)

Report was accepted.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VICTORY VALLEY** (See page 79)

Report was accepted.

The following were elected:

**MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEE:** Carl C. Cassel, Robert F. Johnson, Ronald C. Mahurin, David J. Watkins, Paul G. Zimmerman.

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

The following were elected:

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** (3 years): Bruce A. Ellingson, Dana Weller.

**RESOLVED:** that we adjourn. Adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with prayer by Clifford L. Kauffman.

Fourth Meeting

Tuesday morning, October 12, 1976 - 9:00 a.m.

Ronald C. Mahurin led in prayer.

Minutes of Meetings one, two and three were read and approved as corrected.

Daniel G. Ziegler read a paper on "Evangelistic Mandate."

**RESOLVED:** that the above paper be published in Fellowship News.

F. B. Hertzog praised the Lord in prayer for the historical evangelistic distinctive of the Bible Fellowship Church.

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHURCH EXTENSION**  
(See page 83)

Report was accepted.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION** (See page 92)

Report was accepted.

The following budget was adopted:

**BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION BUDGET 1977-78**

**RECEIPTS:**

Churches - Prepaid	\$62,000	
Interest	3,600	
Designated Gifts	22,000	
General Gifts & Churches, Special	<u>6,400</u>	\$94,000

**EXPENDITURES:**

<b>Appropriations:</b>		
Pre-1975 Missions & Churches	9,000	
Newark, Salary & Housing	14,500	
Mid-Hudson Missions	19,000	
Delaware Missions	10,000	
New Missions	8,000	
PISCES	3,000	
Teams	<u>800</u>	64,300
<b>Administrative:</b>		
Director's Salary	9,100	
Director's Supplemental Benefits	1,900	
Director's Parsonage	5,000	
Director's Travel	3,000	
Office	5,300	
Board Expenses	900	
Administrative Budget	250	
Workmen's Compensation	<u>300</u>	25,700

## Reserves:

Fund to Assist Needy Churches	1,000	
Capital Funds	2,000	
Contingency	<u>1,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
		\$94,000

**RESOLVED:** that the Churches consider giving for church extension at a rate of 5% of their total offerings. Such a level of giving is needed to provide for an aggressive program of church-planting evangelism which will be an adequate response to the spiritual needs of America now. Further, 5% of their total offerings has been the average of church extension giving of our churches throughout most of our history. Smaller churches might consider offerings of \$10.00 per member as a goal.

**RESOLVED:** that the election of Daniel G. Ziegler as Director of Church Extension for a term of three years be ratified.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (See page 99)**

Report was accepted.

James R. Cressman, Hospitalization Secretary, addressed the Conference.

The following were elected:

**BOARD OF PUBLICATION & PRINTING:** Willard E. Cassel, John H. Herb, Paul T. Rutman, Gary Sterner

**RESOLVED:** that we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet at 2:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

**Fifth Meeting**

Tuesday afternoon, October 12, 1976 - 2:00 p.m.

Leon H. Naudasher led in prayer.

The following were elected:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH:** James A. Beil, Carl C. Cassel, Jansen E. Hartman, James G. Koch, David J. Watkins, Byron C. Cassel,

James R. Cressman, Robert W. Gehret, Horace A. Kauffman.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY DIVORCE** (See page 115)

Report was accepted.

The following communication was presented by LeRoy S. Heller, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Sunbury, Pa.:

The Board of Elders of the Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, submit the following petition to the ninety-third Annual Conference, convening at Pinebrook on October 11, 1976:

Whereas, the Scriptures nowhere state that a divorced person or one married to a divorced person may not be an Elder, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that we petition the Annual Conference to amend Section E - By-Laws for Particular Churches, #5 - Miscellaneous By-Laws, letter i, to read, "No person who has been illegitimately divorced or married to an illegitimately divorced person may be a member of the Board of Elders."

Respectively submitted,

Ronald C. Acker, Ronald Adams, Bert Brosius, Clayton Brosius, Edwin Brosious, Francis Brosious, Robert Haupt, Merle Phillips, Norman Zellers, LeRoy S. Heller, **BOARD OF ELDERS.**

**RESOLVED:** that Section E - By-Laws for Particular Churches, number 5 - Miscellaneous By-Laws, letter i, be amended to read "No person who has been illegitimately divorced or married to an illegitimately divorced person may be a member of the Board of Elders." (Yes - 43; No - 51).

Recessed at 3:37 p.m. Reconvened at 3:55 p.m.

**REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE** (See page 118)

Report was accepted.

Donald P. Kirkwood, Director of Admissions at Pinebrook Junior College, was introduced to the Conference.

The following were introduced to the Conference: David L.

Manney, Robert N. Gordon, Raymond R. Dotts, Evan Knowles (layman from Camden, Del. mission), and Arthur J. Frisbie, organizing pastor of Glasgow, Del. mission.

**REPORT OF PINEBROOK SERVICE BOARD** (See page 123)

Report was accepted.

The following were elected:

**BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION** (3 years): Robert W. Smock, Bert N. Brosius, Clayton E. Weber

**RESOLVED:** that we suspend the rules and meet at 6:30 p.m.

**RESOLVED:** that we adjourn. Adjourned at 5:10 p.m. with prayer by Terris L. Byrd.

### Sixth Meeting

Tuesday evening, October 12, 1976 - 6:30 p.m.

Ronald C. Mahurin spoke on "The Place of Deacons in the Church."

Recessed at 7:37 p.m. Reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

The following were elected:

**BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS** (3 years): Roy A. Hertzog, Robert Breitegam

**RESOLVED:** that the material of Committee to Study Doctrinal Balance be first order of business of the 7th meeting after devotions.

Whereas, it is typical for the Board of Directors of colleges to be larger than the Board of Directors of Pinebrook Junior College, and

Whereas, it would be advantageous for the Board of Directors of Pinebrook Junior College to have a larger number of laymen so that men with specific areas of expertise and experience could be added to the Board and contribute their wisdom in the making of the complex decisions which face a college Board of Directors, and

Whereas, implementation of the Pinebrook Junior College Development Campaign will necessitate a larger pool of lay-

men who have direct knowledge of the operation of the College than are presently available, and

Whereas, a number of well-qualified laymen have agreed to serve on the Pinebrook Junior College Board of Directors, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that the number of laymen on the Board of Directors of Pinebrook Junior College be increased from seven to ten, and further be it

**RESOLVED:** that our By-Laws establishing the composition of the Board of Directors of Pinebrook Junior College (paragraph entitled "Elections" of Section 'e,' page 75, FAITH & ORDER ('75 ed.) in that portion covering standing Boards and Committees) be amended to read as follows:

Election: It shall be composed of the President, five ministers and ten laymen. They shall be elected for a term of three years in classes as follows:

- I. Three Ministers - Three Laymen
  - II. One Minister - Four Laymen
  - III. One Minister - Three Laymen
- FIRST READING**

**RESOLVED:** that in view of the immediacy of the need, the above action be taken by the rule of exception allowing the election of the additional members as follows:

- 3 Laymen for 3 years
- 1 Layman for 2 years
- 1 Layman for 1 year

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO READ MINUTES OF PARTICULAR CHURCHES** (See page 128)

Report was accepted.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDITING** (See page 128)

Report was accepted.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS** (See page 129)

Report was accepted.

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

The following were elected:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE** (3 years): Bert N. Brosius, John H. Herb, Donald D. Reitz

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIBLE FELLOWSHIP HOME FOR THE AGING** (2 years): John Dunn, Paul G. Zimmerman, Robert W. Smock, Charles G. Hersh.

**BOARD OF VICTORY VALLEY** (3 years): Bryan Bray, Bright N. Heist, John Stengele.

**RESOLVED:** that we adjourn. Adjourned at 9:35 p.m. with prayer by Clinton Crankshaw.

### Seventh Meeting

Wednesday morning, October 13, 1976 - 9:00 a.m.

Roger S. Bowne led in prayer.

The Minutes of Meetings four, five and six were read and approved as read.

Clayton B. Brosius, alternate delegate from Sunbury and Brian Moyer, alternate delegate from Sinking Spring, were seated in the Conference Bar.

James A. Beil spoke on "The Separated Life."

**RESOLVED:** that the following material be adopted as an Article of Faith entitled "Human Ability and Human Responsibility" to be substituted for the present Article X entitled "Free Agency." **SECOND READING.**

### Article X

#### HUMAN ABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

In his original creation man was endowed with ability to will and to do good or evil and was accountable for his willing and doing. <sup>1</sup>-

But by the fall of Adam man lost his ability apart from God's grace <sup>2</sup> to will and to do those things necessary to a right relationship to God; <sup>3</sup> however, he is still accountable to God for obedience to all His commands. <sup>4</sup> Man has not lost his ability to make decisions, <sup>5</sup> but left to himself acts only in accordance with his fallen sinful nature. <sup>6</sup>-

Only by God's infinite grace can man will or do anything necessary to his salvation. <sup>7</sup> God by that grace saves men <sup>8</sup>-

whom He causes to will and to do good; however, He does this without nullifying man's ability to act responsibly.<sup>9</sup>

- 1- And the Lord God commanded the man saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die (Genesis 2:16,17).
- 2- And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others (Ephesians 2:1-3).
- 3- There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God (Romans 3:11). So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God (Romans 8:8).
- 4- Who will render to every man according to his deeds: to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life: but unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil; of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile (Romans 2:6-10). And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent (Acts 17:30).
- 5- For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live (Deuteronomy 30:11,19).
- 6- As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one... They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one (Romans 3:10,12). Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil (Jeremiah 13:23). (See also Ephesians 2:1-3 as per footnote 2).
- 7- So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy (Romans 9:16).
- 8- Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruit of his creatures (James 1:18).
- 9- Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling: For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his

good pleasure (Philippians 2:12,13).

(Yes - 88; No - 0)

**RESOLVED:** that the following Article be adopted. **SECOND READING:**

### Article

#### THE EVANGELISTIC MISSION OF THE CHURCH

The Church has been commissioned by Jesus Christ to preach the gospel to all nations.<sup>1</sup> Each particular church and every believer bear responsibility to this commission.<sup>2</sup>

In the Gospel God has clearly revealed the only way of salvation which is sufficient for and applicable to the whole lost race of mankind.<sup>3</sup> Based on His infinite and perfect love and His expressed desire that all men be saved,<sup>4</sup> He bids the Church that with urgency, compassion and persuasion it proclaim the gospel to all people and invite them to believe.<sup>5</sup>

It is the duty and privilege of everyone who hears the gospel to repent and receive its merciful provisions.<sup>6</sup> Those who do so are saved,<sup>7</sup> and those who continue in impenitence and unbelief incur aggravated guilt and perish by their own fault.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> - Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you: and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world (Matthew 28:19,20 ASV, 1901). But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

<sup>2</sup> - But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear (I Peter 3:15).

<sup>3</sup> - And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world (I John 2:2).

<sup>4</sup> - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16). For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the

truth (I Timothy 2:3,4).

- <sup>5</sup>- And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God (II Corinthians 5:18-20).
- <sup>6</sup>- And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent (Acts 17:30). For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13).
- <sup>7</sup>- And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house (Acts 16:31). Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life (John 5:24).
- <sup>8</sup>- He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him (John 3:36). Itell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish (Luke 13:3). But, after thy hardness and impenitent heart, treasureth up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God (Romans 2:5).

(Yes - 88; No - 0)

**RESOLVED:** that the above material entitled "The Evangelistic Mission of the Church" be inserted in the Articles of Faith as Article XIX and all succeeding articles be advanced by one in numerical order.

Recessed at 10:45 a.m. Reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINUTES** (See page 131)

Report was accepted.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS** (See page 131)

Report was accepted.

**REPORT OF PINEBROOK BIBLE CONFERENCE BOARD** (See page 131)

Report was accepted.

**RESOLVED:** that the administration of the affairs of the Pinebrook Conference grounds be under the direction of one Board, to be known as the Pinebrook Bible Conference Board, effective November 1, 1976.

Whereas, Pinebrook Junior College has moved to new quarters, and

Whereas, in view of this move of the College, the 93rd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church has determined that the administration of the Pinebrook Conference Grounds be administered by one Board, and

Whereas, the duties of this Conference Board will require a significant increase in its work load, and

Whereas, these increased duties must of necessity be undertaken immediately, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that the Pinebrook Service Board cease to exist as of November 1, 1976 and its duties described on page 78, item 'j' of the FAITH & ORDER ('75 ed.) be assumed by the Pinebrook Bible Conference Board, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that Article 5, Agencies of Annual Conference, section 'i', Pinebrook Bible Conference Board, Elections, page 77, FAITH & ORDER ('75 ed.) be amended as follows:

Election: It shall be composed of four ministers and six laymen and the Bible Conference Director. The ministers and laymen shall be elected for a term of three years in classes as follows:

- I. Two Ministers - Two Laymen
- II. One Minister - Two Laymen
- III. One Minister - Two Laymen

One Bible Conference Director annually by virtue of his office.

#### FIRST READING

Whereas, Pinebrook Junior College has moved to new quarters, and

Whereas, in view of this move of the College, the 93rd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church has determined that the administration of the Pinebrook Conference Grounds be administered by one Board, and

Whereas, the duties of this Conference Board will require a significant increase in its work load, and

Whereas, these increased duties must of necessity be un-

der taken immediately, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that under our Rule of Exception the change in the jurisdiction of the Pinebrook Conference Board enacted above at first reading be made effective immediately, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the accounts of the Pinebrook Service Board are to be merged into the Pinebrook Bible Conference Board as of July 1, 1976 and included in the report of the latter to the 94th Annual Conference and that the directors of Pinebrook Service Board now incumbent be continued in office until October 31, 1976.

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

**RESOLVED:** that we adjourn. Adjourned at 12:13 p.m. with prayer by Harold C. Weaber.

#### Eighth Meeting

Wednesday afternoon, October 13, 1976 - 2:00 p.m.

Clyde W. Snyder led in prayer.

**RESOLVED:** that each church make a contribution to the Pinebrook Conference Board. Contributions should amount to at least that which has been given to the Pinebrook Service Board and Conference Board. Checks should be made payable to Pinebrook Conference Board and sent to the Director.

**RESOLVED:** that the newly formed Board of Pinebrook Bible Conference study and revise its duties to include its present responsibilities as well as the appropriate duties of the Service Board.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Jansen E. Hartman has presided over the 93rd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church with much wisdom and dispatch, therefore

**RESOLVED:** that we express praise to our God for giving us such a competent Chairman.

Whereas, David E. Thomann has faithfully and diligently served as Director of Pinebrook Bible Conference, and Whereas, he has served effectively and sacrificially as General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions,

**RESOLVED:** that we express our appreciation for his ministry and assure him of our continued moral and prayerful support.

Whereas, the Pinebrook Service Board has met regularly, hired able employees and supervised many workdays at Pinebrook, and

Whereas, it has been adopted that these functions in future years be undertaken by an enlarged Pinebrook Conference Board,

**RESOLVED:** that we give thanks to the Lord of the Church for the lengthy hours of labor and the many achievements which have been instituted through the efforts and guidance of the Pinebrook Service Board.

Whereas, the Pinebrook Conference Board and its employees have faithfully performed their tasks at Pinebrook, and

Whereas, it has been adopted that the Pinebrook Bible Conference Board assume the service function at Pinebrook, therefore,

**RESOLVED:** that we give thanks to our God for their faithfulness and pray that He will continue to bless their efforts to meet their increased responsibilities.

Whereas, David J. Watkins, President of Pinebrook Junior College, has provided great wisdom, faith and skill in the leadership of our College,

**RESOLVED:** that we praise God for this gifted administrator and pray for God's continued strength and direction to be granted to him.

Whereas, God in His marvelous providence has supplied a beautiful campus and suitable, well-constructed educational facilities for Pinebrook Junior College in Coopersburg, Pa.

**RESOLVED:** that we thank God for His abundant provision and pray for His spiritual and financial blessings to be showered on the College and for the fulfillment of His divine purposes in raising up this institution.

Whereas, the faculty and staff of Pinebrook Junior College have faithfully taught the Word of God and set godly examples before the students, and have sought to minister to the spiritual, mental and social needs of the students,

**RESOLVED:** that we express our appreciation to these servants of God and assure them of our continued prayer support.

Whereas, James A. Beil has manifested much wisdom, tact and capability in carrying out his responsibilities as the Administrator of the Home for the Aging,

**RESOLVED:** that we thank God for this faithful servant and pray that God will grant continued grace and guidance for his ministry.

Whereas, Daniel G. Ziegler has manifested intense zeal, vision, consecration and fervor for evangelism as Director of the Church Extension Department, therefore

**RESOLVED:** that we praise God for his enthusiastic leadership and beseech the Lord to continue to use him in extending the Church of Jesus Christ.

Whereas, Jonathan Reynolds has served faithfully and industriously as the Director of Victory Valley, therefore

**RESOLVED:** that we thank God for his service and support him with our faithful prayers.

Whereas, we have a family of missionaries who have been obedient to the heavenly vision and are diligently seeking to carry out the injunction of the Great Commission, therefore

**RESOLVED:** that we thank God for their service and assure them of our fervent prayers and adequate financial support.

Whereas, Editor-Publisher, Willard E. Cassel, and Business Manager, R. C. Reichenbach, have sought to edify and inform our constituency through the preparation and circulation of the **FELLOWSHIP NEWS**,

**RESOLVED:** that we express our deep appreciation for their sacrificial labors in this ministry.

Whereas, Robert W. Gehret, Conference Treasurer; James R. Cressman, Health & Welfare Secretary and Horace A. Kauffman, Financial Secretary, have faithfully, accurately and diligently performed their duties,

**RESOLVED:** that we commend them on a job well done and express our appreciation for their service on our behalf.

Whereas, James A. Beil has efficiently served as Secretary of the 93rd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, and

Whereas, Willard E. Cassel has competently assisted the Secretary and Mrs. Esther Cassel has typed the master stencils for most of the minutes, therefore,

**RESOLVED:** that we express our thanks to these persons for their labors and that we present to each of them a gift of \$25.00 from the Board of Publication & Printing.

Whereas, the Ministerial Relations Committee has served effectively in efforts to deal with particular church problems and in helping to fill pulpit vacancies, therefore

**RESOLVED:** that we thank the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for these dedicated men and ask His blessing and direction for them as they seek to deal with present and future matters that relate to Ministerial Relations.

Whereas, Rev. Ernest W. Bean has concluded 50 years of ministry in the Bible Fellowship Church and has retired from the active ministry, therefore

**RESOLVED:** that we give thanks to our God for our faithful and beloved brother and pray for the Lord's continued guidance in his life.

Whereas, God has graciously called and equipped the ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church as they have sought to be good and faithful servants of Christ and His Church during the past year,

**RESOLVED:** that we praise God for our ministering brethren and that we pray for the guidance, power and fullness of the Holy Spirit to be granted to all our pastors and the churches to which they will minister in the coming year.

Whereas, God has blessed the 93rd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church with honorable and dedicated delegates from each of the churches, and

Whereas, these men have given of their prayers, time and effort at the Conference as a manifestation of their love and concern for Christ and His Church, therefore

**RESOLVED:** that we thank God for these servants and pray that the Lord's wisdom, strength and direction be granted to them and to all the Elders of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Whereas, the 93rd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church has been graciously and bountifully entertained by the Pinebrook staff and other volunteers, therefore

**RESOLVED:** that we thank God for their loving service and express our appreciation to them with a rising vote of thanks at the evening meal on Wednesday.

Whereas, the Board of Directors of Pinebrook Junior College has extended an invitation to the 94th Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church to convene at its new campus and building, and

Whereas, the College will be prepared to supply meals, meeting areas, recreational facilities and a limited amount of sleeping quarters, therefore

**RESOLVED:** that the 94th Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church be convened at Pinebrook Junior College, 600 S. Main Street, Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, on Monday October 10, 1977, at 10:00 a.m.

Frank L. Herb, Jr., Chairman; Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Bert N. Brosius, Robert Breitegam, Harold E. Snyder, Dana Weller, Paul G. Zimmerman, COMMITTEE.

The following were elected:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE** (3 years): Russell M. Ruch, Jay Fasnacht, Nicholas Sheetz; (2 years): Charles G. Hersh; (1 year): Rodney Muthard.

**PINEBROOK CONFERENCE BOARD** (3 years): Kermit K. Gehman, Robert Breitegam; (2 years): Gerald Schlonecker; (1 year): Sterling Baer; (3 years): John H. Riggall, Alva C. Cassel.

**RESOLVED:** that the matter of the Probationers' eligibility to vote at Annual Conference be referred to the Government Committee.

Recessed at 3:25 p.m. Reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

The Chairman made the following appointments:

**COMMITTEE ON AGENDA:** James A. Beil, Willard E. Cassel.

**COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINUTES:** Bernard Coble, Kenneth Good.

**COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM FOR 1977:** J. H. Riggall, Donald D. Reitz, Bert N. Brosius and Chairman of 94th Annual Conference.

**COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS:** LeRoy S. Heller, Willard E. Cassel, Paul G. Zimmerman, John Dunn, John H. Herb.

**ARCHIVIST:** Richard Taylor and R. Stanley Weidner, Assistant Archivist.

**RESOLVED:** that the Committee on Program and Committee on Agenda for next Annual Conference make provision for a public service open to the public during the 94th Annual Conference.

RESOLVED: that we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned at 5:04 p.m. with prayer by John Vandegriff, Jr.

### Ninth Meeting

Wednesday evening, October 13, 1976 - 6:30 p.m.

John H. Herb read a paper on "The Place of Women in the Church."

The following was adopted at **FIRST READING**:

### BY-LAWS BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

#### Article I Composition and Election of the Board

Section 1 - Composition - The Board of Directors of Bible Fellowship Church shall be composed of five ordained ministers and four laymen

Section 2 - Election and Term of Office - The Directors shall be elected in three classes by the Annual Conference of Bible Fellowship Church to three year terms of service; each director shall serve until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

The classes shall be composed as follows:

Class I - Two ministers and one layman

Class II - Two ministers and one layman

Class III - One minister and two laymen

(To begin, Class I shall be elected to a term of one year; Class II to a term of two years; Class III to a term of three years.)

Section 3 - Vacancies - Any vacancies of the Board occurring between Annual Conferences may be filled by simple majority vote of the remaining Directors; each Director elected in this way shall serve only until the next Annual Conference.

#### Article II Organization of the Board

Section 1 - Officers - The Directors shall elect annually from

their number a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Financial Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Board may, at its discretion, elect such other officers and agents as the business of the Corporation may require. Two or more offices may be held by the same person.

Section 2 - Vacancies - Vacancies in the offices named in this Article shall be filled by the Board of Directors as early as practicable.

Section 3 - Removal from Office - Officers elected by the Board of Directors shall be subject to removal from office at any time by majority vote of the whole number of Directors.

### Article III Duties of the Board

Section 1 - Legal - The Board of Directors shall have and exercise in the name and on the behalf of the Corporation all rights and privileges conferred by the Charter creating the Corporation; such activity must always be in conformity to the FAITH & ORDER of Bible Fellowship Church and to the rules, decisions and directives of the Annual Conference of Bible Fellowship Church.

Section 2 - Denominational Property - It shall hold title to and have charge of all property, both real and personal, belonging to the Corporation except where there is an organized church or where other provision has been made for supervision by the Annual Conference.

It shall buy or sell property for the Corporation only by the approval of all members of the Board or by direction of Annual Conference.

It shall have the right to borrow money, contract mortgages, or make loans against any property of the Corporation by approval of all members of the Board or by direction of the Annual Conference.

Section 3 - Ministers' Retirement Fund and Insurance Programs - It shall have oversight of the Ministers' Retirement Fund of Bible Fellowship Church as well as all insurance programs established by Annual Conference.

Section 4 - Funds and Other Assets - It shall determine the depositories of Funds held by the Corporation, shall maintain accurate accounts of such funds and other as-

sets, and shall have the right to make investments.

Section 5 - Administrative Budget - It shall have the oversight of the Administrative Budget according to the By-Laws of Annual Conference.

Section 6 - Real Estate of Particular Churches - It shall assist upon request of a particular church in having deeds drawn for real estate with the trust clauses as described in the By-Laws for Particular Churches in the FAITH & ORDER.

It shall act in an advisory capacity to particular churches and to the Board of Church Extension regarding the buying and selling of properties and development of facilities.

It shall have authority to sell for the Corporation any property deeded to a particular church where for any reason said particular church ceases to exist as an organized church; it shall be empowered to convey such real estate and to execute and deliver a lawful deed. It shall use the net proceeds of the sale of such property for the extension of Bible Fellowship Church.

Section 7 - Report - It shall submit a report(s) to the Annual Conference of Bible Fellowship Church annually.

**RESOLVED:** that the following budgets be adopted:

**FELLOWSHIP NEWS --**

**Income:**

1,200 subscribers @ \$2.50	\$3,000	
Donations from Board	300	
Subsidy	<u>600</u>	\$3,900

**Expenses:**

Printing 12 issues of Fel. News	3,000	
Secretarial Help	100	
Editor's Expense	125	
Business Manager's Expense	375	
Maintenance of Equipment	<u>300</u>	3,900

**BOARD OF PUBLICATION & PRINTING --**

**Income:**

Administrative Budget	\$2,000
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Year Books	1,550	
Faith & Order	<u>400</u>	\$3,950
Expenses:		
Fellowship News Subsidy	\$600	
Yearbooks	1,550	
Honoraria	350	
Printing Faith & Order	900	
Church Supplies	500	
New Equipment	<u>50</u>	\$3,950

The following were elected:

**CHAIRMAN OF 94th ANNUAL CONFERENCE:**  
Jansen E. Hartman

**VICE-CHAIRMAN OF 94th ANNUAL CONFERENCE:**  
Carl C. Cassel

**SECRETARY OF 94th ANNUAL CONFERENCE:**  
James A. Beil

Whereas, the paper presented by John H. Herb on the Role of Women in the Church provoked serious consideration as to their place in the church, and

Whereas, many of the conference body recognize that God has given spiritual gifts to particular women of our churches, therefore

**RESOLVED:** that the Government Committee study the advisability of women serving on the various boards and committees of Annual Conference and report to the 94th Annual Conference.

Recessed at 8:13 p.m. Reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

The following were elected:

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (3 years):** Roy E. Williams, Ralph Kulp

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

**RESOLVED:** that the following, regarding the Duties of the Board of Church Extension, be adopted. **SECOND READING**

**A. Delete #5 under Duties of Board, p. 72, FAITH & ORDER ('75 ed.).**

B. Delete #4 & #5 under the Rules relative to Status of Churches, p. 74, FAITH & ORDER ('75 ed.)

C. That #6 under Rules relative to Status of Churches, pp. 74, 75, FAITH & ORDER ('75 ed.) be revised to read as follows:

All churches which receive financial aid from the Board of Church Extension shall be under the jurisdiction of the Church Extension Department as long as they continue to receive such aid and until three years after the date of their receiving the last payment of such aid. After a church ceases to be under the jurisdiction of the Church Extension Department, it shall not again come under that jurisdiction or be eligible to receive financial aid from the Board of Church Extension except when a need for financial aid shall be occasioned by its participation in the start of a new Bible Fellowship Church or mission, in which case the Board of Church Extension may appropriate such financial aid. The Board of Church Extension and the Director may counsel and advise the churches under their jurisdiction in matters of pastoral relations and pulpit supply.

RESOLVED: that we extend the time.

The following Administrative Budget for 1976-1977 was adopted:

1976-1977 Administrative Budget Compared with 1975-1976

A. Benefits for each Pastor	1976-1977	1975-1976
1. Beneficiary Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000
2. Ministers' Assistance Fund	500	500
3. Ministerial Convention Expense	500	500
4. Ministers' Retirement Fund	12,000	10,000
5. Health & Welfare Ins.	32,375	22,000
Sub Total	\$46,375	\$35,200
B. Benefits for each Church		
1. Conference Entertainment	\$2,000	\$2,500
2. Moving Fund	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,200</u>
Sub Total	\$5,500	\$5,700

C. Conference Program

1. Publication & Printing	\$2,000	\$2,500
2. Exp. for Brds. & Com. on Con. Business	3,000	2,250
3. Other - Board of Directors	200	100
4. Ministerial Cand. Com. Intern- ship Fund	500	250
5. Contingencies	<u>125</u>	<u>430.88</u>
Sub Total	<u>5,825</u>	<u>5,530.88</u>
TOTALS	\$57,700	\$46,430.88

RESOLVED: that we approve the following Budget for presentation to the Churches:

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR 1977-1978

A. Benefits for each Pastor

1. Beneficiary Fund	\$1,000
2. Ministers' Assistance Fund	500
3. Ministerial Convention Expense	500
4. Ministers' Retirement Fund	13,000
5. Health & Welfare Insurance for Pastors	<u>36,000</u>
Sub Total	\$51,000

B. Benefits for each Church

1. Conference Entertainment	\$3,000
2. Moving Fund	<u>5,000</u>
Sub Total	\$8,000

C. Conference Program

1. Publication & Printing	\$2,500
2. Expenses for Boards & Committees	4,000
3. Other Expenses of Board of Directors	250
4. Ministerial Candidate Internship Program	1,300
5. Contingencies	<u>450</u>
Sub Total	\$8,000
TOTALS	\$67,000

RESOLVED: that the rate beginning October 1, 1976, for Annuities from the Ministers' Retirement Fund be established at \$66.00 per year for each year of active service

for each annuitant according to our rules.

**RESOLVED:** that all Bible Fellowship Agencies which employ men full-time who are members of the Ministers' Retirement Fund be required to make an annual pledge and payments to the Annual Conference Administrative Budget.

