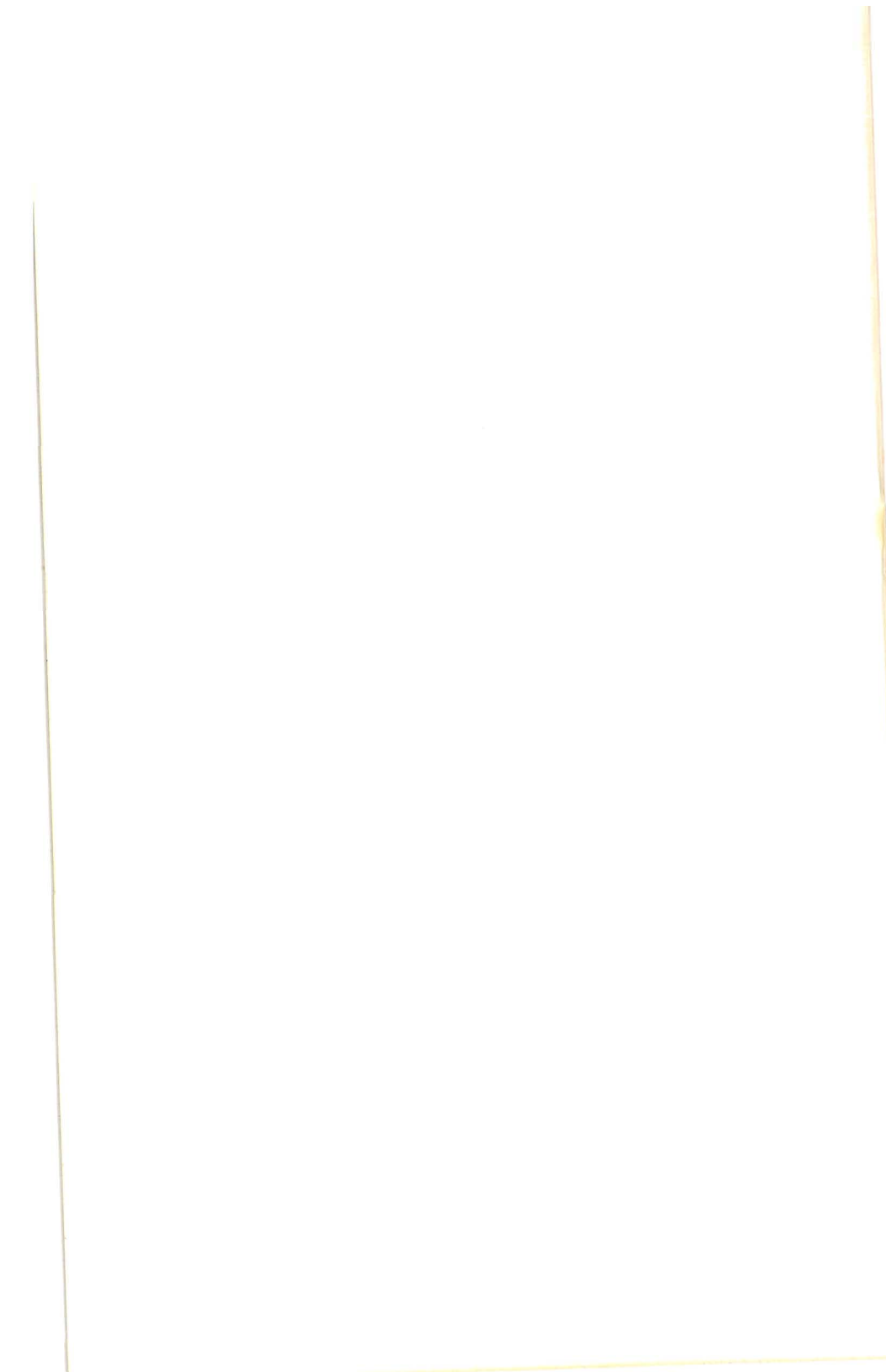


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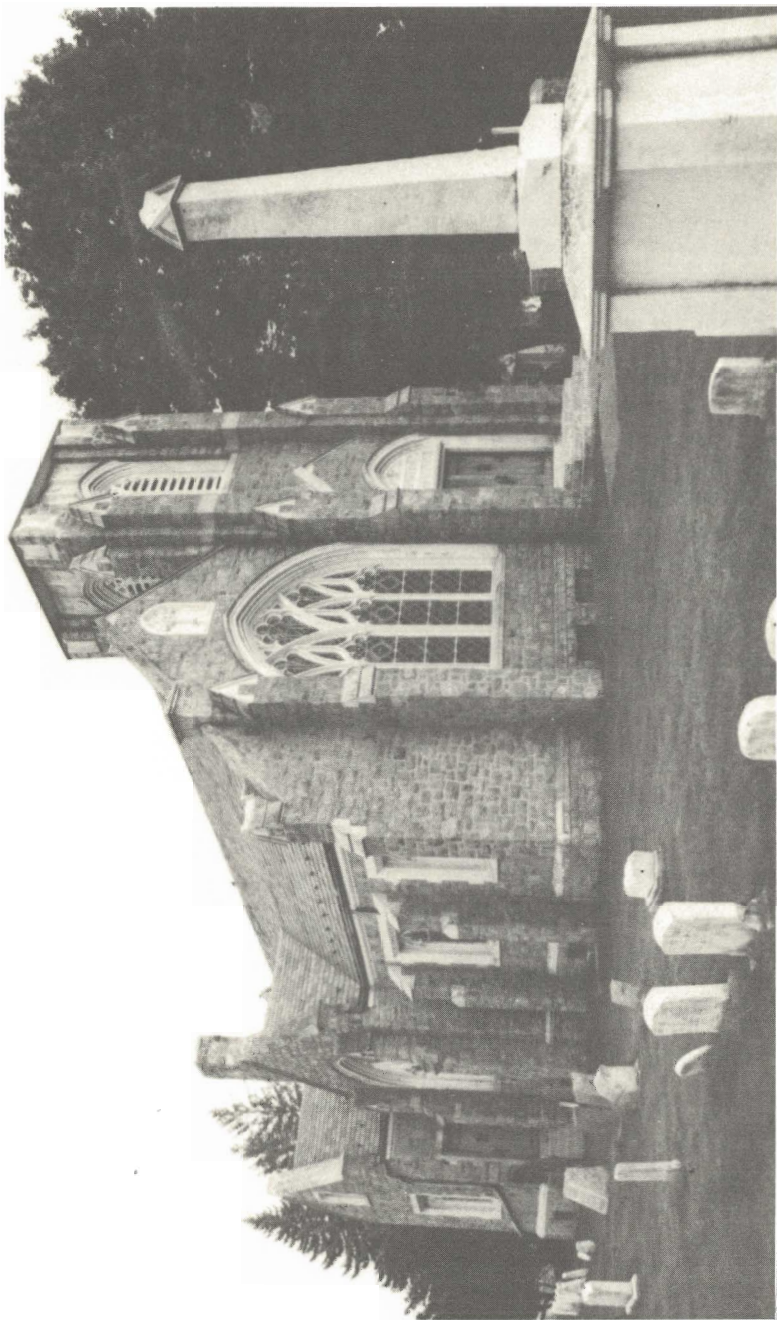
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS - 1985
FIRST MEETING

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 1985, 10:00 AM

The first meeting of the 102nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church was called to order by the Chairman, James A. Beil, at Pinebrook Bible Conference, Stroudsburg, Pa. at 10:00 AM on October 14, 1985.

The Secretary appointed Robert W. Smock as Assistant Secretary and David T. Allen as Assistant to the Secretaries.

The roll of conference members was established as follows:

ORDAINED MINISTERS WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH AND DELEGATES:

Allentown, Cedar Crest	Ronald C. Mahurin, Roy A. Hertzog, Robert F. Johnson, Jay H. Fasnacht, John W. Trauch
Allentown, Salem	Charles J. McConnell, Jeffrey C. Stickler
Bethlehem	Harvey J. Fritz, Jr. Robert F. Gerding, Warren L. Zimmerman
Blandon	George R. Bryson, Raymond R. Bertolet
Camden, DE	James G. Koch, James M. Hanna
Catasauqua	Philip E. Morrison, Calvin A. Boyle
Coopersburg	Frank L. Herb, Jr., Clyde W. Snyder
Denville, NJ	Stephan R. Van Eck, Gary R. Domke

Emmaus	Dana E. Weller, Clifford L. Kauffman, Richard E. Lefever
Ephrata	Daniel P. Allen, Robert W. Gehret
Finesville, NJ	D. Thomas Phillips, Donald P. Straub
Fleetwood	, Ronald P. Turner
Freehold-Englishtown, NJ	(Probationer), Raymond C. Burnett
Graterford	Richard D. Harris, Robert Buckwalter
Harleysville	Paul G. Zimmerman, Harold Crider
Harrisburg	Albert J. Dommel, Walter A. Schlagel
Hatfield	John H. Herb, Lee E. Boyles
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Oley	(Probationer), Clayton E. Weber

Paradise	(Probationer), L. Eugene Brenneman
Phila., Emmanuel	Roger Reitz, Russel L. Davis
Phila., Wissinoming	G. Wayne Clapier, Kenneth Cressman
Poughquag, NY	James A. Wickstead, John Andersen
Quakertown	Bert Brosius, L. James Roberts, Jr.
Reading	Jansen E. Hartman, Robert Breitegam, Walter Raybuck
Royersford	Robert W. Smock, David J. Smock
Scranton	James R. Batchler, Jr., Clinton Honeywell
Shamokin	Hugh C. Coulbourn, Jr., T. Lamarn Manney
Sinking Spring	Terris L. Byrd, Donald D. McKinney
Spring City	(Probationer), Jack Boyle
Staten Island, NY	Bryan Upton, Ralph D. Cole
Stroudsburg	Thomas P. Shorb, Harold Geisinger
Sunbury	LeRoy S. Heller, Bert E. Brosius, Clayton B. Brosius
Terre Hill	(Probationer), Jeffrey D. Seip
Wallingford	Richard E. Taylor, William R. Singletary
York	Kenneth L. Good
Zionsville	(Probationer), David Weller

ORDAINED MEN SERVING BIBLE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

James A. Beil, Alva C. Cassel, Carl C. Cassel, Bernard N. Coble, Bruce A. Ellingson, George E. Herb, David H. Jones, Barry J. Minsky, Daniel G. Ziegler

ORDAINED MEN BETWEEN CALLS

William L. Graybill , II

ORDAINED MISSIONARIES

Leonard E. Buck, Brian H. Butler, Robert L. Draper, Richard J. Gehman, J. Barclay Harley, Ronald W. Hoyle, Herbert K. Lea, David L. Manney, Edward Moyer, William W. Mull, Laird F. Stengle, Philip E. Yerrington

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN RETIREMENT

Paul E. Baer, E. W. Bean, John Dunn, W. W. Hartman, C. E. Kirkwood, Donald T. Kirkwood, C. Leslie Miller, R. C. Reichenbach, John H. Riggall, David E. Thomann

PROBATIONERS SERVING AS FIRST PASTORS OF CHURCHES

W. David Armstrong, Kenneth F. Barber, Raymond G. Burnett, Carl T. Martin, Mark C. Solt, Ralph M. Soper, Dean A. Stortz, Steven L. Trommler

Resolved, that the following alternate delegates be seated:

York, Pa	Philip G. Norris
Blandon, Pa.	David L. Hottel
Reading, Pa.	Ronald Reed
Shamokin, Pa.	Norman Manney

Resolved, that the Conference Bar be limited to those seated at the tables.

James A. Beil gave the keynote devotional address on "Caring." The Conference sang the hymn, "Let Your Heart Be Broken," after which Jansen E. Hartman led in prayer.

The Registrar read requests from the following who asked to be excused from parts or all of the meetings

of Annual Conference:

Austin G. Shelly, Alva C. Cassel, Bernard N. Coble, George E. Herb, James M. Hanna, Charles J. McConnell, Calvin A. Boyle, Philip E. Morrison, John E. Andersen, Richard E. Lefever, Robert Buckwalter, Kenneth Barber, Mark C. Solt, Walter Raybuck, John F. Boyle, C. E. Kirkwood, E. W. Bean, Raymond R. Bertolet, Paul E. Baer, Ronald W. Hoyle, Donald P. Straub, Brian H. Butler, Leonard E. Buck.

Resolved: that the above requests be granted.

Pastors and Delegates new to Annual Conference and those not here in the last 5 years were introduced to Annual Conference.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA:

Resolved: that the Agenda be accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM:

The report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The report was accepted.

The Chairman appointed the following committees:

Tellers: Keith E. Plows, LeRoy S. Heller, Carl K. Spackman, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Harold L. Snyder, Jr., LeRoy O. Herb, Clyde W. Snyder

Resolutions: Randall A. Grossman, G. Wayne Clapier, George Priestly, Lee E. Boyles, David M. Markuson, W. David Armstrong

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Timekeeper: David A. Thomann

Reporter: Philip E. Morrison

Parliamentarian: Jansen E. Hartman

Resolved: that we approve the Conference Committees appointed by the Chairman.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The report was accepted.

Whereas: The Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended Kenneth D. Keeler and Louis Pronnicki for examination for ordination, and,

Whereas: These brethren have served acceptably as ministers in the Bible Fellowship Church for the required period of time, and,

Whereas: After examination, the Committee on Credentials believes them to be called of God to the Gospel Ministry and to be in accord with the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore,

Resolved: That Kenneth D. Keeler and Louis Pronnicki be ordained to the Gospel Ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church, and, further,

Resolved: That the service of ordination be held on Thursday, December 5, 1985, at the Harleysville Bible Fellowship Church at 7:30 PM. Kenneth D. Keeler shall be ordained at this service and Louis Pronnicki shall be ordained in absentia at this service since he is presently on the mission field. The Credentials Committee shall be in charge of the ordination service.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEE

The report was accepted.

The Chairman ruled that Kenneth Keeler be seated in the Conference Bar.

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has received an application for ministry in the Bible Fellowship Church from David Gundrum of Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Reading, Pa. that indicates a divorce in his background, and

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has received communication from the Pastor and Elders of Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Reading, recommending that David Gundrum be approved as an applicant and further expressing their opinion that David Gundrum does not violate the rules of the Bible Fellowship Church, and,

Whereas, it is the view of the Ministerial Candidate Committee that while David Gundrum's circumstances may be within "the spirit" of the Rules of the Bible Fellowship Church and sound reason for his acceptance may be made in harmony with biblical principles; nevertheless, it is contrary to the precise wording of Article VII, Divorce, page 35,36 of the 1981 Edition of the Faith and Order which states: "No person who has been divorced or who has married a divorced person for any reason may be a member of the Board of Elders", and

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee views its responsibility as functioning in harmony with the statements and rules of the Faith and Order and not in interpreting their "spirit" or seeking to change those rules, and

Whereas, The Ministerial Candidate Committee has taken a position that it will not proceed further with

the application of David Gundrum for the above reasons until the Annual Conference gives us specific direction, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Reading, Pa. be asked to present their case for the acceptance of David Gundrum as a candidate for ministry in the Bible Fellowship Church to the Annual Conference and, further, be it

Resolved, that the Annual Conference make a judgment in this case and give specific directions to the Ministerial Candidate Committee on accepting David Gundrum as a ministerial candidate.