**RESOLVED:** that we accept the following:

The Board of Elders of Faith Bible Fellowship Church of Fleetwood, Pennsylvania, submit the following request to the ninety-third Annual Conference, convening at Pinebrook on October 11, 1976.

Whereas, God in His sovereign grace and divine providence has provided 13 families who are interested in establishing a Bible Fellowship Church in Oley Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and

Whereas, at a congregational meeting on August 1, 1976, authorization has been granted to take necessary steps to establish this sister Bible Fellowship Church, and

Whereas, land has been purchased for building a church sanctuary, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that Faith Bible Fellowship Church of Fleetwood hereby ask the members of the ninety-third Annual Conference, meeting on October 11, 1976, to consider our request and grant the following:

(1) That these Bible Fellowship Church members who desire to establish an evangelical witness in Oley Township, be considered as a newly-formed congregation of the Bible Fellowship Church.

(2) That this newly-formed congregation be permitted to extend a call for a pastor through the Pulpit Supply System, when they deem it judiciously feasible.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Board of Elders

Whereas, God in His sovereign grace and divine providence has provided 13 families who are interested in establishing a Bible Fellowship Church in Oley Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and

Whereas, at a congregational meeting of Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Fleetwood, Pa. on August 1, 1976, authorization was granted to take necessary steps to establish this sister Bible Fellowship Church, and

Whereas, land has been purchased for building a church sanctuary, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that these Bible Fellowship Church members who desire to establish an evangelical witness in Oley Township be recognized as a newly-organized Bible Fellowship Church.

Eugene Kuhns, delegate from Oley Valley, was introduced to Annual Conference by Pastor Austin G. Shelly.

**RESOLVED:** that Eugene Kuhns be seated in the Bar.

**RESOLVED:** that we accept excuses of absence from Thursday's meetings of Horace A. Kauffman, John Dunn, Austin G. Shelly and Eugene Kuhns.

**RESOLVED:** that we adjourn. Adjourned at 10:00 p.m. with prayer by Paul Rodgers.

#### Tenth Meeting

Thursday morning, October 14, 1976 - 9:00 a.m.

Byron C. Cassel led in prayer.

The Minutes of meetings seven, eight and nine were read and approved as corrected.

Robert F. Johnson spoke on "Christ's Return."

**RESOLVED:** that John H. Herb's paper - "The Role of Women in the Church" -- be published in the Fellowship News.

Howard Schaeffer, alternate delegate from Cedar Crest, was seated in the Bar.

The Budget of Pinebrook Junior College was accepted. (See page 138)

**RESOLVED:** that we delete the words "and Board of Victory Valley" from the last line of the first paragraph under the section Conference Treasurer, p. 70 ('75 ed.) of the FAITH & ORDER, and further be it

**RESOLVED:** that the 93rd Annual Conference grant Victory Valley the privilege of maintaining its own treasury with

a Treasurer elected by and from the membership of the Board of Victory Valley. **SECOND READING**

Recessed at 10:40 a.m. Reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

The following was adopted at **SECOND READING**:

Duties of the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church Home for the Aging:

1. The Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church Home shall be responsible to maintain a home for the aging and infirm and to engage in such other forms of benevolent and charitable work in connection with said Home as may be determined.

2. The general business and affairs of the Bible Fellowship Church Home shall be managed and conducted by its Board of Directors acting as a Board, or through its properly authorized Officers in accordance with the By-Laws of the Bible Fellowship Church Home; and management of its corporate business and affairs shall be in accordance with and subject to the **FAITH & ORDER** and By-Laws of the Bible Fellowship Church.

3. The general conduct of the Bible Fellowship Church Home shall be under the immediate supervision and control of an Administrator elected annually by its Board of Directors at the latter's February meeting.

4. The Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church Home shall make a written report of its activities to Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The following was adopted at **SECOND READING**:

Duties of the Board of Foreign Missions:

1. To formulate objectives and policy for the Foreign Mission program of the Bible Fellowship Church.

2. To interview and examine all prospective candidates for approval and for financial assistance.

3. To exercise oversight over the members of the Foreign Mission Department and to maintain standards in conformity to the Bible Fellowship Church.

4. To supervise the financial business matters relative to Foreign Missions.

5. To promote Foreign Missions in conjunction with the local church.

6. To submit a written report to the Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

An addendum to the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was accepted. (See page 139)

Additional material relative to By-Laws of the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church was presented.

The following was adopted at **FIRST READING**:

#### Article IV Duties of Officers

**Section 1 - President -** (1) The President shall be moderator of all meetings of the Board of Directors. (2) He or any officer designated by him shall execute such leases, contracts, deeds and other documents as the current business of the Corporation may require. He shall report such execution to the Board, excepting, however, that no report shall be required with respect to matters which have been approved or authorized by the Board or matters not requiring Board authorization or approval (3) He shall also exercise and perform such powers and duties as are usually exercised by and devolve upon Presidents of Corporations.

**Section 2 - The Vice-President -** The Vice-President shall be the moderator of any duly called meetings of the Board of Directors not attended by the President. Should the Board find that the President is incapacitated or unable to perform his duties as President, such duties shall devolve upon the Vice-President.

**Section 3 - Secretary of the Corporation -** The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board. He shall be custodian of the seal of the Corporation. He shall maintain files and records for the business of the Corporation. He shall preserve items of special value in a safe deposit box in a depository approved by the Board.

**Section 4 - Financial Secretary -** The Financial Secretary shall maintain accurate records of all assets held by and all financial transactions of the Corporation. He shall issue checks for the payment of duly authorized obligations.

**Section 5 - Treasurer -** The Treasurer shall deposit all funds for which the Board is responsible in depositories approved by the Board of Directors; all accounts

shall be in the name of Bible Fellowship Church,...., Treasurer.

## Article V Miscellaneous Regulations

**Section 1 - Primary Place of Business -** The Primary place of business of the Corporation shall be:

Bible Fellowship Church  
600 S. Main Street  
Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, 18036

**Section 2 - Lawful Meetings -** The Board of Directors shall establish a schedule of stated meetings; it may also establish special meetings as required. Other special meetings may be convened with at least seven days' notice sent by mail to each Director at the address given in the current Yearbook; such special meetings shall be convened at the call of the President on his own initiative or at the call of the Secretary when requested by three Directors. In any call for a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting must be stated and the business transacted will be limited to the announced purpose, unless all of the Directors are present in said special meeting and consent to the transaction of other business.

**Section 3 - Quorum -** Seven duly elected Directors must be present to transact business of the Board; because its rules require unanimous consent of all Directors on certain issues, the vote of an absent Director shall be entered into the record on, but only on, those issues.

**Section 4 - Disbursement of Funds -** The President, Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall be qualified to sign checks for withdrawal of funds from the bank accounts of the Board.

Checks may be validated by the signatures of any two of the qualified officers.

**REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL CONVENTION** (See page 140)

Report was accepted.

The following were elected:

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** James A. Beil, John Dunn, Robert F. Johnson, James G. Koch, Harold L. Snyder, Jr.,

Norman L. Reed, Warren L. Zimmerman

**RESOLVED:** that the material adopted at **FIRST READING** relative to **By-Laws** of the **Board of Directors** of the **Bible Fellowship Church** replace material "Elections and Duties" pp. 65 & 66, **FAITH & ORDER** ('75 ed.) down to line ending "of churches and parsonages." **FIRST READING.**

The following was elected:

**GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:** Carl K. Spackman (as a replacement for John H. Riggall who resigned.)

**RESOLVED:** that the Government Committee bring to the 94th Annual Conference a recommended amendment of paragraph '4' page 65, **FAITH & ORDER** ('75 ed.) specifying on which Boards and Committees laymen must be Elders to qualify for election or appointment.

**RESOLVED:** that the words "The term of office shall be for three years; no one is eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms," p. 65, **FAITH & ORDER** ('75 ed.) #5 a, under Ministerial Relations Committee be eliminated. **FIRST READING.**

**RESOLVED:** that we adjourn. Adjourned at 12:25 p.m. with prayer by Frank L. Herb, Jr.

# REPORTS

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

The Program Committee recommends the adoption of the following schedule for the program of the Ninety-third Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The theme of the morning devotional sessions at Annual Conference will be "Distinctives, Historical and Present of the Bible Fellowship Church." Each session, except Monday, will include a hymn, Scripture reading and prayer, musical selection, message and a second hymn. The sessions will be 45 minutes in length.

Monday, 10:30 a.m.

Scripture and Prayer - Hatfield Delegate

Keynote Address - Jansen E. Hartman

"Biblical Authority"

Vocal Solo - Carl C. Cassel

Observance of the Lord's Supper conducted by Frank L. Herb, Jr.

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Scripture and Prayer - Lebanon Delegate

Vocal Solo - LeRoy S. Heller

Message: Daniel G. Ziegler - "The Evangelistic Mandate"

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

Scripture Reading and Prayer - Englishtown-Freehold Delegate

Music - Pastors' Quartet

Message: James A. Beil - "The Separated Life"

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Scripture Reading and Prayer - Mt. Carmel Delegate

Vocal Solo - Bert N. Brosius

Message: Robert F. Johnson - "Christ's Return"

One hour evening devotional sessions will be held at 6:30 p.m. The theme for the evening sessions will be "Frontiers Before Us." They shall begin with a hymn followed by a 30-minute presentation. The remaining time will be for discussion.

Monday -

Paul G. Zimmerman "The Place of Elders in the Church"

Tuesday -

Ronald C. Mahurin - "The Place of Deacons in the Church"

Wednesday -

John H. Herb - "The Place of Women in the Church"

Song Leader: Donald D. Reitz

Pianist: Keith E. Plows

Frank L. Herb, Jr., Chairman; Bruce A. Ellingson, Secretary; Bert N. Brosius, Jansen E. Hartman, COMMITTEE

## REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

When the 92nd Annual Conference adjourned, the churches seeking pastors were:

Church	Date of Vacancy
Staten Island	9/30/74
Shamokin	11/30/74
Terre Hill	4/15/75

In the year ended September 30, 1976, resignations from pastorates were as follows:

Church	Pastor	Effective Date
Franklin, N.J.	Donald R. Knauer	11/30/75
Walnutport	William Graybill, II	4/11/76
Zionsville	(1)E. W. Bean	4/15/76
Wallingford	David L. Branning	6/30/76
Paradise	William A. Heffner	9/25/76
Stroudsburg	Robert A. Minnig	9/30/76
Belvidere, N.J.	William H. Bartron	Not yet estab.

(1) Retired

The following pastorates were successfully established under our rules:

Shamokin	(1)Hugh Coulbourn, Jr.	1/22/76
Terre Hill	William Graybill, II	4/12/76
Howell, N.J.	Robert L. Draper	5/12/76
Walnutport	Harold C. Weaber	6/27/76
Denville, N. J.	Richard D. Harris	7/17/76
Glasgow, Del.	Arthur J. Frisbie	7/30/76
Zionsville	James R. Batchler, Jr.	8/ 1/76
Wallingford	William A. Heffner	9/26/76
Royersford	(2)Frank T. Robinson	10/ 1/76

- (1) Stated Supply
- (2) Youth Pastor, called under our rules.

The mission at Franklin, N. J., on November 30, 1975, was closed by action of the Board of Church Extension.

As of September 30, 1976, the following churches are actively seeking pastors:

Church	Date of Vacancy
Staten Island	9/30/74
Paradise	9/25/76
Stroudsburg	9/30/76

We recommend that the following be adopted as resolutions by this 93rd Annual Conference:

1. That we strongly encourage each church to strive to provide for its pastor a salary that is at least equal to the average gross income of its constituent households, and

That we encourage each church to increase its pastor's salary at least 7% above the previous year's salary, and

That it is the consensus of this Conference that the minimum salary adequate for a pastor serving a Bible Fellowship Church, including supplemental benefits, should be no less than \$8,600.00 for the 1976-1977 year.

2. That the editor of the Yearbook be instructed to add a column to the Yearbook Register of Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church that will show the year in which each of the pastorates was established.

Jansen E. Hartman, Byron C. Cassel, William A. Heffner, James G. Koch, John L. Deily, Ronald C. Mahurin, Horace A. Kauffman, COMMITTEE

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

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

The Faith & Order Questionnaire was sent to each of the ministers holding Credentials with the Bible Fellowship Church. All of the brethren signed and returned it having answered in the affirmative.

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recom-

mended David L. Manney and D. Thomas Phillips for ordination and John Vandegriff, Jr. for recognition of a previous ordination, and

Whereas, D. Thomas Phillips and John Vandegriff, Jr. have served acceptably as ministers in the Bible Fellowship Church for several years, and

Whereas, David L. Manney has served acceptably under the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions for several years with World Radio Missionary Fellowship, and

Whereas, after examination, we believe each of them to be called of God to the Gospel ministry and to be in accord with the FAITH & ORDER of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore

RESOLVED: that we recommend to the 93rd Annual Conference that David L. Manney and D. Thomas Phillips be ordained at a service of ordination to be held in the Bible Fellowship Church of Shamokin, Pa., on Thursday, November 4, 1976, at 8:00 p.m., and that the ordination of John Vandegriff, Jr., be recognized at this same service.

The Credentials Committee shall be in charge of this service.

David L. Branning requested an indefinite leave of absence from the ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Robert A. Minnig requested a leave of absence from the ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church to pursue doctoral studies.

These requests were granted.

Donald R. Knauer requested his name be placed on the list of Ordained Ministers Working With Other Organizations in order that he might enter the ministry of Hospital Chaplaincy.

This request was granted.

During the year two of our ministering brethren were taken home to be with the Lord: W. F. Heffner and N. H. Wolf. The wife of Brother Wolf preceded him in death. We thank God for their past ministries among us. We express our deepest sympathies to their families.

We recommend that the Chairman appoint a committee to prepare suitable obituaries for W. F. Heffner and N. H. Wolf to appear in the 1976 Year Book.

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

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

Bartron, William H.	Koch, James G.
Beil, James A.	Mahurin, Ronald C.
Brosius, Bert N.	Mull, William W.
Byrd, Terris L.	Phillips, D. Thomas *
Cassel, Alva C.	Plows, Keith E.
Cassel, Carl C.	Reichenbach, R. C.
Cassel, Willard E.	Reitz, Donald D.
Coble, Bernard N.	Reitz, Roger
Draper, Robert L.	Riggall, John H.
Dunn, John	Shelly, Austin G.
Ellingson, Bruce A.	Smock, Robert W.
Frable, Arthur H., Jr.	Spackman, Carl K.
Fritz, Harvey J., Jr.	Taylor, Richard
Hartman, Jansen E.	Thomann, David E.
Heffner, William A.	Vandegriff, John, Jr.*
Heller, LeRoy S.	Watkins, David J.
Herb, Frank L., Jr.	Weaber, Harold C.
Herb, George E.	Weller, Dana E.
Herb, John H.	Wilcox, LeRoy C.
Hertzog, Roy A.	Ziegler, Daniel G.
Johnson, Robert F.	Zimmerman, Paul G.

### II. Ordained Missionaries

Bigley, T. James	Harley, J. Barclay
Buck, Leonard E.	Manney, David L. *
Butler, Brian H.	Moyer, Edward
Gehman, Richard J.	Stengele, Laird F.

### III. Ordained Ministers Working With Other Organizations

Dotts, Raymond R.	Knauer, Donald R.
Frank, Walter H.	Schaeffer, Donald B.
Gordon, Robert N.	Yarrington, Harold D.

### IV. Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence

Branning, David L.  
 Kirkwood, Donald T.  
 Minnig, Robert A.  
 Seifert, A. L.

## V. Ordained Ministers in Retirement

Baer, Paul E.  
 Bean, E. W.  
 Hartman, W. W.  
 Hertzog, F. B.  
 Kirkwood, C. E.  
 Miller, C. Leslie  
 Rutman, E. J.

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

John H. Riggall, Chairman; Frank L. Herb, Jr., Secretary;  
 Willard E. Cassel, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Keith E. Plows,  
 COMMITTEE

## REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEE

“In pointing these things out to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Jesus Christ, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following” (I Timothy 4:6). The Ministerial Candidate Committee praises the Lord for the “good servants of Jesus Christ” entrusted to its care and asks for prayer for them that they may continue to be nourished daily from the Word, be sound in doctrine and be able to teach others also.

The Ministerial Candidate Committee met on ten occasions during the year to accomplish the work entrusted to it. Interviews were conducted with several men interested in serving with the Bible Fellowship Church as well as with those already under the care of the Committee. The Committee is seeking to provide personal help and counsel in needy areas for the men under its care.

An Orientation Program was conducted at Pinebrook Bible Conference in June for Probationers, Candidates and Applicants which proved to be informative, challenging and beneficial to those who attended. In addition to passing the Open-Book, FAITH & ORDER examinations, a man is now required to complete successfully the Orientation Program before he is eligible for ordination.

D. Thomas Phillips, David Manney and John Vandegriff, Jr. were approved and recommended to the Committee on Credentials for examination relative to ordination. Delbert R. Baker, II, Richard D. Harris, Frank T. Robinson and James

R. Batchler, Jr., were licensed as Probationers during the year. James A. Wickstead, Arthur J. Frisbie and Thomas E. Heimer were approved as Probationers who are eligible to receive a call as a pastor of a church.

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

**PROBATIONERS:** Delbert R. Baker, Jr., Newark, N. J.; James R. Batchler, Jr., Zionsville, Pa.; Arthur J. Frisbie, Wilmington, DE.; Kenneth L. Good, Lehighon, PA.; William L. Graybill, II, Terre Hill, PA.; Richard D. Harris, Den-ville, N.J.; Thomas E. Heimer, Philadelphia, PA.; Charles E. Kramer, Neptune, N.J.; David Manney, Quito, Ecuador; D. Thomas Phillips, Phillipsburg, N.J.; Frank T. Robinson, Royersford, PA.; Terry N. Tareila, Philadelphia, PA.; John Vandegriff, Jr., Reading, PA.; James A. Wickstead, Hatfield, PA.

**CANDIDATES:** Leon Clayberger, Sunbury, PA.; Hugh C. Coulbourn, Jr., Shamokin, PA.; Dale E. Kehler, Chester Springs, PA.; Edward MacWilliams, Covington, GA.; William L. Neff, Media, PA.; Bruce A. Pickard, Point Pleasant, PA.; Robert Raup, Sacramento, CA.; Jonathan D. Reynolds, Zionsville, PA.; Henry A. Schell, Old Bridge, N.J.; Thomas P. Shorb, Bethlehem, PA.; Robert G. Ulrich, Tallman, N.Y.

**APPLICANTS:** James L. Beaver, Hatfield, PA.; Richard Berkowitz, Harleysville, PA.; Douglas D. Bowne, Richmond, VA.; Alfred J. Dommel, Portland, OR.; Ronald Erb, Royersford, PA.; John Garvin, King of Prussia, PA.; John Grady, Kulpsville, PA.; Rodney H. Long, Tallahassee, FL.; Charles McConnell, Flourtown, PA.; Scott Murphy, Hatfield, PA.; Louis Pronnicki, Philadelphia, PA.; Jeffrey C. Stickler, Maple Glen, PA.; Thomas Templeton, Phillipsburg, N.J.; David A. Thomann, Coopersburg, PA.; Phillip E. Yerrington, Royersford, PA.

Whereas, over the past several years there have been frequent occasions in which more men have been approved by the Ministerial Candidate Committee for ministerial service in the Bible Fellowship Church than there have been open positions available, and

Whereas, even when ministerial positions are open, Bible Fellowship Churches are not required to employ any particular eligible men, and

Whereas, there is a trend within the Bible Fellowship Church toward considering of approved men on a part-time basis or as full-time assistants, and

Whereas, many men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee are willing and desirous for this type of assignment, and

Whereas, it is commonly assumed among us that probationers must be engaged in full-time service (although the Ministerial Candidate Committee has not found any such stated requirement in the "Bible Fellowship Church FAITH & ORDER"), therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that we recommend to the 93rd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church that it declare that men, who meet all stated requirements relating to probationers, be eligible to be licensed as probationers by the Ministerial Candidate Committee even if they are serving in a Bible Fellowship Church or denominational agency on a part-time basis, and that the minimum period of probationary service be considered to be the equivalent of two years of full-time service, with the added provision that at least the last six months of service be in a full-time capacity.

Carl C. Cassel, Chairman; Paul G. Zimmerman, Secretary;  
Robert F. Johnson, Ronald C. Mahurin, David J. Watkins,  
COMMITTEE

## REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER

### General Fund of Board of Directors

Balance, 9/30/75	\$8,545.95
Receipts	62,545.96
Disbursements	60,855.84
Balance, 9/30/76	10,236.07

### Moving Fund

Balance, 9/30/75	(2,363.99)
Receipts	3,200.00
Disbursements	3,982.36
Balance, 9/30/76	(3,146.35)

### Fund to Promote Church Extension

Balance, 9/30/75	20,101.00
Receipts	21,846.11
Disbursements	46,821.56
Balance, 9/30/76	(4,874.45)

## Amortization Fund of Indebtedness for above Fund

Balance, 9/30/75	\$ 7,000.00
Receipts	1,000.00
Disbursements	---
Balance, 9/30/76	8,000.00

## Pinebrook Fund

Balance, 9/30/75	26,719.06
Receipts	57,317.18
Disbursements	77,187.61
Balance, 9/30/76	6,848.63

## Ministers' Retirement Fund

Farmers First Bank	
Balance, 9/30/75	50,288.53
Receipts	79,230.00
Disbursements	52,430.00
Balance, 9/30/76	77,088.53

## Red Hill Savings &amp; Loan

Balance, 9/30/75	7,335.24
Receipts	---
Disbursements	7,335.24
Balance, 9/30/76	---

## Pastors' Assistance Fund

Balance, 9/30/75	804.76
Receipts	500.00
Disbursements	1,231.90
Balance, 9/30/76	72.86

## Ministerial Candidate Committee's Internship Program

Balance, 9/30/75	1,650.00
Receipts	250.00
Disbursements	567.65
Balance, 9/30/76	1,332.35

## Victory Valley

Balance, 9/30/75	98.80
Receipts	---
Disbursements	---
Balance, 9/30/76	98.80

## TOTALS

Balance, 9/30/75	\$ 120,179.35
Receipts	225,889.25
Disbursements	250,412.16
Balance, 9/30/76	95,656.44

Balance of the above funds is on deposit in checking and savings accounts with the First National Bank of Allentown and the Farmers First 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 is grateful to God for His help and blessing during this past Conference year. Some of the Board members, particularly some sub-committee leaders, have spent long, long hours in conscientious labors beyond regular Board meetings, and for this the Board as a whole is appreciative. We are appreciative, too, for the support of the churches, financially, in many (though not all) of our common labors. As always, this Board solicits thoughtful suggestions and criticisms. We encourage you in your prayer meetings to remember the total church work of Christian Education. Much of the following report represents a division of labor and responsibility among various sub-committees, namely, Christian Education, Educational Materials, Youth and Finance.

At the first meeting in November, 1975, a brain-storming discussion raised these questions dealing with the Sunday School Convention: Is a specific need being met? Would regional conventions increase attendance and interest? Are the local churches meeting the needs of teachers? Is there a need for the position of Christian Education Director for the denomination? Is there merit in bringing consultants to evaluate local church programs? Finally, it seemed that attendance at the convention related to the ability of the pastor and Sunday School Superintendent to motivate teachers to attend.

The Board enthusiastically planned a "Spring Get-Away" at Victory Valley, which, regrettably, had to be canceled because of a lack of registrations.

The Thanksgiving Rally at Bethel Church, Allentown, with musician-speaker, Ken Medema, proved exceptionally popular with the 624 youth in attendance.

While one weekend of Sno-Glo at Pinebrook was well attended, with a total of 218, the other accounted for only 55 at the winter retreat. After lengthy discussion on the Sno-Glo program at Pinebrook, with various sites being reviewed, it was voted to hold Sno-Glo 1977 at a Bible Fellowship facility (later finalized for Pinebrook). Nine churches who sent young people to Sno-Glo 1975 sent none to Sno-Glo 1976. Three churches were represented in 1976 that had no delegations in 1975. If attendance was spotty, general reaction from campers, as registered on seven pages of comments/analysis suggested such benefits as the following: "I made a commitment, I was saved." "I committed my life to Christ and His will." "I will try to tolerate my father and home." "My service for Him must increase; my love should also increase." "I've been a Christian for some time and I was just following the crowd. But now I am going to stick up for Christ."

A very profitable Christian Education Convention was attended by 300 at our Emmaus Church in April. Keynote speaker was Dr. Douglas MacCorkle of Philadelphia College of Bible. A highlight was the dramatic Bi-Centennial presentation of our Sunday School heritage, "Bobby Wildegoose," (the life of Robert Rakes), under the direction of Miss Ellen Cate, of Pinebrook Junior College. An enthusiastic crowd of young people attended the youth section, with the most outstanding Christian Talent Show since its inception.

Revision continues on the material in our FAITH & ORDER on Sunday School By-laws.

This Board makes the following recommendations to Annual Conference:

1. We recommend that the attached document entitled "Youth Organizations" replace the Youth Fellowship Constitution now appearing in our FAITH & ORDER, (pp. 57-60, 1975 edition).
2. Upon adoption of #1 above we recommend that Annual Conference adopt the following:

**RESOLVED:** that paragraph 4, Section E, "By-Laws for Particular Churches" of FAITH & ORDER (p. 52, 1975 edition) be changed to read:

## 4. Other organizations in the Particular Church

Officers or organized groups within the church, having election procedures approved by Annual Conference, shall be elected according to their by-laws.

## FINANCIAL REPORT - Sept. 9, 1975 - Sept. 9, 1976

Balance, 1975 Yearbook		\$2,027.38
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## RECEIPTS:

Contributions from Churches	\$1,635.00	
Studies in Bib. Doc. Sales	103.50	
Thanksgiving Rally Offering	238.29	
Sno-Glo	476.00	
Christian Ed. Convention Offering	355.48	
Savings Account Interest	79.37	
Checks returned	28.56	
		<u>2,916.20</u>
		<u>4,943.58</u>

## EXPENDITURES:

Board Expenses, mileage, meals, phone, postage	834.53	
Audio-Visual Library	226.26	
Sno-Glo	375.69	
Thanksgiving Rally	257.00	
Fellowship News	50.00	
Studies in Bib. Doctrine	172.50	
Christian Ed. Convention	<u>1,452.73</u>	3,368.71

Balance in Treasury, 9/9/76		\$ <u>1,574.87</u>
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4,943.58

Account was audited by Richard I. Erb, Old State Road, Royersford, Pa.

Checking and Savings Accounts in the Harleysville Bank & Trust Co., Harleysville, Pa.

## YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

“Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth... The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep all His commandments, because this applies to every person” (Ecclesiastes 12:1,12). “Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe” (I Timothy 4:12).

Reflecting on these Scripture passages the Bible Fellowship Church recognizes and joyfully accepts its responsibility and privilege of ministering to youth. The goal of this ministry is to be used of God to help young people experience the new birth in committing themselves to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, to guide them into Christian maturity so they may be "an example of those who believe," and to offer them training and opportunities in Christian service. Further, this ministry seeks to develop future leadership for the church. (cf. Philosophy of Christian Education, By-laws of the Board of Christian Education).

Programs to attain these goals are to be developed by the particular churches and the denomination. Particular churches may have specific organizations whose function is to minister to youth. Such organizations may be para-church agencies having affiliations outside the Bible Fellowship Church or the Youth Fellowship of the particular church. In either situation the youth organization shall be under the control of the Board of Elders of the particular church.

The doctrinal standards, teachings, goals and programs of all para-church agencies incorporated into the youth ministry of any Bible Fellowship Church shall be in compliance with the FAITH & ORDER of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Churches functioning with their own Youth Fellowship are encouraged to formulate a Youth Fellowship Constitution. This constitution shall provide the Youth Fellowship with organizational structure and the effective means of attaining its goals. This document shall include a statement of purpose and goals, a definition of and requirements for membership, a listing of the officers and their duties and regulations for election of officers. The constitution shall stipulate that all officers shall be those who profess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and who give evidence of this profession in Christian conduct. The Board of Christian Education offers to serve as a consultant for any particular church formulating a Youth Fellowship Constitution.

To promote regional ministries and activities for the youth of the Bible Fellowship Church, Youth Fellowship regions may be established under the direction of the Board of Christian Education. This may be done upon the initiative of the Board of Christian Education, or upon the initiative of several churches within a given geographical area. In the latter case, the Board of Christian Education shall be consulted by the cooperating churches. In either case the formulation of a constitution is encouraged. To facilitate the coordination of

regional and denominational activities, notification of regional activities shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Christian Education.

To promote ministries and activities for the youth of all Bible Fellowship Churches, denominational programs shall be formulated, planned and operated by the Board of Christian Education. These shall be in compliance with the By-laws of the Board of Christian Education and the FAITH & ORDER of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Chairman; William W. Mull, Secretary; William R. Hunsberger, Treasurer; Bruce A. Ellingson, Richard Taylor, Keith E. Plows, Norman L. Reed, R. Glenn Rohrbach, Roy E. Williams, Timothy Baker, Alva C. Cassel, Willard Stull, BOARD

#### REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Historical Committee has met once during the year to conduct its business. Our Bi-Centennial year has come and gone without much interest shown on the part of those in the Bible Fellowship Church to discover their spiritual heritage.

The Archival materials, which had been located in the Library of the Overbrook building at Pinebrook, have again been moved to a new location. When the College moved on August 7, 1976, to Coopersburg, the Archives were included in the move. They are now located in the Library of Pinebrook Junior College at Coopersburg.

For the past seven years, Harold E. Snyder has served as Archivist. He has recently submitted his resignation. The Committee wishes to express its gratitude for his service over the years.

As we enter the third century of our nation's history, the Committee wishes to encourage both churches and individuals to gather valuable materials and submit them to any of its members for inclusion in the Archival collection of the Bible Fellowship Church.

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

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND PRINTING

Bal. Dauphin Trust & 1st Federal		\$ 1,081.52
Administrative Budget Allotment		2,500.00

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

## Income:

Donation from Boards	300.00	
Subscriptions	<u>2,861.50</u>	3,161.50

## Expenses:

Printing of Fel. News	3,085.00	
Editor's Expenses	96.76	
Secretarial Help	100.00	
Repairs on Equipment	<u>254.83</u>	<u>3,536.59</u>

(375.09)

## FAITH &amp; ORDER

Income	544.48	
Expenditures (F & O & Church Supplies)	<u>206.91</u>	337.57

## YEAR BOOK

Income	1,581.00	
Expenditures (Printing and postage)	<u>1,504.03</u>	76.97

## Loan from Board of Directors for Printing Equipment

Payment on Loan	1,300.00	
Interest on Loan	<u>64.75</u>	1,364.75

Annual Conference Honoraria	75.00	
Brd., Bus. Mgr's & Con. Exp.	61.16	
Honoraria to Editor & Bus. Mgr.	350.00	
Interest, 1st Federal		90.73
Balance on deposit	<u>1,860.79</u>	<u>          </u>
	4,086.79	4,086.79

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Balance, Fellowship News Account	\$ 97.34	
Received through Subscriptions	<u>3,167.80</u>	3,265.14

## Expenditures

Transferred to Brd. of P. & P.	2,861.50	
Refunds	7.50	
Business Mgr.'s Expenses	<u>294.30</u>	

	\$3,163.30	
Balance in Dauphin Deposit	<u>101.84</u>	3,265.14
Cash, Brd. of Pub. & Printing		1,860.79
Cash, Fellowship News Account		<u>101.84</u>
Total Cash on hand		1,962.63

## BUDGETS

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Income		
1,200 Subscriptions @ \$2.50	\$3,000	
Donations from Boards	300	
Subsidy	<u>600</u>	3,900
Expenditures		
Printing 12 issues Fel. News	3,000	
Secretarial Help	100	
Editor's Expense	125	
Bus. Manager's Expenses	375	
Maintenance of Equipment	<u>300</u>	3,900

## BOARD OF PUBLICATION &amp; PRINTING

Income		
Administrative Budget	\$2,500	
Year Book	1,550	
Faith & Order	<u>400</u>	4,450
Expenditures		
Fellowship News Subsidy	600	
Year Book	1,550	
Honoraria	350	
Printing FAITH & ORDER	900	
Church Supplies	500	
New Equipment	<u>550</u>	4,450

## 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 total goal of 1,200 subscriptions.

2. That donations of \$50.00 each be given to Fellowship News from the following Boards: Victory Valley, Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Church Extension, Pinebrook

Junior College, Pinebrook Bible Conference. (Checks should be made payable to the Board of Publication & Printing and sent to the Business Manager by February 1, 1976).

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

Willard E. Cassel, Chairman; Arthur H. Frable, Jr., Secretary; R. C. Reichenbach, Business Manager; E. Ray Burger, Gary Sterner, BOARD

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Even though the world is boiling with unrest, crime and violence, God is working in hearts and lives of people. During the Labor Day weekend at Pinebrook, two mission leaders, J. Edward Smith, International Director of the Pocket Testament League, Inc., and Sidney Langford, Home Director of the Africa Inland Mission, gave glowing reports of what God is doing all over the world. People are being changed by the Gospel. Our brothers and sisters in many areas of the world are dying for their faith in Jesus Christ. Many are imprisoned because of their testimony. God has been good to us here in America but what is happening to the Church in other parts of the world could happen here. So we dare not slacken our efforts in the spreading of the Gospel all over the world.

In an article written by Jim Walker entitled "The Pastor and Missions," he states "For some reason many pastors seem to be afraid of missions giving outside the church. Some of these reasons are: (1) We're in a building program and cannot afford to give to anything outside of the church this year; (2) My people are already giving all they can; (3) We will not be able to do anything else (buy a bus, etc.) if we give to missions; (4) I might not get a raise in salary if we get too involved in missions giving." He further writes: "The Pastor is the key to the success of a missionary conference and to missionary giving. It is important that the pastor get his people involved. The question might be asked by some 'Can we afford to give to missions?' In truthfulness we cannot afford not to give. The pastor who will give missions a sincere try in his church will not be sorry! And the church which follows the pastor in such an effort will be blessed by God."

The Board of Foreign Missions met seven times during the year, conducting and transacting the business of missions. Each member of the Board gave good evidence of his interest and concern by his faithful attendance at the meetings.

At the present time 49 missionaries and their families are supported by the Bible Fellowship Church under 19 different mission boards.

We rejoice in the way the Lord is raising up workers for His vineyard. This year five of our young people spent the summer months on the mission field. The Board gave financial assistance to these fine young people. Marjorie Kauffman of the Emmaus Church, is spending 10 months in Venezuela. The Keith Anderson family is now in Ecuador. Last year at this time they were in Texas preparing for the field. We were saddened by the home going of Dorothy Harley this past year. After serving almost 20 years with her husband in the land of Venezuela, it pleased the Lord to take Dorothy out of a body of pain and suffering to her eternal home to be with Him. Barclay is now back in the land of their calling with his children doing God's work.

Sterling Baker was flown home in the beginning of September to undergo surgery. The Campbells left for Tunisia to begin all over after being expelled from Safi, Morocco, just over a year ago. He is seeking a permit to practice medicine in this North Africa country. Marcella Rampy arrived back in Venezuela after having some difficulty with a visa.

The missionaries that were on furlough this year are: The William Campbells, The Aaron Hoffmans, The Brian Butlers. Missionaries that are home now are: The Sterling Bakers, The Leonard Bucks, The James Bigleys, The David Manneys and Olive Rawn. The Richard Gehmans will be arriving in the States in December and The Ron Hoyles some time in the early spring of 1977.

The Edward Moyers have been moved from their home to another part of the island due to the expected volcano eruption.

We give thanks to the Lord for His watch care over our missionaries where there has been much unrest, uprisings, earthquakes and volcanos. Children of our missionaries have been a source of blessing to their own families. Some of these have expressed their desire to go back to the field as full-time workers. This speaks well of the work that is being done by the parents.

We want to express our thanks to the members and friends of the Bible Fellowship Church for their faithful giving during the year. Inflation has hit all of our missionaries. The need for increased support is with us and we must do our

part to help meet this need.

The Board suffered some reverses in the missionary housing. We had hoped that by this time a building would have been erected to house our furloughed missionaries. We are still praying and planning for the future site and we ask you to pray with us.

The Women's Missionary Societies have been busy this year in helping our missionaries. The regional rallies have helped the local societies in securing new ideas to help fulfill their needs and to meet together in fellowship and prayer. This has encouraged the smaller societies. The Annual May Rally was held in Wallingford, Pa. with many ladies and men in attendance. Speakers for the day were: Olive Rawn, Dr. and Mrs. William Campbell, Aaron and Marlene Hoffman, Leonard and Nina Buck and the Ukranian Gospel Singers.

As General Secretary, I have again worked under the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions carrying out its responsibilities and duties. It has been a great joy working with such a fine group of board members. We need your prayers and help in this great task of spreading the Gospel to the four corners of the earth. Jesus Christ is coming again! Let us labor on until He comes.

#### HE NEEDS ME

When Christ first looked at me  
 And whispered, "I need you,"  
 I could hardly believe  
 There was anything I could do.  
 But His eyes said, "Come,"  
 As He looked my way  
 And He whispered repeatedly,  
 "I need your help today."  
 Everyone wants to be needed,  
 "But," I hesitantly asked,  
 "Could one so weak as I  
 Perform the Master's tasks?"  
 Finally, I yielded  
 And found a strength reserved  
 For feet and hands so weak  
 Equipping me to serve.  
 I live now in the glory  
 Of gladness I never knew  
 Until Christ's call I heeded  
 Although my gifts were few.

In looking back I know  
 The best part of my life  
 Began when I believed  
 I could do something for Christ.

## FINANCIAL REPORT - October 1, 1975-September 30, 1976

Receipts from Churches for 1975-76 \$185,378.36

### EXPENDITURES

Arctic Mission, Inc.	7,802.00	
Ambassadors for Christ, Inc.	3,600.00	
Africa Inland Mission	31,800.00	
Berean Mission	7,850.00	
Christian & Missionary Alliance	15,900.00	
Evangelical Alliance	9,445.00	
Greater Europe Mission	16,892.00	
International Com. of Christians	2,400.00	
International Students, Inc.	6,350.00	
Latin America Mission	10,992.00	
New Tribes Mission	900.00	
North Africa Mission	4,850.00	
Orinoco River Mission	21,170.00	
Pocket Testament League, Inc.	3,400.00	
Worldwide European Mission	4,800.00	
West Indies Mission	8,626.00	
World Radio Fellowship	9,320.00	
Wycliffe Bible Translators	4,000.00	
Unevangelized Fields Mission	6,558.00	
Summer Ministries	<u>1,400.00</u>	178,055.00

### Expenditures (Others)

Board	369.46	
Electric	334.19	
Fuel	1,207.89	
Sewer-water	127.48	
Fellowship News	117.50	
Missionary Special	2,532.00	
Mileage	376.70	
Miscellaneous	539.70	
Postage	180.80	
Rents	3,750.00	
Secretary	1,200.00	
Telephone	175.70	
Yearbook	<u>45.00</u>	<u>10,956.42</u>

Total Expenditures		\$189,011.42
Transferred to Housing Fund		6,000.00
Deficit spending for year (over budget)		(9,633.06)
Other Receipts:		
Interest	19,203.95	
Rents	930.00	
Interest on Loan	932.71	
New Home	<u>700.00</u>	21,766.66
(Deficit)		(9,633.06)
Balance of Receipts over Expenditures		12,133.60
Received from Churches for 1976-77 use		202,676.58
Received from other sources		<u>12,133.60</u>
Total		\$214,810.18

Certificates held in First National Bank of Pen Argyl, Pa. Other money held in loan and Harleysville Savings & Loan Bank. The Board holds in reserve \$56,000.00 for a missionary building.

Books and accounts audited by T. James Bigley.

David E. Thomann, Secretary

R. C. Reichenbach, Chairman; David E. Thomann, Secretary; Roy Hertzog, Austin G. Shelly, Paul G. Zimmerman, James R. Cressman, Kermit K. Gehman, Robert Breitegam, Roy E. Williams, BOARD

#### MISSIONARY ALLOWANCES

Africa Inland Mission		
Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Sterling	\$ 9,360	
Bigley, Mr. & Mrs. James	12,720	
Gehman, Mr. & Mrs. Richard J.	6,720	
Rawn, Miss Olive I.	3,000	31,800
Ambassadors for Christ		
Chow, Moses	3,600	3,600
Arctic Mission		
Everhart, Mr. & Mrs. Paul	8,000	8,000

Berean Mission		
Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Keith	8,000	8,000
Christian & Missionary Alliance		
Dyke, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert	7,980	
Stengele, Mr. & Mrs. Laird	7,920	15,900
Evangelical Alliance Mission		
Buck, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard	9,625	9,625
Greater Europe Mission		
Butler, Mr. & Mrs. Brian	7,000	
Hoyle, Mr. & Mrs. Ron	8,800	
Frank, Mr. & Mrs. Walter	1,500	17,300
International Students, Inc.		
Shelling, Mr. & Mrs. Ted	6,500	6,500
International Communion of Christians		
Hartman, Miss Connie	2,400	2,400
Latin America Mission		
Solt, Dr. & Mrs. David	8,000	
Solt, Miss Lillian	3,000	11,000
New Tribes Mission		
Ream, Mrs. Shirley	1,200	1,200
North Africa Mission		
Campbell, Dr. & Mrs. William	4,500	4,500
Orinoco River Mission		
Harley, Mr. & Mrs. J. Barclay	11,160	
Schlonecker, Mr. & Mrs. David	8,100	
Rampy, Mrs. Marcella	2,400	21,660
Pocket Testament League, Inc.		
Poysti, Mr. & Mrs. Earl	3,400	3,400
Unevangelized Fields Mission		
Kauffman, Mr. & Mrs. Tim	6,300	6,300
West Indies Mission		
Moyer, Mr. & Mrs. Edward	8,800	8,800
Worldwide European Fellowship		
Tedstone, Mr. & Mrs. Charles	4,800	4,800
World Radio Missionary Fellowship		

Manney, Mr. & Mrs. David	9,500	9,500
Wycliffe Bible Translators		
Hoffman, Mr. & Mrs. Aaron	4,000	4,000

**THE HOYLES:** The summer of 1976 saw the departure of the last members of the short-term team who had ministered in Amiens over a three-year period. Two out of the six are considering career service with Greater Europe Mission. One fellow married a French national in a lovely ceremony in Amiens in late June and is now living in Canada.

Doris and Ron worked behind the scenes this year training young adults and adults in the Sunday School and Brigade-Pioneer Girls ministries. Ron preached on an average of three Sundays a month. He spent five busy days at European Urbana for stimulating missionary interest among youth between Christmas and New Year's. In late March, a team of six French-speaking students from the European Bible Institute spent eight days with the Amiens team doing evangelism and visitation which afforded a few new contacts.



Ron Hoyle with French youth at Camp of the Peaks

The Amiens Church hosted a regional youth weekend in late March with 100 participants functioning in ten mini-groups. The spiritual impact was terrific. The local assembly also received the regional Easter Monday convention where again there was much blessing.

On June 13, there were eight youths and adults baptized including Jon and Annette Hoyle. The membership of the church now stands at thirty. One of the young men is entering Bible School this fall. Ron's niece shares the ministry thru June of 1977 when the Hoyles will return to the States on furlough after five and a half year's absence. The Church is seeking a French national to assume the pastorate. Please pray with them.

Ron and Doris spent six weeks again in camp work this past summer -- three weeks with 27 young adults and teenagers from France and three weeks in a work camp with twelve volunteers from North America. Both sessions are always rewarding.

CONNIE HARTMAN: "And great earthquakes shall be in divers places...And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads..." (Luke 21:11a,28a).

During the past year I have become increasingly more aware of the fact that we are living in the last days. On May 6, and more recently on September 11 & 15, we strongly felt the earthquakes which caused so much destruction in northern Italy, just forty miles from our mission station.

How I praise God for His protection and for all the experiences which have brought me closer to Himself. My life was greatly enriched through the time spent in Innsbruck during the '76 Winter Olympics. There I was a part of a team of 130 who sought to reach as many as possible with the Gospel. God was at work. A number of people made decisions, and over 25,000 Gospels and 900 New Testaments in 22 different languages could be distributed.

The newest responsibility which I took on was that of sharing the leadership in our Friday evening adult Bible study. We began dividing the group so that the Word could be studied in a way that both those who are young in the faith and for those who have known the Lord longer could receive the most benefit. I am in charge of the advanced group. For some it has been a totally new experience to study the Bible inductively, and I have become excited with them over the joy of discovery.

Our five children's groups in five different villages continues to meet each week. We have been trying to keep interest high especially among those in the critical 10-13 age bracket, and rejoice over all those who are "promoted"

into the Saturday youth group. Approximately 22 teenagers meet with us each week, yet only one of them has dared to take a stand for Christ.

The young adult Bible study which meets every other Tuesday evening has also been a source of testing and growth in my own life as well as in those who come. We were all somewhat discouraged when one unsaved married couple, whom we really enjoyed being with, withdrew from the group because our kind of Christianity made too many demands on their personal lives. The whole experience served to bind the rest of us together in Him, and we became peaceful over the situation as we realized that this couple had heard the Gospel clearly, and this was the important factor.

More and more of the villagers whom we seek to reach through home visitations have shown interest in hearing the Word. When we invite them to our public meetings we try to bring varied programs. This past Easter, and several times this summer, for example, we presented a play based on the life of Mary Magdalene. Presently we plan to purchase a film projector so that we can take advantage of the good Christian films which are becoming available in the German language.

Yes, the signs of the last days are visible. Sometimes it has not always been easy to "look up and lift up my head." That is why your prayer support is so necessary as we seek to redeem the time as we serve our Lord and the people of Carinthia, Austria.

**THE BAKERS:** "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth" (Ps. 46:10), has taken on new meaning for the Baker family this year. Sterling has been hospitalized four times in the past year - twice for hernia operation, once hepatitis and once for a possible slipped disc. He "hopefully sleeps" in traction every day and was confined to bed at home for two weeks in traction in June. At the time of the writing of this report, Dr. William Barnett is checking to see if a special x-ray machine, to properly photograph the back, is available in Kenya and a good orthopedic doctor. These illnesses have limited Sterling's ministry to a degree, in that for the first time since coming to Kenya, he has not been able to help train Bible School students in Christian Service assignments in the local churches, which he really enjoys. Our car has been working only about half the time which curtailed our ministry at times.

Delores has been able to work at times in the operating room

of Kijabe Medical Center. She now serves as Medical Hostess. In July, she helped with two Campus Crusade for Christ Conferences on Evangelism and Discipleship held for the local people in the nursing school classroom. The first conference had thirty-three in attendance with thirty-nine accepting Christ as personal Saviour and the second conference had ten in attendance with nineteen decisions for Christ. The second conference was completely conducted by locally trained Christians led by the x-ray technician, Joseph. The African staff did a super job for the Lord and Delores really enjoyed this new ministry.

We were able to send Pastor Wilson Githua to a special Campus Crusade for Christ Conference for church leaders on Evangelism and Discipleship. Pastor Githua and Pastor David Kaman are being sent by us to the advanced conference for pastors only to be held this October. Our lives have been personally blessed by attending some of the meetings of Campus Crusade for Christ's Annual Conference held the end of July as we are keenly interested in what God is doing through their ministry here in Kenya.

Rift Valley Academy has enjoyed a good year spiritually, especially the last term of school, when many of our students accepted Christ as their personal Redeemer and rededicated their lives to the Lord. Praise God! Last year Campus Crusade for Christ held a conference here at RVA that God used to quicken our school spiritually. They have been invited back for another conference this September. As their director, Don Meyera, said to me, "We are preparing to make our total resources available for this conference as we feel that we are reaching the 'World' for Christ through RVA." Please pray for supernatural strength for Sterling to carry out his Head Teacher responsibilities for the elementary school in a way that is honorable to the Lord during the coming year. God is able! He asked to be relieved of this responsibility for the coming year due to physical difficulties, but was told this was not possible at the present time.

Kimberly will soon be a teenager. She is growing up so fast. This year she will be in grade six and Keith will be a senior at RVA. He is interested in LeTourneau College Aviation Technology course for possible mission work with the new AIM/AIR ministry. We often find him flying his model airplanes here at Kijabe and helping to build new ones.

Your faithful prayers and financial support over the years is greatly appreciated by the family.

**THE BUCKS:** First of all we as a family want to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the Bible Fellowship Church and especially the Foreign Mission Board for their continued interest in us and for the financial support we have been receiving. We thank the Lord for all you have done and trust the Lord will continue to guide each one of you as you serve Him in this capacity.

We also want to thank the Board for the provision of a home while we are on furlough and for the Fellowship News and Yearbooks sent while on the field.

In October, 1971, we returned to continue working in our TEAM literature ministry located in Johannesburg. Our literature ministry has been evaluated to be the largest Evangelical Literature distribution program in all of Africa today.

Our total ministry consists of a Correspondence School with 159,000 enrollees and a publishing department which produces literature for the non-European population of South Africa. We, however, do not do the actual printing. This work is bought from competitive printing firms which is far more satisfactory and economical.

We operate 6 full-scale retail Christian bookstores. Two of these have been opened in the last three years and one has already moved to larger quarters. All but one of these are managed by S. A. nationals. We would emphasize the fact that our bookstores are truly book stores. They are not stationery stores or card shops with a few books in the back corner somewhere. We also have a group of colporteurs that work out of our stores.

Last, but not least, is the wholesale department that promotes evangelical material to other booksellers in South Africa.

One of our major accomplishments of our ministry in this term has been the construction of a Literature Centre. This building has enabled us to bring together all of our departments into one building thus enabling us to work more economically and efficiently.

Our specific area of work has been managing the complete wholesale department and this assignment encompasses many areas of activity such as:

Personnel Management:

- \* In 1971 we had a staff of four
- \* In 1974 we had increased to 18
- \* Keeping 18 people working to full capacity and happy is no small task.
- \* These 18 people consist of 7 racial groups and 9 languages
- \* Our entire staff are born again Christians
- \* In a sense these people are disciples and we have a ministry to each one personally

#### Sales:

We are fully responsible for the sales promotion and distribution of literature in our department. This involves supplying material to approximately 300 booksellers in South Africa and the surrounding countries. It involves organizing sales trips, planning sales conferences and organizing convention displays. At a recent three-day conference we sold \$30,000 worth of material. Advertising is another big area of responsibility.

#### Stock Control:

Our department acts as a representative for 18 evangelical publishers of which 8 are major ones. This encompasses a total of some 8,000 to 9,000 books. Of this we keep stock of approximately 5,000 titles.

We are responsible for evaluating new material for content and saleability, for ordering stock, costing etc. Our ministry is not only the supply of good material but also a ministry of keeping bad or questionable material out.

There are many areas of work too numerous to mention. We enjoy our ministry and wholeheartedly believe the Lord has led us into it and blessed it and we look forward to returning to it.

Although we have hardly mentioned the spiritual side of our ministry, we have had opportunity to talk to many about the Lord. Most of our contacts, however, are Christians. Many times they need encouragement which we endeavor to provide. We have a lot of opportunity to work directly with our staff. In many ways we are discipling these people. In a literature ministry the reports of results are very few but we do have ample evidence that God does use the printed pages of literature to reach men and women for Himself. In addition to this we preach and minister in local churches as the opportunities arise.

This term Nina has been actively engaged in our ministry. She has worked in the office half days, five days a week, plus keeping the home and caring for the children which is more than most other missionary wives could cope with.

Thank you for allowing us to present this report, for your continued help and prayer support.

DOROTHY (DOT) HARLEY, wife of J. Barclay, went to be with the Lord on Monday evening, March 29, 1976, after a long illness. Both Dot and Barclay enrolled in the Philadelphia School of the Bible eight months after they were married; both having been saved as children of families who came to know Christ through the Bible Fellowship Church. It was the faithful ministry of Rev. C. Leslie Miller, Rev. Walter H. Frank and Daniel Poysti, together with a student at the Bible School, Harry Bollback, that was used of the Lord to lead Dorothy and Barclay to the mission field.

Their official relationship to the Bible Fellowship Church began with their work under Rev. Jansen E. Hartman, in August, 1954, in the Church Extension Department. From 1954 to 1956 they ministered in Roxborough, Philadelphia, Pa. As their call to the mission field grew, and after the acceptance by the Orinoco River Mission, they went to Costa Rica in 1957 to study Spanish. In 1958 they were sent to Venezuela, South America, as official missionaries of the Bible Fellowship Church. For almost 20 years they served together, with their children, in Venezuela. Since 1961, their assignment with the Orinoco River Mission involved the use of the mission's houseboat on the Orinoco River and some of its tributaries. It was a demanding life, physically, for both of them, but in spite of physical problems necessitating surgery for Dot on seven different occasions, the Lord gave strength to carry on a vigorous program until the outset of cancer in 1974.

Dorothy made hundreds of friends that included professionals, business men, government officials and those of the most humble walks of life as well. She led many to the Lord. Her passing from this life was the cause of rejoicing as well as sorrow for those left behind.

A memorial service was held in the CedarCrest Bible Fellowship Church, April 25, 1976. The church was filled and overflowing with loved ones and friends who met together to worship the Lord and to give thanks for a faithful servant of the Lord who spent almost 20 years in the land of her cal-

ling. All the members of the Board of Foreign Missions took part in the service. R. C. Reichenbach, Chairman, presented a timely message; an appeal was made, and several made commitments to the Lord. James Cressman, Robert Breitegam, Austin Shelly and David Thomann spoke briefly; Paul Zimmerman led in prayer and Kermit Gehman read the Scriptures.

The following poem was written by Dorothy just before she passed away:

“Help me, Lord Jesus to be kind and true,  
 Living for others in all that I do.  
 Help me to realize that I am your child  
 That your patience and mercy are mine all the while.  
 May the sweet love of Jesus radiate to others, I cry --  
 And help me to realize that I am going to LIVE and not die.”

THE BIGLEYS -- We never cease to thank the Lord for all the members and friends of our Bible Fellowship Churches for their faithful prayers and financial support during our three terms of service for the Lord in Kenya.

We are now enjoying our furlough here in the States. We have a lovely home at Pinebrook and have many meetings scheduled for the year. Our boys are attending Stroudsburg schools. Your prayers for continued adjustments in their behalf would certainly be appreciated.



THE BIGLEYS

We look forward to this year of furlough as a time when we can communicate to you the opportunities, challenges and blessings of the work that He has enabled us to do.

We greatly enjoyed our ministries this past term on the field. We are very pleased to report that presently there are eight self-supporting church bookstores, two cinevans and a Christian press. Yet, there are many opportunities still to be pursued in proclaiming and distributing God's Word. Pray with us that our African Christians who have been trained in the literature and medical programs, may be true to Him and possess a real burden for their people.

"He was not willing that any should perish" (II Peter 3:9).

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(Conference-Wide Rally, Second Thursday of May)

Region #1 (Ephrata, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon, Para-  
dise, Terre Hill, York)

(Meetings - the last Monday of March and September)

Region #2 (Mt. Carmel, Shamokin, Sunbury)

(Meetings - the third Tuesday of March and September)

Region #3 (Blandon, Fleetwood, Graterford, Harleysville,  
Hatfield, Quakertown, Reading, Royersford,  
Sinking Spring, Spring City)

(Meetings - the fourth Tuesday of March and September)

Region #4 (Allentown, Bethel, Allentown, Cedar Crest, Cata-  
sauqua, Emmaus, Lehighon, Nazareth, Walnut-  
port, Zionsville)

(Meetings - the fourth Friday of March and September)

Region #5 (Allentown, Salem, Bethlehem, Coopersburg,  
Scranton, Stroudsburg, Easton, Finesville)

(Meetings - the third Thursday of April and September)

Region #6 (Maple Glen, Phila., Calvary, Phila., Emmanuel,  
Wallingford)

(Meetings - the Fourth Thursday of March and September)

Region #7 (Denville, Freehold-Englishtown, Howell, N.J.,  
Staten Island, N. Y.)

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

The Bible Fellowship Church Home is located in the center of the residential area of Nazareth, Pennsylvania. Historically, the nursing home has been stereotyped as a place for the aged to go when there is no other place. But at the Bible Fellowship Church Home the emphasis is on living. The aim is to help a person care for himself to the best of his ability. Services which are available at the home include such things as help in walking, getting in and out of bed, bathing, dressing and eating and the preparation of special diets as prescribed by a physician. There is also a planned program for the social and spiritual needs of the residents. The Administrator, James A. Beil, and his wife Gail, seek to meet the needs of the guests for gracious living.

The Board of Directors appreciates the devotion of the Administrator and his wife to the task which God has given them. We are constantly grateful to our employees who manifest loyalty and industry. The needs and care for the residents are more than sufficiently met by their unselfish labors.

The financial structure, by God's grace, continues to manifest stability. This is most encouraging when considering the possibilities of some form of future expansion. The Board is very grateful for the offerings received from the Churches and the Women's Missionary Societies totalling \$7,968, and special gifts from individuals in the amount of \$4,947.

No major work was done to the buildings this past year. However, the rear driveway and parking lot were paved. Also the south lawn has been regraded and reseeded to divert runoff water to the street rather than over the parking lot.

Presently we are undergoing a survey and evaluation of the facility and program by the appropriate state agency to determine the Home's preparedness to be granted Intermediate Care Approval. During the year 6 guests were admitted, 2 discharged and 4 died. The total number of guests as of July 31, 1976 was 28, which is our total capacity.

The Administrator and staff of the Home have been most encouraged with the response of a great number of church groups coming to the Home to conduct religious services for the guests. Music is also provided in the program. Many of the guests that otherwise could not get to public services, have been very much a part of the worship services. If your

church group would like to provide an inspirational service, an appointment can be made by calling 215-759-5121, or by writing the Administrator, James A. Beil, 7 South New St., Nazareth, Pa. 18064.