Resolved, that the following men be accepted under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee:

PROBATIONERS (year of licensing in parenthesis)

W. David Armstrong	Zionsville, PA (1985)
William C. Aukamp	Pequea, PA
Kenneth F. Barber	Oley, PA (1985)
James L. Beaver	Clearwater, FL
Douglas D. Bowne	Spring City, PA
Raymond G. Burnett	Englishtown, NJ (1984)
David A. Carver	Selinsgrove, PA (1983)
David W. Chappell	Walnutport, PA
Robert S. Commerford	Holmes, NY (1984)
Arthur J. Frisbie	Newark, DE (1976)
W. Neil Harding, Jr.	Wallingford, PA (1983)
Kenneth D. Keeler	Harleysville, PA (1982)
Thomas S. MacMillan	Nazareth, PA (1983)
Carl T. Martin	Spring City, PA (1983)
James E. Neher	Sellersville, PA (1983)
Louis Pronnicki	Amman, Jordan (1983)
David W. Riddell	Ambler, PA
Mark C. Solt	Lehighton, PA (1983)
Ralph M. Soper	Paradise, PA

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Hillside, NJ (1984)
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Gary F. Bentley	Hatfield, PA
Clark L. Bossler	Allentown, PA
Dennis M. Cahill	Phoenixville, PA
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Phillip J. Mitchell	Allentown, PA
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Richard T. Paashaus	Coopersburg, PA
William G. Schlonecker	Newark, DE
Charles M. Snyder	Glenside, PA
Jeffrey C. Stickler	Bethlehem, PA
J. Richard Vroman	Lansdale, PA
James E. Thornton	Zionsville, PA
Byron Widger	Wappingers Fall, NY

APPLICANTS

David T. Allen	Akron, PA
Walter M. Johnston	Wyomissing, PA
Richard P. Jones, Sr.	Wescosville, PA
Daniel A. Mabus	Emmaus, PA
Richard W. Meyer	Bethlehem, PA
Duane Moyer	Pipersville, PA
Kevin P. Roberts	Leighton, PA
Thomas P. Voorhees	W. Trenton, NJ

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION DIRECTOR

The report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND PRINTING

The report was accepted.

Resolved, that a contribution of \$200.00 be given to the Board of Publication and Printing from each of the following Boards and Committees: Victory Valley, Missions, Christian Education, Church Extension, Pinebrook Junior College, Pinebrook Bible Conference and Bible Fellowship Church Home.

Resolved, that \$1.00 per member be given to the Board of Publication and Printing from each church to help underwrite the cost of publishing Fellowship News. Payments to be made to the Business Manager by December 31, 1985.

Resolved, that the cost of the 1985 Yearbook be \$4.00 per copy. This cost is based on eliminating free copies to Pastors and/or Churches.

Resolved, that the Missionary Reports and Pictures printed in the Yearbook in past years (such material as printed on pages 188-217 of the 1984 Yearbook) be printed in Fellowship News rather than the Yearbook.

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Report was accepted.

Resolved, that the By-laws of the Historical Committee be amended as follows: (see 1981 yearbook, p. 120).

1. Under the Section entitled ELECTION; change the first sentence to read "It shall be composed of the archivist and five men elected by the Annual Conference." (First Reading)

2. Add the following statement to the section entitled Election. "In the event of the resignation or death of a member of the committee, the committee shall

appoint a replacement who will serve until the subsequent Annual Conference. At that conference, a new member shall be elected to fill the unexpired term."
(FIRST READING)

The Registrar reported that the following will be absent from all sessions of the 102nd Annual Conference:

UNEXCUSED

Robert L. Draper
Richard J. Gehman
Herbert K. Lea
Edward Moyer
Laird F. Stengle
Philip E. Yerrington
Donald T. Kirkwood
C. Leslie Miller

Adjourned in Prayer at 11:50 AM by Calvin T. Reed.

SECOND MEETING

MONDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 14, 1985, 1:30 PM

The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn, "Let Your Heart Be Broken." R. C. Reichenbach led in prayer. Phil Atkins, new Director of Victory Valley, was introduced to the Conference.

Jansen E. Hartman presented the case for David E. Gundrum for consideration as a candidate for the ministry in the Bible Fellowship Church.

Resolved: that resolutions pertaining to David E. Gundrum's consideration as a ministerial candidate require a 75% majority to pass. (Yes = 58, No = 36)

Whereas, when the regulation respecting divorce and remarriage was written, it was not foreseen that

there could be a divorce and remarriage to the same spouse under favorable circumstances such as we have been considering in the case of David and Donna Gundrum, and

Whereas, the remarriage of David and Donna Gundrum was not only within the framework of biblical teaching, but was indeed a necessity for the full compliance with Scripture, therefore be it Resolved, that David Gundrum, in respect to his divorce and remarriage be considered eligible for acceptance by the Ministerial Candidate Committee as a candidate for the ministry in the Bible Fellowship Church, and that said committee proceed to consider him as they would any other applicants for the ministry.

(Yes = 92, No = 13)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

The report was accepted.

Resolved: that the rate of mileage reimbursement be \$.18 per mile effective 10/15/85.

Resolved: that the Administrative Budget for 1985-86 be approved for use beginning October 1, 1985.

Resolved: that the Administrative Budget for the 1986-87 year be approved for circulation to the church in solicitation of their pledges by April 15, 1986.

Resolved: that the annuities paid from the Ministers' Retirement Fund beginning October 1, 1985, shall be \$126.00 per year of service up to forty years of service for which an annuitant is eligible.

Resolved: that this Conference tender its appreciation to the Board of Directors for its provision for a study of possible changes in the operation of the Ministers' Retirement Fund, state that it looks with favor on such a study and hereby express its hope that the study will be completed by the 103rd Annual Conference.

The following were elected:

EDITOR - PUBLISHER OF FELLOWSHIP NEWS:

Randall A. Grossman (1 year)

BUSINESS - MANAGER OF THE FELLOWSHIP NEWS:

David W. Chappell (1 year)

The following recommendations from the Ministerial Relations Committee Report were adopted:

Whereas, we strongly believe it is the Scriptural responsibilities of the church to adequately meet the needs of its pastors (Matt. 10:10; I Cor. 9:7-15; Gal. 6:6; Phil 4:10-19; I Tim 5:17-18), therefore be it

Resolved, that we encourage each church to increase its pastor's salary at least 6.5% above the previous year's salary, and further

Resolved, that it is the consensus of this Committee that the minimum salary adequate for a pastor serving a Bible Fellowship Church including benefits is \$15,230.00 for the 1985-86 year.

REPORT OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON HOMOSEXUALITY

The report was accepted.

Resolved: that the "Study Paper on Homosexuality" be adopted by the Bible Fellowship Church as its Position Paper on Homosexuality.

Resolved: that out of the "Study Paper on Homosexuality" a statement should be prepared for insertion in the section of Standards of Worship and Life in the Faith and Order, and further, Resolved that the committee that prepared the Study Paper develop the article.

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

The report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VICTORY VALLEY

The report was accepted.

Paul G. Zimmerman introduced missionaries David L. Manney, William W. Mull and J. Barclay Harley, and a Venezuelan Pastor, Jose A. Tomedes. Each gave a brief report.

Resolved: that we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet at 6:30 PM.

The Registrar reported the following absences from the second meeting:

Excused

Charles J. McConnell
James M. Hanna

Unexcused

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM with prayer by John Trauch.

THIRD MEETING

MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 14, 1985, 6:30 PM

The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn "Let Your Heart Broken." William W. Mull led in prayer. Richard E. Taylor gave the devotional message on "Caring for the Hungry."

The following were elected:

MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Frank L. Herb Jr. (3 years)

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS:

James A. Beil	(1 year)
Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.	(1 year)
Frank L. Herb, Jr.	(1 year)
Keith E. Plows	(1 year)
John H. Riggall	(1 year)

BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND PRINTING:

Daniel P. Allen	(1 year)
Bernard N. Coble	(1 year)
John H. Herb	(1 year)
Ralph D. Cole	(1 year)
Gary Sterner	(1 year)

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE:

Willard E. Cassel	(3 years)
Harold P. Shelly	(3 years)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE

The Report was accepted.

Carl C. Cassel addressed the Conference concerning the College. President Cassel introduced the following staff of Pinebrook Junior College and each staff member addressed the Conference:

Metro Yurchak, Academic Dean
Richard C. Mengel, Dean of Students
Byron C. Cassel, Business Manager
Richard Drosnock, Plant Engineer
Carol Z. Snyder, Director of Admission
Lee A. Richwine, Director of Development
Clyde W. Snyder, Director of Community Relations and Art Instructor

The Study Paper of the Committee to Study Cults was considered and referred back to the committee.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

The Registrar reported the following absence from the third meeting:

Excused

Unexcused

Philip E. Morrison

Adjourned at 9:15 P.M. in prayer by Robert F. Gerding.

FOURTH MEETING

TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15TH, 1985, 9:00 AM

David A. Thomann led the hymn, "Let Your Heart Be Broken", with John H. Herb presenting the devotional message on "The Biblical Mandate on Caring." Hugh C. Coulbourn led in prayer.

James R. Batchler, Jr., Assistant Registrar, read additional excuses for absences, which were granted.

The minutes of the previous day's meetings were read and approved as corrected.

The following were elected:

MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Harold L. Snyder, Jr. (3 years)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH:

James A. Beil (3 years)

Carl C. Cassel (3 years)

BOARD OF VICTORY VALLEY:

Bryan B. Bray (3 years)

Bright N. Heist (3 years)

Clayton E. Weber (3 years)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PINEBROOK BIBLE CONFERENCE

The report was accepted.

Resolved, that each Church make a contribution to the Pinebrook Bible Conference. Contributions are to be made payable to Pinebrook and sent to the Director, Box 1, Stroudsburg, Pa. 18360.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

The report was accepted.

Whereas, the One Hundredth Annual Conference adopted "WIDER HORIZONS 1985-2000" as a plan of action for the Bible Fellowship Church and

Whereas, the One Hundredth Annual Conference approved preliminary denominational goals for WIDER HORIZONS, which it commended to the particular churches along with some suggested particular church goals and

Whereas, the particular churches have reported their responses and goals at a WIDER HORIZONS banquet, which was held on Friday evening, April 19, 1985, therefore

Resolved, that we the One Hundred Second Annual Conference, recognize, endorse and adopt the following goals which the particular churches have set:

1. To increase the total membership of the Bible Fellowship Church by December 31, 2000 by approximately 135% to 14,293 members.

2. To see 16 new congregations form as daughter churches through the impetus and sponsorship of particular churches between now and the end of the year 2000.

3. To direct the Board of Church Extension to plan to plant 39 additional new congregations during the WIDER HORIZONS years, 1986-2000.

Resolved, that we commit ourselves, by faith and in dependence upon the power and grace of our Lord to pray, plan, labor and evangelize and to support the Church Extension Department toward fulfillment of these goals, to the glory of God.

The Conference paused and prayed for the Lord's help in achieving the above goals. Dana E. Weller, Richard E. Taylor and Keith E. Plows led in prayer.

Resolved, that the following annual membership goals for WIDER HORIZONS be adopted:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>% INCREASE</u>	<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u>
1986			6,200
1987	124	2%	6,324
1988	189	3%	6,513
1989	229	3.5%	6,742
1990	269	4%	7,011
1991	316	4.5%	7,327
1992	366	5%	7,693
1993	423	5.5%	8,116
1994	487	6%	8,603
1995	603	7%	9,206
1996	736	8%	9,942
1997	895	9%	10,837
1998	1,029	9.5%	11,866
1999	1,128	9.5%	12,994
2000	1,299	10%	14,293

Resolved, that the following be added to Duties of the Board of Church Extension:

II. The Board shall promote the program of Church Extension and develop a broadening financial base for its ministry. (FIRST READING) (see pages 34-36, 1983 Yearbook)

Resolved, that the Faith and Order be changed to read (page 115)

(SECOND READING)

Board of Church Extension

Election: The Board of Church Extension shall be composed of the Director of Church Extension by virtue of his office and five ordained ministers and five laymen.

Classes shall be formed as follows:

- Class I - Two ministers and two laymen
- Class II - Two ministers and two laymen
- Class III - One minister and one layman

Whereas, the Board of Church Extension is of the opinion that the Kutztown, Pennsylvania, Mission meets the standards and qualifications of a church as specified in Article XVIII of the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Kutztown, Pennsylvania, Mission be recognized as a church and that its delegate be received into the membership of the 102nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Whereas, the Board of Church Extension is of the opinion that the Newark, Delaware, Mission meets the standards and qualifications of a church as specified in Article XVIII of the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Newark, Delaware, Mission be recognized as a church and that its delegate be received into the membership of the 102nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The delegate from Kutztown, George Monroe, and the delegate from Newark, DE, Arthur J. Frisbie, were seated in the Conference Bar.

Whereas, the Board of Church Extension on September 6, 1985, elected Daniel G. Ziegler to a three year term as Director of Church Extension effective October 14, 1985, therefore be it

Resolved, that the election of Daniel G. Ziegler to a three year term as Director of Church Extension effective October 14, 1985, be ratified.

Resolved, that the budget for the Board of Church Extension for 1986-87 be adopted.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION
BUDGET FOR 1986-87

INCOME:

Churches - Prepaid	\$ 90,000
General Contribution	20,000
Designated Gifts	210,950
Interest	<u>7,000</u>
Total	\$327,950

EXPENSES:

Appropriations:

Camden	\$	-0-	
Edison		6,000	
Finesville		-0-	
Newark, DE		8,000	
Irvington		26,250	
Kutztown		-0-	
Mt. Pocono		3,000	
Newark, NJ		23,000	
New Fairfield		3,000	
Poughquag		1,000	
Union County		7,000	
Wappingers Falls		1,000	
Walnutport		5,000	
Whaley Lake		18,000	
New Missions (existing)		45,000	
New Missions (starting)		33,000	
Project Beachhead		66,000	
PISCES		<u>3,000</u>	
		\$248,250	\$248,250

Administration:

Director's Salary & Bene.	20,000	
Director's Health Ins.	2,000	
Director: In Service Train.	1,500	
Department Travel	9,500	
Parsonage-Office Bldg.	12,000	
Office Operating	16,000	
Board Expenses	2,500	
Promotion	1,200	
Surveys	200	
Administrative Budget	500	
Workman's Compensation	<u>1,700</u>	
	\$ 67,200	\$ 67,200

Reserves:

Development Fund	\$ 5,000	
Contingency	<u>7,500</u>	
	\$ 12,500	<u>12,500</u>

TOTAL

\$327,950REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

The report was accepted.

Resolved: that we extend the time.

Whereas, the Bible Fellowship Church takes seriously the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ and desires to involve itself significantly in the task of making disciples of all nations, and

Whereas, our Bible Fellowship Church missionary family has grown substantially in the past two years so that it now has seventy-eight (78) active missionaries, and seven (7) appointees, and several applicants, and

Whereas, we are praying that the Lord will thrust out many more laborers from the Bible Fellowship Church into His harvest fields, and

Whereas, there is a great need for the Board of Missions to provide additional pastoral care and oversight for our missionaries, their children in the homeland, our appointees and applicants, and

Whereas, there is a great need for the Board of Missions to provide additional and more effective assistance to our particular churches in organizing, strategizing, implementing, and promoting of missions in our Bible Fellowship Churches, and

Whereas, there is a great need for the Board of Missions to develop closer working relationships with the sending mission boards with which our missionaries are affiliated, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we ratify the election of Roy A. Hertzog as the full-time Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions. (Yes = 98, No = 6)

The Registrar reported the following absences from the fourth meeting:

Excused

Unexcused

Philip E. Morrison
Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.
Kenneth F. Barber
A. L. Seifert

John Dunn led in prayer, adjourning this meeting at 12:15 P.M.