Our basic objective and pledge is to provide personal care for our guest-residents that will add to their comfort, happiness and well-being and give peace of mind to them and their loved ones. Your continued support will be most helpful to us in realizing our goal for enlargement and in providing better services for our people. The anticipated budget of the Home indicates a need for contributions of at least \$12,500 by the churches of the Conference.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Comparative Balance Sheets - June 30

ASSETS	1976	1975
General Fund		
Cash	\$38,563	\$47,178
Accounts Receivable	11,828	1,460
Inventory Food	1,366	1,655
Prepaid Expense	---	23
Inventory Supplies	<u>2,237</u>	<u>1,523</u>
Total Assets General Fund	53,994	51,839
Board of Directors Fund		
Cash		
Checking	800	690
Savings	61,808	45,260
Certificates of Deposit	138,509	93,717
Investments (Schedule 1)	<u>117,076</u>	<u>117,076</u>
Total Assets, Brd. of Directors	318,193	256,743
(Title to Land & Building is held by the Bible Fellowship Church)	<u>328,943</u>	<u>256,743</u>
	701,130	637,525

## LIABILITIES

General Fund		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,000	\$ 500
Accrued Wages Payable	4,351	--
Accrued Payroll Taxes	4,219	684
Family Assistance	2,436	1,635
Due to Patients	<u>707</u>	<u>1,001</u>
Total Liabilities	12,713	3,820
General Fund Balance	<u>41,281</u>	<u>48,019</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	53,994	51,839
Board of Directors Fund		
Trustee - Escrow Fund	5,066	9,562
Board of Directors Fund Balance	<u>313,127</u>	<u>247,181</u>
Total Board of Directors Balance	318,193	256,743
Plant Fund Balance	<u>328,943</u>	<u>328,943</u>
	701,130	637,525
Comparative Statement of Income & Expenditures - June 30		
INCOME	1976	1975
Patients		
Room & Board	215,539	200,417
Personal Laundry	4,051	3,676
Extra Linens	<u>3,887</u>	<u>1,828</u>
Total Patients	223,477	205,921
Contributions		
Churches	7,968	7,188
General	4,942	2,537
M/M Howard Shelly Memorial	--	1,000
Mrs. Sarah Dengler Bequest	--	1,000
Building Fund	100	650
Gifts in Kind	<u>--</u>	<u>2,898</u>
Total Contributions	13,010	15,273
Other Income		
Dividends & Interest	18,829	15,876

Apartment Rents	\$9,336	\$8,266
Vending Machine	336	504
Sale of Items Previously Expensed	<u>--</u>	<u>410</u>
Total Other Income	<u>28,501</u>	<u>25,056</u>
Total Income	264,988	246,250

## EXPENDITURES

Patients	152,819	138,379
Special Services	1,128	1,286
Plant Operation & Maintenance	20,278	16,970
General & Administrative	25,071	31,131
Apartment & Lot		
5 S. New Street	4,874	4,704
7 S. New Street	1,541	1,100
Pine St. Lot	<u>69</u>	<u>62</u>
	205,780	193,632
Excess of Income over Expenditures		
- Net (Exhibit C)	59,208	52,618

## Statement of Changes in Fund Balances - June 30

General Fund Balance 6/30/75		48,019
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditures as of 6/30/76	59,208	
Less: Transfer to Board of Directors Fund	<u>(65,946)</u>	
Net Change		(6,738)
General Fund Balance - 6/30/76		41,281
Board of Directors Fund Balance 6/30/75		247,181
Add: Transfer from General Fund		<u>65,946</u>
Board of Directors Fund Balance 6/30/76		313,127
Trustee Escrow Fund Balance 6/30/75		9,562
Less: Charges for care		<u>(4,496)</u>
Trustee Escrow Fund Balance 6/30/76		5,066
Plant Fund Balance	6/30/76	6/30/75
Home	225,413	225,413
Furniture & Equipment	36,585	36,585
Apartments	30,000	30,000
Improvements	35,445	35,445

Pine Street Lot	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total	328,943	328,943

## Schedule of Investments - June 30, 1976

	Cost	9/21/76 Market Value
12 shs. P.P. & L. 4-1/2 Pfd.	1,224	612
20 shs. Public Service El. & Gas	1,368	440
9 shs. Columbia Gas System	255	226
8 shs. Cincinnati Gas & Electric	203	160
14 shs. Cen. Illinois Light & Gas	739	250
26 shs. Consumer Power Co.	609	624
50 shs. P.P. & L. 9.00 Cum. Pfd.	5,300	4,888
100 shs. GAC 4.00 Conv. Preferred	4,600	Called
175 shs. GAC 4.00 Conv. Preferred	6,388	Called
20 shs. Pa. Gas & Water 4.10 Pfd.	1,150	860
5 M. GAC 5-1/2 due 1976	4,275	4,975
5 M. Texas Eastern Trans 5% due 1981	4,197	4,163
3 M. GAC 4-7/8 due 1983	1,905	2,250
15 M. Lake Central Airline 6% due 12/31/83	10,275	8,400
8 M. Metro. Edison 6-7/8 1992 Debenture	7,480	6,300
9 M. Metro. Edison due 10/1/92 4-3/8 Bonds '92	8,190	5,535
8 M. Allied Chem. 6.60% 8/1/93	7,320	6,910
23 M. McCrory Corp. 7-1/2 5/15/94	18,113	12,190
4 M. Caroline Power & Light 7-3/4 10/1/01	4,140	3,505
23 M. United Telephone of Pa.	23,345	19,895
240 shs. Excelsior Income Shares,	<u>6,000</u>	<u>4,680</u>
Total Exhibit A	\$117,076	\$86,863

## Comparative Schedule of Expenditures - June 30

Patients	1976	1975
Wages	134,641	113,997
Food:		
Meats	2,638	

Groceries	6,176	
Dairy Products	<u>1,346</u>	10,160
Kitchen Supplies	396	12,875
Replacement, dishes, etc.	109	384
Equipment Repairs	55	3,698
Housekeeping Contr. Services	360	80
Housekeeping Supplies	927	285
Trash Removal	250	1,239
Medicines & Supplies	1,980	302
Medical Supplies, Paper Goods	1,869	1,070
In-service Training - Dietary		4,038
- Other		72
Doctor Utilization Committee	270	39
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Uncollectable Accounts Exp.	<u>1,802</u>	---
Total Patients	152,819	138,379
Special Services		
Telephone - Pay Station	54	101
Barber & Beauty Supplies	---	20
Newspapers & Magazines - Patients	---	---
Recreation - Activities	492	598
Vending Machines	<u>582</u>	<u>567</u>
Total Special Services	1,128	1,286
Plant Operation & Maintenance		
Heat - Fuel Oil	2,536	1,743
Electricity	4,849	4,867
Water	1,211	1,264
Sewer	631	537
Maintenance Supplies	1,397	782
Maintenance Services	6,167	4,794
Outside Services	3,182	2,274
Maintenance & Repairs	73	---
Laundry Supplies & Service	<u>232</u>	<u>709</u>
Total Plant Operation & Main.	20,278	16,970
General & Administrative		
Office Supplies	714	827
Telephone	770	867
Advertising - Employment	246	209
Dues & Subscriptions	423	215
Audit & Accounting	1,000	970
Legal Fees	790	747
Architect	---	2,125

Conference Expense	\$ ---	\$ 470
Payroll Taxes	12,790	8,889
Insurance	2,325	4,159
Professional Assistance	4,830	7,669
Gifts & Contributions	271	3,466
Board & Committee Expense	912	518

Total General & Administrative	25,071	31,131
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#### Apartments & Lot

5 South New St.		
Fuel Oil	3,199	2,281
Maintenance & Repairs	986	1,833
Taxes	651	590
Trash Removal	38	---
Total 5 S. New St.	4,874	4,704

7 South New St.		
Maintenance & Repairs	617	42
Electricity	248	362
Fuel Oil	609	496
Telephone	5	85
Water & Sewer	62	115
Total 7 S. New Street	1,541	1,100

Pine Street Lot		
Taxes	69	62
Total Expenditures	205,780	193,632

John Dunn, President; Paul G. Zimmerman, Vice-President; Paul H. Cressman, Treasurer; Ernest W. Bean, Secretary; Bert N. Brosius, William A. Heffner, Norman W. Granda, BOARD

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VICTORY VALLEY

We praise God for the vision he gave to our church over 20 years ago in the founding of the youth ministry known as Victory Valley. We have just finished our 20th season and praise God for the victories that have been won here during these 20 years. Over this past season alone 58 professions of faith in Christ as Saviour have been made and many other lives have been touched by God's Word and people. Many

physical changes have taken place over these 20 years, but our goal of reaching boys and girls for Christ and helping them grow has been the same.

During this camping season we registered 500 campers and even though our number is less than last year (4th of July week was very low) we count it a good year. Our Director, Jon Reynolds, continues to oversee the camp operations and we praise God for his faithful and competent service. We recognize the advantages that a full-time director would have and continue to strive to obtain this goal. Also making this year a success were the services of Calvin Reed, boys' program director and Ardith Delong, girls' program director. We praise God for giving us the best workers year after year. This year 89% of the camp staff has been Bible Fellowship members. The information and experience at camp is of great value to themselves and the local churches.

The schedule for the summer of 1977 is as follows:

July 3 - 9	Orientation Week
10 - 16	
17 - 23	
24 - 30	Junior Weeks
31 - Aug. 6	
Aug. 7 - 13	
14 - 20	Junior High

We also want to emphasize to our churches the availability of winter use of the Valley. We have facilities to house up to 55 and can offer activities on the grounds and at near-by ski resorts. If we are to realize the goal of a full time director, it will depend upon a year-round use of the grounds.

During the past year we have invested \$11,000 in capital improvements. One large project was to install a sewage system in the Glen area in order to comply with State requirements. The other item was a new roof on the "White House." God helped us to meet both of these needs with a great saving in cost by donated labor of Bright Heist and his helpers from Zionsville and John Mack from Royersford using his excavation equipment at a greatly reduced rate.

Bible Fellowship Churches gave \$6,311 toward the ministry of Victory Valley this year and the support continues to make it possible to improve the facilities. We praise God for the funds contributed by our churches. We remind the churches

that if they give 1% of their budget to the Valley, they receive a 50% discount on the use of rental facilities. (All our churches receive at least a 15% discount on rental facilities).

Since the ministry of Victory Valley takes place primarily during the summer, you may tend to forget us over the winter months. However, our Director and Board covet your prayers as they work year-round to make this outreach for Christ a real success.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### INCOME

Churches	\$6,311.00	
General Gifts	3,883.93	
Camp Offerings	297.66	
Rentals	10,829.64	
Registration Fees	23,164.14	
Crafts	664.76	
Snak Shak	1,317.38	
Dry Goods	471.44	
Misc. & Refunds	<u>1,528.63</u>	48,468.58

### EXPENDITURES

Program & Staff	
Salaries	7,091.76
Payroll taxes	1,660.77
Program Materials	349.04
Recreational Materials	389.20
Horsemanship Program	1,286.63
Miscellaneous	336.29
Administrative Expense	
Salaries	3,745.75
Payroll Taxes	90.00
Office Supplies	857.20
General Expenses	
Publicity	830.62
Health Supplies	83.50
Telephone	528.31
Camper Insurance	556.95
Membership Fees	411.00
Travel Expense	214.80
Interest	1,117.37
Taxes	24.47
Food Service	
Salaries	1,734.71
Payroll Taxes	274.30
Kitchen Supplies	26.36

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Food	\$6,538.31	
Garbage Disposal	278.00	
Building & Grounds		
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Salaries	1,364.57	
Payroll Taxes	290.00	
Workman's Comp.	498.00	
Janitorial Supplies	210.00	
Fire & Liability Ins.	915.00	
Camp Fuel & Power	4,398.47	
House Fuel & Power	1,303.31	
Building Repair	3,355.92	
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	2,014.99	
Pool Repair & Main.	960.89	
Hospitalization	609.38	
Concessions		
Crafts	405.04	
Snak Shak	1,362.06	
Dry Goods	597.10	46,710.07
Gain for the year transferred to Net Worth		1,758.51

## BALANCE SHEET

## ASSETS

Cash	114.78	
Inventory	1,463.85	
Pool	24,110.54	
Furniture & Equipment	20,144.94	
Real Estate & Improv.	137,131.29	
		182,965.40

## LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	4,317.54	
Notes Payable	20,300.00	
Net Worth 9/7/76	156,589.35	
Gain - '75-76 year	1,758.51	182,965.40

Arthur H. Frable, Jr., Chairman; Clayton E. Weber, Secretary; John H. Herb, Treasurer; James Herrold, Robert Draper, Harry Bailey, Alva C. Cassel, John Stengele, Jonathan Reynolds, Bright Heist, BOARD

## REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION DIRECTOR

“Thou wilt make known to me the path of life. In thy presence is fulness of Joy;...” (Psalm 16:11)

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing...” (Romans 15:13)

“...and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.” (I Peter 1:8)

The Christian life is a life of joy. Genuine joy is a missing ingredient in the lives of the unsaved. Try as it may, the world cannot produce or impart joy; its best attempts are but cheap, tawdry counterfeits. Deep, constant, whelming joy is produced by the indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22). It should be manifested in every believer. When it is present, it commends the Saviour to the lost, who yearn for real joy in their joyless existence. Christians ought not and need not be joyless. Joy comes through being in the Lord's presence and yielding to His Spirit, by faith.

There is joy in involvement in the great work of church planting evangelism. There is joy in sharing with the Lord's people what God is doing. When the Apostles Paul and Barnabas reported to the churches, Dr. Luke records that they “were bringing great joy to all the brethren” (Acts 15:3). The same joy should be there today.

### JOY TO THE JOYLESS

When the Gospel came to the city of Samaria by means of Philip the Evangelist, “there was great joy in that city” (Acts 8:8). The Pisidian heathen, when Paul preached the Gospel to them, “began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord” (Acts 15:48). When persecution arose and drove Paul and Barnabas from the city, these new disciples “were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit” (v. 52). Paul recalls how the Thessalonians had “received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit” (I Thess. 1:6).

That same joy is being produced by that same Spirit in people today through the evangelistic ministry of the Church Extension Department. During the year, the Lord has given us two new congregations in the state of Delaware, our first new state in forty years. In the Dover area, a group of believers called on us to help them form into a Bible Fellowship

Church. The first Lord's Day of their worship as a Bible Fellowship Church was on Palm Sunday, April 11, 1976, when they met in a private home. Theirs is a wholesome, joyous life together, with warmth in reaching out and welcoming others. The Lord graciously provided a building for this mission in the village of Camden, Delaware -- a 104-year old church, well constructed and maintained, which was purchased on August 30. The building had for several years been used as an antique mall. Hard work is making it into a lovely, gracious place of worship and Christian teaching. First worship there was on September 12, with 31 people present in the morning and 32 in the evening. A dedication service is planned for the near future. Raymond R. Dotts is serving on a part-time basis as interim organizing pastor.

September 12 was also the date of the first public worship service of the Glasgow, Delaware, mission. Meetings are being held at a motel conference room just south of Newark, Delaware. Sixteen persons were present on that first Lord's Day morning and 14 in the evening. Arthur J. Frisbie is serving as organizing pastor, while he continues in his secular employment. Pastors Frisbie and Dotts have been meeting regularly as a Delaware Church Planting Team.

Two young congregations that are part of our Bi-Centennial Project are progressing in numerical and spiritual growth and in joy. The group in Newark, New Jersey, began Sunday worship in November, 1975, at the parsonage home of the Bert Baker family. Some 40 people have professed faith in Christ. Five of these publicly confessed the Lord Jesus Christ at the first baptismal service on August 14, 1976. Sunday morning attendances average in the thirties. A public meeting place in the Clinton Hill target area is being diligently sought.

The congregation in Poughquag, New York, continues to grow in love and joy. While this young church has lost several families through moves, the Lord has added more new families through the year, especially through the summer. The number of involved families and their level of commitment indicates that a membership roll should be formed soon. The coming of a resident pastor should aid and stimulate growth.

Two new missions in the Mid-Hudson region, as part of the Bi-Centennial Project, await but the placement of organizing pastors to begin. One will be in New York and the other in Connecticut, both in spiritually needy communities where the Gospel is presently generally unknown because of the absence or scarcity of vital evangelical churches. The formation of

our Mid-Hudson Bi-Centennial Team has taken longer than we had anticipated. Let us pray that the Lord will enable three evangelists soon to be reaping in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

The formation of a new church in the Oley area of Berks County, Penna., is heartening. This has developed in the Fleetwood Church, without direct involvement of the Church Extension Department. This new congregation, forming in a section where there is need for an evangelical church, will bring the joy of Christ to many in the Oley Valley.

### GREATER JOY FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

The Department seeks to work patiently and purposefully with young churches so as to encourage and facilitate their development. For growing believers in growing churches there is growing joy. To these young churches we say, in the words of Paul to the Corinthians, "Not that we lord it over your faith, but are workers with you for your joy; for in your faith you are standing firm" (II Cor. 1:24).

Two churches in East Central New Jersey that have come through the TIE Team are making fine progress. The church in Howell has fully supported itself during the past year, the fifth of its existence. This growing congregation is in process of constructing a new building for worship and teaching, which they expect to occupy within the coming year. Robert L. Draper has served as pastor at Howell from its beginning.

The Freehold-Englishtown church has written a self-supporting budget for the coming year for the first time. An interesting part of the church's ministry this year was a Bi-Centennial summer pulpit exchange between Pastors William Mull and Peter Thornton of West How Baptist Church in Bournemouth, England.

Achievement of self-support by these two churches so soon after their inception is a beautiful example of the economics of church extension. The total cash investment by the sister churches in the ministries of Freehold-Englishtown and Howell, including a \$5,000 equity grant to each toward parsonage purchases from the Fund to Promote Church Extension, were \$45,300 and \$33,650, respectively -- well below an average one-year budget of our self-supporting churches. These congregations will give increasingly toward the support of missions in the home country and abroad and will, should the Lord tarry, through the years contribute many times our modest investment there for spreading the Gospel.

D. Thomas Phillips serves as pastor in Finesville, New Jersey. This small congregation is showing modest but steady growth. There are several families who have been spiritually benefited by the church but have not yet made membership commitments. Should they do so soon, the work would be greatly strengthened and encouraged. Our continuing ministry to such a church in prayer, financial assistance, encouragement and counsel will, as Paul wrote to the Philippians, contribute to their "progress and joy in the faith" (Phil. 1:25).

There is special joy for spiritual leaders who are accountable to the Lord for keeping watch over the souls committed to their care by the Holy Spirit, which they do "with joy and not with grief" (Heb. 13:17). Training and selecting spiritual leaders is an important part of the church planting task. Toward that end, a profitable leadership retreat was held on the New Jersey shore on June 11 and 12, sponsored by Department churches and missions in New Jersey and the Denville and Staten Island churches. Men from eleven congregations participated, with Pastor Jansen E. Hartman as the main speaker.

Leadership training is also one of the objectives of our PISCES program. Three students made up the 1976 PISCES Team: Marjorie Crankshaw of the Freehold-Englishtown Church and Richard MacLaren of the Maple Glen church, both students at Pinebrook Junior College and William Chesley of Washington, D.C. and Taylor University. These served with diligence and distinction, as did Ronald Erb of Lancaster Bible College who invested his summer in Newark as a short-term missionary from his home church in Royersford.

#### JOY IN BEHOLDING GOD'S GRACIOUS WORK

The Apostle John wrote, "I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth" (III John 4). Such joy begins with the Lord, in the midst of His people, who "will exult over you with joy...He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy" (Zeph. 3:1). There is "joy in heaven...in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:7,10). The Apostle Paul picks up the theme as he writes to the Corinthians, "Great is my confidence in you, great is my boasting on your behalf; I am filled with comfort. I am overflowing with joy..." (II Cor. 7:4). To the Thessalonians: "For what thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your account" (I Thess. 3:9). He calls the same Thessa-

lonian believers "our glory and joy...(and) crown of exultation" (I Thess. 2:19,20) and the Philipians "my joy and crown" (Phil 4:1).

In the same manner we, too, may find joy in our brothers and sisters in new churches as they come to Christ through repentance and faith and as they grow in grace, love and the knowledge of the Saviour. During the year it has been my privilege to speak in a number of our churches and tell what God is doing "among the Gentiles." We have produced a 75-minute slide-tape to tell of our Bi-Centennial Project. The presentation, titled "Give Them Liberty," recounts the stirring events of the Revolutionary Era in Newark and the Mid-Hudson and the beginnings of the work of God in new Bible Fellowship Churches in those areas. It has been shown in 27 of our churches, beginning on Palm Sunday in Graterford, and has been well received. Showings are scheduled in 4 more churches in future weeks and we hope to receive invitations from the rest of the churches as well. We also try through Fellowship News, TIE Lines and letters to the churches and to concerned constituents to tell the story, so that we may all share the joy.

Our joy is not unmixed with sadness. On November 30, 1975, just five years after its beginning, the mission in Franklin Township, New Jersey, held its last meeting. This group, with its cultural and ethnic diversity, was faced with many obstacles in its development, not the least of which was its differences from the denomination in regard to some of our rules for membership and eldership qualifications.

The missions in Belvidere and Neptune, New Jersey, have come to the place where there is serious doubt of their ability to continue. The former, one of the oldest works in the Department, appears to be a stagnant congregation in a stagnant town, with extremely poor prospects of growth, despite a lovely building. William Bartron, who has served ably as pastor at Belvidere for three years, has tendered his resignation. A decision as to the future of our mission at Belvidere is pending. While the opportunities at Neptune seem considerably brighter, it appears there is not a viable nucleus of a church after six years of diligent labor in that Shore community. Since both of these ministries have been operating by means of considerable expenditures of church extension funds, responsible stewardship will likely dictate termination and transfer of the resources to new locations where we might have greater expectancy of achieving the goal of planting mature churches.

It is sad to see congregations cease to be and to have to admit failure in some localities. We trust that "Weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

We encourage our young churches, in the words of Scripture, to "make (our) joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose" (Phil. 2:1).

### JOY IN GIVING

Our Lord Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). There is joy in giving. And the Lord, who loves a cheerful giver, can bless that giving to the joy of others. Paul rejoiced in the gift of the Philippian Church (Phil. 4:10).

To get the Bi-Centennial Project underway we have sought special two-hundredth birthday gifts for the U.S.A. toward a goal of \$24,800. Many people have participated in this special drive, which has to date met about 35% of the goal. \$1,400 of the approximately \$8,700 given has come from the churches, the rest from individual donors. We continue to pray that this goal will be provided and we solicit gifts from the Lord's people for the Project.

A large gift was given to equip the Newark parsonage with aluminum storm windows and screens. A number of gifts in memory of Mrs. Jessie VanLeeuwen, Priscilla Baker's grandmother, and a substantial gift for a dining room chandelier, provided most of the cost of redecorating the Newark home, for which there was also a good deal of donated labor.

The Board has begun a Memorial Fund during the year to receive gifts as memorials to spiritual leaders, loved ones and friends to become part of the principal of a revolving loan fund. The fund is reserved for low-interest loans to assist young churches and missions in the Department in acquiring needed real estate. The names of people who are remembered through gifts to the Fund will be reported in Fellow-News and inscribed on a plaque for public display. This Fund will be much needed and will prove a great blessing to the advancement of church extension. We hope that the Lord's people will keep it in mind and give generously to it at appropriate times.

Designated gifts for the support of men serving in the De-

partment are increasingly significant in furthering the work. This year some \$13,400 in such gifts was received from churches and individual contributors. Our work would have been severely curtailed without them.

The backbone of our support is still the regular offerings of the churches. We gratefully receive these gifts and carefully manage their disbursement so as to produce maximum results in church planting evangelism. The \$45,543 which the churches gave this year for next year's program represents an increase of \$4,800 over last year's giving. While this 11.8% increase is very encouraging, we must continue increasing substantially our commitment to church extension.

Writing to the Corinthians, Paul commended the Macedonian churches, whose "abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality" (II Cor. 8:2). We have, likewise, some exemplary churches, for 6 of them this year have together given 54% of the total offerings from the churches for the coming year's operations.

There is a member of one of our churches who has, for more than three years, very faithfully sent a gift of \$10.00 to our office each month. In giving her \$120 a year, this individual believer is contributing more financially than 12, or 30%, of our 40 self-supporting churches toward the cost of extending our church.

There are two churches, one Baptist and the other United Presbyterian, which contribute regularly to the church planting ministry of the Bert Baker family in Newark, New Jersey. Each of these churches has, in the past year, given more dollars to extend the Bible Fellowship Church than 29 or 73% of our own 40 self-supporting Bible Fellowship Churches.

If we care about bringing the Gospel to lost America we must massively build up our church extension giving. Surely we of the Bible Fellowship Church stand strongly and firmly against the current widespread practice of abortions that is destroying the lives of hundreds of thousands of unborn human beings annually. To oppose this butchery and slaughter of these defenseless little people is the right and biblical thing to do. But think about this: If, while we declare ourselves for the right to life of these millions of unborn Americans, we cut back our commitment and plans to evangelize lost America, are we not either terribly blind or crassly hypocritical? We want the babies to be born, but we

pursue policies that would damn their souls by withholding the Gospel from them when they reach the age of accountability! Brethren, we must sharply increase our commitment; we must adopt challenging goals and take them seriously; we must rearrange our financial priorities so that we get back to giving somewhere near 5% of our total offerings for church-planting evangelism in America.

Such commitment, with the result in more churches forming, will cause us to "shout for joy" and "break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud" as numerous spiritual children are born into our branch of God's family tree (Isa. 54:1).

### JOY IN PRAYER

The Apostle Paul told the Philippian believers that he was "always offering prayer with joy..." (Phil 1:4). There is joy in prayer.

All of us who labor in the Church Extension Department are very grateful for faithful prayer partners. While we strongly urge our brotherhood to increase their financial support, even more we request intensified prayer support for this spiritual warfare at the frontiers of our Church.

For a number of years we were urged and moved to pray for laborers -- that men would sense God's call to the Christian ministry and present themselves to serve within the framework of the Bible Fellowship Church. The report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee these past few years has shown that the Lord has abundantly answered that prayer. Now that many of these men are on the scene and available to minister, must not those of us who are grateful to the Lord for calling these preachers of His Word and concerned that they be given opportunity to minister in our denomination be ready to give more and to pray fervently that our brothers and sisters who have been lethargic in their giving to extend the church in America may be moved by the Holy Spirit to do all that is necessary so that new churches may be created in which these called men may preach the Word of God? Doing all that is necessary may mean that some strong churches start branch or daughter churches while all churches find ways to build the flow of financial support to the church-planting task. Jesus taught us to "Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full" (John 16:20).

A by-product of the church-planting process is that a larger constituency will be created to use and support our growing ministries such as Pinebrook Bible Conference, Pinebrook

Junior College and the others, and a stronger base will be formed for the worldwide proclamation of the Gospel by means of missions in the future.

I have chosen a verse about joy for my life verse in the ministry. It was uttered by Paul as he talked with the elders of the church at Ephesus while he was on his way to Jerusalem. "Neither count I my life dear unto myself," he stated, "so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24).

I think I may correctly say that, without exception, the men who serve in the Church Extension Department find great satisfaction and joy in doing the work of church-planting evangelism. There are times when the task is hard and discouraging. But we believe that God's promise cannot fail: "Those who sow in tears shall reap with joyful shouting. He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying his bag of seed, shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:5).

## FINANCIAL

### Receipts:

Balance, 9/12/75	\$220.35	
From Board of Church Extension	11,023.97	
Miscellaneous	<u>30.50</u>	11,274.82

### Expenditures:

**PISCES** 1,632.80

#### Office:

Supplies & Equipment	406.74	
Printing	1,022.83	
Postage	949.53	
Telephone	<u>616.39</u>	2,995.49

#### Parsonage:

Fuel Oil	523.88	
Utilities	1,189.43	
Maintenance	313.23	
Insurance	<u>206.03</u>	2,232.57

#### Travel & Meals:

Director's	1,213.11	
Pastors'	<u>37.32</u>	1,250.43

Board Expenses	254.96
Newark Expenses	796.14

Franklin Township - Redecoration and Maintenance	925.78
Promotion	569.28
Projection & Sound Equipment	400.61
Special Appropriation - Draper	99.10
Miscellaneous	74.50
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$11,231.66
Balance, 9/22/76	\$ 43.16

The depository of the balance, and all funds in this account, is The First National Bank of Allentown, in a checking account under the name "Church Extension Department of the Bible Fellowship Church."

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

Daniel G. Ziegler, DIRECTOR

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

It has been said that he who builds no castles in the sky builds no castles. The Board of Church Extension may well be accused of "building castles in the sky," but at least something is being done.

In spite of limited giving from the Bible Fellowship Churches, the Board has felt led of the Lord to reach out during this past year in an attempt to found several Bible Fellowship Churches. By faith, two missions were scheduled for opening this summer in the Mid-Hudson region. To date the Lord has kept the door closed on this outreach. Instead, He opened doors for the founding of works at Dover, Delaware, with Ray Dotts as temporary pastor and in Glasgow, Delaware, area with Arthur Frisbie as pastor. At Dover, a beautiful church with a seating capacity of about 125 was purchased this fall.

The Board also rejoices in the progress of other missions under its charge. Remodeling continues at Howell and the merger of the Freehold-Englishtown congregations has become a blessing to the two congregations. Professions of faith have been manifested throughout the entire department.

The Board also gives praise to the Lord for the fine spirit of dedication of the following men who are presently serving

under its direction:

William Bartron - Belvidere, N. J.  
 D. Thomas Phillips - Finesville, N. J.  
 Charles E. Kramer - Neptune, N. J.  
 William W. Mull - Freehold-Englishtown, N. J.  
 Bert Baker - Newark, N. J.  
 Raymond R. Dotts - Dover, Delaware  
 Arthur Frisbie - Glasgow, Delaware  
 Robert Draper - Howell, N. J.  
 (Our Director, Daniel G. Ziegler, serves as pastor at Pough-  
 quag, N. Y.)

With deep regret the Board received the recommendation of Pastor Donald R. Knauer to terminate the ministry at Franklin, N. J. and his accompanying resignation as pastor of this congregation. On November 30, 1975, services were terminated at this location. Pastor Knauer was granted permission to live in the existing parsonage until the property is sold.

The Board approved the establishment of a Memorial Fund and encourages members and friends of the Bible Fellowship Church to consider giving a gift in memory of a loved one. Details of the program may be secured by writing to Rev. Daniel G. Ziegler, 1049 Kenyon Ave., Plainfield, N. J. 07060.

The financial goal of the Bi-Centennial Project has not yet been met. We encourage pastors to communicate this need to their people in these closing months of the Bi-Centennial year.

A meeting was held at Pinebrook this spring in which the Board met with each of the pastors under its care to evaluate the progress of their local works. This proved to be a most helpful point of communication.

Our Director, Daniel G. Ziegler, has spent many hours of labor beyond the basic call of duty. We praise the Lord for this demonstration of sacrifice.

A Bi-Centennial slide presentation was prepared by Daniel G. Ziegler and has been shown in most of our Bible Fellowship Churches. It has been well received.

The Board covets the prayers of God's people for the future of the Church Extension program of outreach.

RECOMMENDATIONS --

#1. That the Annual Conference adopt the proposed budget for 1977-78.

#2. That the churches consider giving for church extension at a rate of 5% of their total offerings. Such a level of giving is needed to provide for an aggressive program of church-planting evangelism which will be an adequate response to the spiritual needs of America now. Further, 5% of their total offerings has been the average of church extension giving of our churches throughout most of our history. Smaller churches might consider offerings of \$10.00 per member as a goal.

#3. That the material located on pages 10-11 of the 1975 Yearbook (First Reading) regarding the Duties of the Board be adopted:

A. Delete #5 under Duties of the Board, p. 69, FAITH & ORDER (1973 ed.)

B. Delete #4 & #5 under the Rules Relative to Status of Churches, page 71, FAITH & ORDER.

C. That #6 under Rules Relative to Status of Churches pp. 71 & 72, FAITH & ORDER be revised to read as follows:

All churches which receive financial aid from the Board of Church Extension shall be under the jurisdiction of the Church Extension Department as long as they continue to receive such aid and until three years after the date of their receiving the last payment of such aid. After a church ceases to be under the jurisdiction of the Church Extension Department, it shall not again come under that jurisdiction or be eligible to receive financial aid from the Board of Church Extension except when a need for financial aid shall be occasioned by its participation in the start of a new Bible Fellowship Church or mission, in which case the Board of Church Extension may appropriate such financial aid. The Board of Church Extension and the Director may counsel and advise the churches under their jurisdiction in matters of pastoral relations and pulpit supply.

#4. That Annual Conference ratify the election of Daniel G. Ziegler as Director of Church Extension for a term of three years.

#### REVISED BUDGET FOR 1976-1977

#### RECEIPTS:

Churches - Prepaid

\$45,500

Interest	\$ 3,000	
Gen. Gifts & Church Specials	2,000	
Designated:		
Baker-Newark	13,500	
Kramer-Neptune	3,000	
PISCES	1,000	
Director's Support	1,500	
Bi-Centennial Project	<u>18,000</u>	87,500

**EXPENDITURES:**

Appropriations:		
Belvidere	6,200	
Finesville	3,600	
Neptune	8,400	
Newark-Baker	13,500	
Dover, Del.	4,000	
Poughquag	4,000	
New Missions	16,750	
PISCES	3,000	
Teams	<u>800</u>	60,250

**Administration:**

Director's Salary	8,500	
Director's Supplemental Ben.	1,700	
Parsonage:		
Mortgage	1,880	
Utilities	1,300	
Fuel Oil	600	
Insurance	220	
Maintenance	900	
Travel & Meals	2,800	
Office:		
Printing	800	
Supplies & Equipment	600	
Postage	800	
Telephone	700	
Secretarial Help	1,250	
Board Expenses	800	
Administrative Budget	200	
Workmen's Compensation	150	
FELLOWSHIP NEWS	<u>50</u>	23,250

**RESERVES:**

Fund to Assist Needy Churches	1,000	
Capital Funds	2,000	
Contingency	<u>1,000</u>	4,000

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT****Receipts:**

Balance, 9/17/75		\$33,139.08
From Churches		
Prepaid for 1976-77	45,542.81	
Designated - Current:		
Director's Support	1,250.00	
Baker Support	3,263.00	
Kramer Support	1,672.00	
Bi-Centennial Project	1,422.98	
PISCES	100.00	
Other	665.00	53,915.79
General Contributions:		
Baker Support	6,391.57	
Kramer Support	780.00	
Draper Support	49.10	
Bi-Centennial Project	4,127.88	
PISCES	174.90	
Newark Parsonage Improvements	850.00	
Dover, Del. Mission	20.00	
Memorial Fund	90.00	
Book Fund	15.00	
Undesignated	1,465.00	13,963.45
Interest		3,416.65
Reimbursements & Refunds:		
Director's Travel	1,199.23	
Howell Property Deposit	5,000.00	
Miscellaneous	5.00	6,204.23
TOTAL		\$110,639.20

## Expenditures:

## Appropriations:

Belvidere	6,200.00	
Freehold-Englishtown	1,800.00	
Finesville	4,200.00	
Neptune	7,699.90	
Dover, Del.	20.00	
Poughquag, N. Y.	160.00	
Newark-Baker	13,663.71	
PISCES	1,623.97	35,367.58

## Administration:

Director's Salary	8,000.00
Director's Supplemental Benefits	1,450.00
Director's Parsonage (mortgage)	1,878.96
Director's Travel	2,309.54
Director's Operating Account	9,400.00

Board Expenses	415.35	23,453.85
Other:		
Fund toward Amortization	1,000.00	
Memorial Fund	1,775.00	
Administrative Budget	100.00	
Fellowship News Assessment	50.00	
Miscellaneous	54.65	2,979.65
<b>TOTAL</b>		61,801.08
Balance, 9/10/76		* \$48,838.12

\* This balance is deposited as follows:

Checking Account, 1st National of Allentown	\$152.28
Regular Savings, Savings Bank of Cent. N.J.	289.35
Investment Savings, Savings Bank of Cent. N.J.	33,395.49
Savings Cert., 1st National of Allentown	10,000.00
Savings Cert., North Plainfield State Bank	5,000.00

Addenda:

(1) The Board holds the following notes:

Fund to Promote Church Extension, receivable upon sale of former Freehold parsonage	3,400.00
Freehold-Englishtown Church, receivable upon sale of former Freehold parsonage	536.67
Howell Church	2,200.00
<b>Total</b>	\$6,136.67

(2) A summary, therefore, of the actual fiscal position of the Board:

Balance, 9/10/76	48,838.12
Notes	6,136.67
<b>Total</b>	54,974.79
Less prepaid for 1976-77	45,542.81
<b>Surplus</b>	9,431.98

(3) This surplus breaks down as follows:

Restricted by Designation:		
Bi-Centennial Project	6,645.86	
Book Fund	89.75	6,735.61

Unrestricted

\$ 2,696.37

(4) The Board has \$8,000 on deposit with the Conference Treasurer in the Fund Toward Amortization of the Indebtedness of the Fund to Promote Church Extension. This Fund returns interest at 6% per annum.

(5) The Board holds a Memorial Fund, a revolving loan fund, which is restricted to the purpose of assisting churches and missions in the Church Extension Department in real estate purchases. The fund was begun during the year:

## Receipts:

Transferred from Board Treasury	1,685.00	
Memorial Gifts	90.00	
Interest	21.09	1,796.09
Expenditures		---
Balance, 9/14/76		\$1,796.09

This financial report has been prepared by Daniel G. Ziegler, Treasurer, and the report and books have been audited by Roger S. Bowne.

## PROPOSED BUDGET 1977-78

## Receipts:

Churches-prepaid	\$62,000	
Interest	3,600	
Designated Gifts	22,000	
Gen. Gifts & Church Specials	6,400	94,000

## Expenditures:

## Appropriations:

Pre-1975 Missions & Churches	9,000	
Newark, Salary & Housing	14,500	
Mid-Hudson Missions	19,000	
Delaware Missions	10,000	
New Missions	8,000	
PISCES	3,000	
Teams	800	64,300
Administrative		
Director's Salary	9,100	
Director's Supplemental Ben.	1,900	
Director's Parsonage	5,000	
Director's Travel	3,000	
Office	5,300	
Board Expenses	900	
Administrative Budget	250	

Workmen's Compensation	<u>300</u>	25,700
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## Reserves:

Fund to Assist Needy Churches	1,000	
Capital Funds	2,000	
Contingency	<u>1,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
		\$94,000

LeRoy S. Heller, Chairman; Daniel G. Ziegler, Director; Robert W. Smock, Secretary; Clyde W. Snyder, Clayton E. Weber, Edward Shockley, Sr., Arthur H. Frable, Jr., William A. Heffner, BOARD

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

The Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church sought to be diligent in conducting the work committed to its charge during the 1975-1976 year.

The Board gave advice to several congregations concerning building programs during the year. The congregations requesting this advice were the ones at Paradise, Lehighton and Royersford.

The depository for the General Funds held by the Board was changed to Farmers First Bank, Lititz, Pennsylvania.

Two real estate transactions were conducted during the year. By action of the Annual Conference in a special session on May 1, 1976, the Sacred Heart Community Center, South Main Street, Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, was purchased for the use of Pinebrook Junior College. At the recommendation of the Board of Church Extension, the building formerly used as an Episcopal Church on Camden-Wyoming Road, Camden, Delaware, was purchased for the Dover Mission.

During the last two years the Board developed a revised and more complete statement of its duties. Attached is the material which the Board recommends to this Conference for approval.

The cost of the Prudential Health and Welfare Insurance plan rose during the year. The increase in premium was \$200.00 per family unit. Part of this increase was the result of in-

creased general costs; the remainder of the increase was the result of increased maternity benefits. Because of the increase in maternity benefits, grants at the time of the birth of a child from the Ministers' Assistance Fund are no longer made. Each church should understand that the present premium for the medical insurance is \$750 per year for each family covered.

During the year Reverend E. W. Bean was added to the list of annuitants of the Ministers' Retirement Fund. Brother W. F. Heffner and Brother and Sister N. H. Wolf ceased to be annuitants because of their being promoted to higher service. Donald R. Knauer withdrew his interest in the Fund during the year. The Board of Directors recommends an increase of 10% in the base rate of annuities paid during the coming year. It is anticipated that this increase can be paid from the contributions from the churches and the interest earned by the assets of the Fund.

The Administrative Budget for 1976-1977 is at this writing undersubscribed. The total of the budget is high, but a large percentage of the total is the medical insurance benefits and retirement program for our ministers. A revised and balanced budget for 1976-1977 will be presented to the Conference. Also a new budget with increases primarily for these pastoral provisions is attached. The Board urges each pastor and each delegate to help his church accept its share of the responsibility. According to our rules the Delegate should send the report of the amount his church pledges to give to this aspect of the work by May 15, 1977.

The attached financial statement has been audited by Walter A. Davis, Ephrata, Pa.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) We recommend that the 93rd Annual Conference approve the duties of the Board of Directors on the attached pages.
- (2) We recommend that the 93rd Annual Conference approve the rate beginning October 1, 1976, for annuities from the Ministers' Retirement Fund be established at \$66.00, per year for each year of active service for each annuitant according to our rules.
- (3) We recommend that the Annual Conference adopt the Administrative budget for the 1976-1977 year.
- (4) We recommend that the Annual Conference approve the

attached proposed Administrative Budget for the 1977-1978 year.

## BY-LAWS

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

#### Article I

##### Composition and Election of the Board

Section 1 - Composition - The Board of Directors of Bible Fellowship Church shall be composed of five ordained ministers and four laymen.

Section 2 - Election and Term of Office - The Directors shall be elected in three classes by the Annual Conference of Bible Fellowship Church to three year terms of service; each director shall serve until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

The classes shall be composed as follows:

Class I - Two ministers and one layman

Class II - Two ministers and one layman

Class III - One minister and two laymen

(To begin, Class I shall be elected to a term of one year; Class II to a term of two years; Class III to a term of three years.)

Section 3 - Vacancies - Any vacancies of the Board occurring between Annual Conferences may be filled by simple majority vote of the remaining Directors; each Director elected in this way shall serve only until the next Annual Conference.

#### Article II

##### Organization of the Board

Section 1 - Officers - The Directors shall elect annually from their number a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Financial Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Board may, at its discretion, elect such other officers and agents as the business of the Corporation may require. Two or more offices may be held by the same person.

Section 2 - Vacancies - Vacancies in the offices named in this Article shall be filled by the Board of Directors as early as practicable.

Section 3 - Removal from Office - Officers elected by the Board of Directors shall be subject to removal from of-

fi ce at any time by majority vote of the whole number of Directors.

### Article III Duties of the Board

**Section 1 - Legal -** The Board of Directors shall have and exercise in the name and on the behalf of the Corporation all rights and privileges conferred by the Charter creating the Corporation; such activity must always be in conformity to the **FAITH & ORDER** of Bible Fellowship Church and to the rules, decisions and directives of the Annual Conference of Bible Fellowship Church.

**Section 2 - Denominational Property -** It shall hold title to and have charge of all property, both real and personal, belonging to the Corporation except where there is an organized church or where other provision has been made for supervision by the Annual Conference.

It shall buy or sell property for the Corporation only by the approval of all members of the Board or by direction of Annual Conference.

It shall have the right to borrow money, contract mortgages, or make loans against any property of the Corporation by approval of all members of the Board or by direction of the Annual Conference.

**Section 3 - Ministers' Retirement Fund and Insurance Programs -** It shall have oversight of the Ministers' Retirement Fund of Bible Fellowship Church as well as all insurance programs established by Annual Conference.

**Section 4 - Funds and Other Assets -** It shall determine the depositories of Funds held by the Corporation, shall maintain accurate accounts of such funds and other assets, and shall have the right to make investments.

**Section 5 - Administrative Budget -** It shall have the oversight of the Administrative Budget according to the By-Laws of Annual Conference.

**Section 6 - Real Estate of Particular Churches -** It shall assist upon request of a particular church in having deeds drawn for real estate with the trust clauses as described in the By-Laws for Particular Churches in the **FAITH & ORDER**.

It shall act in an advisory capacity to particular churches and to the Board of Church Extension regarding the buying and selling of properties and development of facilities.

It shall have authority to sell for the Corporation any property deeded to a particular church where for any reason said particular church ceases to exist as an organized church; it shall be empowered to convey such real estate and to execute and deliver a lawful deed. It shall use the net proceeds of the sale of such property for the extension of Bible Fellowship Church.

Section 7 - Report - It shall submit a report(s) to the Annual Conference of Bible Fellowship Church annually.

#### Article IV Duties of Officers

Section 1 - President - (1) The President shall be moderator of all meetings of the Board of Directors. (2) He or any officer designated by him shall execute such leases, contracts, deeds and other documents as the current business of the Corporation may require. He shall report such execution to the Board, excepting, however, that no report shall be required with respect to matters which have been approved or authorized by the Board or matters not requiring Board authorization or approval. (3) He shall also exercise and perform such powers and duties as are usually exercised by and devolve upon Presidents of Corporations.

Section 2 - The Vice-President - The Vice-President shall be the moderator of any duly called meetings of the Board of Directors not attended by the President. Should the Board find that the President is incapacitated or unable to perform his duties as President, such duties shall devolve upon the Vice-President.

Section 3 - Secretary of the Corporation - The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board. He shall be custodian of the seal of the Corporation. He shall maintain files and records for the business of the Corporation. He shall preserve items of special value in a safe deposit box in a depository approved by the Board.

Section 4 - Financial Secretary - The Financial Secretary shall maintain accurate records of all assets held by and

all financial transactions of the Corporation. He shall issue checks for the payment of duly authorized obligations.

Section 5 - Treasurer - The Treasurer shall deposit all funds for which the Board is responsible in depositories approved by the Board of Directors; all accounts shall be in the name of Bible Fellowship Church,...., Treasurer.

## Article V Miscellaneous Regulations

Section 1 - Primary Place of Business - The Primary place of business of the Corporation shall be:  
Bible Fellowship Church  
600 S. Main Street  
Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, 18036

Section 2 - Lawful Meetings - The Board of Directors shall establish a schedule of stated meetings; it may also establish special meetings as required. Other special meetings may be convened with at least seven days' notice sent by mail to each Director at the address given in the current Yearbook; such special meetings shall be convened at the call of the President on his own initiative or at the call of the Secretary when requested by three Directors. In any call for a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting must be stated and the business transacted will be limited to the announced purpose, unless all of the Directors are present in said special meeting and consent to the transaction of other business.

Section 3 - Quorum - Seven duly elected Directors must be present to transact business of the Board; because its rules require unanimous consent of all Directors on certain issues, the vote of an absent Director shall be entered into the record on, but only on, those issues.

Section 4 - Disbursement of Funds - The President, Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall be qualified to sign checks for withdrawal of funds from the bank accounts of the Board.

Checks may be validated by the signatures of any two of the qualified officers.

## 1975-1976 Administrative Budget Compared with 1976-1977

	1975-1976	1976-1977
A. Benefits for each Pastor		
1. Beneficiary Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000
2. Ministers' Assistance Fund	500	500
3. Ministerial Convention Expense	500	500
4. Ministers' Retirement Fund	10,000	12,000
5. Health & Welfare for Pastors & Dependents	<u>22,000</u>	<u>32,000</u>
Sub Total	35,200	46,000
B. Benefits for each church		
1. Conference Entertainment	2,500	3,000
2. Moving Fund	<u>3,200</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Sub Total	5,700	6,500
C. Conference Program		
1. Publication & Printing	2,500	2,500
2. Expenses for Brds. & Com. on Conference business	2,250	3,000
3. Other Expenses for B. of Dir.	100	200
4. Min. Cand. Com. Internship Prog.	250	500
5. Contingencies	<u>430.88</u>	<u>500</u>
Sub Total	5,530.88	6,700
Total	46,430.88	59,200

## PLEDGES TO THE 1976-1977 BUDGET

CHURCH	1975-1976	1976-1977
Allentown, Bethel	\$2,500	\$2,560
Allentown C. Crest	1,440	1,620
Allentown, Salem	517	750
Belvidere	485	---
Bethlehem	1,880	1,940
Blandon	800	1,130
Catasauqua	225	450
Coopersburg	1,200*	1,200
Dutchess County	25*	--
Dover	--	25*
Denville	970	1,000
Easton	150	150
Emmaus	1,929	2,000
Ephrata	1,200	1,430
Finesville	300	360
Fleetwood	1,600	1,740
Freehold-Englishtown	300*	400*
Graterford	1,400	1,750

Harleysville	950	950
Harrisburg	1,075	1,100
Hatfield	1,800	2,110
Howell Township	550	800
Lancaster	1,300	1,600
Lebanon      Lehighton 906	710	823
Maple Glen	1,260	1,260
Mid Hudson (2)	--	50*
Mount Carmel	800	880
Nazareth	1,200	1,560
Neptune	543	600
Newark	---	25*
Paradise	717.44	917.44
Phila., Calvary	650	750
Phila., Emmanuel	500	500
Poughquag	---	25*
Quakertown	900	1,000
Reading	3,000#	3,400#
Royersford	1,475	1,560
Scranton	780	915
Shamokin	780	1,050
Sinking Spring	1,010	1,200
Spring City	1,150	1,275
Staten Island	720	720
Stroudsburg	900	1,240
Sunbury	900	950
Terre Hill	800	600
Wallingford	1,400	1,400
Walnutport	225	240
York	1,000	1,000
B.F.C. Home	125*	285*
Brd. of Church Extension	100*	200*
Pinebrook Conference Board	150*	150*
Pinebrook Junior College	150*	150*
Zionsville	500	525
Totals	\$46,430.88	\$51,425.44

\* Insurance not included in these pledges

# Insurance for two in this pledge

#### PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR 1977-1978

##### A. Benefits for each Pastor

1. Beneficiary Fund	\$ 1,000
2. Ministers' Assistance Fund	500
3. Ministerial Convention Exp.	500
4. Ministers' Retirement Fund	13,000
5. Health & Welfare for Pastors	<u>36,000</u>

Sub-Total	\$ 51,000
B. Benefits for each Church	
1. Conference Entertainment	3,000
2. Moving Fund	<u>5,000</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 8,000
C. Conference Program	
1. Publication & Printing	2,500
2. Expenses for Boards & Com.	4,000
3. Other Exp. for Brd. of Dir.	250
4. Ministerial Cand. Com. Intern.	1,300
5. Contingencies	<u>450</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 8,000
D. Total	\$ 67,000

BALANCE SHEET - September 30 (Statement A)

ASSETS	1976	1975
Statement B - General Funds	\$588,757.31	\$87,144.10
Statement D - Fund-Promote C. Ex.	372,462.33	308,726.44
Statement F - Pinebrook	799,081.18	821,947.25
Statement H - Ministers' Retire.	<u>193,738.84</u>	<u>190,302.25</u>
Total Assets	1,954,039.661	1,408,120.04
LIABILITIES		
Statement B - General Funds	505,474.86	5,874.54
Statement D - Fund-Promote C. Ex.	155,212.87	102,908.23
Statement F - Pinebrook	46,887.50	45,000.00
Statement H - Ministers' Retire.	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>
Total Liabilities	707,575.23	153,782.77
FUNDS HELD IN TRUST		
Statement D - Fund-Promote C. Ex.	104,328.15	89,952.02
NET WORTH		
Statement B - General Funds	83,282.45	81,269.56
Statement D - Fund-Promote C. Ex.	112,921.31	115,866.19
Statement F - Pinebrook	752,193.68	776,947.25

Statement H - Ministers' Retire.	<u>193,738.84</u>	<u>190,302.25</u>
Total Net Worth	1,142,136.28	1,164,385.25
Total Liabilities, Trust Fund & Net Worth	1,954,039.66	1,408,120.04

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.

BALANCE SHEET - September 30 (Statement B)

ASSETS	1976	1975
Cash:		
General Fund	10,231.59	8,545.95
Moving Fund	(3,146.35)	(2,363.99)
Ministers' Assistance Fund	72.86	804.76
M.C.C. Internship Fund	<u>1,332.35</u>	<u>1,650.00</u>
Total Cash	\$ 8,490.45	8,636.72
Accounts Receivable:		
Attorney's Fee, Pinebrook Con. Brd.		75.00
Administrative Budget		
Belvidere	581.60	
Easton	75.00	
Franklin	115.75	
Freehold	100.00	
Howell	<u>788.00</u>	
	1,660.35	1,448.37
Health & Welfare Insurance		
E. W. Bean	93.28	
Pine. Con. Brd.	28.82	
Hatfield	<u>236.90</u>	
	359.00	
Workmen's Compensation		
All Agencies	180.00	195.00
Notes Receivable - General Fund		
Victory Valley	8,000.00	8,000.00
Board of Pub. & Printing	---	1,300.00
Real Estate:		
Pinebrook Jr. College	502,578.50	---
Victory Valley	<u>67,489.01</u>	<u>67,489.01</u>
Total Assets	588,757.31	87,144.10

## LIABILITIES

Prepayment to Ad. Budget (Walfd)	350.00	455.00
Prepayments to Health & Welfare		
B.F.C. Home	62.43	
Coopersburg	<u>62.43</u>	124.86
		419.54
Mortgage - Pinebrook Jr. Col.	500,000.00	---
Note Payable:		
Pinebrook Jr. Col. Contract	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities	505,474.86	5,874.54
NET WORTH:		
Net Worth 9/30/75	81,269.56	
Gain from State C	<u>2,012.89</u>	
Net Worth 9/30	<u>83,282.45</u>	<u>81,269.56</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	588,757.31	87,144.10

## INCOME STATEMENT - September 30 (Statement C)

INCOME	1976	1975
Payment on Pine. Jr. Col. Debt	2,578.50	---
Administrative Budget	47,472.16	43,390.12
Donations	---	373.40
Health & Welfare Insurance	9,845.62	7,139.96
Interest Income	<u>640.91</u>	<u>1,272.80</u>
Total Income	60,573.19	52,176.28

## EXPENSES

M.C.C. Internship Fund	567.65	750.00
Uncollected Pledges	---	275.75
Board of Publication & Printing	2,500.00	2,500.00
Annual Conference Entertainment	150.00	150.00
Beneficiary Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Health & Welfare Insurance	34,139.63	25,269.30
Ministers' Retirement Fund	10,500.00	10,000.00
Moving Fund	3,982.36	6,543.85
Expenses of Boards & Committees		
Agenda	17.06	
Articles of Faith	60.52	
A. C. Program	32.84	
Credentials	335.33	
Government	106.32	
Min. Cand.	888.03	

Nominating	129.20		
Min. Relations	1,047.46		
Statistical	135.83		
Brd. of Directors	575.14		
Divorce Com.	96.48	3,425.21	2,943.83
Expense - Brd. of Dir.		107.55	24.00
Ministers' Assistance Fund		1,231.90	1,700.00
Ministerial Convention		500.00	411.48
Interest Expense		420.00	540.00
Total Budget Expense		58,524.30	54,458.21
Gain or (Loss) Transferred to Statement B		2,012.89	(2,281.93)

Fund to Promote Church Extension  
BALANCE SHEET - September 30 (Statement D)

ASSETS	1976	1975
Cash	(\$4,874.45)	20,101.00
Interest Receivable:		
Howell	395.73	586.11
Notes Receivable:		
Brd. of Ch. Extension	9,822.07	9,762.07
Belvidere	11,000.00	11,000.00
Denville	6,760.87	7,279.07
Finesville	2,437.81	2,635.99
Freehold	24,000.00	10,242.08
Howell	15,829.51	16,029.51
Franklin	13,703.96	13,703.96
Dover	5,000.00	---
Mortgage Receivable:		
Church of Nazarene	---	8,115.12
Binghamton, N. Y.	2,926.24	3,271.94
Real Estate:		
Plainfield	42,760.00	42,760.00
Sinking Spring	43,884.69	43,884.69
Howell	71,146.00	32,314.76
Franklin	36,771.94	36,771.94
Freehold	25,635.67	25,635.67
Newark	24,692.53	24,632.53
Dover	40,569.76	---
Total Assets	\$ 372,462.33	308,726.44

LIABILITIES

Note Payable:

Personal Loans	2,000.00	14,000.00
Mortgages Payable:		
Sinking Spring	17,000.00	21,161.91
Freehold	7,911.29	7,911.29
Howell	50,000.00	9,942.55
Franklin	15,263.97	15,720.47
Plainfield	18,659.32	19,302.55
Newark	14,378.29	14,869.46
Dover	30,000.00	---
	<u>155,212.87</u>	<u>102,908.23</u>
Total Liabilities	155,212.87	102,908.23

#### FUNDS HELD IN TRUST

Dover	10,569.76	---
Freehold	17,724.38	17,724.38
Franklin	21,370.97	21,051.47
Howell	21,146.00	22,372.21
Sinking Spring	23,202.80	19,040.89
Newark	10,314.24	9,763.07
	<u>104,328.15</u>	<u>89,952.02</u>
Total Funds Held in Trust	104,328.15	89,952.02

#### NET WORTH:

Net Worth 9/30/75	115,866.19
Gain Transferred to Statement E	(2,944.88)

Net Worth 9/30	<u>112,921.31</u>	<u>115,866.19</u>
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Total Liabilities, Trust Funds & Net Worth	\$372,462.33	\$308,726.44
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#### Fund to Promote Church Extension INCOME STATEMENT - September 30 (Statement E)

INCOME	1976	1975
Interest Income	2,437.79	3,485.55
Brd. of Church Ext. payments on Plainfield Mortgage	<u>643.23</u>	<u>602.86</u>
Total Income	3,081.02	4,088.41

#### EXPENSES

Dover Property	5,000.00	--
Franklin Property	343.40	--
Freehold Property	50.00	--

Interest	<u>632.50</u>	<u>417.50</u>
Total Expenses	\$6,025.90	\$ 417.50
Gain or (Loss) Transferred to Statement D	(\$2,944.88)	\$3,670.91

Pinebrook Fund\*  
BALANCE SHEET - September 30 (Statement F)

ASSETS	1976	1975
Cash	6,848.63	26,719.06
Note Receivable:		
Pinebrook Service Board	46,485.66	49,481.30
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	433,421.78
Marsh Property	15,369.30	15,369.30
Improvements to Buildings:		
Administration Building	4,044.63	4,044.63
Bunk House	12,461.92	12,461.92
Bus. Mgr's House & 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	14,563.95	14,563.95
Honeybrook	7,751.24	7,751.24
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	2,711.24	2,711.24
Viewbrook	209.32	209.32
Truck	2,800.00	2,800.00
Sewage Plant	<u>79,572.59</u>	<u>79,572.59</u>
Total Assets	\$799,081.18	\$821,947.25

LIABILITIES & NET WORTH

Note Payable - Farmers First Bank	\$46,887.50	---
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Note Payable - 1st National, Allentown	45,000.00
Net Worth, 9/30/75	776,947.25
Gain Transferred	
From Statement G (24,753.57)	
Net Worth, 9/30	\$752,193.68 \$776,947.25
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	\$799,081.18 \$821,947.25

\*This Fund represents investments of Pinebrook made by and through the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Pinebrook Fund  
INCOME STATEMENT - September 30 (Statement G)

INCOME	1976	1975
Service Board Payment on Sewage Plant	---	50,000.00
Contributions from Individuals	---	200.00
Interest	<u>4,321.54</u>	<u>3,655.01</u>
Total Income	4,321.54	
Total Income	4,321.54	53,855.01
EXPENSES		
Pinebrook Conf. Board Interest	<u>25,183.36</u> <u>3,891.75</u>	--- <u>3,674.52</u>
Total Expenses	\$29,075.11	\$3,674.52
Gain or (Loss) Transferred to Statement F	(\$24,753.57)	\$50,180.49

Ministers' Retirement Fund\*  
BALANCE SHEET - September 30 (Statement H)

ASSETS	1976	1975
Cash	77,088.53	25,288.53
Cash - Savings & Loan Account	---	7,335.24
Farmers First Bank	50,937.50	25,000.00
Stocks & Bonds (See footnote)	56,412.81	104,362.58
Notes Receivable:		
Pinebrook Jr. College - 6%	---	18,872.08
Paradise Church - 6%	---	3,143.82
Victory Valley - 6%	<u>9,300.00</u>	<u>6,300.00</u>

Total Assets	\$193,738.84	\$190,302.25
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### LIABILITIES & NET WORTH

Liabilities	---	---
Net Worth 9/30/75	190,302.25	
Gain - Statement I	<u>3,436.59</u>	
Net Worth, 9/30	193,738.84	190,302.25
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	\$193,738.84	\$190,302.25

Footnote: The Book Value of this portfolio is as follows:

100 shares Phila., Electric Co. Pfd. 9.50%	10,001.00
200 shares Penna. Power & Light Pfd. 4.50%	21,536.81
25 U.S. Treasury Notes 7 1/2 due August 15, 1976	<u>24,875.00</u>
Total Stocks & Bonds	\$56,412.81

\* 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.