FIFTH MEETING

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 15TH, 1985, 1:30 PM

The following were elected:

BOARD OF VICTORY VALLEY:

John Stengele (2 years)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Robert W. Gehret (3 years)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES:

John H. Herb (3 years)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE:

Alva C. Cassel (3 years)

John H. Herb (3 years)

David A. Thomann (3 years)

Jay Fasnacht (3 years)

Rodney Muthard (3 years)

Russell M. Ruch (3 years)

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL:

Robert W. Gehret (3 years)

Paul G. Zimmerman led in prayer for the Lord's help in Conference proceedings.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HOME

The report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The report was accepted.

Resolved, that the by-laws of the Board of Christian Education be amended as follows:

D: VACANCIES see page 2, paragraph D#1

1. Of Board Members

a. If a vacancy occurs on the Board, the Board shall select a replacement who will serve until the subsequent Annual Conference. The Board shall request the Annual Conference to elect a successor to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Resolved, that the following proposed by-law of the Board of Christian Education be referred to the Government Committee, as it relates to all boards and committees.

b. If a member of the Board is absent for three successive meetings without written excuse, he shall no longer be a member of the Board and shall be replaced as though a vacancy had occurred.

Whereas, the Director and the Board of Pinebrook Bible Conference are convinced that the expanding ministry at Pinebrook Bible Conference could be aided greatly by an increase in the size of the Conference Board, therefore

Resolved, that we increase the size of the Pinebrook Conference Board by adding one minister and two laymen, and further,

Resolved, that the material on page 122 and 123 of the Faith and Order be changed to read as follows:

Board of Pinebrook Bible Conference

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

Class I-	Two Ministers and Three Laymen
Class II-	Two Ministers and Three Laymen
Class III-	One Minister and Two Laymen

(FIRST READING)

Resolved, that upon approval of these changes at second reading in 1986, implementation of these changes shall be as follows:

The 1986 Conference shall elect One Minister and Two Laymen for three years. One Layman for 2 years, and One Layman for one year.

The 1987 Conference would elect Class One, Two Ministers and Three Laymen for three years and continue according to the classes thereafter.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

The report was accepted.

Resolved, that the Committee on Statistics evaluate the categories of statistics.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINUTES

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINUTES

We hereby certify that we have examined the Annual Conference Minutes for the session of October 8-10, 1984 and found them correct except as follows:

p. A, line 26, the middle initial "E" was omitted from the name of Clayton Weber

p. B, line 9, the name of Robert Keener was omitted

- p. D, line 21, the middle initial "A" rather than "E" should appear in the name of James Wickstead
- p. E, line 22, the name "G. Wayne Clapier" rather than Wayne G. Clapier should appear
- p. 4, line 15, the words "members of Annual Conference" were omitted and should be inserted between "following" and "who"
- p. 8, line 3, the abbreviation "CT" should replace "CN" after the word "Plainville"
- p. 16, line 24, a period, rather than a comma should follow "God"
- p. 16, line 27, the word "always" should be underlined
- p. 17, line 28, the word "and" should appear after the word "Tongues"
- p. 20, line 9 "\$" was omitted in front of "800,000.00"
- p. 31, lines 27-32, these 3 sentences are a secretary's note and should not appear. In its place, the attached text of 8 pages from the Government Committee's Book of Discipline should be inserted (second reading)
- p. 32, line 18, (4. Appeal) should be ("4. Appeals...")
- p. 40, line 5, the title "Abortion" was omitted from the beginning of the statement
- p. 41, line 13, the word "meeting" should be plural
- p. 41, line 20, the "(" was omitted in front of "p. 55)"
- p. 42, lines 16-17, omit the phrase "(Footnotes from Government Committee Report to be included)."
- p.42, line 32, the text of "Chapter VII - Appeals" should be printed out here
- p. 43, line 3, the text of "Chapter VIII - Dissents and Protests" should be printed out here
- p. 43, line 10, "c" in the word "conference" should be capitalized
- p. 43, line 15, closed and open quotation marks were omitted respectively from the words (annul" and "Annual"
- p. 45, line 13, the middle initial "L" was omitted from the name of Steven Trommler
- p. 46, line 7, the name "L. James Roberts" should appear rather than "James L. Roberts"
- p. 46, line 8, the word "COMMITTEE" should be in parenthesis

- p. 47, line 31, the word "Administration" should be "Administrative"
- p. 49, lines 30-31, since the phrase in quotation marks is a quotation within a quotation, the punctuation should reflect this (change "to" followed by a closed quotation)
- p. 50, line 3, the word "spend" should be "spent"
- p. 51, line 9, "(1982)" should appear after "PA"
- p. 52, line 32, the word "(attached)" was omitted after "By-Laws"
- p. 53, line 11, 2,602.54 is not the sum of the 3 figures that have been totalled
- p. 53, line 16, 2,606.54 is not the sum of the 4 figures that have been totalled
- p. 53, line 24, "RESOLVED" should be underlined
- p. 56, line 6, the word "to" should be "for"
- p. 57, line 23, the word "(mileage)" has been omitted after "Business Mfg. Exp."
- p. 61, line 35, the word "up" should be "at"
- p. 63, line 31, the word "Papus" should be "Papua"
- p. 63, line 40, the word "Maplel" should be "Maple"
- p. 65, line 5, the word "message" should be plural
- p. 81, line 25, the word "place" should be "placed"
- p. 85, line 17, the word "PROPOSED" should be omitted
- p. 85, line 18, the word "FOR" should be omitted and the rest of the phrase should be underlined
- p. 90, line 11, the figure "2,200" under the 1983-84 column should be "2,000"
- p. 90, line 34, the word "Estwick" should be "Eastwick"
- p. 92, line 19, the word "New" should be "Net"
- p. 92, line 29, the word "Assets" should be in capital letters
- p. 93, last line, the figure "622,925.20" under the first column should be "662,925.20"
- p. 96, line 17, the figure "3,242.47" in the second column should be "3,242.47"
- p. 98, line 7, the phrase "Net Worth, Sept. 30" was omitted in front of the 2 figures
- p. 98, line 9, the date "Sept. 30" should be omitted
- p. 98, line 13, the years "1984" and "1983" were omitted from the 2 columns of figures
- p. 99, line 12, the word "Purchases" should be "Purchase"

- p. 99, line 12, the first figure, "441,279.28" should be "421,279.28"
- p. 102, lines 1-2, the phrase "TO THE 101ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE" should be omitted
- p. 111, 2nd to last line, the word "founded" should be "found"
- p. 112, line 15, the word "the" should be "that"
- p. 116, line 22, the word "hold" should be "holds"
- p. 118, line 22, the word "of" should be "for"
- p. 118, 3rd line from bottom, the word "have" should be "gave"
- p. 120, line 5, the word "they" has been omitted after "level"
- p. 123, line 10, "p. 20" should be "p. 120"
- p. 123, line 28, "DIRECTORS OF" has been omitted after the phrase "BOARD OF"
- p. 141, line 13, the figure "(269)" in the 3rd column should be "(259)"
- p. 141, line 14, the word "Linden" should be "Linen"
- p. 145, line 1, the word "NOTE" should be plural
- p. 153, lines 7 & 17, the label "Total Receipts" should precede both sums
- p. 154, line 13, the word "to" should be "of"
- p. 154, line 30, the word "considerable" should be "considerably"
- p. 178, 2nd line from bottom, the name "James L. Roberts" should be "L. James Roberts"
- p. 183, line 7, the word "for" should be "from"

Note: Elections for the 4 study committees (Alcohol, Tongues, Cults & Homosexuality) are missing from the official minutes, but a list of members of those committees does appear in the Directory of the 1984 Yearbook on page E.

The following pages (3-10) contain the text from the Book of Discipline which should appear in the 1984 Yearbook, beginning at the bottom of page 31.....

BOOK OF DISCIPLINE

INTRODUCTION

True church discipline is preventive as well as corrective. Preventive discipline includes instruction, exhortation, oversight and all other such means as are necessary to promote maturity and to keep men free from error and sin in doctrine and life. (1) Corrective discipline includes all action necessary to restore those who have been involved in error or sin in doctrine or life. (2) All church discipline should be according to the authority, standards and methods given by God in the Bible.

The Bible teaches that preventive and corrective discipline must acknowledge both divine initiative and human responsibility. (3) The divine initiative is acknowledged by instruction and correction which point to the person and work of Jesus Christ as the only source of true holiness. (4) The human responsibility is acknowledged by instruction and correction which call believers to apply God's standards of thinking and behavior as the means of achieving the holiness Christ has made possible. These standards must be applied to individual lives (5) and to the corporate life of the church. (6)

The reason for providing written standards of church discipline for the Bible Fellowship Church is to develop from the Scripture specific means of realizing the righteousness which God desires for His church. These means should help individuals, congregations, denominational agencies and the entire Bible Fellowship Church to identify sin and to experience cleansing and restoration based, first, on the sacrificial death of Christ and, second, on elders and people accepting their God-given responsibilities to one another. (7)

- 1 - Matthew 28:20; Colossians 1:28
- 2 - Titus 1:13
- 3 - II Thessalonians 3:6; Hebrews 12:5,6
- 4 - Ephesians 5:25-27
- 5 - Luke 9:23
- 6 - I Corinthians 5:6-8
- 7 - Galatians 6:1; Matthew 18:15; Luke 17:3

Chapter I - Nature and Purpose of Corrective Discipline

1. Church discipline is the exercise of the authority which Christ, the Head of the Church, has given to the visible church to increase and preserve its purity and order. (1) Church discipline is not a substitute for personal, family or civil discipline. As the outgrowth of careful teaching, specific application and pastoral concern, it is to be exercised when these other means have failed to produce purity of life and good order. The need for both preventive and corrective church discipline arises from the deceitfulness of indwelling sin (2) and the expressed desire of Christ for holiness among His people. (3) Corrective discipline in the church is doctrinal, moral or administrative.

2. Doctrinal or moral discipline is effort to prevent and correct beliefs and actions contrary to the Word of God. (4) The purpose of doctrinal or moral discipline is to vindicate the honor of Christ, to promote the purity of the Church and to restore the offender.

3. Administrative discipline is effort to maintain adherence to the governing rules of the church in other than doctrinal or moral cases. (5) The purpose of administrative discipline is to promote unity in the entire body, to encourage faithful discharge of all duties and to preserve the rights and privileges of each member of the body.

4. All members of a particular church are under the care of that church and are therefore subject to doctrinal, moral and administrative discipline by that church. (6) All congregations and agencies of the Bible Fellowship Church are members one of another and are therefore subject to doctrinal, moral and adminis-

1 - Matthew 16:19; 18:18,20; John 20:23

2 - Hebrews 3:12,13; I Corinthians 10:11,12

3 - Hebrews 12:10,11; I Peter 1:15,16

4 - I Corinthians 5:1,3,5; Titus 3:10

5 - Titus 3:1; Ephesians 4:3; I Corinthians 14:40

6 - I Corinthians 5:1,2,9,12; Matthew 18:17

trative discipline by the whole church. (7)

5. No charge shall be received by the elders of a church or by another judicatory unless it appears that the plaintiff(s) has first done his utmost to restore the alleged offender(s) in the manner prescribed by Christ. (8)

6. No charge shall be received against the Elders of the church except on the basis of two or three witnesses. (9)

7 - Acts 15:19-31

8 - Matthew 18:15-17

9 - I Timothy 5:19

Chapter II - Jurisdiction

1. Particular Churches. Original jurisdiction over an individual belongs to the congregation of which the individual is a member. All of the elders or a portion of the elders designated by the Board of Elders shall be the judicatory for a trial in a particular church. They shall choose one of their number to serve as moderator of the trial. Any elder who has personal involvement in the issue being tried shall be disqualified from participation in the judicatory.

2. Ministers. Original jurisdiction over ministers belongs to the Credentials Committee. Any member of the Committee who has personal involvement in the issue being tried shall be disqualified from participation in the Judicatory. Those serving as a judicatory shall choose one of their number to serve as moderator of the trial.

3. Churches or agencies. Original jurisdiction over particular churches or agencies of the denomination belongs to a judicatory elected by the Annual Conference, called the Conference Judicatory. The Annual Conference shall elect ten of its members from which this judicatory shall be formed. All ten members shall designate which five shall hear the case and shall designate which one of the five shall serve as moderator. All charges shall be presented to the secretary who shall be chosen by the ten members from among their number. The name of the secretary shall be announced at Annual Conference and included in its minutes.

4. Appeals. If a judicatory in a particular church or the Credentials Committee is unable to resolve an issue, or if the defendant or plaintiff in a case desired to appeal the decision of the judicatory, the appeal shall be made to the Conference Judicatory. If the Conference Judicatory is unable to resolve an issue, or if the defendant or plaintiff in a case desires to appeal the decision of the Conference Judicatory, subsequent appeal shall be made to the Annual Conference in writing to the Secretary of the Annual Conference. After an appeal has been made, the Annual Conference shall elect a Special Appellate Judicatory. The Special Appellate Judicatory shall be composed of five members of the Annual Conference elected by the Annual Conference; it shall choose its own moderator and secretary. The Special Appellate Judicatory shall conduct a hearing and recommend final disposal of the issue to the Annual Conference. When it receives the recommendation of the Special Appellate Judicatory, the Annual Conference will decide whether or not to hear additional testimony. The Special Appellate Judicatory shall be the only place of appeal for issues which have had the Conference Judicatory as the place of original jurisdiction.

Chapter IV - Conduct of Trials

1. At the beginning of every trial the moderator of the body conducting the trial shall announce that the body is meeting as a judicatory and shall exhort the members of the body to understand that the body is responsible to minister and declare the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and to subordinate all human standards and judgments to that rule. The moderator shall lead in prayer. This announcement, and exhortation shall be repeated by the moderator at the beginning of each session of the trial. The judicatory conducting the trial shall determine if the trial shall be opened or closed to individuals not directly involved in the trial.

2. If the accused does not appear for the trial, he shall be cited again to appear for trial with a warning that failure to appear is viewed as disrespect and that the trial will proceed in his absence if he fails again to appear.

3. At the first meeting of the trial, only the following actions shall be taken: (a) the accused shall hear read and be formally presented with the charges against him with the names of witnesses and copies of documents which are part of the charges; (b) the accused shall be given opportunity to call witnesses he desires to be summoned to participate in the trial (c) the judicatory shall establish the time and place of the next session of the trial which shall not be less than ten days after the first session and shall cite all persons it deems necessary for the conduct of the trial to appear at that time.