### Ministers' Retirement Fund INCOME STATEMENT - September 30 (Statement I)

INCOME	1976	1975
Contributions from Admin. Budget	10,500.00	10,000.00
Contributions from Pastors	5,337.98	5,082.90
Dividends	4,999.18	3,207.44
Interest Income	<u>7,029.43</u>	<u>11,838.65</u>
Total Income	\$27,866.59	\$30,128.99
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Refunds	---	1,456.05
Annuities Paid	<u>24,430.00</u>	<u>21,605.92</u>
Total Expenses	\$24,430.00	\$23,061.97
Net Gain Transferred to Statement H	\$3,436.59	\$7,067.02

Jansen E. Hartman, Chairman; Carl C. Cassel, Secretary;  
Frank L. Herb, Jr., Vice-Chairman; Horace A. Kauffman,

Financial Secretary, Byron C. Cassel, James R. Cressman, Insurance Secretary, James A. Beil, Robert W. Gehret, Treasurer, James G. Koch, BOARD

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH STANDARD PROHIBITING LEGITIMATELY DIVORCED PEOPLE OR THOSE MARRIED TO LEGITIMATELY DIVORCED PEOPLE FROM HOLDING THE OFFICE OF ELDER**

The 92nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church passed the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** that the Chairman appoint a Committee of four ordained ministers and three laymen to reconsider our denomination's standard prohibiting legitimately divorced people or those married to legitimately divorced people from holding the office of Elder.

The Chairman appointed the following men to this committee: Robert Breitegam, Donald T. Kirkwood, Keith E. Plows, L. James Roberts, Jr., R. Glen Kohrbach, David J. Watkins, and LeRoy C. Wilcox. The Committee organized with David J. Watkins, Chairman, and LeRoy C. Wilcox, Secretary.

As this Committee sought to fulfill its responsibility, consideration was given to the study on divorce which was commissioned by the 1963 Annual Conference. This earlier study on divorce was broader than the concern of the present study; however, the report of the 1963 Committee which appeared in the 1965 Yearbook included the following conclusion concerning the issue facing the 1975 Committee:

“It is not the severity of divorce but the dignity of the office as detailed in the Scripture (I Peter 5:1-4; I Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9) that prevents divorced persons or persons married to divorced persons from holding office in the church.”

A study of the passages cited in the quotation from the 1965 report does serve to clearly indicate the dignity and elevation of the office of Elder. The question that legitimately remains is whether this dignity and elevation necessarily bars divorced men from holding the office of Elder. In seeking to answer this question the Committee members came to see the issues in such a way that two basic viewpoints developed. Since it was our opinion that the issue at hand will be of continuing concern to our people we decided to include both the position which was adopted by the Committee and the view-

point which was held by other Committee members.

The decision of the 1975-76 Committee is to sustain the position which the Annual Conference adopted in 1967 which bars any divorced man or man married to a divorced person from holding office. This decision by the Committee grew out of a conviction by the majority of the Committee members that the dignity of the office coupled with the need for the Elder to be "above reproach" and "of good report" among those outside of the fellowship are compelling reasons to bar divorced men or those married to divorced women from holding the office of Elder. One of the ways to describe the rationale of this position is as follows:

A. The Bible clearly teaches the sanctity of marriage, even using the husband-wife relationship as an illustration of the relationship which pertains between Christ and the Church.

B. The Bible speaks strongly against divorce in both the Old and New Testaments.

C. The passages concerning the requirements for those holding the office of Elder contain requirements which show that not all Christian men are eligible for the office. Only those who meet the specific requirements may be considered for the office.

D. Since divorce gives evidence of failure to meet society's ideal of marriage being permanent the divorced person loses esteem in the mind of the public and thus becomes ineligible for the office of Elder.

It was concluded that since the vast majority of divorces in our culture are illegitimate in a Biblical sense there is an almost inevitable loss of esteem for even innocent parties in divorce action. In other words a basic incompatibility was seen between the sanctity of marriage and the elevated office of Elder on the one hand, and the divorced elder achieving the esteem necessary to be held blameless or beyond reproach by the onlooking world on the other hand. Put another way one might say, "How can the dignity of the office be maintained when divorced persons or persons married to divorced persons, who inevitably lose dignity through their connection with divorce, are allowed to serve?"

It should be noted that the Committee in general understood the requirement which states that an Elder should be "the husband of one wife" to be referring to polygamy rather than to divorce. Therefore it was agreed that the passages list-

ing the requirements for Elders do not directly address the question whether a divorced man may serve in the office. The lack of a clear and direct reference to the eligibility of the divorced man to serve was the reason why some committee members did not find the majority view persuasive. This position develops out of the following understanding:

A. The Scriptures in general and the writings of the Apostle Paul in particular speak plainly on the matter of divorce and remarriage.

B. The passages relating to the requirements for Elders do speak directly to marriage and family issues such as polygamy and authority in the home.

C. Since the above is true it is unlikely that the Holy Spirit would expect us to conclude that divorced men are excluded on the basis of the general unspecified requirements for the office.

It must be admitted that the broader requirements are meant to be applied to changing cultural situations else there would be no reason to include such requirements. That is to say, to be "above reproach" and to "have a good reputation" may differ in different cultures at different times. In all cases, however, they would require conformity to the clear teaching of the Scriptures. If "above reproach" and "have a good reputation" are to be applied to divorced persons in our culture it would demand that we conclude that divorce in our culture irreparably damages a person's reputation even if he is innocent of any wrongdoing in the divorce action and is declared innocent of any divorce-worthy conduct (adultery and possible desertion) by the brethren.

If it is best to understand "above reproach" and "have a good reputation" as meaning above legitimate reproach and worthy of good report then, even if it is decided that people in general reproach divorced persons such reproach would not be deserved or legitimate if a person had a divorce which God declared to be blameless. Matthew 19:9 would seem to teach that there is a circumstance in which a person may be blameless in a divorce.

After considering all of these aspects of the question and spending considerable time in exegeting relevant Scriptures the Committee passed the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** that the Bible Fellowship Church standard prohibiting legitimately divorced persons or those married

to legitimately divorced persons from holding the office of Elder be re-affirmed.

David J. Watkins, Chairman; LeRoy C. Wilcox, Secretary; Robert Breitegam, Donald T. Kirkwood, Keith E. Plows, L. James Roberts, Jr., R. Glen Rohrbach, COMMITTEE

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

Pinebrook Junior College began the 1975-76 year much as it had during the past several years. The Board met five times. The organization of the Board included the Executive Committee and four committees concerned with specific areas of work. Assistant Professor John E. Brueckmann served as faculty representative to the Board of Directors. New on the Board this year were L. James Roberts, Jr. and John L. Colantonio. During the early months of the year Mr. Colantonio resigned from the Board because of other pressing responsibilities and the Board exercised its right to elect another member until the next Annual Conference. Russell M. Ruch, a Hatfield business man, was elected. Later during the year Donald R. Knauer resigned from the Board after faithfully serving for many years. The year of business and college activities, however, was not to continue similar to the usual pattern. God had plans for the school. We were seeking His direction.

When Paul was writing to the church at Philippi, he spoke of the help coming from the people and his lack of need because God always supplies. God continues to express His care for the church from His abundant riches. Pinebrook Junior College has again this year experienced this kind of supply from our God.

Early in the year a concern for improved facilities was expressed and the Board agreed to look at the possibilities for expansion both at the East Stroudsburg Campus and/or another location. At the time there was a strong expression that the present location should be surveyed first. As the Board of Directors began to face the need, the availability of the Sacred Heart property at Coopersburg became known.

The decision to purchase the Coopersburg property at 636 Tilghman Street was approved on April 16, 1976. At an adjourned session of Annual Conference, both pastors and delegates toured the facility. Enthusiasm and verbal support encouraged the Board of Directors to present a series of

resolutions requesting approval to purchase the Sacred Heart property for the new Pinebrook Junior College Campus. Annual Conference ratified the Board's decision on May 1, 1976.

The final decision of the Board of Directors approved the launching of a capital fund campaign. Some have asked the question, "Will the need be met?" This year has proved that God will meet our need. He has enabled us to meet our obligations and repay a portion of our debt.

We are aware that when Paul wrote to Philippi, he spoke of God's provision from a supply of riches that are unlimited. Our appeal to you is to trust God with us. He has promised to supply. He will supply as we are faithful to all His directives.

Whereas, it is typical for the Board of Directors of colleges to be larger than the Board of Directors of Pinebrook Junior College, and

Whereas, it would be advantageous for the Board of Directors of Pinebrook Junior College to have a larger number of laymen so that men with specific areas of expertise and experience could be added to the Board and contribute their wisdom in the making of the complex decisions which face a college Board of Directors, and

Whereas, implementation of the Pinebrook Junior College Development Campaign will necessitate a larger pool of laymen who have direct knowledge of the operation of the College than are presently available, and

Whereas, a number of well-qualified laymen have agreed to serve on the Pinebrook Junior College Board of Directors, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that the number of laymen on the Board of Directors of Pinebrook Junior College be increased from seven to ten and further

**RESOLVED:** that in view of the immediacy of the need, this action be taken according to the rule of exception thus allowing the 93rd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church to elect:

- 3 laymen for 3 years
- 1 layman for 2 years
- 1 layman for 1 year

## PINEBROOK JR. COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN

At the Adjourned session of Annual Conference on May 1, 1976, we received a gratifying response to our new campus proposal. Since that time there has been a crescendoing volume of approval. Our Homecoming Banquet and Service of Dedication on October 2, 1976, seemed to reflect this enthusiasm.

The concern for an adequate financing program has paralleled this expressed interest. A plan has been devised to meet the need as projected for the next three years.

The purchase of this property required a twenty-year first mortgage of \$350,000 and an eight-year second mortgage of \$188,750. This covers the purchase of both property and inventory. Our plan calls for the raising of \$115,000 each year for the next three years in addition to the regular annual church contributions.

This three-year campaign will:

1. Liquidate the \$188,750 second mortgage.
2. Pay the interest cost on the second mortgage while it is being liquidated.
3. Amortize our share of the \$350,000 first mortgage for three years.
4. Help to bridge the financial gap between student fees and the cost of educating Pinebrook students for the next three years.
5. Provide three years of time for the fees from a growing student body to reach a level which will allow the remaining first mortgage to become part of the ordinary budget of the College.

While faith promises have not yet been signed, we do have a verbal commitment for nearly 1/3 of our campaign. These promises have come from several faculty and board members. Included, is a project by our newest member of the Board of Directors, Mr. Russell Ruch. This project has more than \$60,000 already promised with a much greater potential.

We give thanks to God for not only providing a new campus for Pinebrook Junior College, but also for raising up people

to carry the financial burden.

Comparative Balance Sheet - June 30, 1976

Assets	1976	1975
<b>General Funds</b>		
General (Schedule 1)	\$ 19,636	27,621
Restricted	<u>13,399</u>	<u>8,092</u>
	33,035	35,713
<b>Loan Funds</b>		
Cash	(154)	111
Loans - Receivable	3,315	2,715
Due from NDSL	<u>--</u>	<u>50</u>
	3,161	2,876
<b>Plant Fund (Schedule 1)</b>	109,645	110,758
<b>Agency Funds (Schedule 1)</b>	2,803	4,115
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	148,644	153,457
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Funds</b>		
Liabilities (Schedule 2)	70,532	85,144
(Deficit)	<u>(37,497)</u>	<u>(49,431)</u>
	33,035	35,713
<b>Loan Funds</b>		
Principal of Funds (Schedule 2)	3,161	2,876
<b>Plant Fund</b>		
From Gifts & Current Funds	109,645	110,753
<b>Agency Funds</b>		
Balance of Funds Due to Others (Schedule 2)	<u>2,803</u>	<u>4,115</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	148,644	153,457

Condensed Comparative Statements of Income & Expenditures for Years Ended June 30.

INCOME	1976	1975
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Educational & General		
Student Fees	96,902	86,907
Gifts & Grants		
Unrestricted	74,795	88,699
Restricted	3,757	2,430
General	<u>4,953</u>	<u>3,346</u>
	179,507	181,382
Auxiliary Enterprises	94,968	76,137
TOTAL INCOME (Schedule 3)	\$ 274,475	257,519

## EXPENDITURES

Educational & General		
Administrative	40,367	53,889
General Expense	49,327	45,389
Instruction	58,034	60,962
Library	7,488	7,518
Public Relations	8,760	--
Operation & Maintenance	<u>19,681</u>	<u>16,275</u>
	183,657	184,033
Auxiliary Enterprises	58,946	52,671
Other Non-Educational Expense	<u>13,710</u>	<u>14,924</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Schedule 4)	256,313	251,628

## Excess of Income Over (Under) Expenditures

Educational & General	(4,150)	(2,651)
Auxiliary Enterprises	36,022	23,466
Other Non-Educational Trans.	<u>(13,710)</u>	<u>(14,924)</u>

## Excess of Income over Expenditures

Net (Exhibit C)	18,162	5,891
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Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Chairman; Clyde W. Snyder, Secretary; David J. Watkins, President; John H. Herb, Nicholas Sheetz, Russell Ruch, LeRoy S. Heller, James Herrold, Warren L. Zimmerman, Carlton Wentz, L. James Roberts, Jr., William W. Mull, BOARD

## REPORT OF THE PINEBROOK SERVICE BOARD

This has been a good year in many ways. The Lord has blessed us with a good staff of faithful, dedicated workers who give cheerfully of their time and talents for the Lord's work at Pinebrook. As we look back down the path behind us we can see the improvements that have been made to the physical plant at Pinebrook. Progress is painfully slow, but we rejoice in God's provision of funds to do what has been accomplished. We shall list some of the main points in our renovation and improvement plan during the last year.

1. Fourteen showers rebuilt in Sunnybrook, Honeybrook and Overbrook.
2. Five rooms paneled in Sunnybrook
3. Emergency lighting installed in indoor swimming pool area.
4. Additional mercury vapor lamps installed around the grounds
5. New fluorescent lights installed in auditorium.
6. New roof on Nearbrook
7. New furnace room built and new furnace installed in Nearbrook
8. New paving on roads. Main entrance to Nearbrook - Viewbrook to Overbrook - Front of farmhouse - about 2/3 of main roads paved.
9. Landscaping and building new waterways at various locations
10. Filled in old dam behind Sunnybrook
11. Graded old barn site at farm house
12. Interconnected well system partly completed to assure emergency water supply during breakdowns and to provide a means to treat and purify our water supply
13. New water and sewer lines laid to Pine Lodge.
14. Installed new gas-fired water heaters in Nearbrook and Viewbrook
15. Installed new oil-fired water heaters in Overbrook, Honeybrook and kitchen
16. Renovated burned-out cabin #4 with new paneling and carpeting
17. Circuit breakers installed in Trailer Camping area for safety reasons
18. Camping area upgraded and enlarged. Removed trees to facilitate better parking. Septic tank system finalized.
19. Installed sewer line from Snack Shop, basement and laundry to new sewer system
20. Purchased a used John Deere bulldozer and a used Ford Tractor to facilitate our grass mowing
21. Equipment for the shop, hammer and drill, air com-

pressor, portable grinder and  
22. Emergency electric plant,

One only needs to look around to realize the road ahead is long and steep. Much work remains to be done. With the Lord's help and your prayers and gifts of time, talents and money we will move forward to a bigger, better and greater ministry for the Lord at Pinebrook. Pray for us in this year of change.

We recommend that each church be encouraged to make a contribution to the Pinebrook Conference Board.

A special note of thanks to all who donated to make Pinebrook a little nicer.

Pinebrook Service Board - Balance Sheet - June 30, 1976

ASSETS	6/30/76	6/30/75
Cash	\$ 29,469.00	9,933.33
Accounts Receivable:		
Conference	7,395.40	9,962.45
College	6,775.63	29,089.99
Bookstore	79.00	79.00
	(43,719.03)	(49,064.77)
Other Deferred Charges		128.09
Prepayments	2,752.99	1,876.53
Inventory	-----	-----
Material, Supplies & Tools	1,882.61	1,135.06
Admin. Bldg.	4,350.20	2,883.30
Archery Stop	143.33	143.33
Backhoe, & Equip.	9,700.00	5,000.00
Roads	4,036.59	510.66
Cabins	2,813.23	1,687.57
Camp Ground	1,425.53	1,343.49
Chapel	696.26	696.26
Echobrook	714.75	714.75
Honeybrook	7,893.08	4,776.26
Farm House	10.00	10.00
Kitchen & Dining Room	17,410.73	17,342.19
Lake House	1,094.47	1,094.47
Main Water Supply	808.33	780.81
Marsh House	2,318.13	2,228.63
Nearbrook	7,677.30	3,921.28
Overbrook	11,824.52	8,424.83
Personal Property	12,097.21	12,097.21
Pine Lodge	1,077.30	600.50

Sewage Plant	\$ 1,253.94	695.34
Shower Bldg.	849.23	713.29
Stall House	135.43	135.43
Divert Stream	7,161.37	6,355.36
Tool & Machine Shop	809.41	809.41
Snack Shop	7,639.77	7,639.77
Sunnybrook	7,967.65	6,028.25
Tabernacle	600.00	600.00
Landscaping	1,847.81	808.33
Laundry	66.69	66.69
Viewbrook	1,935.69	1,930.99
Toboggan	437.31	437.31
Wells & Water Systems	1,877.84	---
Barn	655.80	---
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TOTAL ASSETS	167,683.53	142,680.16
	6/30/76	6/30/75

#### LIABILITIES & RETAINED INCOME

Note Payable I.C.M.		2,939.00
Note Payable BFC		2,080.00
Income Tax Payable		545.06
FICA Tax Payable		338.22
Local Tax Payable		153.33
Pa. Income Tax Payable		312.76
Accrued Payroll Taxes		338.21
Audited Bills Payable	12,073.30	8,581.10
Occupational Priv. Tax Payable	---	---
Accrued Accounts Payable		2,421.00
Accrued School Taxes	2,655.90	2,381.28
Accrued Township Taxes	165.00	211.16
Accrued Depreciation	2,193.76	1,566.90
Deferred Credits	---	484.16
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Total Liabilities (less 5,264.22)	17,087.96	22,352.18
Retained Income	150,595.57	120,327.98
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Total Liabilities & Retained Income	167,683.53	142,680.16

#### Income Statement - June 30, 1976

#### REVENUE

Conference Board	165,048.92
College	74,902.23
Snack Shop	13,167.50

Book & Gift Shop	\$ 1,045.90	
Service Charge Income	469.29	
Washers & Dryers	490.05	
Gifts-Individuals	422.00	
Soda Vending Machines	3,558.97	
Gifts - Churches	3,527.50	
Miscellaneous	559.85	263,192.21

**EXPENSES**

## Payroll

Buildings & Grounds	10,885.56	
Food Service	30,311.36	
Housekeeping	5,371.04	
Office	1,270.00	
Snack Shop	894.81	
Sewage Plant Operation	2,831.70	
Maintenance		
Conference	7,105.23	
College	923.01	
Kitchen	1,028.44	
Snack Shop	72.01	
Payroll Taxes		
Buildings & Grounds	1,114.97	
Food Service	1,568.50	
Housekeeping	310.54	
Office	73.12	
Snack Shop	44.41	
Maintenance		
Conference	396.93	
College	52.01	
Kitchen	60.16	
Snack Shop	3.96	
Sewage Plant Operation	109.49	64,427.25

## Maintenance Bills Payable

Conference	6,511.28
College	1,202.31
Kitchen & Dining Room	1,313.43
Snack Shop	192.65
General Maintenance	4,637.04
Auto & Power Equipment	1,513.04
Sewage Plant	843.60

## Other Bills Payable

Food	63,929.62
College Work-Study Program	4,716.99
Bookstore	
Power, heat & Ins.(ex. cont.)	720.00
Kitchen Supplies	3,651.02
Garbage Removal	

Food Service	\$1,355.75	
Conference	813.88	
College	559.87	
Conference Supplies	1,732.68	
Propane Gas		
Conference	260.14	
College	799.31	
Kitchen	1,524.44	
Laundry	570.96	
Marsh House	94.01	
Service Board Supplies	451.06	
Electric Power		
Conference	6,563.48	
College	4,106.49	
Kitchen	2,203.62	
Snack Shop	730.92	
General	2,143.96	177,568.80
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Heating Oil		
Conference	10,088.30	
College	7,866.26	
Kitchen	2,021.86	
Snack Shop	438.40	
General	225.46	
Telephone	349.64	
Snack Shop		
Candy	2,472.15	
Soda	3,623.05	
Food	3,286.89	
Supplies	483.24	
Sewage Rental Expense	7,600.56	
Sewage Treatment Plant Operation	846.26	
Service Life Main Pump	128.09	
Vacation Pay	411.89	
Housing Exp. Service Brd. Staff	586.67	
Tax Accruals	3,859.46	
Fire Insurance		
Conference	4,754.00	
College	1,924.80	
Snack Shop	392.40	
Kitchen	1,413.00	
Bookstore Contents	230.84	
Automobile Insurance	112.00	
Liability Insurance		
Conference	1,816.00	
College	178.00	
Kitchen	104.00	
Depreciation Charges	626.76	
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Total Expenses 233,408.78

NET GAIN 29,783.43

Gerald Schlonecker, Chairman; Robert Breitegam, Sterling Baer, John F. Moran, Paul Clymer, Donald Matz, George E. Herb, BOARD

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF MINUTES OF PARTICULAR CHURCHES

We have examined all the Local Conference Minute Books and have found them in good condition. A few minor matters were omitted which have been called to the attention of the respective churches.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Be it Resolved, again, that the Government Committee prepare material defining the duties of the Committee to Examine Local Conference Minutes. This material shall be presented to the Ninety-fourth Annual Conference.

R. C. Reichenbach, Chairman; Richard Taylor, Secretary; Robert L. Draper, Stanley Kalbach, Arthur W. Deppe, Ernest Bauer, Allan C. Palmer, Sterling Baer, Paul Weber, T. Lamarn Manney, LeRoy Siegfried, Russell E. Dech, Clifford L. Kauffman, Clyde W. Snyder, E. Gerald Hershey, Horace Manuel, Jack Largent, Ralph Hendershot, Walter Schlagel, C. Roger Detwiler, Michael Guttman, Clinton Crankshaw, Rufus Spedden, Merle Phillips, Peter Hauge, Clayton Dietz, Carl H. Kellerman, Paul Rodgers, COMMITTEE.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDITING

The Committee advises that the financial accounts of Boards and Committees have been audited by designated persons prior to Annual Conference and it is the opinion of the Committee that they are in satisfactory condition.

David L. Weller, R. Stanley Weidner, Leon H. Naudasher, William R. Hunsberger, Roger S. Bowne, Rodney Muthard, Byron C. Cassel, COMMITTEE

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

## RECORD:

Ordained Ministers	50
Probationers	14
Elders	308
Deacons	40

## PASTORS' ACTIVITIES:

Pastoral Visits	21,324
Baptized	456
Children Dedicated	132
Weddings	76
Funerals	116

## MEMBERSHIP:

Received into Church Fellowship	346
Received by Transfer from B.F.C.	39
Received by Transfer from Other Ch.	59
Total Increase	444
Died	42
Withdrawn	42
Dropped	94
Transferred to B. F. Churches	32
Transferred to Other Churches	58
Total Decrease	268
Net Increase	176
Total Membership	5,287

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS:

Total Enrollment	8,913
Total Average Attendance	6,654
Cradle Roll Members	199
Home Department Members	151

## CHURCH PROPERTIES:

Churches	50
Parsonages	48
Present Valuation of Church Properties	\$11,936,959

Total Income	\$2,361,563
Total Offerings	2,195,576

## DISBURSEMENTS - CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES:

Conference Administrative Budget	\$46,820
Foreign Missions	202,675
Church Extension	53,916
Home for the Aging	7,813
Pinebrook Junior College	33,228
Board of Christian Education	1,520
Victory Valley	6,242
Pinebrook Bible Conference	2,235
Pinebrook Service Board	2,485

## DISBURSEMENTS - LOCAL BENEVOLENCES:

Ministers' Salaries	\$347,442
Ministers' Supplemental Benefits	76,060
Administrative Assistants' Salaries	49,222
Christian Education	142,042
Debt Service	493,055
Local Benevolences	11,920
Local Missions	105,417
Women's Missionary Societies	14,411
Annual Conference Delegate	6,086
General Disbursements	726,658
Total Disbursements	\$2,329,247

We cite the following from page 166, 1975 Yearbook:

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...to arrive by Monday of the week prior to Annual Conference week.

The following churches did not fulfill the above regulation by not sending a copy of the minutes or a minute book to the Committee on Statistics. Therefore the information on the Pastor's Statistical Form could not be verified. The churches are:

Catasauqua, Coopersburg, Easton, Freehold-Englishtown, Reading, Shamokin, Zionsville, Belvidere, Neptune.

Willard E. Cassel, John Dunn, LeRoy S. Heller, Paul G. Zimmerman, COMMITTEE

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINUTES

We have examined the minutes of the 92nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church and find them to be in satisfactory condition with a minor exception noted below:

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### The Tie Team

After the fourth paragraph, the following paragraph shall be inserted:

“In 1973 we were able to report that the church in English-town, already in existence for several years as an independent work, had become a part of the Bible Fellowship Church and the TIE Team.”

Dana Weller, Stanley Kalbach, COMMITTEE

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

The 93rd Annual Conference has received communications from the following:

C. Leslie Miller, Walter H. Frank, Paul E. Baer, Donald T. Kirkwood, David L. Branning, Olive I. Rawn, A. L. Seifert, and J. Barclay Harley.

Those letters not read in Conference session are posted in the conference room.

We praise the Lord for the interest shown by these individuals and pray that the blessing of the Lord shall rest upon these fellow laborers in the Gospel.

Robert W. Smock, Chairman; Jay Fasnacht, Secretary; Austin G. Shelly, Arthur H. Frable, Jr., Terris L. Byrd, COMMITTEE

## REPORT OF THE PINEBROOK CONFERENCE BOARD

The year has been a full one. While many camps have been hit hard because of the economy crunch, Pinebrook also felt this squeeze. However, the Lord has seen us through the en-

tire year and we were able to meet all our obligations and finish our fiscal year in the black. So we give thanks to the Lord and the Lord's people for their faithfulness to this part of His work.

People often ask, "What do you do after the summer program is over?" Many have the idea that things quiet down and there is not much work to do. This is not the case. After the summer Bible Conference, the Fall weekend retreats begin. Almost every weekend we see anywhere from 80 to 380 people using the facilities and holding their meetings.

During this past year, we have seen many decisions for Christ. As these groups are well satisfied with the facilities, they in turn speak to others and as a result, we have many new groups using Pinebrook as a place for their weekend retreat. Pinebrook is becoming a well-known retreat center for many church groups. As a result of this great response, new people are becoming our friends.

The month of June was one of our fullest months. There were only five days when no one was using the facilities. So when our summer program began in July, we only had two days to get ready for the summer ministry. And again, we had an excellent list of speakers and musicians. In the month of August, our attendance at the sacred concerts was over 700 each Saturday. A new piano was purchased in the beginning of the summer, and through the special gifts from interested friends, the much-needed instrument was paid for - cost \$3,700.00. Besides the fulfillment of this goal, our offerings exceeded the \$10,000.00 mark. With the financial blessings came spiritual enrichment as we saw many come forward during the time of invitation.

Pinebrook is a missionary ministry. Labor Day weekend was geared to missions. During the year many different nationalities use our facilities and have met Christ. Chinese, Koreans, French, Spanish, Blacks, etc. use our facilities.

Much work has been done on the grounds and in the buildings. The roads have been resurfaced, two of the tennis courts were repaved with macadam, several showers rebuilt, a few rooms paneled and painted, landscaping, etc. (The Service Board's report gives a more detailed account of this.)

Now that the College has moved to better and more adequate facilities, we have the privilege to expand our ministry. It is easier to coordinate the various programs. We are now able to take up to 400 for a weekend retreat. Our facilities now

consist of 6 motel units which include 80 rooms, 14 individual cottages, two chapels, a summer auditorium, two lobbies, 10 individual classrooms, a four-room apartment, three-story frame house, camping area with 50 sites (33 of them with water and electric hookup), well-stocked Book & Gift Shop, Snack Shop, a dining room large enough to feed 450 people, indoor and outdoor swimming pools and many sports facilities. Pinebrook has great facilities and a continuing need to upgrade them.

We are indeed thankful for the ministry of our Director and his wife, David and Pauline Thomann. They have labored diligently and the Lord has blessed their efforts.