4. At the second meeting of the trial, the accused may raise objections to the charges or relevancy of the evidence presented against him. The judicatory shall determine the validity of such objections. If the accused requests the judicatory to do so, it shall determine whether the evidence is sufficient to demonstrate support for the charges made. It may dismiss the case, decide that the charges should be modified, or proceed with the trial. When the trial is ready to proceed, the accused shall be called upon to plead "guilty" or "not guilty" and his plea shall be entered upon the record. If the accused pleads "guilty", the judicatory shall determine the censure. If the accused pleads "not guilty" or refuses to plead, the trial shall proceed.

5. No person shall be denied the right to offer in evidence in any judicatory of the church the provisions of the Word of God or of any church regulations.

6. When the evidence against the accused has been presented and he has had opportunity to cross-examine those testifying against him, the accused shall have right to move for dismissal of the charges. If this motion is denied by the judicatory, the accused may then present evidence in support of his defense. After

all evidence in the case has been presented, the accused may make his final argument with respect to the evidence and to church regulations. The judicatory shall then deliberate and vote on each charge separately. If the judicatory decides the accused is guilty, it shall also determine the censure.

7. When the judicatory has concluded the deliberations, the moderator shall announce its findings on each charge. If the accused has been found guilty, the judicatory shall also state the censure it proposes. Full censure shall not be carried out until the expiration of the time in which an appeal may be filed. If an appeal is filed, the original judicatory may not execute its censure unless and until its judgement is affirmed by the judicatory to which appeal is made.

8. In any trial the judicatory shall preserve a complete and accurate transcript of the proceedings. This record shall include the charges, objections made and exceptions taken by the accused during the trial, the testimony of witnesses and all rulings and findings of the judicatory. This record shall be certified by the trial judicatory to another judicatory in cases of appeal. The accused shall be supplied one copy of the record at the expense of the judicatory; other copies may be supplied at the expense of the accused. (FIRST READING)

Chapter V - Evidence

1. Evidence must be factual in nature. It may be direct or circumstantial. Caution should be used in consideration of evidence which is purely circumstantial.

2. Witnesses shall be required to affirm that they will speak all of the truth and nothing but the truth concerning the matters on which they are asked to testify. (1)

3. The judicatory shall appoint one of its members to conduct on its behalf the examination of witnesses, but other members of the judicatory may also take part. Witnesses presented by the accused may be cross-examined by the judicatory.

4. Certified records of a judicatory shall be received in evidence in another judicatory if it is relevant.

(1) Exodus 20:16; Exodus 23:1; Proverbs 6:16,17; Matthew 5:37; Ephesians 4:15,25

Chapter VI - Censure and Restoration

1. All censures shall be accompanied by prayer to God that He might graciously use the discipline for the restoration of the offender, the edification of the church, and the glory of God. (1)

2. There are five degrees of censure in judicial discipline: admonition, rebuke, suspension, deposition and excommunication.

a. Admonition consists in tenderly and solemnly confronting the offender with his sin, warning him of his danger, and exhorting him to repentance and to greater fidelity to the Lord Jesus Christ. (2)

b. Rebuke is a form of censure more severe than admonition. It consists in setting forth the serious character of the offense, reproving the offender, and exhorting him to repentance and to more perfect fidelity to the Lord Jesus Christ. The judicatory shall determine if public rebuke is necessary. (3)

c. Suspension is a form of censure by which one is deprived of the privileges of membership in the church, of office or of both. (4) It may be for a definite or indefinite time. Suspension of an officer from privileges of membership shall always accompany suspension from office, but suspension from office does not necessarily include suspension from privileges of membership.

An individual under suspension from office or from privileges of membership shall be the object of concern and earnest appeal that he may be restored. When the judicatory which imposed the suspension is satisfied with the repentance of the offender or when the period of suspension has expired, the censure shall be removed and the offender restored. Restoration shall be accompanied by solemn admonition. Restoration

to the privileges of membership may be granted without restoration to office.

If a person is suspended indefinitely and has not within a year manifested repentance, the judicatory shall consider whether suspension shall be continued or more severe censure imposed.

d. Deposition consists of depriving an officer of his office. (5) Deposition of a minister shall require the dissolution of the pastoral relationship. The sentence of deposition shall be read before the congregation and the pulpit declared vacant.

If a minister is deposed who is serving in a non-pastoral office, the agency under which he serves shall be informed of the discipline and that the man is disqualified from denominational service.

A minister, elder or deacon who has been deposed cannot resume his former office without again being ordained or installed.

e. Excommunication is the most severe form of censure and is resorted to only in cases aggravated by persistent impenitence. It consists of a solemn declaration by the judicatory that it no longer regards the offender as a member of the body of Christ. (6)

3. Suspension, deposition or excommunication of an officer or other member of the church shall be announced to the church where the officer holds office or the member holds membership. Such announcement shall be accompanied by an urgent request for prayer for the offender to the end that he might be restored.

4. Restoration shall always be accompanied by prayer of thanksgiving to God for His redeeming grace. (7)

1 - Matthew 18:19, 20

2 - Romans 15:14; I Thessalonians 5:14

3 - I Timothy 5:20

4 - II Thessalonians 3:14; I Corinthians 5:11

5 - Titus 3:10; I Corinthians 9:27

6 - I Corinthians 5:2,7,11,13; Matthew 18:17

7 - Galatians 6:1; James 5:16,20; Luke 15:10; II Corinthians 2:5-8; II Corinthians 7:9,10

Chapter VII - Appeals

1. An appeal is a petition asking that the final judgement of one judicatory be reversed or modified by another judicatory.

2. Notice of intention to appeal must be filed in writing ten days after the judgement of the original judicatory has been announced. This notice must be filed with the moderator of the original judicatory.

3. To perfect an appeal, the appellant must in writing file within thirty days of the notice of appeal his appeal and specifications of error by the original judicatory. This shall be filed with the moderator of the judicatory to which the appeal is made; a copy of the appeal and specifications of error shall also be filed with the moderator of the original judicatory.

4. If the judicatory to which appeal is made does not sustain any of the specifications of error, the judgement of the original judicatory is affirmed. If the appellate judicatory sustains any specification of error, it shall determine whether the error is of such importance as to require a reversal or modification of the original judgement. A judicatory to which appeal is made may remit the case to the original judicatory, may modify the original judgement or may reverse the original judgement.

Chapter VIII - Dissents and Protests

1. Dissent - Any member of a judicatory who votes against the judgement of the majority may request that his dissenting vote be recorded in the minutes of the judicatory.

2. Protest - Any member of a judicatory may file a written protest stating his reasons for objecting to a judgement of the judicatory. A protest must be filed with the moderator of the judicatory within ten days of the announcement of the judgement. A protest shall be read to the judicatory and recorded in its minutes. The judicatory may, if it desires, place in its minutes an answer to a protest.

Dean A. Stortz, James A. Wickstead - COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF MINUTES OF PARTICULAR CHURCHES

The report was accepted.

The petition from Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church, Bethlehem, was presented as follows:

Whereas, Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church has experienced the disability of our pastor and,

Whereas, we are unaware that there are any guidelines as to how the needs of a disabled pastor should be cared for and,

Whereas, there exists the possibility that a local church may not be able to care for a disabled pastor's need, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church petitions the one hundred and second annual conference of the Bible Fellowship Church to study the potential ways that the needs of partially or totally disabled pastors can and should be met through local church and/or denominational responsibility. Such a study should consider the feasibility of instituting specific programs to fulfill the determined responsibility.

Resolved, that the above petition be received.

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church study the matter of provision for pastoral disability as raised in the petition from Bethlehem.

Whereas, the petition of Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church of Bethlehem was received by Annual Conference, and

Whereas, the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church was directed by this Annual Conference to make a study of the concerns of their petition; therefore be it,

Resolved, that this action be considered the answer of Annual Conference to the petitioning church.

The petition from Gateway BFC of New Fairfield, CT, was presented as follows:

Whereas, we have recently witnessed the demise of the Easton Church, and we are presently aware of some struggling churches.

Whereas, it is a tragedy for a church to die.

Whereas, it is our Christian duty to offer help to brethren in distress.

Whereas, statistical information is presently available to us which might signal a church in decline.

Resolved, that we form a Development Advisory Committee which will:

1. Identify those churches which may be in decline.
2. Initiate contact with the pastor and elders of such churches.
3. Offer to work with the pastor and elders by:
 - a. Praying with and for these men and churches.
 - b. Helping them develop a strategy to reverse the decline.
 - c. Making them aware of literature or specialists which might be beneficial.

Resolved, that this committee be advisory in nature, and shall in no way interfere with the autonomy of the local church.

Resolved, that this committee shall be composed of 3 pastors and 2 Laymen.

Resolved, that a church in "decline" be defined as one whose statistics show a decline in the percentage of members of five (5) percent or three people per year, whichever is higher, or a decline of five percent in the amount of offerings for three consecutive years.

Resolved, that this committee report yearly to Annual Conference relating how many churches were helped, and principles of development learned through the year.

Resolved, that the above petition be received.

Resolved, that we deny the request of forming a Development Advisory Committee, and that we direct the Ministerial Relations Committee to formulate an answer to the petitioning church describing how they already perform the functions described in the New Fairfield petition. (See page 56 for the answer to this action.)

The following were elected:

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Robert Breitegam	(3 years)
James Sunday	(3 years)
Paul G. Zimmerman	(3 years)

PINEBROOK BIBLE CONFERENCE BOARD

Ronald C. Mahurin	(3 years)
John H. Riggall	(3 years)
Robert Breitegam	(3 years)
Kermit K. Gehman	(3 years)

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

Robert W. Smock	(3 years)
Richard E. Taylor	(3 years)
Dana E. Weller	(3 years)
Clayton E. Weber	(3 years)
Robert Zentz	(3 years)

CONFERENCE JUDICATORY

James A. Beil	(1 year)
Carl C. Cassel	(1 year)
Jansen E. Hartman	(1 year)
Ronald C. Mahurin	(1 year)
Lee E. Boyles	(1 year)
L. James Roberts	(1 year)
Clyde W. Snyder	(1 year)

Resolved, that we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet at 6:30 P.M.

The Registrar reported the following absences from the fifth meeting:

Excused

David L. Manney
 Robert F. Gerding
 A. L. Seifert
 Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.
 Philip E. Morrison
 Albert J. Dommel

Unexcused

Adjourned at 5:10 P.M. with prayer by James A. Wickstead.

SIXTH MEETING

TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 15, 1985, 6:30 PM

Carl T. Martin led the singing of the hymn, "Am I A Soldier of the Cross". Charles J. McConnell led in prayer. Jeffrey Stickler presented the devotional message on "Caring for the Unborn".

The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved as corrected.

The petition from Valley BFC, Poughquag, NY, was presented as follows:

Whereas, the Board of Elders of the Poughquag church has studied the yearbook material on the subject of divorce that was assigned to it by the 101st Annual Conference, and

Whereas, previous studies have not treated the subject of the "new creation" as found in 2 Cor. 5:16-19 as it relates to divorce, and

Whereas, regarding divorce as a violation of a "Creation Ordinance" and thus in a separate category of sins, marring a person's character for life seems to be without any biblical foundation (the argument advanced

in the committee report to 82nd Annual Conference---page 49 of the 1965 Yearbook) therefore, be it

Resolved, that we form a study committee to address these two areas as they relate to barring men from the office of elder who have been divorced, or who are married to women who have been divorced prior to their conversion to Christ, and that this committee report to the 103rd Annual Conference with a recommendation.

Resolved, that the above petition be received.

Resolved, that the chairman appoint a committee of seven members of this Annual Conference to investigate the subject of divorce and its ramifications for the entire ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Resolved, that the above action be considered an answer to the petition of Valley Bible Fellowship Church, Poughquag.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The report was accepted.

Resolved, that the following be adopted at second reading (taken from p.29, 1984 Yearbook):

Article IV - Members of Annual Conference

1. Voting Members - The voting members of Annual Conference shall answer to the call of the roll. They shall be:
 - a. Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church.
 - b. Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Board of Missions of the Bible Fellowship Church.
 - c. Ordained Ministers endorsed by the Bible Fellowship Church Working in the Military Chaplaincy.

- d. Ordained Ministers in Retirement.
- e. Probationers who have been called to be the pastor of a church; but not probationers who are called to be associates and/or assistants.

(SECOND READING)

Resolved, that proposed Article IV - Members of Annual Conference, Section 1f., page 29, 1984 Yearbook be amended to read:

One delegate from every properly constituted church with a membership of two hundred or less and one additional delegate for every one hundred members in excess of the first two hundred. If a delegate(s) is unable to attend the Annual Conference or some meetings of Annual Conference, the alternate delegate(s), with the permission of the Conference, shall be seated for the Conference or those specified meetings. Unexcused absences shall result in the church forfeiting its representation by an alternate delegate during the unexcused absence of the delegate.

(FIRST READING)

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading:

(from p. 29 of 1984 Yearbook)

2. Advisory Members - Advisory members of Annual conference shall not be included in the call of the roll. They shall not participate in the deliberations of the session except by permission of the Chairman. Advisory members of Annual Conference shall include:

a. Ordained Ministers Working in other Christian Ministries.

b. Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence.

c. Probationers who have not been called to be the pastor of a church.

d. Missionaries who hold membership in one of the churches and are under the supervision of the Board of Missions.

(SECOND READING)

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading: (see p. 30, 1984 Yearbook)

Officers of Annual Conference

1. Add to the last sentence of the first paragraph of material on page 95, 1981 edition of the Faith and Order, the following:

....and Robert's Rules of Order.

2. Add the following new material on Vice-Chairman:

Each Annual Conference before adjournment shall elect by ballot a vice-chairman from its membership. He shall function as chairman of Annual Conference in the absence of the chairman. He is to temporarily act as chairman when the chairman requests to vacate the chair so as to speak on a given issue. He shall continue to preside until the issue in question has been decided. He is also to assist the chairman as requested.

3. Add the following material to the end of material on Secretary, page 95, 1981 edition of the Faith and Order:

He shall receive and distribute petitions from particular churches to the Annual Conference. (SECOND READING)

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading;

AMENDMENT TO MATERIAL ON ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS TO THE FAITH & ORDER

(See material on pages 32,33 - 1982 Yearbook, and pages 40,41 - 1983 Yearbook)

Add the following paragraph to the end of the material on Amendments to the Faith and Order:

"Amendments to the Appendices of the Faith and Order shall be by two-thirds majority of those voting at one reading of Annual Conference (SECOND READING).

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading;

Chapter IV - Conduct of Trials

1. At the beginning of every trial the moderator of the body conducting the trial shall announce that the body is meeting as a judicatory and shall exhort the members of the body to understand that the body is responsible to minister and declare the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and to subordinate all human standards and judgments to that rule. The moderator shall lead in prayer. This announcement and exhortation shall be repeated by the moderator at the beginning of each session of the trial. The judicatory conducting the trial shall determine if the trial shall be opened or closed to individuals not directly involved in the trial.

2. If the accused does not appear for the trial, he shall be cited again to appear for trial with a warning that failure to appear is viewed as disrespect and that the trial will proceed in his absence if he fails again to appear.

3. At the first meeting of the trial, only the following actions shall be taken: (a) the accused shall hear read and be formally presented with the charges against him with the names of witnesses and copies of documents which are part of the charges; (b) the accused shall be given opportunity to call witnesses he desires to be summoned to participate in the trial (c) the judicatory shall establish the time and place of the next session of the trial which shall not be less than ten days after the first session and shall cite all persons it deems necessary for the conduct of the trial to appear at that time.

4. At the second meeting of the trial, the accused may raise objections to the charges or relevancy of the evidence presented against him. The judicatory shall determine the validity of such objections. If the accused requests the judicatory to do so, it shall determine whether the evidence is sufficient to demonstrate support for the charges

made. It may dismiss the case, decide that the charges should be modified, or proceed with the trial. When the trial is ready to proceed, the accused shall be called upon to plead "guilty" or "not guilty" and his plea shall be entered upon the record. If the accused pleads "guilty", the judicatory shall determine the censure. If the accused pleads "not guilty" or refuses to plead, the trial shall proceed.

5. No person shall be denied the right to offer in evidence in any judicatory of the church the provisions of the Word of God or of any church regulations.

6. When the evidence against the accused has been presented and he has had opportunity to cross-examine those testifying against him, the accused shall have right to move for dismissal of the charges. If this motion is denied by the judicatory, the accused may then present evidence in support of his defense. After all evidence in the case has been presented, the accused may make his final argument with respect to the evidence and to church regulations. The judicatory shall then deliberate and vote on each charge separately. If the judicatory decides the accused is guilty, it shall also determine the censure.

7. When the judicatory has concluded the deliberations, the moderator shall announce its finding on each charge. If the accused has been found guilty, the judicatory shall also state the censure it proposes. Full censure shall not be carried out until the expiration of the time in which an appeal may be filed. If an appeal is filed, the original judicatory may not execute its censure unless and until its judgment is affirmed by the judicatory to which appeal is made.

8. In any trial the judicatory shall preserve a complete and accurate transcript of the proceedings. This record shall include the charges, objections made and exceptions taken by the accused during the trial, the testimony of witnesses and all rulings and findings of the judicatory. This record shall be certified by the trial judicatory to another judicatory in cases of appeal. The accused shall be supplied one copy of

the record at the expense of the judicatory; other copies may be supplied at the expense of the accused.

(the above 8 paragraphs are SECOND READING)

Resolved, that we extend the time.

Resolved, that we adopt the following sentence as added to the end of the 5th paragraph of Chapter IV, "Conduct of Trials", (see p. 113 of 1984 Yearbook), at First Reading:

Any person serving as a representative of the accused or the judicatory must be a member in good standing of the Bible Fellowship Church. (FIRST READING)

The Registrar reported the following absences from the sixth meeting:

Excused

Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.
Robert F. Gerding
Philip E. Morrison
Richard L. Lefever
Albert J. Dommel
A. L. Seifert
David L. Manney

Unexcused

Adjourned at 9:32 PM in prayer by the Delegate from Sinking Spring, Donald D. McKinney.

SEVENTH MEETING

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 16TH, 1985, 9:00 AM

David A. Thomann led in the singing of the hymn "Let Your Heart Be Broken." John H. Herb gave the devotional message, "The Biblical Mandate on Caring - Part II." George Monroe, Delegate from Kutztown, led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous afternoon's meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The Registrar read excuses for absences from conference meetings; those excuses were granted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

The report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDITING

The report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The report was adopted.

Whereas: the Lord has provided to the Bible Fellowship Church pastors who shepherd their churches with tender care and sound teaching, therefore be it

Resolved: that the delegates of the 102nd Annual Conference express their gratitude to the Lord God by rising to sing "To God Be the Glory".

Whereas: The Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20 is the command of the Lord Jesus Christ to His church, and

Whereas: The Board of Missions is seeking to strengthen and expand the missionary program of the Bible Fellowship Church around the world, and

Whereas: The missionaries serving under the Board of Missions are in faithful obedience to our Lord's command, and

Whereas: The Bible Fellowship Church missionary family has grown substantially in the past two years so that it now has seventy-eight (78) active missionaries, seven (7) appointees, and several applicants, therefore be it

Resolved: that we support in both our prayers and finances the Board of Missions and its missionaries.

Whereas: the Lord has abundantly blessed the missions program of the Bible Fellowship Church, and

Whereas: the missionary family is the largest in our history, and

Whereas: with this growth come added needs in the area of support and administration of our missionaries, and

Whereas: the Annual Conference has ratified the election of Roy A. Hertzog as its first full-time Executive Secretary for the Board of Missions in order to help meet those needs, therefore be it

Resolved: that we praise God for this step forward in fulfillment of the Great Commission, and be it further

Resolved: that we promise our fervent prayers for God's blessing upon this step and pledge our financial support for Brother Hertzog as he undertakes those responsibilities, and be it further

Resolved: that we also acknowledge with deep appreciation the faithful work of Paul G. Zimmerman, the outgoing Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions.

Whereas: the Bible Fellowship Church Home, Pinebrook Bible Conference, and Victory Valley Camp have glorified the Lord in service during this past year, therefore be it

Resolved: that the Administrator of the Church Home, the Director of the Bible Conference, and the Director of Victory Valley convey our appreciation to their staffs for a job well done, and be it further

Resolved: That we extend our thanks and praise to our Lord for the stewardship and faithful service of the Administrator of the Church Home, the Director of the Bible Conference, and the Director of Victory Valley.

Whereas: the experience of Pinebrook Junior College this past year has been one of blessing and victory, and

Whereas: the enrollment for the 1985 Fall Semester is the largest in the history of the College as evidenced by a 43% increase over the previous year, and

Whereas: a number of additional qualified teachers and administrators have joined the existing excellent staff of the College, therefore be it

Resolved: that we praise God for His blessing on the school, and be it further

Resolved: that the President of Pinebrook Junior College be asked to convey our hearty appreciation to the entire staff, and be it further

Resolved: that we express thanksgiving to God for the good stewardship and faithful service of the President of Pinebrook Junior College.

Whereas: Jim Thornton has served faithfully for the past eight years as director of Victory Valley Camp, and

Whereas: Phil Atkins has begun serving as the new director of Victory Valley Camp, therefore be it

Resolved: that we praise God for the ministry of Jim Thornton and express our appreciation to him, and be it further

Resolved: that we invoke God's blessing on Phil Atkins as he begins his service at the camp.

Whereas: the Kutztown, PA, and Newark, DE, missions have been recognized as churches by the 102nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, and

Whereas: it is our desire to express our joy for what the Lord has done in bringing these works to full church status in the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

Resolved: that we praise and thank our Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the church, for His great work of love and grace displayed in the establishment of these churches, and be it further

Resolved: that we most joyfully and fervently pray that God will continue to grant His wisdom and grace in the direction of these churches so that the work might prosper and our Lord be glorified. Be it further

Resolved: that we encourage the pastors of these churches to faithfully continue their labors as unto the Lord being assured of our full and earnest support.

Whereas: the One Hundredth Annual Conference adopted "Wider Horizons 1985-2000" as a long-range plan of action for the growth and development of the Bible Fellowship Church, and

Whereas: the Church Extension Department is the servant of the Bible Fellowship Church to carry out its church-planting program, therefore be it

Resolved: that we commit ourselves, as individuals and local churches, to the challenge of "Wider Horizons", praying our Lord's blessing and favor, and be it further

Resolved: that the Board of Church Extension be supported in its task with fervent prayer and faithful giving, and that we extend our thanks and praise to our Lord for the stewardship and faithful service of the Director, Daniel G. Ziegler, and

Whereas: Pinebrook Bible Conference, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, has efficiently accommodated the 102nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, and

Whereas: Pinebrook Bible Conference has graciously extended its hospitality to serve as the site of the 1986 Annual Conference, therefore be it,

Resolved: that the 103rd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church be convened at Pinebrook Bible Conference, Stroudsburg, PA, on Monday, October 13, 1986 at 10:00 A.M.

Whereas: Pinebrook Bible Conference has provided comfortable housing and wholesome meals for the members and guests of the 102nd Annual Conference, therefore be it

Resolved: that, at the Wednesday evening meal, the body of the Annual Conference express its appreciation to the staff of Pinebrook Bible Conference with a standing round of applause.

Whereas: James A. Beil has served as Chairman of the 102nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church with patience, efficiency and sagacity, therefore be it

Resolved: that the body of the Annual Conference express its gratitude to Brother Beil with a standing season of applause.

Whereas: Bryan G. Upton has performed dutifully as Secretary to the 102nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, and

Whereas: Robert W. Smock has served ably as Assistant Secretary, and

Whereas: David T. Allen has served well as Assistant to the secretaries, therefore be it

Resolved: that we express our appreciation to these brethren for their valuable service, and that a gift of \$50.00 be given to each of them from the Board of Publication and Printing.

The hymn "To God Be the Glory" was sung, Chairman James A. Beil led in a prayer of thanks, and an applause of appreciation was expressed to the Chairman for his patience and sagacity.

The following were elected:

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

Alfred G. Roberts (2 years)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Robert Keener (3 years)

Philip E. Morrison (3 years)

The Registrar reported that the following are to be seated:

Carl Anderson, Alternate Delegate from New Fairfield, CT

Walter Raybuck, Delegate from Reading

He also reported that Alternate Delegate from Emmaus, Jonathan Reynolds, was seated for the Tuesday evening session in the absence of the Delegate.

The petition from Stroudsburg BFC was presented as follows:

Whereas, an article on Abortion was approved at First Reading by the 101st Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church for inclusion in "The Standards of Worship and Life" of the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church, and

Whereas, this article will be considered at Second Reading by the 102nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

Resolved, that we the members of Berean Bible Fellowship Church of Stroudsburg, respectfully petition the 102nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church to delete the exception clause at the end of the first paragraph which reads, "except in the very rare circumstances where the life of the mother would almost surely be lost by carrying the baby to term." We present the following reasons why we believe this exception clause should be deleted:

1. The exception clause is contradictory to the affirmations of the transcendent value of human life and of the sovereignty of God delineated in the proposed article. It contradicts the earlier statement in the article: "It is an evil before God voluntarily to kill unborn children since they too bear His image..."

2. The exception clause unnecessarily weakens the strong statement against abortion affirmed in the article and could be interpreted to suggest tacit approval of therapeutic abortion in the Bible Fellowship Church.

3. The exception clause deals with circumstances declared by competent medical authorities to be extremely rare because of the advances of modern medicine. Since sinful human nature is always inclined to abuse exception clauses, it is deemed more appropriate in an article of this nature to present the clear teaching of Scripture rather than to try to delineate rare exceptions, if any exist.

4. The exception clause is capable of being broadly interpreted and rationalized to approve

abortions for reasons of threatened suicide, psychological well-being, mental health, and for other similar reasons that are in reality abortion on demand or abortion for the convenience of the mother.

5. The exception clause will weaken a church's ability to effectively discipline a member who aborts a baby for reasons of convenience or personal choice, but who argues otherwise, perhaps with the support of a humanistic physician.

6. The exception clause suggests an unwillingness to face the crises of life in utter dependence upon the counsel and providence of God.

It is our position that the final sentence of the first paragraph should read: "Consequently, as members of Christ's body, the Church, we may not have, assist in, or perform an abortion." (4) If the exception clause is deleted, we affirm our support for the adoption of this article as a Biblical response to the atrocity of the murder of the unborn in our day.

Resolved, that we extend the time.

Resolved, that we recess to meet at 1:30 PM; William W. Mull led in prayer.

Bert N. Brosius led in prayer to resume business at 1:30 PM.

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading as the article on abortion for inclusion in "The Standards of Worship and Life" of the Faith and Order:

God is the creator, sustainer, and giver of life. Only He has the right to say under what conditions it may be taken away. (1) His Word declares that man is made in His image, (2) and it is for this reason that the death penalty was commanded for murder in the Old Testament. (3) It is an evil before God voluntarily to kill unborn children, since they too bear His image, even if they are handicapped or the result of rape or incest. Consequently, as members of Christ's body, the

Church, we may not have, give direct assistance to, or perform an abortion, (4) except in the very rare circumstances where the life of the mother would almost surely be lost by carrying the baby to term.

Within the marriage bond a pregnancy and resulting child must be accepted as from God, and the parents are commanded to love the child. (5) Pregnancies resulting from promiscuous or licentious behavior are not to be terminated by abortion, which only adds sin forbidden by the sixth commandment to sin forbidden by the seventh commandment. (6) Therefore, anyone contemplating an abortion, even though outside the Church, should be encouraged to preserve life by completing the pregnancy. (7) The child can either be raised by its biological parents or be adopted by others.

(1) Genesis 9:5,6; (2) Psalm 139:13-16, Genesis 1:27; (3) Exodus 21:14; (4) Proverbs 24:11-12; (5) Psalm 127:3-5; (6) Exodus 20:13,14, I Corinthians 6:18; (7) Hebrews 10:24.

(SECOND READING) (Yes = 92, No = 10)

The following were elected:

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Robert Davies (3 years)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP HOME

Dana E. Weller (3 years)

Bert E. Brosius (3 years)

John F. Moran (3 years)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES

Richard E. Taylor (1 year)

CHAIRMAN OF 103RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Jansen E. Hartman

SECRETARY OF 103RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Bryan G. Upton

Resolved, that the Chairman appoint a committee of three to formulate an answer to the Stroudsburg Church regarding how its petition was answered by the action of this Annual Conference.

The Chairman appointed Stephen R. Van Eck, James A. Wickstead and Thomas P. Shorb to formulate an answer to the Stroudsburg Church.

The Chairman appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

LeRoy S. Heller, Daniel G. Ziegler, Warren L. Zimmerman, Bernard N. Coble, Hugh C. Coulbourn, Jr.

COMMITTEE ON AGENDA

Bryan G. Upton, Thomas P. Shorb, Jansen E. Hartman

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

The Members of Stewardship Council

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINUTES

James A. Wickstead, Dean A. Stortz

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE MINUTES OF PARTICULAR CHURCHES

Thomas P. Shorb, D. Thomas Phillips, Kenneth L. Good, Delbert Baker II, Charles J. McConnell

REGISTRARS

Philip E. Morrison, James R. Batchler, Jr.

STUDY COMMITTEE: DIVORCE

Bert N. Brosius, James A. Wickstead, Calvin T. Reed, G. Wayne Clapier, Randall A. Grossman, David A. Thomann, Donald T. Kirkwood.

Alternate: Philip E. Morrison

Resolved, that the following be considered the answer to the petition from the Gateway Bible Fellowship Church of New Fairfield, CT:

To Pastor Dean A. Stortz and to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at the Gateway Bible Fellowship Church of New Fairfield, CT. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from your brethren assembled for the 102nd Annual Conference

We give thanks to God for you brethren, and your expression of concern for struggling churches as indicated in your Petition to this Annual Conference requesting the formation of a Development Advisory Committee.

This Annual Conference gave your Petition careful consideration resulting in the following:

"Resolved, that we deny the request of forming a Development Advisory Committee, and that we direct the Ministerial Relations Committee to formulate and answer to the petitioning church describing how they already perform the functions described in the New Fairfield Petition."

Therefore at the direction of this Annual Conference we refer you to the Bible Fellowship Church Faith and Order, page 81.

B. Maintaining the Pastoral Relations

1. Ministerial Relations Committee.

On the denominational level the Ministerial Relations Committee is charged with the chief responsibility in maintaining good pastoral relations. It shall be established and elected in order that the spiritual and temporal welfare of the ministers and congregations of the Bible Fellowship Church may be properly sustained. Direct access to this Committee shall be available at all times to all Ministers in the Conference, and to all members of Boards of Elders, in matters relative to the spiritual and temporal welfare of the Churches in which they severally hold office.