Willard E. Cassel, Manager of the Book & Gift Shop, has done a tremendous job in putting the bookstore in good order. During this year, our Board received an inventory of the bookstore and our Manager is this year submitting to Annual Conference the first financial report from the bookstore.

During the late spring and early summer, our Board met several times in joint session with the Pinebrook Service Board and the Pinebrook Junior College Board. The following are some rather significant resolutions which were passed by the combined Boards:

1. **RESOLVED:** that we agree that both the College and Conference would benefit significantly if each could function at a separate location.
2. **RESOLVED:** that we agree to pay the College \$150,000 in return for full use of the facility and the retention of all assets presently at Pinebrook except any thing which the College is presently using exclusively which would be deemed essential for carrying on an educational ministry.
3. **RESOLVED:** that we inform the 93rd Session of the Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church that the Pinebrook Service Board and the Pinebrook Conference Board meeting in combined session on July 8, 1976, agreed that the administration of the affairs of the Pinebrook Conference Grounds should be under the direction of one board.
4. **RESOLVED:** that the Pinebrook Conference Board be composed of eleven (11) men - four pastors, the Conference Director, and six laymen.

We wish to express appreciation to the churches who have

indicated their interest and support in this ministry by placing the Pinebrook Bible Conference in their budget. It is our prayer that all of our Bible Fellowship Churches will get behind the ministry at Pinebrook.

We recommend the following:

1. That the administration of the affairs of the Pinebrook Conference Grounds be under the direction of one Board, known as the Pinebrook Bible Conference Board, effective November 1, 1976.
2. That the Pinebrook Conference Board be composed of eleven (11) men - four pastors, the Conference Director and six laymen.
3. That each church make a contribution to the Pinebrook Conference Board. Contributions should amount to at least that which has been given to the Pinebrook Service Board and Conference Board. Checks should be made payable to Pinebrook Conference Board and sent to the Director.

Whereas, Pinebrook Junior College has moved to new quarters, and

Whereas, in view of this move of the College, the 93rd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church has determined that the administration of the Pinebrook Conference Grounds be administered by one Board, and

Whereas, the duties of this Conference Board will require a significant increase in its work load, and

Whereas, these increased duties must of necessity be undertaken immediately, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that Article 5, Agencies of Annual Conference, section i, Pinebrook Bible Conference Board, Elections, page 74, of **FAITH AND ORDER**, ('73 ed.) be amended as follows:

Election: It shall be composed of four ministers and six laymen and the Bible Conference Director. The ministers and laymen shall be elected for a term of three years in classes as follows:

- I. Two Ministers and Two Laymen
  - II. One Minister and Two Laymen
  - III. One Minister and Two Laymen
- One Bible Conference Director annually by virtue of his office.

And be it further

**RESOLVED:** that by the rule of exception this revision is to take effect immediately.

In order to accomplish the establishing of the above classes, we recommend that the following elections be held:

Two ministers and two laymen for three years.  
 One layman for two years  
 One layman for one year

**FINANCIAL REPORT - July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976**

Amount brought forward		\$ <u>16,465.79</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Balance	3,087.98	
Receipts (Schedule I)	253,598.01	
Expenses (Schedule II)	<u>238,558.25</u>	18,127.74
<b>AUDITORIUM FUND</b>		
Balance	13,377.81	
Receipts	---	
Expenses	<u>---</u>	
Balance		<u>13,377.81</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>31,505.55</b>
<b>SCHEDULE I</b>		
Receipts:		
Convocations		\$ 208,958.62
Gifts		9,391.50
Offerings		7,016.28
Miscellaneous		
Refunds	1,098.60	
Capital Improvements	1,046.00	
Bookstore	379.00	
Memorial Gifts	<u>25,708.01</u>	<u>28,231.61</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>253,598.01</b>
<b>SCHEDULE II</b>		
Expenses:		
Pinebrook Service Board		173,386.72
Advertising		2,276.24

Honoraria		\$ 8,397.50
Office Equipment		91.50
Office Supplies		2,873.14
Postage		1,670.48
Telephone		2,452.56
Payroll		21,230.19
Printing		3,934.00
Employee Tax & Social Security		3,453.46
Accident Insurance		2,108.76
Director's Health Insurance		566.68
Linen Rental		3,285.98
Recreation Equipment & Leasing		1,926.83
Equipment Purchase & Servicing		2,391.09
Board Expense		844.81
Auto Maintenance		2,453.01
Workmen's Compensation		606.00
Refunds		617.00
Contingency		1,000.00
Miscellaneous		
Petty Cash	926.00	
Donation	100.00	
Fire Loss	169.00	
Plans	219.00	
Gifts	26.22	
Capital Improvements	<u>1,552.08</u>	<u>2,992.30</u>

TOTAL \$ 238,558.25

Accounts and Report audited by Anthony Tedi, accountant for Lee Tire Company, Hatfield, Pa.

**PROPOSED BUDGET - July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977**

Pinebrook Service Board	\$ 175,000.
Advertising	2,500.
Honoraria	9,000.
Office Equipment	250.
Office Supplies	3,000.
Postage	2,000.
Telephone	2,500.
Payroll	25,000.
Printing	5,000.
Director's Health Insurance	1,600.
Board Expense	1,000.
Auto Insurance & Maintenance	2,500.
Accident Insurance	2,500.
Recreation Equipment	2,000.
Employee Tax and Social Security	4,000.
Linen Rental	3,500.

Equipment Purchase and Servicing	2,500.
Refunds	750.
Workmen's Compensation	650.
Conference Administrative Budget	150.
Contingency	1,000.
Capital Improvements	6,000.
Miscellaneous	2,000.
Sewage Plant	3,700.
Mortgage (1,301.74 monthly)	15,621.
General Expenses	6,500.
Insurance	2,000.
Buildings	<u>8,300.</u>
	\$290.521.

PINEBROOK BOOK & GIFT SHOP - Income Statement  
March 1, 1976 - June 30, 1976

Sales		\$ 8,912.39
Less: Cost of Goods Sold		
Inventory 3/1/76	35,754.32	
Purchases	<u>11,625.40</u>	47,379.72
Less: Inventory		
6/30/76		<u>44,007.18</u>
		<u>3,372.54</u>
Freight & Cartage		<u>259.37</u> <u>3,631.91</u>
Gross Profit		5,280.48
Selling Expenses:		
Advertising	66.68	
Demo Records	78.25	
Trade Discounts Granted	197.90	
Payroll	2,908.48	
Rent	316.00	
Telephone	8.24	
Office Supplies	253.50	
Postage	48.03	
Interest Expense	<u>.59</u>	<u>3,877.67</u>
		1,402.81
Add: Cash Discounts Earned		87.12
Interest on Savings Account		<u>23.70</u>
Net Income		\$ 1,513.63

BALANCE SHEET - June 30, 1976

ASSETS

Cash, General Fund	\$ 822.17
Petty Cash	8.92
Accounts Receivable	1,155.69
Inventories - Merchandise for Resale	44,007.18
- Postage for Resale	<u>18.43</u>

Total Assets \$46,012.39

### Liabilities and Net Worth

#### LIABILITIES

Penna. Sales Tax Payable	93.45
Payable to Pinebrook Bible Conference:	
Payroll	2,065.91
Telephone	4.33
Postage	<u>4.67</u>
	2,074.91
Rent Payable - Pinebrook Service Board	79.00
Accounts Payable - All Others	2,177.42
Miscellaneous Deferred Credits	<u>2.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$4,426.78

Net Worth, 3/1/76 \$40,071.98

Gain, Period March

1 - June 30, 1976	<u>1,513.63</u>	<u>41,585.61</u>
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Total Liabilities & Net Worth \$46,012.39

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

### PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE BUDGET - 1976-1977

#### REVENUE

Student Fees	201.120
Auxiliary Enterprises (not student)	4,000
Contributions:	
Pinebrook B. Con.	150,000
Gen. & Restricted	<u>148,030</u>
Interest Income	<u>10,550</u>
	\$513,700

## OPERATING EXPENSES:

Payroll		126,876
Payroll Taxes		8,110
Faculty Compensation		9,600
All Other:		
Administration	10,020	
General	11,797	
Admissions	4,215	
Public Relations	7,275	
Development	3,725	
Student Services	8,850	
Instruction	2,340	
Library	1,500	
Oper. & Main.	30,562	
Auxiliary Ent.	46,286	
Non-Educational	<u>54,014</u>	<u>180,584</u>
		<u>325,170</u>
Net Income from Operations		188,530

## Funds Needed to Meet Balance Sheet Obligations:

## Debt Payment:

First National Bank of Allentown	5,245	
Diocese of Allentown	12,695	
Pinebrook Bible Conference	3,600	
Other	10,000	
Acquisition of Other Assets	<u>5,000</u>	36,540

## Provision for Balance Sheet Obligations:

Pinebrook Bible Conference	(\$147,530)	
Net Income	<u>188,530</u>	\$41,000

## Addendum to F. M. BOARD REPORT

During the past year a request was received from J. Barclay Harley to be received as a missionary under the Board of Foreign Missions of the Bible Fellowship Church. Due to certain circumstances, he felt compelled to resign from the Orinoco River Mission. The Board met with Barclay Harley and reviewed the problems that beset his ministry. Recognizing the years of faithful service he has rendered in the Church Extension Department of the Bible Fellowship Church and the almost 20 years of faithful service on the foreign

mission field, the Board took on his support as an independent missionary subject to the control of the Board of Foreign Missions. The Board is endeavoring to look into his future relationship in respect to another Board.

The amount of \$2,325.00 has been sent for his support for the months of July, August and September. This amount has been included in the report already received by this Conference under the item of the Orinoco River Mission.

#### REPORT OF THE 85th ANNUAL MINISTERIAL CONVENTION

The eighty-fifth Ministerial Convention of the Bible Fellowship Church was held April 26-28, 1976, at the Pinebrook Bible Conference Center.

When the scheduled speaker, Dr. Kenn W. Opperman, president of Toccoa Falls Bible Institute, could not be present, Rev. Jansen E. Hartman, Rev. C. E. Kirkwood and Mr. Jack Largent of Overseas Missionary Fellowship willingly and ably assumed the speaking responsibilities.

A business session resulted in the following action:

1. **RESOLVED:** that a vice-chairman be elected for the 1977 Convention. He shall serve as the chairman of the 1978 Convention.
2. **RESOLVED:** that a secretary be elected for the 1977 Convention.
3. **RESOLVED:** that the Convention Committee for 1977 shall determine the date, place, subject and length of the 1977 Convention.
4. **RESOLVED:** that two members-at-large be elected for the 1977 Convention.
5. **WE RECOMMEND:** that Annual Conference reexamine the level of financial support for the Ministerial Convention and that the Committee for the 1977 Convention make recommendation to the Annual Conference on the level of denominational support for the Convention.

The following were elected for the 1977 Convention:

Vice-Chairman - John Dunn

Secretary - Richard Taylor

Members-at-large - John Vandegriff, Robert F. Johnson

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Receipts

Pastors' Registrations	662	
Administrative Budget	<u>500</u>	1,162

#### Disbursements

Pinebrook, meals & lodging	870	
Bulletins, postage, phone	49	
Speakers	150	
Balance	<u>93</u>	1,162

Austin G. Shelly, Chairman; William W. Mull, Secretary

# ADDENDA, FAITH & ORDER

## ADDENDA FOR FAITH & ORDER

The following pages ( 142-156 ) are additions to the 1973 Edition of the 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.

12. Yearbooks shall be ordered and paid for at the Annual Conference. Payment shall be made to the Board of Publication and Printing.

13. All monies which are due to Conference Boards and Committees shall be forwarded to them prior to August 31 of the year in which they are reported.

The following are additions to the FAITH & ORDER:  
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### Article IX (a)

#### 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 to faithfully 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.

#### Page 61 - #6. 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. 6:1,2,10; James 5:9,16).

The following supercedes the material - Ministers' Retirement Fund, pages 66-68:

## 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 payment 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 Paragraph 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 with less than thirty years of service 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 of 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 becomes totally and permanently 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 following is a revision to the FAITH & ORDER - 5. Agencies of the Annual Conference; c. Board of Foreign Missions, page 68:

Elections: A General Secretary shall be elected annually by ballot by the Annual Conference from among the ordained ministers for a term of three years. By virtue of his office he shall be a member of the Board of Foreign Missions. The Board of Foreign Missions shall be composed of the General Secretary, four ordained ministers and four laymen elected for a term of three years in the following classes:

- I. Two ministers - two laymen
- II. One minister - one layman
- III. One minister - one layman

The following is a revision to the FAITH & ORDER - 5. Agencies of the Annual Conference; 1. Credentials Committee - "The FAITH & ORDER Questionnaire" d, page 77:

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.

The following are additions and corrections to the 1975 Edition of the FAITH & ORDER:

ADD: Duties of Board of Victory Valley, page 77:

- 1. To formulate objectives and policy for the camp.
- 2. To plan the year-round camp program.
- 3. To develop and maintain the site of the camp.
- 4. To formulate and maintain the standards of the camp.
- 5. To secure and provide for the training of the camp staff.
- 6. To supervise the financial and business matters of the camp.
- 7. To promote the camp to the public.
- 8. To evaluate the camp and its program.
- 9. To report to the Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

ADD: Categories of Ministry (after Duties of Credentials Committee) page 81:

### Categories of Ministry

All ordained men who hold Ordination Credentials with the Bible Fellowship Church shall subscribe annually to the FAITH & ORDER.

The categories of ministry are as follows:

- I. Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church
- II. Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Bible Fellowship Church.
- III. Ordained Ministers Working With Other Organizations  
(See Article XI, p. 27 - FAITH & ORDER)

#### IV. Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence

1. An ordained minister, who for personal reasons, resigns from an active ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church may be granted this classification by the Committee on Credentials.

2. An ordained minister having resigned from his active ministry and having accepted no other ministry with the Bible Fellowship Church within one year may be classified under this category.

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

#### V. Ordained Ministers in Retirement

1. These men draw retirement benefits from the Bible Fellowship Church.

#### ADD: Duties of Historical Committee, page 83:

1. To determine policy and procedure by which the Archivist can maintain and supplement the historical materials of the Bible Fellowship Church.

2. To assist the Archivist in the collection of relevant historical materials.

3. To maintain denominational archives for the accumulation of materials and memoirs relating to the history of the denomination.

4. To encourage each local fellowship to maintain a file of important documents related to the historical development of the local fellowship.

5. To make an annual report to the Annual Conference.

REVISE: The words "Ministerial Relations Committee" be substituted for Credentials Committee in Article XIV, A, #3, 'd' of the Principles of Order, page 32.

DELETE: All material relative to the Pinebrook Service Board, pages 78, 79.

REVISE: Election of the Pinebrook Bible Conference Board, page 77.

Election: It shall be composed of four ministers and six laymen and the Bible Conference Director. The ministers and laymen shall be elected for a term of three years in classes as follows:

- I. Two ministers - two laymen
  - II. One minister - two laymen
  - III. One minister - two laymen
- One Bible Conference Director annually by virtue of office.

REVISE: Section C, Narcotics: page 48:

C. 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 narcotics 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 (Romans 6:16; I Cor. 6:19,20).

REVISE: Election of Board of Directors of Pinebrook Junior College, page 75:

Election: It shall be composed of the President, five ministers and ten laymen. They shall be elected for a term of three years in classes as follows:

- I. Three ministers - Three laymen
- II. One minister - four laymen
- III. One minister - three laymen

(Substitution for Article X, Articles of Faith, page 10)

## Article X

### HUMAN ABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

In his original creation man was endowed with ability to will and to do good or evil and was accountable for his willing and doing. <sup>1</sup>

But by the fall of Adam man lost his ability apart from God's grace <sup>2</sup> to will and to do those things necessary to a right relationship to God: <sup>3</sup> however, he is still accountable to God for obedience to all His commands. <sup>4</sup> Man has not

lost his ability to make decisions, <sup>5</sup> but left to himself acts only in accordance with his fallen sinful nature. <sup>6</sup>

Only by God's infinite grace can man will or do anything necessary to his salvation. <sup>7</sup> God by that grace saves men <sup>8</sup>-whom He causes to will and to do good; however, He does this without nullifying man's ability to act responsibly. <sup>9</sup>-

<sup>1</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die (Genesis 2:16,17).

<sup>2</sup> And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others (Ephesians 2:1-3).

<sup>3</sup> There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God (Romans 3:11). So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God (Romans 8:8).

<sup>4</sup> Who will render to every man according to his deeds: to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life: but unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil; of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile (Romans 2:6-10). And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent (Acts 17:30).

<sup>5</sup> For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live (Deuteronomy 30:11,19).

<sup>6</sup> As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one... They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one (Romans 3:10,12). Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil (Jeremiah 13:23). (See also Ephesians 2:1-3 as per footnote 2).

<sup>7</sup> So then it is not him that willeth, not of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy (Romans 9:16).

<sup>8</sup> Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we

should be a kind of firstfruit of his creatures (James 1:18).  
 9 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling: For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure (Philippians 2:12,13).

(The following is a new Article XIX - all other articles will be advanced in number)

## Article XIX

### THE EVANGELISTIC MISSION OF THE CHURCH

The Church has been commissioned by Jesus Christ to preach the gospel to all nations. <sup>1</sup> Each particular church and every believer bear responsibility to this commission. <sup>2</sup>

In the Gospel God has clearly revealed the only way of salvation which is sufficient for and applicable to the whole lost race of mankind. <sup>3</sup> Based on His infinite and perfect love and His expressed desire that all men be saved, <sup>4</sup> He bids the Church that with urgency, compassion and persuasion it proclaim the gospel to all people and invite them to believe. <sup>5</sup> -

It is the duty and privilege of everyone who hears the gospel to repent and receive its merciful provisions. <sup>6</sup> Those who do are saved, <sup>7</sup> and those who continue in impenitence and unbelief incur aggravated guilt and perish by their own fault. <sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> - Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you: and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world (Matthew 28:19,20 ASV, 1901). But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

<sup>2</sup> - But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear (I Peter 3:15).

<sup>3</sup> - And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world (I John 2:2).

<sup>4</sup> - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten

Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16). For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth (I Timothy 2:3,4).

- 5- And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given unto us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God (II Corinthians 5:18-20).
- 6- And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent (Acts 17:30). For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13).
- 7- And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house (Acts 16:31). Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life (John 5:24).
- 8- He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him (John 3:36). I tell you, Nay, but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish (Luke 13:3). But, after thy hardness and impenitent heart, treasureth up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God (Romans 2:5).

**DELETE:** The following under the Duties of the Board of Church Extension:

#5 under Duties of the Board, p. 72.

#4 & #5 under the Rules relative to Status of Churches, p. 74.

#6 under Rules relative to Status of Churches, pp. 74,75 to be revised as follows:

6. All churches which receive financial aid from the Board of Church Extension shall be under the jurisdiction of the Church Extension Department as long as they continue to receive such aid and until three years after the date of their receiving the last payment of such aid. After a church ceases to be under the jurisdiction of the Church Extension Department, it shall not again come under that jurisdiction or be eligible to receive financial aid from the Board of Church Ex-

tension except when a need for financial aid shall be occasioned by its participation in the start of a new Bible Fellowship Church or mission, in which case the Board of Church Extension may appropriate such financial aid. The Board of Church Extension and the Director may counsel and advise the churches under their jurisdiction in matters of pastoral relations and pulpit supply.

**DELETE:** The words "and Victory Valley" from the last line of the first paragraph under section: Conference Treasurer, page 70.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HOME, page 77:**

**Duties:** 1. The Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church Home shall be responsible to maintain a home for the aging and infirm and to engage in such other forms of benevolent and charitable work in connection with said Home as may be determined.

2. The general business and affairs of the Bible Fellowship Home shall be managed and conducted by its Board of Directors acting as a Board, or through its properly authorized Officers in accordance with the By-Laws of the Bible Fellowship Church Home; and management of its corporate business and affairs shall be in accordance with and subject to the FAITH & ORDER and By-Laws of the Bible Fellowship Church.

3. The general conduct of the Bible Fellowship Church Home shall be under the immediate supervision and control of an Administrator elected annually by its Board of Directors at the latter's February meeting.

4. The Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church Home shall make a written report of its activities to Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

**BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, page 72:**

**Duties:** 1. To formulate objectives and policy for the Foreign Mission program of the Bible Fellowship Church.

2. To interview and examine all prospective candidates for approval and for financial assistance.

3. To exercise oversight over the members of the Foreign Mission Department and to maintain standards in conformity to the Bible Fellowship Church.

4. To supervise the financial business matters relative to Foreign missions.

5. To promote Foreign Missions in conjunction with the local church.

6. To submit a written report to the Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

## 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

B U T   N O T

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 Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting, which shall include the Board of Elders' Report of the Membership, the Annual Financial Report and the Valuation of the Church properties and the Pastor's Statistical Report (PS-3) to the Committee on Statistics, % PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE, 600 South Main Street, Coopersburg, PA. 18036, 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

#### MINUTES OF SPECIAL SESSION OF 92nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

A Special Session of the 92nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church was convened May 1, 1976, in Calvary Church, Coopersburg, Pa.

Devotions were conducted by Chairman Carl C. Cassel from Judges 6.

By order of the Chairman of Annual Conference, Carl C. Cassel, an official call for a Special Session of the 92nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church has been made in accordance with our rules for Saturday, May 1, 1976, 10:30 a.m. at the Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, 518 N. Main Street, Coopersburg, Pennsylvania.

This meeting was requested by the Board of Directors of Pinebrook Junior College.

The purpose of this Special Session is to consider and vote upon a series of recommendations related to the possible relocation of the College.

The Roll was called.

Paul Weber, alternate delegate, Terre Hill; Douglas Bolhemus, alternate delegate, Freehold-Englishtown; Paul Rodgers, alternate delegate, Walnutport, were seated in the Conference bar.

Written excuses were received from Alva C. Cassel, LeRoy S. Heller, Merle H. Phillips, George E. Herb, William A. Hefner, E. Gerald Hershey.

**RESOLVED:** that the above excuses be received.

Host Pastor, Donald D. Reitz, addressed the Conference.

**RESOLVED:** that we recess to reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Pinebrook Junior College presented the following Resolutions:

Whereas, the Board of Pinebrook Junior College is convinced that the continued growth of the ministry of Pinebrook Junior College necessitates the development of facilities more suited to its educational mission, and

Whereas, the Board of Pinebrook Junior College is convinced that the Sacred Heart Community Center in Coopersburg is advantageously located and contains adequate facilities in excellent condition for the ministry of Pinebrook Junior College, and

Whereas, the Sacred Heart facility can be purchased at a

price far lower than an amount of money that would be required to develop similar facilities at Pinebrook, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that the officers of Bible Fellowship Church be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed promptly to take all action necessary to consummate the purchase of said Sacred Heart Community Center, located at 516 South Main Street, Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, which includes 17 (plus or minus) acres of land and twelve buildings, from the Allentown Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church for the sum of \$500,000 for the use of Pinebrook Junior College; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the officers of Bible Fellowship Church be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to finance this purchase by making a loan of \$350,000.00 from the First National Bank of Allentown, Allentown, Pa., and to secure this loan by giving a first mortgage on said property to said First National Bank of Allentown to provide part of the funds needed to make settlement for said purchase; said mortgage to be amortized with interest in 240 equal monthly payments, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the officers of Bible Fellowship Church be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to give a purchase money mortgage to the Allentown Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church for the balance of the purchase price, to be repaid in eight years with interest at a rate of 8 1/2% per annum; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the officers of Bible Fellowship Church be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to take whatever other steps may be required to consummate the purchase of said Sacred Heart property.

**RESOLVED:** that the above resolutions must receive 2/3 majority for adoption.

The resolutions were adopted (Yes - 58; No - 22)

Whereas, the Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church designated that the ministries of the summer Bible Conference and of the College be conducted at Pinebrook when the latter property was purchased, and

Whereas, the purchase of said Sacred Heart facility implies a separation of the Conference and the College ministries, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that the separation of the Bible Conference and College ministries be approved, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that we adopt the resolution of the Pinebrook Conference Board to pay the College \$150,000 in return for full use of the facility and the retention of all assets presently at Pinebrook except any things which the College is presently using exclusively which would be deemed essential for carrying on an educational ministry; i.e. library and library shelves, arm chairs, office furniture and equipment, piano, organ, laboratory equipment, etc.

Whereas, the Board of Directors of Pinebrook Junior College requests permission to conduct a Fund Raising Campaign to assist it in liquidating the indebtedness incurred in the purchase of said Sacred Heart property in Coopersburg, Pa., therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that this request be granted.

**RESOLVED:** that we adjourn. Adjourned at 4:18 p.m. with prayer.

		Ministers	Probationers	Elders	Deacons	Pastoral Visits	Baptized	Children Dedicated	Weddings	Funerals	Assist. Pastor's Visits
Allentown, Bethel	Koch	1		9		490	5	1	2	11	
Allentown, C. C.	Hertzog	1		10		327	17		1		
Allentown, Salem	J. Herb	1		6		290		3		2	
Bethlehem	F. Herb	1		16		660	16	4	4	7	268
Blandon	Weller	1		6	6	321	7	3	2	2	
Catasauqua	R. Reitz	1		4		325	5	3	3	2	
Coopersburg	D. Reitz	1		7		487	12	6	3		
Denville, N. J.	Harris		1	4	2	300	5	4	2	2	
Easton	Wilcox	1		3		416		4	3		
Emmaus	Fritz	1		11		705	18	6	1	1	
Ephrata	Smock	1		9		500	35	3	6	5	
Finesville, N. J.	Phillips		1	2		383				1	
Fleetwood	Shelly	1		7		440	11	4	2	5	
Freehold-Eng. N.J.	Mull	1		4		360	5	1	1	3	
Graterford	Plows	1		11		683	7	3	4	3	
Harleysville	Frable	1		9		376	8	2			
Harrisburg	Reichenbach	2		11		398	27	3	1	4	
Hatfield	Mahurin	1	2	8	3	593	16	9	2	4	306
Howell, N. J.	Draper	1		4	1	310	5	8	3	3	
Lancaster	Dunn	1		10		673	2		3	4	
Lebanon	Ellingson	1		6	4	499	21				
Leighton	Good		1	8		310	7	1	1	4	
Maple Glen	Spackman	1		3	2	180	2				
Mt. Carmel	A. Cassel	1		9		450	19	5	1		
Nazareth	Zimmerman	3		8		409	6	7	1	1	
Paradise	Heffner	1		4	5	28	4	4			
Phila., Calvary	Tareila		1	4		207	2	2	2	1	
Phila., Emmanuel	Heimer		1	4		172				2	
Quakertown	Brosius	5		8		485	9	2	1	3	
Reading	J. Hartman	1	1	10		1063	16	2	6	9	968
Royersford	Johnson	2	1	10		559	19	6	1	5	
Scranton	Coble	2		6		335			2	3	
Shamokin	Coulbourn			9		555	9	2	3	3	
Sinking Spring	Byrd	1		4		575	12	3	2	4	
Spring City	Taylor	1	1	6		572	10	1		3	
Staten Island, N.Y.		2		3				4		1	
Stroudsburg	Minnig	4		7		500	10	4		1	
Sunbury	Heller	1		9	8	983	38	4	3	2	
Terre Hill	Graybill		1	8		312	6				
Wallingford		1		9	9		11	9	1	1	
Walnutport	Weaber	1		4		68				1	
York	Riggall	1		10		875	29	3	3	10	
Zionsville	Batchler	1	1	8				1		1	
	Totals	49	12	308	40	18146	455	127	74	114	1542
Belvidere, N.J.	Bartron	1				280		3	1	1	
Neptune, N.J.	Kramer		1			747		1		1	
Newark, N.J.			1			520			1		
Poughquag, N.Y.						89	1	1			
	Totals	1	2			1636	1	5	2	2	
Grand Totals		50	14	308	40	19782	456	132	76	116	1542

	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	10	2	12	6	12					18	6		248
Allentown, C. C.	5		5					1		1	4		102
Allentown, Salem				1				2		3	3		69
Bethlehem	10		10	3				1		4	6		286
Blandon	4	2	6	2		1				3	3		84
Catasauqua	1	1	10	12					2	2	10		51
Coopersburg	6		6								6		135
Denville, N.J.	7		7				5			5	2		51
Easton	2	2	4	2		3	2			7	3		60
Emmaus	21	3	1	25	2	1		2		5	20		246
Ephrata	18		14	32	2		1	2		5	27		204
Finesville, N.J.													11
Fleetwood	4		4	3			2	2	7		3		183
Freehold-Eng., N.J.	1	9	7	17				2	2	15			35
Graterford	4	1	6	11				2	2	4	7		141
Harleysville	4		4					2	3	5	1		134
Harrisburg	15	1	16	2	4	9				15	1		146
Hatfield	31	2	33				5			5	28		171
Howell, N. J.	3		3								3		56
Lancaster	3		3		9			2	11		8		123
Lebanon	9		5	14	4					4	10		75
Lehighton	11		11	1						1	10		88
Maple Glen	15		15					12	12	3			72
Mt. Carmel	5	1	4	10				1	2	3	7		96
Nazareth	20	2	22		3	2		5	10	12			134
Paradise	15		15				1		1	14			149
Phila., Calvary	2		1	3	2					2	1		62
Phila., Emmanuel		1	2	3							3		38
Quakertown				1	2					3	3		131
Reading	16	4	20	4	2	1	1	1	9	11			352
Royersford	22		22	1		3	1	2	7	15			202
Scranton				1				2	3		3		47
Shamokin				1			2		3		3		126
Sinking Spring													99
Spring City	6		3	9	1	2		3	5	11	2		104
Staten Island							2		2	4		4	35
Stroudsburg	10	4		14				4	4	10			74
Sunbury	41		41	3				7	1	11	30		260
Terre Hill	4	2	6			6		2	8		2		86
Wallingford	3	2	6	11	3		14	2	19		8		208
Walnutport	4		4	1	3	10		5	19		15		79
York	12		12								12		160
Zionsville													54
Totals	344	39	59	442	42	42	62	32	58	236	270	64	5,267
Belvidere, N. J.	2		2								2		20
Franklin, N. J.							32			32	32		
Totals	2		2				32			32	2	32	20
Grand Totals	346	39	59	444	42	42	94	32	58	268	272	96	5,287

	Total enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Cradle Roll Members	Home Department Members	Churches	Parsonages	Present Valuation of Church Property	Total Income	Total Offerings
Allentown, Bethel	352	263		10	1	1	350,000	106,073	104,090
Allentown, C. C.	198	161			1	1	250,000	67,343	67,285
Allentown, Salem	90	65		1	1	1	65,000	20,363	19,983
Bethlehem	322	223			1	1	490,000	106,074	105,972
Blandon	197	156	5		1	1	74,800	28,852	28,614
Catasauqua	67	54			2	1	45,000	18,738	18,045
Coopersburg	215	151			2	1	275,000	70,662	60,141
Denville, N. J.	97	76			1	1	140,000	27,405	27,226
Easton	87	57			1	1	145,000	16,470	15,556
Emmaus	316	240	7	2	1	1	350,000	98,004	82,947
Ephrata	727	473	42	2	2	2	400,000	113,724	109,749
Finesville, N.J.	44	27			1	1	60,000	15,769	9,794
Fleetwood	324	239	2	11	1	1	220,000	67,410	62,657
Freehold-Eng., N.J.	64	50			1	1	138,800	28,078	21,017
Graterford	312	225	3		1	2	375,250	70,694	68,507
Harleysville	165	122	13		1	1	450,000	53,049	53,049
Harrisburg	313	196	11		1	1	350,000	64,585	64,585
Hatfield	287	203	13	60	1	2	200,000	92,109	77,703
Howell, N. J.	95	75			1	1	105,000	21,516	21,516
Lancaster	227	180	6	6	2	1	400,000	51,886	51,886
Lebanon	201	128			1		249,000	41,813	41,339
Leighton	202	156	10	6	1	1	65,000	36,457	36,315
Maple Glen	92	63			1	1	224,000	32,374	31,986
Mt. Carmel	104	88			1	2	150,000	36,196	36,196
Nazareth	233	166	21		1	1	200,000	53,085	52,874
Paradise	275	178			1	1	135,000	46,344	45,044
Phila., Calvary	109	91	6		1	1	150,000	23,438	23,438
Phila., Emmanuel	21	19			1	1	70,000	12,802	12,714
Quakertown	229	177	6		2	1	400,000	71,671	59,116
Reading	763	499	14	10	1	2	445,000	138,188	133,186
Royersford	340	263	7		1	1	500,000	112,281	106,491
Scranton	87	61			1	1	140,000	14,098	13,336
Shamokin	139	111			1	1	93,000	28,237	27,145
Sinking Spring	195	170			1	1	135,000	78,130	78,130
Spring City	233	164			1	1	300,000	49,370	49,370
Staten Island, N.Y.	52	39	4		1	1	75,000	17,673	15,398
Stroudsburg	120	103	7	3	1	1	122,000	29,693	27,134
Sunbury	318	220	8	14	1	1	550,000	136,580	102,815
Terre Hill	137	125	8	25	1	1	245,000	36,992	36,992
Wallingford		225			1	1	385,000	97,307	89,547
Walnutport	80	50			1	1	80,000	15,323	15,145
York	402	256	6		1	1	350,000	75,882	61,309
Zionsville	62	52			1	1	44,000	22,378	20,978
Totals	8,893	6,640	199	151	48	47	9,990,850	2,345,116	2,186,320
Belvidere, N.J.	20	14			1	1	120,000	14,029	7,695
Franklin, N.J.								2,418	1,561
Newark, N. J.						1	24,692		
Totals	20	14			1	2	144,692	38,209	9,256
Plainfield Parsonage							42,760		
Home for the Aging							328,944		
Victory Valley							181,387		
Pinebrook							745,747		
Pinebrook Jr. College							502,579		
Grand Totals	8,913	6,654	199	151	50	48	11,936,959	2,361,563	2,195,576

	Conference Administrative Budget	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Home for the Aging	Pinebrook Junior College	Board of Christian Education	Victory Valley	Pinebrook Bible Conference	Pinebrook Service Board
Allentown, Bethel	2,500	22,000	7,035	750	2,000	75	500	300	600
Allentown, C. C.	1,440	9,063	200	100	100	100	100		
Allentown, Salem	551	550	100	15	125	10	25	25	
Bethlehem	1,880	18,500	3,557	1,000	2,000	35	350	200	200
Blandon	900	1,000	300	150	400	25	100		
Catasauqua	225	350	130	30	100		50		
Coopersburg	1,298	6,500	1,510	175	850		100		
Denville, N. J.	1,028	700	935	125	674	50	100		
Easton	150	150	25	40	25	10	15		
Emmaus	2,042	13,470	2,458	500	2,500	50	800		100
Ephrata	1,260	3,275		300	25	50	40	25	
Finesville, N.J.	360	10	10	10	60	10	10	10	
Fleetwood	1,682	7,000	4,075	200	2,400	50	580		750
Freehold-Eng., N.J.	300		100		50				
Graterford	1,503	6,234	1,900	125	1,320	100	175		
Harleysville	950	3,717	1,238	200	2,000	20	200		300
Harrisburg	1,133	7,000		200	50	100	50	100	
Hatfield	1,810	12,500	12,460	700	4,400	100	700	150	150
Howell, N. J.	550				20				
Lancaster	1,392	4,500	100	300	1,200	25	50	100	100
Lebanon	802	2,000	1,240	100	1,000	50	100	100	
Lehighton	970	685	250	50	150	40	50	25	25
Maple Glen	955	88	200	20	750	15	86		
Mt. Carmel	800	2,400	300	25	400	25	25	25	
Nazareth	1,225	4,846	1,920	300	720	25	50	100	
Paradise	790	900	150	250		25			
Phila., Calvary	650	1,000	350		450	50			
Phila., Emmanuel	500	1,800	100	25	300	25	35		
Quakertown	900	2,500	600	100	1,600	25	50		
Reading	3,000	13,000	3,700	300	2,000	100	500	750	
Royersford	1,547	8,500		400	1,200	50	250	250	
Scranton	1,356	669	375	35	81	30	30		
Shamokin	820	6,611	1,291	40		35			
Sinking Spring	1,158	2,975							
Spring City	1,225	4,800	3,018	225	1,333		400		260
Staten Island, N.Y.	720	757	240	48		10	10		
Stroudsburg	939	1,000	700	50	750	50	250		
Sunbury	900	5,500	1,000	100	700	25	75		
Terre Hill	800	5,650	200	100	100	30			
Wallingford	1,400	13,000	1,005	500	1,000	50	125		
Walnutport			19	50			61		
York	1,250	6,375	875	50	250	50	60	50	
Zionsville	500	1,100	50	125	120		140	25	
Totals	46,161	202,675	53,716	7,813	33,203	1,520	6,242	2,235	2,485
Belvidere, N.J.			22						
Neptune, N.J.	634				25				
Newark, N.J.			13						
Poughquag, N.Y.	25		165						
Totals	659		200		25				
Grand Totals	46,820	202,675	53,916	7,813	33,228	1,520	6,242	2,235	2,485

	Minister's Salary	Minister's Supplemental Benefits	Administrative Assistant's Salary	Christian Education	Debt Service	Local Benevolences	Local Missions	Women's Missionary Society
Allentown, Bethel	9,000	1,062	5,460	8,029		97	1,750	1,326
Allentown, C. C.	10,400	1,042	3,617	4,489	12,566	707	4,484	250
Allentown Salem	7,485	748		1,241	2,766		170	145
Bethlehem	9,000	3,600	7,500	4,840	16,356	200	9,368	1,000
Blandon	8,012	1,000	125	2,612	1,383	345	2,349	31
Catasauqua	7,480	1,020		1,067	1,069		996	87
Coopersburg	8,250	3,052	1,225	4,112	12,730	414	1,922	112
Denville, N. J.	7,764			948	3,284		350	
Easton	5,600	79		782	1,139		50	549
Emmaus	8,542	2,500	4,114	8,983	10,836		5,745	1,607
Ephrata	9,160	3,255	7,300	5,937	17,668	912	14,439	235
Finesville, N.J.	7,444	852		512	300	165	882	
Fleetwood	9,620	1,665		5,394	7,717		1,699	210
Freehold-Eng., N.J.	7,655	1,769		908	4,524	90	450	
Graterford	9,020	1,628		5,018	19,936	400	1,322	439
Harleysville	7,500	2,328		2,211	20,000		1,100	300
Harrisburg	7,316	2,349		4,799	10,620	25	5,414	800
Hatfield	8,750	3,750	4,895	6,947	6,489	1,772	2,136	266
Howell, N.J.	6,900	915		806	1,152	50	25	
Lancaster	8,500	2,500		2,663	13,200	200	1,850	262
Lebanon	7,192	4,800	15	1,609	10,620	528	140	413
Lehighon	8,097	866		3,488	6,006	80	782	623
Maple Glen	9,025	1,745		760	9,600	370	838	244
Mt. Carmel	8,788	812		1,200	3,300	100	1,320	250
Nazareth	7,635	1,529		4,045	4,800	99	5,223	626
Paradise	7,694	2,570		3,340	4,635	500	1,020	180
Phila., Calvary	6,746	1,300		2,823	3,016	591	550	53
Phila., Emmanuel	6,283	716		225			125	157
Quakertown	7,400	2,890		4,388	27,665	600	930	403
Reading	10,400	3,200	2,537	10,876	28,234	563	4,113	860
Assistant	7,000	1,250						
Royersford	10,100	1,800	4,632	5,601	24,000	223	16,018	330
Scranton	5,735	616		700		182	410	251
Shamokin	3,275	560		5,378	4,412	968	733	369
Sinking Spring	7,800	2,449		8,164	30,710	445	2,307	
Spring City	6,300	1,680		4,522	9,913	215	976	198
Staten Island, N.Y.				786	3,786	55	495	25
Stroudsburg	7,799	1,749		1,087	22,047	101	634	252
Sunbury	7,500	3,500	750	3,600	89,330	300	400	317
Terre Hill	8,977			225	7,572			298
Wallingford	8,500	2,000	7,052	428	9,620	295	9,164	448
Walnutport	5,801	508		608	489	90		50
York	7,800	2,350		3,261	22,934	105	1,681	300
Zionsville	5,757	373		1,981	1,746			145
Totals	355,002	74,377	49,222	141,393	488,170	11,787	104,360	14,411
Belvidere, N.J.	5,760	771		135	3,590		309	
Franklin, N.J.	400	236		32	1,295			
Neptune, N.J.	6,280	676		255		55		
Poughquag, N.Y.				227		78	748	
Totals	12,440	1,683		649	4,885	133	1,057	
Grand Totals	347,442	76,060	49,222	142,042	493,055	11,920	105,417	14,411

	Annual Conference Delegate	General Disbursements	Total Disbursements
Allenton, Bethel	200	36,612	99,296
Allentown, C. C.	200	18,883	67,741
Allentown, Salem	120	6,087	20,163
Bethlehem	200	27,878	107,664
Blandon	170	10,876	29,778
Catasauqua	175	5,749	18,528
Coopersburg	175	27,150	69,575
Denville, N.J.		10,184	26,142
Easton	100	7,495	16,209
Emmaus	225	35,860	100,332
Ephrata	200	36,846	100,927
Finesville, N.J.		4,436	15,071
Fleetwood	150	20,994	64,186
Freehold-Eng., N.J.		12,280	28,126
Graterford	150	22,635	71,905
Harleysville	200	22,069	64,333
Harrisburg	180	16,118	56,254
Hatfield	200	19,916	88,091
Howell, N.J.		14,438	24,856
Lancaster	200	14,774	51,916
Lebanon	150	11,650	42,509
Lehighton	100	14,701	36,988
Maple Glen		12,730	37,426
Mt. Carmel	150	38,385	58,305
Nazareth	150	19,953	53,246
Paradise	175	21,536	43,765
Phila., Calvary	70	4,454	22,103
Phila., Emmanuel	170	3,767	14,228
Quakertown	100	21,417	71,568
Reading	200	46,313	138,896
Royersford	225	4,175	79,301
Scranton	75	4,541	15,086
Shamokin	216	9,155	33,863
Sinking Spring	160	8,694	64,862
Spring City	150	14,717	49,932
Staten Island, N.Y.	100	6,327	13,359
Stroudsburg	100	6,812	44,320
Sunbury	150	14,226	128,373
Terre Hill	150	11,686	35,788
Wallingford	200	30,941	85,728
Walnutport	100	5,038	12,814
York	150	19,717	67,258
Zionsville	200	8,623	20,885
Totals	6,086	710,838	2,291,696
Belvidere, N.J.		3,438	14,025
Franklin, N.J.		2,065	4,028
Neptune, N.J.		4,352	12,277
Newark, N.J.			13
Poughquag, N.Y.		5,965	7,208
Totals		15,820	37,551
Grand Totals	6,086	726,658	2,329,247

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	Time of Services		
	SS	a.m.	p.m.
Allentown, Bethel, 528 N. 8th St.	9:30--	11:15	7:00
Allentown, C. Crest, 1151 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.	9:30	10:30	7:00
Allentown, Salem, 641 Genesee St.,	9:00	10:15	7:30
Bethlehem, 3100 Hecktown Rd.	9:30--	11:15	7:00
Blandon, Chestnut St.	9:00--	10:45	7:00
Catasauqua, 233 Walnut St.	9:30	10:30	7:00
Coopersburg, 518 N. Main St.	9:00	10:15	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	10:40	9:30	7:00
Ephrata, Church & Locust Streets	9:15	10:30	7:30
Fleetwood, South Richmond Street	10:30	9:15	7:30
Finesville, Main Rd.	9:30	10:30	7:00
Freehold-Englishtown, Tennent Rd.	9:45	11:00	7:00
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	10:45	7:00
Hatfield, West Broad Street	9:30	10:30	7:00
Howell, 623 Allenwood Rd., Howell, N. J.	9:45	11:00	7:00
Lancaster, Prospect & Hager Sts.	9:00	10:15	7:30
Lebanon, Mill Rd., Cornwall Township	9:30	10:40	7:00
Lehighton, Cypress & Fourth Sts.	9:30	10:40	7:00
Maple Glen, Welsh Road	9:30	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	6:30
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	6:30
Quakertown, Old Bethlehem Pike	9:00	10:05	7:00
Reading, Hampden Blvd. & Marion St.	9:30--	11:15	7:00
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	6:00
Staten Island, 243 Taylor St.	9:45	11:00	7:00
Stroudsburg, 23 S. 6th Street	9:30	10:40	7:00
Sunbury, 1051 Catawissa Ave.	9:30	10:30	7:30
Terre Hill, 407 W. Main St.	9:30	10:30	7:00
Wallingford, 723 S. Providence Rd.	9:30	10:45	7:00
Walnutport, 233 Main St.	9:15	10:15	7:00
York, 675 Woodland View Drive	9:30	10:45	7:00
Zionsville, S. Vera Cruz Rd.	9:30	10:30	7:30

DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 1975

Allentown, Bethel	Leroy M. Siegfried	215-264-9273	718 Fourth St., Catasauqua, Pa.	18032
Allentown, C. C.	Jay Fasnacht	215-432-6447	3537 Patricia Drive, Allentown, Pa.	18103
Allentown, Salem	Allan C. Palmer	215-797-1118	720 E. Juniata St., Allentown, Pa.	18103
Bethlehem	Warren L. 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	Michael Guttman	215-257-7169	Box 132, Green St. Silverdale, Pa.	18962
Denville, N. J.	John F. Moran	201-263-4708	1480 Rt. 46, Parsippany, N. J.	07854
Easton	Russell E. Dech	215-253-4995	15 S. 17th St., Easton, Pa.	18042
Emmaus	Clifford L. Kauffman	215-965-4133	16 E. Minor St., Emmaus, Pa.	18049
Englishtown-Freehold, N. J.	Clinton Crankshaw	201-446-9662	3 Park Ave., Englishtown, N. J.	07726
Ephrata	Robert W. Gehret	717-733-3883	R. D. #3, Ephrata, Pa.	17522
Finesville, N. J.	E. Walter Stout	215-252-6080	R. D. #4, Easton, Pa.	18042
Fleetwood	Norman L. Reed	215-944-7029	124 E. Main St., Fleetwood, Pa.	19522
Graterford	C. Roger Detwiler	215-584-4718	Evansburg Rd., Skippack, Pa.	19474
Harleysville	Clayton Dietz	215-723-4118	Box 420, Becks Rd., Souderton, Pa.	18964
Harrisburg	Walter A. Schlager	717-564-6709	633 S. 29th St., Harrisburg, Pa.	17111
Hatfield	Clyde W. Snyder	215-282-3327	Box 605, Beverly Hill, Rd., Coopersburg,	18036
Howell, N. J.	Peter Hague	201-364-4931	2 Cooper Drive, Howell, N. J.	07731
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	Leroy O. Herb	717-273-5697	366 N. 7th Street, 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	Roy E. Williams	215-759-5478	511 W. Highland Ter., Nazareth, Pa.	18064
Paradise	E. Gerald Hershey	717-442-4589	R. D. #2, Gap, Pa.	17527

Phila., Calvary	Leon H. Naudasher	609-829-7507	408 W. Henry St., Palmyra, N.J.	08065
Phila., Emmanuel	Horace Manuel	215-727-8176	6247 Reedland St., Phila., Pa.	19142
Quakertown	L. James Roberts, Jr.	215-536-8475	518 Juniper St., Quakertown, Pa.	18951
Reading	Robert Breitegam	215-689-5257	Walnut Rd., R.D. #3, Reading, Pa.	19606
	Rodney Muthard	215-929-9971	Pricetown Rd., R.D.#1, Temple, Pa.	19560
Royersford	William R. Hunsberger	215-948-4669	417 N. 7th Ave., Royersford, Pa.	19468
Scranton	Arthur H. Frable, Sr.	717-842-8865	R. D. #3, Box 27, Moscow, Pa.	18444
Shamokin	T. Lamarn Manney	717-648-3298	223 S. Market St., Shamokin, Pa.	17872
Sinking Spring	Jack Largent			
Spring City	R. Stanley Weidner	215-948-7283	132 Bridge St., Spring City, Pa.	19475
Staten Island, N. Y.	Roger S. Bowne	201-774-8501	503 Moore Rd., Neptune, N. J.	07757
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	Paul Weber	215-445-6553	128 Center Ave., Terre Hill, Pa.	17581
Wallingford	Rufus Spedden	215-876-6328	431 New Jersey Ave., Wallingford, Pa.	19096
Walnutport	Paul Rodgers	215-262-0250	R. D. #3, Northampton, Pa.	18067
York	Sterling E. Baer	717-854-2057	1903 Bannister St., York, Pa.	17404
Zionsville	David Weller	215-395-2476	R.D. #2, Box 116, Macungie, Pa.	18062

## 1. ORDAINED MINISTERS WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Licensed		Ordained		in Service	
Bartron, William H.	1973	1975	215-759-3053	462 Gail Drive, Nazareth, Pa.	18064
<sup>1</sup> Bell, James A.	1959	1962	215-759-5121		
Home for the Aging					
Brosius, Bert N.	1958	1961	215-536-4437	25 S. 3rd St., Quakertown, Pa.	18951
Church			215-536-6096		
Byrd, Terris L.	1969	1973	215-678-5166	Green Valley Rd., R.D.#5, Sinking Spring, Pa.	19608
Cassel, Alva C.	1958	1962	717-339-4693	132 W. 4th St., Mt. Carmel, Pa.	17851
<sup>2</sup> Cassel, Carl C.	1956	1959	717-421-2743	891 Queen St., Stroudsburg, Pa.	18360
<sup>3</sup> Cassel, Willard E.	1943	1946	717-421-0602	R. D. #5, Box 32, Stroudsburg, Pa.	18360
Coble, Bernard N.	1972	1974	717-342-2027	1023 Taylor Ave., Scranton, Pa.	18510
Draper, Robert L.	1972	1973	201-363-8941	623 Allenwood Rd., Howell, N. J.	07731
Dunn, John	1941	1950	717-393-7677	608 Prospect St., Lancaster, Pa.	17603
Ellingson, Bruce A.	1963	1966	717-272-3945	37 S. First Avenue, Lebanon, Pa.	17042
Church			717-273-4802		
Frale, Arthur H., Jr.	1969	1971	215-256-8253	140 Harleysville Pk. Harleysville, Pa.	19438
Fritz, Harvey J., Jr.	1959	1962	215-967-2555	313 N. 3rd St., Emmaus, Pa.	18049
Church			215-965-2682		
Hartman, Jansen E.	1942	1946	215-372-3330	1122 Hampden Blvd., Reading, Pa.	19604
Church			215-375-2333		
Heffner, William A.	1943	1951	215-875-8419	723 S. Providence Rd Wallingford, Pa.	19086
Heller, LeRoy S.	1955	1958	717-286-6106	650 Catawissa Ave., Sunbury, Pa.	17801
Herb, Frank L., Jr.	1954	1957	215-866-2703	1124 N. Main St., Bethlehem, Pa.	18018
Church			215-868-5501		
Herb, George E.	1957	1960	717-424-5548	R.D.#4, Box 231, E. Stroudsburg, Pa.	18301
<sup>4</sup> Herb, George E.	1962	1966	215-797-7271	723 S. Filmore St., Allentown, Pa.	18103
Hertzog	1950	1968	215-435-6625	2721 Andrea Drive, Allentown, Pa.	18103
Church			215-432-3903		

Johnson, Robert F. Church	1958	1961	1963	215-948-3014 215-948-9764	630 Walnut St., Royersford, Pa.	19468
Koch, James G. Church	1950	1953	1970	215-432-0664 215-435-2331	529 N. 8th St., Allentown, Pa.	18102
Mahurin, Ronald C. Church	1960	1959	1968	215-855-6046 215-855-2449	75 W. Broad St., Hatfield, Pa.	19440
Mull, William W. Phillips, D. Thomas Church	1968 1971	1950 1976	1972 1972	201-431-2174 201-993-7308 201-993-7678	81 E. Main St., Freehold, N. J. R.D. #1, Box 228, Phillipsburg, N. J.	07728 08865
Plows, Keith E. Reichenbach, R. C.	1966 1937	1968 1941	1970 1964	215-489-2281 717-652-5229	111 Bridge St., Graterford, Pa. 1250 Colonial Rd., Harrisburg, Pa.	19426 17112
Reitz, Donald D. Church	1973	1967	1973	215-282-3580 215-282-3161	969 Butternut Rd., Coopersburg, Pa.	18036
Reitz, Roger Riggall, John H. Shelly, Austin G. Church	1972 1945 1956	1974 1948 1961	1971 1966 1970	215-264-1120 717-764-0755 215-944-7715 215-944-7080	235 Walnut St., Catasauqua, Pa. 675 Woodland View Drive, York, Pa. 103 W. Pine St., Fleetwood, Pa.	18032 17402 19522
Smock, Robert W. Spackman, Carl K. Church	1950 1969	1953 1971	1966 1971	717-733-2526 215-643-7963 215-646-1220	116 N. Church Ave., Ephrata, Pa. 1814 Farmview Rd., Maple Glen, Pa.	17522 19002
Taylor, Richard Church	1973	1975	1973	215-948-3791 215-948-9448	25 Pennhurst Rd., Spring City, Pa.	19475
<sup>5</sup> Thomann, David E. For Missions	1943	1946	1974	717-424-5528 717-424-5288	Box 480, R.D. #3, E. Stroudsburg, Pa. Box 1, Stroudsburg, Pa.	18301 18360
Pinebrook Bible Con. <sup>6</sup> Vandegriff, John <sup>7</sup> Watkins, David J. Weaber, Harold C. Church	1974 1962 1963	1972 1965 1967	1974 1970 1976	717-424-1212 215-375-8884 215-282-4550 215-767-4852 215-767-7447	1210 Hampden Blvd., Reading, Pa. 600 S. Main St., Coopersburg, Pa. 20 Cherry St., Walnutport, Pa.	19604 18066 18088

	Licensed	Ordained	Service	
Weller, Dana	1972	1974	1975	19510
Wilcox, LeRoy S.	1968	1972	1970	18042
<sup>8</sup> Ziegler, Daniel G.	1960	1963		07060
Zimmerman, Paul G.	1966	1971	1974	18064
Church				
			215-926-4593	
			215-252-6352	
			201-753-6978	
			215-759-1712	
			215-759-9812	

Box 284, Blandon, Pa.  
 1113 Whitney Ave., Easton, Pa.  
 1049 Kenyon Ave., Plainfield, N. J.  
 95 E. Beil Ave., Nazareth, Pa.

- <sup>1</sup> Administrator, Bible Fellowship Church Home
- <sup>2</sup> Academic Dean, Pinebrook Junior College
- <sup>3</sup> Assistant to the Director, Pinebrook Bible Conference
- <sup>4</sup> Superintendentance of Maintenance, Pinebrook Bible Conference
- <sup>5</sup> Director, Pinebrook Bible Conference
- <sup>6</sup> Pastor to Youth, Grace Church, Reading, Pa.
- <sup>7</sup> President, Pinebrook Junior College
- <sup>8</sup> Director of Church Extension

2. ORDAINED MINISTERS WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Bigley, T. James	1962	1966		18360
Buck, Leonard E.	1958	1970		18049
Butler, Brian H.	1968	1957		
Gehman, Richard J.	1964	1971		
Harley, J. Barclay	1956	1960		
Manney, David		1976		
Moyer, Edward		1970		
Stengele, Laird F.		1952		

P. O. Box 1, Stroudsburg, Pa.  
 424 Elm Street, Emmaus, Pa.

## 3. ORDAINED MINISTERS WORKING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

	Licensed	Ordained	Service	
Dotts, Raymond R.	1960	1965	302-697-1422	211 Weeks Drive, Camden, Del. 19934
Frank, Walter H.	1939	1942		G. E. M., 214 N. Hale, Wheaton, Ill. 60187
Gordon, Robert N.	1960	1960		4657 Downland Rd., Richmond, Va. 23234
Knauer, Donald R.	1962	1965	1976	Apt. 2-6, 2 Aquarius Ct., Sommerville, N. J. 08876
Schaeffer, Donald B.	1955	1958	602-938-4909	5420 Country Gables Drive, Glendale, Arizona 85301
Yarrington, Harold D.	1942	1952		Connecticut Valley Hospital, Box 351, Middletown, Conn. 06457

## 4. ORDAINED MINISTERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Branning, David L.	1967	1970	1976	
Kirkwood, Donald T.	1951	1954	215-536-6611	132 S. 10th St., Quakertown, Pa. 18951
Minnig, Robert A.	1970	1972	1976	408 Davisville Rd., Willow Grove, Pa. 19090
Seifert, A. L.	1950	1953	1974	Box 48, Newfoundland, Pa. 18445

## 5. ORDAINED MINISTERS IN RETIREMENT

Baer, Paul E.	1924	1928	215-257-5422	115 Diamond St., Sellersville, Pa. 18960
Bean, E. W.	1929	1938	215-926-5190	R. D. #2, Box M418, Reading, Pa. 19605
Hartman, W. W.	1930	1937	717-342-4444	1820 Ash St., Scranton, Pa. 18510
Hertzog, F. B.	1922	1925	215-759-4827	7 S. New St., (rear) Nazareth, Pa. 18064
Kirkwood, C. E.	1937	1940	215-679-4204	286 Constitution Drive, Herford, Pa. 18056

Licensed	Ordained	Service		
1928	1933		1215 Anchors Way Dr., #163 Ventura, California	93003
1937	1940	813-636-2758	204 S. Raymond Ave., R.D. #1, Frostproof, Florida	33843
6. PROBATIONERS				
1976		1975	133 Goldsmith Ave., Newark, N. J.	07112
1976		1976	Box 266, Zionsville, Pa.	18092
1976		1976	4 Meadow Lane, Newark, Del.	19713
1975		1976	Box 532, Paradise, Pa.	17562
1975		1976	404 W. Main St., Terre Hill, Pa.	17581
1976		1975	25 Florence Ave., Denver, N. J.	07834
			445 Beaver St., Ansonia, Conn.	06401
1975		1976	Apt. G-5, Spruce Ct. Apts. Royers- ford, Pa.	19468
1975		215-288-6369 215-743-3751	4426 VanKirk St., Phila., Pa.	19135
1976		1976	9 Charlotte Grove Park, Palen Rd., Hopewell Junction, N. Y.	12533
7. SUPPLY PASTOR				
		1976	35 S. Second St., Shamokin, Pa.	17872
		1976	6902 Chelwynde Ave., Phila., Pa.	19142
8. CHURCHES TO BE SUPPLIED				
		215-377-1277	137 N. 4th St., Lehighton, Pa.	18235

Staten Island, N. Y.  
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243 Taylor St., Staten Island, N. Y.  
21 S. 6th St., Stroudsburg, Pa.

717-421-0533

10310  
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Kauffman, Horace A.

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215-867-7334  
717-733-3883  
717-733-1673  
717-626-8356

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#### ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Pinebrook Bible Conference  
Victory Valley Camp (J. D. Reynolds)

7 S. New St., Nazareth, Pa.  
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