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When external help is needed, the Ministerial Relations Committee shall represent Annual Conference in providing help.

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Direct access to this Committee shall be available to all ministers and to all members of the Board of Elders at all times. In correspondence with the committee, letters shall be addressed to the Committee's secretary.

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The Committee's role is that of consultation and advice, and except in unusual circumstances, it is permitted to act only when matters are brought to its attention.

To compel attention, referrals must be by:

- (1) Pastors of the Conference, regarding matters pertaining to their own churches.
- (2) Members of Boards of Elders regarding matters pertaining to their own churches.

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When this Committee cannot resolve a problem submitted to it, the problem shall be brought to Annual Conference for final solution, with the recommendations of the Committee.

While this Annual Conference appreciates your concern for struggling churches, we have denied your request to establish an entirely new committee, since the Ministerial Relations Committee of the Bible Fellowship Church already performs the functions described in your petition.

"Peace be to the brethren and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with a love incorruptible" Eph.6:23-24

Resolved, that we adopt the following budget:

BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND PRINTING
BUDGET 1985-86

INCOME:

Subsidy from Administration Budget	\$3000.00
Contributions from Boards and Committees	1400.00
Offerings from Churches	6000.00
Yearbook Sales	3300.00

Sale of Printed Materials	4800.00
Short term loan and/or surplus funds	<u>1500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$20000.00

EXPENDITURES;Fellowship News:

Printing (6 Issues)	\$7000.00
Mailing (6 Issues)	1500.00
Mailing Labels & Computer Time	650.00
Postage Due (Add. Correction Requested)	300.00
Secretarial Expenses (Editorial)	200.00
Editor's Expenses (Supplies & Mileage)	200.00
Business Manager's Expenses (Supp/Ph/Mil)	200.00
Honoraria	750.00
Printing Church Supplies	550.00
Printing Faith and Order	2350.00
Printing Yearbook	4000.00
Printing Misc. Materials	1800.00
Repairs & Equipment (IBM Service Contract)	200.00
Board & Secretarial Expenses	<u>300.00</u>
Total	\$20000.00

* Short term loan to spread the cost of publishing a new edition of the Faith and Order over two years.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY SPEAKING IN TONGUES.

The report was considered and discussed.

Resolved that the Report of the Committee to Study Speaking in Tongues be referred back to the Committee in order to address the issues raised at Annual Conference and to address issues communicated to the Committee by members of this Annual Conference and that the Committee report back to the 103rd Annual Conference.

Whereas, there is a vacancy on the Committee to Study Speaking in Tongues; and

Whereas, the report of this Committee was not accepted and referred back to the Committee by the 102nd Annual Conference; therefore be it

Resolved, that one man who voted with the prevailing side be appointed by the Chairman of Annual Conference to fill the vacancy on the Committee to Study Tongues.

Whereas, Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Fleetwood, Pa. petitioned the 101st Annual Conference to take appropriate procedure to include in the Faith and Order scripturally based articles of faith relating to cults, tongues and homosexuality; and

Whereas, the 101st Annual Conference elected three committees to prepare study papers on cults, tongues and homosexuality; and

Whereas, in response to the recommendation of the Committee to Study Homosexuality, the 102nd Annual Conference adopted a position paper on Homosexuality for the Bible Fellowship Church, and

Whereas, the Report of the Committee to Study Cults was referred back to the committee, and

Whereas, the Report of the Committee to Study Speaking in Tongues was not accepted and was referred back to the Committee; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Position Paper on Homosexuality be considered as a partial response to the petition from Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Fleetwood, PA, addressing the issue of homosexuality; and further

Resolved, that the Secretary of Annual Conference inform Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Fleetwood, PA, of this action and that the remainder of the response to its petition is forthcoming.

The following resolutions by the Church Government Committee were approved:

Location of Form for Ordination

The form for Ordination of Ministers, page 141 of the 1981 edition of the Faith and Order, shall appear in the section on Bylaws of Annual Conference as #4, Article II, Procedure for the Recognition of a Minister, page 93 of the 1981 Edition of the Faith and Order.

Placement of the Material on the Ministerial Convention Committee A category entitled, Organizations Adjunct to Annual Conference shall be placed in the appendices following the material on forms. The material on the Ministerial Convention and the Beneficiary Society shall be placed in this category.

Resolved, that the following be adopted at First Reading:

Reporting the Annual Conference Delegate to Annual Conference

The following shall appear as #5 of Article VII, Miscellaneous Bylaws of Particular Churches, Faith and Order (1981 Edition) p. 73f., and to replace #6 of Article X, Miscellaneous Bylaws of Annual Conference, p.135f., 1981 Edition of Faith and Order:

Each pastor shall inform the Registrar of the Annual Conference of the names of the Annual Conference Delegate(s) and Alternate Delegate(s) as soon as possible after their election by the congregation, but no later than October 1. (FIRST READING)

Resolved that the following be adopted at FIRST READING

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

The final paragraph of Article I, The Officers of the Church; Elders, page 55 of the 1981 Edition of the Faith and Order be amended to read:

The Board of Elders shall be the channel of communication between the particular church and the fellowship of churches and its organizations. The Elders shall nominate from their number and the congregation shall elect one delegate and one alternate delegate. Congregations of over two hundred members shall elect one delegate plus one additional delegate for every one hundred members in excess of the first two hundred, and the same number of alternate delegates. When congregations have more than one delegate the Board of Elders shall designate one delegate as "First Delegate" for the purposes of pulpit supply procedures. In the event of death, resignation or removal of the First Delegate, another First Delegate shall be designated from among the remaining delegates.
(FIRST READING)

Resolved that we adopt the following at First Reading

Amendment to Article V - Bylaws of Annual Conference

The word "Registrar" shall replace the words, "Secretary of Annual Conference" in the 3rd and 4th sentences of the 2nd paragraph on Article V, Annual Conference Registration of the Bylaws of Annual Conference, pages 13-15 of the 1982 Yearbook.

(FIRST READING)

The following recommendations from the Church Government Committee were approved:

1. Resolved, that the following material entitled, "Guidelines For Discipline In The Church" be approved at one reading, and further,

Resolved, that upon the approval of this material at one reading the Board of Publication and Printing publish this material in booklet form along with the Book of Discipline, in time to be distributed at the Pastors, Elders, Deacons Retreat on Nov. 15-16, 1985.

Guidelines For Discipline In The Church

The purpose of this booklet is to help us know how to confront a brother or sister lovingly and constructively. Discipline of another person begins on an informal, personal basis. It should be the desire of all that any problem be solved at the personal level so that formal, public charges may not be necessary. The following guidelines are offered to give assistance to those who care enough about others to face problems in love.

What is Discipline?

In the broadest sense of the word "discipline" means to "train" or "to cultivate according to rules".-

The Christian life is a life of self-discipline. All believers are in training for the purpose of cultivating godliness in accordance with the teachings of Scripture (I Tim. 4:7,8).

There are two kinds of discipline. The first is formative or preventive discipline. Formative discipline of believers should be occurring regularly in the local church through mutual admonishing, rebuking, correcting and encouraging of the brethren (II Tim.- 4:1,2; Col. 1:18)

The second is corrective discipline. Corrective discipline focuses on those actions by which a particular church, in the name of Christ, authoritatively admonishes, suspends, or if necessary, excommunicates one of its members. This discipline is more restrictive in nature than formative discipline since it is directed toward specific individuals who have committed specific offenses. It involves the administration of

some form of punishment with view to eventual repentance and restoration of the erring brother or sister (I Thess. 5:14; II Thess. 3:6-15; I Cor. 5:2, 5, 7; 11:13).

In Matthew 5:23, 24 we are responsible to seek reconciliation from those we have wronged so that they may forgive us. In Matthew 18:15 we are responsible to confront those who have wronged us in order to bring them to repentance so that we may forgive them. That the obligation to confront and rebuke rests on all Christians can also be seen in such passages as Luke 3:19, Ephesians 5:11, II Timothy 4:2, Titus 1:13 and 2:15.

In its initial stage, discipline is both personal and private (see Matthew 18:15 and Luke 17:3). The implication of Luke 17:3 is that forgiveness is granted only if there is repentance. Biblical forgiveness is not cheap forgiveness that overlooks the offense, but real forgiveness that is based on real repentance in which there is not only the forgiving of the "act" but also the restoration to the fullness of fellowship. Therefore if personal and private confrontation does not bring repentance, no forgiveness is granted and a new development in the process of discipline begins.

When is it necessary to discipline?

It is the will of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, that His Father be glorified by a people whose lives are above reproach in doctrine and in conduct. When there are breaches in the biblical standards of truth and behavior, some form of discipline is required (Heb. 12:16).

Specifically, discipline ought to be administered when:

1. There is breakdown of fellowship between two or more believers. (Matt. 5:23,24; 18:15-18).

2. There is a divisive person in the church (Rom. 16:17,18; Titus 3:10)
3. There is false doctrine being propagated (I Tim. 1:19,20; 6:3-5; II John 7-11).
4. There is immoral conduct within the body of Christ (Titus 1:16; I Cor. 5:1-5).

In each of the above situations it is anticipated that properly administered discipline will lead the offender to repentance and restoration. When the offender refuses to repent, the disciplinary process must continue.

What is the purpose of discipline?

The purpose of church discipline is always to restore the offender as well as to promote the purity of the church. Scripture speaks of it as "for our profit" (Heb. 12:10), "gaining your brother" (Matt.-18:15), and "saving the spirit" (I Cor. 5:5). Even if the offender is not reclaimed, biblical discipline produces positive effects. It removes occasions for unbelievers to blaspheme (Rom. 2:24), puts the fear of God into the hearts of other believers (Acts 5:11, I Tim. 5:20), removes sin from the body of Christ (I Cor. 5:6) and prevents giving cause for God to set Himself against a local church (Joshua 7:12,13; Rev. 2:14-25).

How should you confront another person when you have wronged that person?

Our Lord Jesus teaches in Matthew 5:23-24 that each one has an obligation to go to someone that he has wronged and seek to be reconciled to that person and receive forgiveness from him. Such confrontation is difficult but necessary if love and harmony are to prevail. The following suggestions will prove to be helpful in your meeting with a person you have wronged:

1. Pray before you initiate the confrontation. You need wisdom and sensitivity.

2. If necessary, practice what you will say in private. Such practice may help you overcome an initial lack of courage as well as assist you in knowing exactly what to say.

3. Speak only of your sin. The person you have offended may have contributed his own sinful behavior to the situation. However you are there to speak of your sin, not his (Luke 6:41). Do not make excuses or try to lessen the fact of your sin. Be specific in telling your offense.

4. Ask forgiveness for your sin. Do not simply apologize, but press for the other person to forgive you. Express how you plan to prevent such problems in future.

5. Ask if there are other things you have done to offend him. Listen carefully to his response so that you are sure that you understand.

6. When you have expressed yourself and listened to the other person's response you have two ways to respond.

a. Ask forgiveness for your sin.

b. If you believe that your actions have been misunderstood, offer explanation for those actions that you believe were not scripturally wrong.

7. Conclude by reaffirming your love for one another and your commitment to the relationship.

How should you confront another person when that person has wronged you?

In the administration of discipline there are a number of points at which confrontation takes place.

While this is necessary in fulfilling the responsibilities which rest with the church it does not follow that confrontation must be insensitive and overly aggressive. You should remember that your desire to promote the purity of the church should issue from a love which impels you to keep His commandments and a desire to restore the offending party. You should therefore determine to handle any and all confrontation

in a way that shows love for truth, the church, and the offending party. General guidelines for confrontation are:

1. The confrontation ought to be preceded with specific prayer that God give wisdom as to time, place, manner of confrontation, and result (Phil. 4:6; James 1:5).

2. The confrontation ought to be preceded also by a careful self-examination before the Lord in order that your motives be pure and correct (Matthew 7:3-5).

3. In testing your attitude in handling confrontation it is valuable to ask: "will my attitude in presenting this make it as easy as possible for the other party to admit error, repent, and be restored?" (Matthew 7:12).

4. The confrontation ought to take place at a time which is as convenient and appropriate as possible to all parties involved (Matthew 5:23-24).

5. Since the wording of an accusation may contribute to the solution of the problem, it is wise to give careful consideration to the exact wording to be used in introducing the accusation. Wording which is needlessly harsh, which goes beyond established fact, and which is vague contributes to making the problem more difficult to solve.

6. All matters to be discussed must be clearly and fairly stated.

7. Do not allow matters unrelated to the accusation to enter into the discussion.

8. Care should be taken to determine that your facts are accepted as accurate by the person being confronted and that the accusation is clearly understood.

The confrontational situation ought to be handled with sensitivity and skill. A sense of inadequacy or a lack of skill is no excuse to ignore a problem. It is helpful to remember that when you do what God commands you to do, to the best of your ability, he finds your service acceptable.

The battle for purity in the church is a spiritual one. Remember, that after all has been done on the human level, it is God alone who can bring repentance to the heart of a person who is being confronted concerning his sin. (II Tim. 2:24-26)

How should you react when you are confronted?

You must begin by establishing if the offense of which you are being accused is factual. To do this, you must first:

1. Hear and understand the accusation. In order to do that you must resist the impulse to become defensive. It is not possible to give the person who comes to you a fair hearing if you are trying to protect yourself.

2. If it is needed, assure your understanding of the accusation by repeating it back to the person who is presenting it. "Do I understand you to be saying. . .?" "Can you help me to get a clearer understanding of what it is you believe I said/did?"

If upon hearing the accusation you objectively reflect upon the matter and conclude you are not guilty of it:

1. Attempt to explain your understanding of what happened in such a way that your explanation will answer as many of the questions raised by the accusation as possible.

2. Seek to gain acceptance of your explanation by the other person.

3. If it is not possible to gain acceptance of your construction on the basis of facts, ascertain whether the other person will accept the truthfulness of your response on the basis of your integrity.

4. If it is not possible to resolve the issue in this way, seek to agree on a third person who might help the two of you to reach agreement. If you are unable to agree on a third person or if a third person is unable to help you resolve the issue then you should proceed to the next stage in the process of discipline.

If you conclude there is basis for the accusation:

1. Admit your fault freely and without excuse.
(Luke 15:21)

2. Seek forgiveness vigorously from the offended person.
(Eph.4:32)

3. Seek God's forgiveness and commit yourself to whatever steps will help you avoid causing similar offenses in the future. (Psalm 51:4; Matthew 5:23-24)

4. Take any needed steps to re-establish the relationship. If necessary, make restitution to the offended person. (Luke 19:8)

When should you involve witnesses?

The next stage in the process of discipline can be seen in Jesus' instructions in Matthew 18:16. In this verse, the confrontation is no longer personal, but it is still private. It is generally understood that the witnesses mentioned in this passage would most likely be elders from the church. However, if the witnesses were not leaders from the church, the principles demonstrated would be the same. The witnesses could judge the truthfulness of the accusations being made and verify either the repentance or refusal of re-

repentance of the person accused should the accusations be judged valid. If the accusations are judged valid, the responsibility to rebuke the offending brother or sister would now fall upon the witnesses as well as the person having been offended, since the witnesses now have a knowledge of the offense. This rebuke would still be in private with the intention of producing repentance.

When should the issue be brought to the church?

Jesus states that a third stage of discipline begins when and if the involvement of witnesses fails to bring the desired repentance on the part of the offender. Then the church as a whole becomes involved in the disciplinary process. (Matt.18:17)

For the church as a whole to be involved directly in discipline, the stage of personal and private rebuke must have failed. The basis of disciplining is now no longer a personal charge but an offense verified by witnesses. The only time in the process of discipline that these first two stages would be by-passed would be when the nature of the offense was public and/or against the church as a whole.

The procedure for the church to follow in seeking to deal with disciplinary matters is contained in the Book of Discipline of the Bible Fellowship Church.

How should the repentant one respond?

When the offender recognizes his guilt and desires to be restored, there are several things he must do:

1. He shall confess his sin to God, seeking His forgiveness and cleansing and determine in His strength to forsake his sin (I John 1:9; I Cor. 10:13).

2. He shall seek the forgiveness of the person or persons offended (Luke 17:4).

3. He shall make restitution if someone has suffered loss as a result of his offense (Exodus 22:1,3,7; Leviticus 6:5; Luke 19:8).

4. He shall make public confession before the church when the offense has been public and has brought reproach to the church, and shall seek their forgiveness and restoration (I Cor. 5:1-13; II Cor. 2:4-11).

How shall the Church respond to the repentant one?

1. The Church shall receive the confession. When the offense and the disciplinary measure involve the Church as a body, they shall hear the confession of the offender.

2. The Church shall grant forgiveness and restore the offender to fellowship. Confession having been heard, the Church shall grant forgiveness and restore the offender to the fellowship of the Church (II Cor. 2:4-11; Matt. 18:18).

3. The Church shall comfort and encourage. The Church shall seek to give support, comfort and encouragement to the restored offender lest sorrow for his offense overwhelm him (II Cor. 2:7,8).

2. Whereas, the 1984 Yearbook of the proceedings of the 101st Annual Conference did not contain the following material from the Book of Discipline approved at Second Reading:

- (1) Introduction
- (2) Chapter I - Nature and Purpose of Corrective Discipline
- (3) Chapter II - Jurisdiction, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3
- (4) Chapter V - Evidence
- (5) Chapter VI - Censure and Restoration
- (6) Chapter VII - Appeals
- (7) Chapter VIII - Dissents and Protests

and,

Whereas, the Rules of Annual Conference call for printing in the yearbook of all material approved and part of the minutes of the Annual Conference, and,

Whereas, the Report of the Government Committee printed on pages 103-118 of the 1984 Yearbook is not a correct copy of the Second Reading material approved on the Book of Discipline, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the correct copy of the wording of the omitted items mentioned above from the Book of Discipline approved at Second Reading be included in the Report of the Committee to Examine the Minutes of the Annual Conference.

(The Government Committee has forwarded a correct copy of the material from the Book of Discipline approved at Second Reading and omitted in the 1984 Yearbook to the Committee to Examine the Minutes of the Annual Conference.)

The following were elected:

VICE - CHAIRMAN OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

James A. Beil

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

LeRoy S. Heller (3 years)

The following men under care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee were introduced to Annual Conference by Carl C. Cassel:

David W. Chappell
 Richard T. Paashaus
 Byron Widger
 Tom Voorhees
 Robert Commerford
 David Carver
 William G. Schlonecker
 Neil Harding
 Thomas MacMillan
 W. David Armstrong

Resolved, that we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet at 6:30 PM. William Singletary, delegate from Wallingford closed in prayer.

Business resumed at 6:30 PM with the singing of the hymn "Tell It To Jesus" led by Carl T. Martin. Bert N. Brosius led in prayer.

The following were elected:

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Terris L. Byrd (3 years)

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:

L. James Roberts (3 years)

BOARD OF MISSIONS:

Thomas P. Shorb (2 years)

The Chairman appointed David A. Thomann to the Committee to Study Tongues-Speaking.

The petition from Spring City BFC was presented as follows:

SUBJECT: ABSTINENCE

Whereas the use and abuse of intoxicating beverages at local, national, and international levels has assumed epidemic proportion and is causing national and worldwide concern and, Whereas at the last Annual Conference a study committee was appointed to study the issue of total abstinence as a condition for membership in the Bible Fellowship Church, and Whereas any change in our present position on abstinence may have serious effects on the attitudes of local churches as well as individual members; We petition the Annual Conference to do the following:

In the event of a conference vote on the matter at the 1985 Annual Conference, the membership of each local church be polled on the simple question: "Shall total abstinence be a condition for church membership in the Bible Fellowship Church?" This nonbinding poll

shall be taken on the same Sunday in either November or December of 1985. The local church results shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the Conference who will consolidate the local results and forward to each church the tabulation by church and the final total vote.

Resolved, that the above petition be accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TOTAL ABSTINENCE FROM ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Prayer was offered at this point by George R. Bryson, David A. Thomann, and James A. Beil.

The report was accepted.

(The article on Total Abstinence and Church Membership as proposed by the Study Committee including its amendment from the floor was tabled.)

Resolved, that we extend the time.

Resolved, that a committee of 7 be appointed to study the following question:

Does the Church have the right to levy extra-biblical requirements for membership?

They shall incorporate in their study Acts chapters 15 & 16 plus any other pertinent passages of Scripture.

Resolved, that the following letter be adopted as the response of the 102nd Annual Conference to the petition from the Berean Bible Fellowship Church, Stroudsburg, PA.

To the elders and members of the Berean Bible Fellowship Church, Stroudsburg, PA:

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. The One Hundred Second Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church expresses its

appreciation to you for the petition submitted by your church. We appreciate your concern for a strong statement against the evil of abortion. We thank you for expressing concern that our Bible Fellowship Church would adopt a position which would reflect a biblical response to the atrocity of the murder of the unborn in our day. We would like to commend the church for expressing its concern and we would also commend the Pastor and Delegate for their able and gracious presentations of the case for their church's petition to delete the exception clause in the statement on abortion.

After discussion, the exception clause was retained and the statement on Abortion was adopted at Second Reading by the Annual Conference. When the One Hundred Second Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church adopted the statement on Abortion, it declared itself unreservedly in favor of the sanctity of human life. Furthermore, the statement on Abortion excludes any justification for abortion on demand or abortion for the sake of the convenience of the mother.

May the Lord continue to bless and prosper you as we together serve Him in our earnest desire to rid our land of the sinful horror of abortion.

Sincerely in Christ,

Resolved, that the Secretary of Annual Conference send the above communication to Berean Bible Fellowship Church.

The Chairman appointed Randall A. Grossman, Carl T. Martin and Bruce E. Ellingson to formulate our answer to the Spring City Bible Fellowship Church petition.

The following were elected:

Church Government Committee:

Phillip E. Morrison

Conference Judicatory:

Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.
 John H. Herb
 Harold L. Snyder, Jr.

Resolved, that the following be the answer to the petition from Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Spring City, PA

Dear Brethren from Faith Bible Fellowship Church of Spring City:

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord, the head of His body the church.

The 102nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church received the petition from the Faith Bible Fellowship Church of Spring City regarding a non-binding poll on the requirement of total abstinence as a condition for membership in the Bible Fellowship Church.

Whereas, no action was taken to change the statement of Article IX HARMFUL INDULGENCES in the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church, be it

Resolved, that this serve as the answer to the petition submitted by the Faith Bible Fellowship Church of Spring City.

May the Lord continue to build His body through your ministry there in Spring City, and further,

Resolved, that the Secretary of Annual Conference send copy of this resolution to Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Spring City, PA.

Whereas, the hymn "Let Your Heart Be Broken" was used to open many sessions of the 102nd Annual Conference

Resolved, that the hymn, "Let Your Heart Be Broken" be reproduced in the 1985 Yearbook if permission is granted from the hymn's publisher. (Annual Conference Secretary's note: Permission was not secured from the publisher at press time. The Hymn, "Let Your Heart Be Broken", appears in the Sing-spuration/Zondervan hymnal entitled Praise!, hymn #492.)

W. Smock, William R. Singletary, James R. Batchler, Jr., John C. Vandegriff, Jr., L. James Roberts, Jr., and Richard E. Taylor.

Resolved, that the following be the answer to the petition to the 101st Annual Conference from Bethany Bible Fellowship Church, Catasauqua, PA.

To the Elders and Members of Bethany Bible Fellowship Church of Catasauqua, PA.

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church.

The 102nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church respectfully acknowledges the reception of your petition to the 101st Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church concerning a complete exegetical study of the issue of alcoholic drinks and total abstinence in relationship to church membership to be presented to the 102nd Annual Conference.

A committee of five was elected by the 101st Annual Conference to do this study. That committee presented its report to the 102nd Annual Conference in fulfillment of your request. A copy of that report will appear in the 1985 Yearbook of the proceedings of Annual Conference.

The 102nd Annual Conference conducted an extensive discussion on the recommendation of that committee but concluded that additional study is necessary. A committee of 7 was appointed to study the following question: "Does the church have the right to levy extra-biblical requirements for membership?" They shall incorporate in their study chapters 15 and 16 of the book of Acts and any other pertinent passages of Scripture. It is anticipated that this committee will present a report to the 103rd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The 102nd Annual Conference requests your continued prayer as study on this matter continues.

May our great God strengthen and encourage you as you labor together to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in your community.

Sincerely in Christ,

Resolved, that the Secretary of Annual Conference send a copy of this resolution to the Bethany Bible Fellowship Church, Catasauqua, PA.

The Registrar reported the following absences:

Excused
Robert Buckwalter
Albert J. Dommel
Kenneth Cressman
Mark C. Solt
John F. Boyle
David L. Manney

Unexcused
William W. Mull

Resolved, that we adjourn...
102nd Annual Conference adjourned at 11:10 PM in prayer by James A. Beil, following which Roy A. Hertzog gave the devotional message, and the Lord's Supper was observed.

REPORTS

MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

102ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 14, 1985

When the 101st Annual Conference adjourned, the churches seeking pastors were:

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>DATE OF VACANCY</u>
Englishtown, NJ	5/10/83
Oley, PA	5/29/83
Zionsville, PA	8/19/84

In the year ending September 30, 1985, resignations from pastorates were as follows:

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Lehlighton, PA	Larry Carpenter	11/1/84
Bethlehem, PA	Robert F. Johnson	12/1/84
Fleetwood, PA	Robert H. Stringfellow	1/13/85
Sinking Spring, PA	David N. Schoen (Ass't)	1/27/85
Allentown (Cedar Crest) PA	Mark C. Solt (Ass't)	1/29/85
York, PA	Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.	2/20/85
Maple Glen, PA	Louis Pronnicki (Ass't)	5/10/85
Paradise, PA	Kenneth L. Good	6/08/85
Edison, NJ	David J. Watkins	6/30/85

The following pastorates were successfully established under our rules:

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Whaley Lake, Holmes NY (Church Extension Dept.)	Robert S. Commerford	8/6/84
Wallingford, PA	W. Neil Harding (Ass't)	10/15/84
Mount Pocono (Church Ext. Dept)	A. L. Seifert	11/18/84
Englishtown, NJ	Raymond G. Burnett	12/19/84
Zionsville, PA	W. David Armstrong	1/2/85
Lehlighton, PA	Mark C. Solt	2/3/85

Bethlehem, PA	Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.	2/20/85
Walnutport, PA (Church Ext.Dept)	David W. Chappell	4/9/85
York, PA	Kenneth L. Good	6/9/85
Oley, PA	Kenneth F. Barber	9/1/85
Paradise, PA	Ralph Soper	9/17/85

The following churches are to be supplied:

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>DATE OF VACANCY</u>
Fleetwood, PA	1/13/85

We recommend that the following be adopted as resolutions by this 102nd Annual Conference:

WHEREAS, we strongly believe it is the scriptural responsibilities of the church to adequately meet the needs of its pastors (Matt. 10:10; I Cor. 9:7-15; Gal. 6:6; Phil. 4:10-19; I Tim. 5:17-18), therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we encourage each church to increase its pastor's salary at least 6.5% above the previous year's salary, and further

RESOLVED, that it is the consensus of this Committee that the minimum salary adequate for a pastor serving a Bible Fellowship Church including benefits is \$15,230.00 for the 1985-86 year.

Jansen E. Hartman, Chairman; Ronald C. Mahurin, Secretary; Lee E. Boyles, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Frank L. Herb, Jr., L. James Roberts, Harold L. Snyder, Jr., Committee

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

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

The Faith and Order Questionnaire was sent to each of the ministers holding Ordination Credentials with the Bible Fellowship Church. Each of the brethren

returned their Questionnaire and gave acceptable answers to the questions.

We give thanks to God for the dedicated, gifted and Biblically sound Ministers He has given to the Bible Fellowship Church.

The Committee met with three men for ordination examination. The Credentials Committee recommends the following:

WHEREAS: The Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended Kenneth D. Keeler and Louis Prontnicki for examination for ordination, and,

WHEREAS: These brethren have served acceptably as ministers in the Bible Fellowship Church for the required period of time, and,

WHEREAS: After examination, the Committee on Credentials believe them to be called of God to the Gospel Ministry and to be in accord with the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore,

RESOLVED: That Kenneth D. Keeler and Louis Prontnicki be ordained to the Gospel Ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church, and, further,

RESOLVED: That the service of ordination be held on Thursday, December 5, 1985, at the Harleysville Bible Fellowship Church at 7:30 PM. Kenneth D. Keeler shall be ordained at this service and Louis Prontnicki shall be ordained in absentia at this service since he is presently on the mission field. The Credentials Committee shall be in charge of the ordination service.

The Credentials Committee urges all Ordained Ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church to regard participation in ordination services a high priority responsibility.

The Credentials Committee requests the Chairman of Annual Conference to call for a straw vote on the question of whether ordination services should be conducted at Annual Conference or at another time and place.

Larry Carpenter has been dropped from our roll of Ordained Ministers.

The Credentials Committee has placed our Ordained Ministers in the following categories: (These men are eligible to serve in the Bible Fellowship Church).

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

Allen, Daniel P.	Hertzog, Roy A.
Baker, Delbert II	Johnson, Robert F.
Batchler, James R. Jr.	*Keeler, Kenneth D.
Beil, James A.	Koch, James G.
Brosius, Bert N.	Mahurin, Ronald G.
Bryson, George R.	McConnell, Charles J.
Byrd, Terris L.	Morrison, Philip E.
Cassel, Alva C.	Phillips, D. Thomas
Cassel, Carl C.	Plows, Keith E.
Clapier, G. Wayne	Reed, Calvin T.
Coble, Bernard N.	Reitz, Roger
Coulbourn, Hugh C. Jr.	Seifert, A.L.
Dommel, Albert J.	Shorb, Thomas P.
Ellingson, Bruce A.	Smock, Robert W.
Erb, Ronald C.	Spackman, Carl K.
Fritz, Harvey J. Jr.	Taylor, Richard E.
Good, Kenneth L.	Thomann, David A.
Graybill, William L. II	Upton, Bryan G.
Grossman, Randall A.	Vandegriff, John C., Jr.
Harris, Richard D.	Van Eck, Stephan R.
Hartman, Jansen E.	Weller, Dana C.
Heller, LeRoy S.	Wickstead, James A.
Herb, Frank L. Jr.	Ziegler, Daniel G.
Herb, George E.	Zimmerman, Paul G.
Herb, John H.	

II. Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Board of Missions of the Bible Fellowship Church

Buck, Leonard E.	Manney, David L.
Butler, Brian H.	Moyer, Edward
Draper, Robert L.	Mull, William W.
Gehman, Richard, J.	*Prontnick, Louis
Harley, J. Barclay	Stengele, Laird F.
Hoyle, Ronald W.	Yerrington, Philip E.
Lea, Herbert K.	

III. Ordained Ministers Working In the Military Chaplaincy under the Sponsorship of the Bible Fellowship Church

Jones, David H.

Minsky, Barry J.

IV. Ordained Ministers in Retirement

Baer, Paul E.

Kirkwood, Donald T.

Bean, E.W.

Miller, C. Leslie

Dunn, John

Reichenbach, R.C.

Hartman, W.W.

Riggall, John H.

Kirkwood, C.E.

Thomann, David E.

V. Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries

Bartron, William H.

Heffner, William A.

Bigley, T. James

Schaeffer, Donald B.

Cassel, Willard E.

Schell, Henry A.

Frable, Arthur H. Jr.

Shelly, Austin G.

Frank, Walter H.

Watkins, David J.

Gordon, Robert N.

Yarrington, Harold D.

VI. Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence

Dotts, Raymond R.

Wilcox, LeRoy C.

Weaber, Harold C.

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

Committee:

John H. Riggall, Chairman; Frank L. Herb, Jr., Secretary; James W. Beil, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Keith E. Plows

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE COMMITTEE TO THE
102ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Ministerial Candidate Committee met eight times during the year to accomplish the work entrusted to its care. Many additional hours were spent by individuals of the committee in private consultation and individual assignments.

During the year we have given some thought to the number of men who have entered the ministry since 1970. Our reflections on those who have entered the ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church in these past 15 years have been a source of thanksgiving as well as concern. In these years pastors have joined us from other churches and other men have been saved through our work and sensed God's call to our ministry. For all of these we thank and praise our God. However, few men whose families have been part of the Bible Fellowship Church have entered our ministry or that of other churches in these years. This is of concern to us. The Ministerial Candidate Committee sees no answer now to the reason for this lack of ministerial candidates from our own families, but it will work to find answers. In this report we simply call your attention to this concern and urge your prayers for God to raise up men for ministry from Bible Fellowship Church families.

The Ministerial Candidate Committee interviewed 15 men and graded 22 examinations.

Louis Pronnicki, Dean A. Stortz, and Kenneth D. Keeler were recommended to the Credentials Committee for Ordination Examination.

Mark C. Solt, W. Neil Harding, Thomas S. Mac-Millan, David A. Carver, Dennis W. Spinney, Steven L. Trommler, Robert S. Commerford, W. David Armstrong, Raymond G. Burnett and Kenneth F. Barber have been licensed as Probationers during the year.

David W. Chappell, James E. Neher, Ralph M. Soper and David W. Riddell were approved as Probationers who are eligible to receive a call as a Pastor of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The 11th Annual Orientation Program for men under the care of the Committee was conducted at Pinebrook

Junior College on June 4-6. Twenty-four men participated in the program. The 12th Annual Orientation Program is scheduled for June 3-5, 1986.

Recommendations:

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has received an application for ministry in the Bible Fellowship Church from David Gundrum of Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Reading, Pa. that indicates a divorce in his background, and

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has received communication from the Pastor and Elders of Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Reading, recommending that David Gundrum be approved as an applicant and further expressing their opinion that David Gundrum does not violate the rules of the Bible Fellowship Church, and,

Whereas, it is the view of the Ministerial Candidate Committee that while David Gundrum's circumstances may be within "the spirit" of the Rules of the Bible Fellowship Church and sound reasons for his acceptance may be made in harmony with biblical principles; nevertheless, it is contrary to the precise wording of Article VII, Divorce, page 35,36 of the 1981 Edition of the Faith and Order which states: "No person who has been divorced or who has married a divorced person for any reason may be a member of the Board of Elders", and

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee views its responsibility as functioning in harmony with the statements and rules of the Faith and Order and not in interpreting their "spirit" or seeking to change those rules, and

Whereas, The Ministerial Candidate Committee has taken a position that it will not proceed further with the application of David Gundrum for the above reasons until the Annual Conference gives us specific direction, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Reading, Pa. be asked to present their case for the acceptance of David Gundrum as a candidate for ministry in the Bible Fellowship Church to the Annual Con-

ference and, further, be it

Resolved, that the Annual Conference make a judgment in this case and give specific directions to the Ministerial Candidate Committee on accepting David Gundrum as a ministerial candidate.

The Ministerial Candidate Committee recommends the acceptance of the following men under its care:

PROBATIONERS (year of licensing in parenthesis)

W. David Armstrong	Zionsville, PA (1985)
William C. Aukamp	Pequea, PA
Kenneth F. Barber	Oley, PA (1985)
James L. Beaver	Clearwater, FL
Douglas D. Bowne	Spring City, PA
Raymond G. Burnett	Englishtown, NJ (1984)
David A. Carver	Selinsgrove, PA (1983)
David W. Chappell	Walnutport, PA
Robert S. Commerford	Holmes, NY (1984)
Arthur J. Frisbie	Newark, DE (1976)
W. Neil Harding	Wallingford, PA (1983)
Kenneth D. Keeler	Harleysville, PA (1982)
Thomas S. MacMillan	Nazareth, PA (1983)
Carl T. Martin	Spring City, PA (1983)
James E. Neher	Sellersville, PA
Louis Pronnicki	Amman, Jordan (1983)
David W. Riddell	Ambler, PA
Mark C. Solt	Lehighton, PA (1983)
Ralph M. Soper	Lancaster, PA
Dennis W. Spinney	Hillside, NJ (1984)
Dean A. Stortz	New Fairfield, CT (1983)
Steven L. Trommler	Terre Hill, PA (1984)

CANDIDATES

Gary F. Bentley	Hatfield, PA
Clark L. Bossler	Allentown, PA
Dennis M. Cahill	Phoenixville, PA
Harold B. Fravell, III	Emmaus, PA
Ronald C. Hagy	West Reading, PA
Ronald A. Honeywell	Montrose, PA
Phillip J. Mitchell	Allentown, PA
Scott A. Neiswender	Bloomsburg, PA
Richard T. Paashaus	Coopersburg, PA
William G. Schlonecker	Newark, DE
Charles M. Snyder	Glenside, PA
Jeffrey C. Stickler	Bethlehem, PA
J. Richard Vroman	Lansdale, PA
James E. Thornton	Zionsville, PA
Byron Widger	Wappingers Falls, NY

APPLICANTS

David T. Allen	Akron, PA
Walter M. Johnston	Wyomissing, PA
Richard P. Jones, Sr.	Wescosville, PA
Daniel A. Mabus	Emmaus, PA
Richard W. Meyer	Bethlehem, PA
Duane Moyer	Pipersville, PA
Kevin P. Roberts	Lehighton, PA
Thomas P. Voorhees	W. Trenton, NJ

Ministerial Candidate Committee: Carl C. Cassel, Chairman; John H. Herb, Secretary; Daniel G. Ziegler, David J. Watkins, Alva C. Cassel.

MINISTERIAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE
102ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

The Annual Ministerial Convention of the Bible Fellowship Church was held Tuesday, May 7, 1985 through Wednesday, May 8, 1985 at the Pinebrook Bible Conference, Stroudsburg, Pa.

Attendance at the Annual Convention represented a very high percentage of the ministering brethren of the Bible Fellowship Church. The Ministers' Wives Fellowship coordinated their meetings with the convention.

The theme for the 1985 Ministerial Convention focused on "The Christian Lifestyle and World View" with Dr. Harvie M. Conn as our guest speaker. Dr. Conn is professor of Missions at the Westminster Theological Seminary and Director of its Urban Missions Program in Philadelphia.

Dr. Conn developed the Tuesday morning and afternoon, Wednesday morning sessions with topics enlarging the general theme, "The Christian Lifestyle and World View" in congregation, community, city, and Third World.

Delbert Baker II, Newark and Charles J. McConnell, Allentown, were asked to present local ministries on Tuesday evening relating to the thought, "The Christian Lifestyle and World View within the Bible Fellowship Church".

At the annual business meeting of the Ministerial Convention Committee, the following were elected to a two-year term of office: Thomas S. MacMillan, David Schlonecker, and Stephan Van Eck.

Retiring committee members are: Daniel P. Allen, G. Wayne Clapier and Richard D. Harris.

The Ministerial Convention proposal for May 6-7, 1986, is that of an "Idea Fair" giving all our pastors an opportunity to share their, or churches strengths, with the larger Bible Fellowship body, in order to stimulate creativity, growth and effectiveness. A pre-convention survey sheet was distributed to assist in planning.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Wayne Clapier, Secretary 1985 Committee and Assisting Registrar

1985 Committee

Richard D. Harris, Chairman; Daniel P. Allen, Vice Chairman; G. Wayne Clapier, Secretary; John C. Vandegriff Jr., Treasurer, Ronald C. Erb

1986 Committee

John C. Vandegriff Jr., Chairman; Stephan Van Eck, Vice Chairman; Thomas S. MacMillan, Secretary; Ronald C. Erb, Treasurer; William G. Schlonecker

MINISTERIAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE
FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Convention Registrations	\$1,906.00
Administration Budget	<u>378.71</u>
Total	2,284.71

DISBURSEMENTS:

Meals and Lodging	1,752.00
Honoraria	250.00
Committee Meeting Expenses	99.36
Printing and Supplies	79.35
Refunds	<u>47.00</u>
Total	\$2,227.71

BALANCE:

Convention Committee	\$ 57.00
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REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION DIRECTOR TO THE
102ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE, OCTOBER, 1985

CHURCH PLANTING BY TEAMS

The way of a fool seems right to him,
but a wise man listens to advice.
Proverbs 12:15 (NIV)

Without consultation, plans are frustrated,
But with many counselors they succeed.
Proverbs 15:22 (NASB)

For waging war you need guidance,
and for victory many advisers.
Proverbs 24:6 (NIV)

Oil and perfume make the heart glad,
So a man's counsel is sweet to his friend.
Proverbs 27:9 (NASB)

This annual report of the state of the Church Extension Department, my seventeenth, comes at a point of transition from one goal period to another - the ten year "Design for Enlargement" period comes to a close as the portals open on the fifteen year WIDER HORIZONS era, which will come to a conclusion, should the Lord Jesus tarry, on December 31, 2000.

The Bible Fellowship Church, like a number of other evangelical denominations has been growing in recent years. We, as many others, have been planting new churches. In doing so, we have used many of the same methods as the others. We have learned from them in some areas. But in one respect our church planting methodology is different from all of the others - our emphasis on and firm commitment to the Church planting team. We will not send forth isolated church planting pastors into new territory; we are absolutely committed to teams as means of extending the Church.

When the Holy Spirit called into being the first intentional church planting ministry, Acts 13:1-4, He said, to the gathered leaders of the Antioch church, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" (v.2). He created the church planting team.

The policy of sending teams to take the Good News into new territory had already been established by the Lord Jesus when Mark tells us, He sent the Twelve out on their first evangelistic tours "two by two" (Mark 6:7). In a parallel narrative, Matthew names the Twelve and clearly lists them in pairs (Matthew 10:2-4), just as the Lord grouped them. In Acts 1:13,14 Luke lists the Eleven also, except for Judas (Thaddaeus), clearly in pairs, only now between the Ascension and Pentecost, all of the pairs are different from the early grouping.

When Jesus sent the larger group of seventy-two (or seventy) disciples on their first evangelistic tour He also sent the "two by two" (Luke 10:1)

The reasons for sending evangelists into new territory in teams are spelled out in Ecclesiastes 4:8-12. In contrast to "a man all alone" (v.8), which he calls "meaningless - a miserable business", the Preacher says, "Two are better than one" (v.9) and, in effect, three are better than two (v.12). Why? Because,

1. Together the co-laborers can produce a greater return for their work than they can alone (v.9).

2. A colleague can help up (restore) his partner if he falls (v.10).

3. Co-workers can keep each other warm. "But how can one keep warm alone"? (v.11).

4. Fellow-soldiers standing together can defend themselves when they are attacked; alone they "may be overpowered" (v.12).

Paul and Barnabas knew the text from Ecclesiastes 4. They knew of the precedent set by their Lord. They knew how pointedly the Spirit had directed them to go as a team. And they had come to appreciate the value of the team as they engaged in the hard work of church planting evangelism out on the frontier of the Gospel. So when they agreed to part company and go in different directions, it should not surprise us that each formed a new team - "Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus" (Acts 15:40) and "Paul chose Silas and...went through Syria and Cilicia..." (vv.40,41).

Soon Timothy was added to the Paul-Silas Church Planting Team (Acts 16:1-5). Later in the tour, when trouble arose at Berea and Paul's life was threatened, he went ahead to Athens while his partners continued the work in Berea. Distressed by the idolatry of that great and historic city, Paul preached and reasoned in the synagogue, at the marketplace and even in the learned society called the Areopagus. He was alone in his labor, "a miserable business!", and while a few individuals became believers (Acts 17:34), the New Testament does not even contain a hint that a church was formed in the great cultural center of the Greek World.

Still without his teammates, Paul went on to Corinth. "Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue trying to persuade Jews and Greeks" (Acts 18:4). The text gives no indication that there was any response. But, "when Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching...(and) Crispus, the synagogue ruler, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized" (vv.5-8). Assured by the Lord that "I have many people in this city"(v.10), the team brought to formation a great church.

In a letter to that Corinthian church, Paul makes a surprising disclosure. He had gone to Troas with one purpose in mind, "to preach the gospel of Christ" (II Corinthians 2:12). When he arrived he discovered that "the Lord had opened a door for me". Knowing what we do about the apostle -- how he welcomed an open door for the Gospel (I Corinthians 16:8) and how he urged his friends to pray "that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the Gospel" (Ephesians 6:19) and "that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ..." (Colossians 4:3) and "pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored" (II Thessalonians 3:1) - we may be surprised that Paul walked away from that open door in Troas. Why? "I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said good-bye to them and went on to Macedonia" (II Corinthians 2:13). He had learned not to try to plant a church without a teammate.

To disregard and fly in the face of this weight of biblical evidence would be foolish for us and dangerous for the men whom we call to be church planters. We dare not do it. We must take the Gospel and plant new churches in new territory only by means of teams.

Church planting teams may be formed in a number of ways:

1. A nucleus of believers hive off from an established church or churches to form a daughter church.

2. A group of believers in a community come to the Church Extension Department and ask for help to form a church.

3. One or more "Aquila and Priscilla" (lay) couples form a team together with one or more organizing pastors.

4. Two or more church planting pastors form a team to plant one church.

The way this has usually happened in our experience is by a team of two or more organizing pastors being called to plant two or more new churches in target areas that are close enough to each other for the teammates to meet and work together on a regular, frequent basis.

Presently in the Department we have five teams functioning. The oldest of these is the Delaware Team, which has been meeting since 1976. Its purpose now is for prayer, fellowship and mutual encouragement. It meets every 4-6 weeks, except during summer. The team consists of Pastors James G. Koch, Camden, and William G. Schlonecker and Arthur J. Frisbie, Newark, DE and their wives together with the Raymond and Mary Dotts and Russell and Eleanor Ruch Aquila-Priscilla teams and the Church Extension Director and his wife. At times Pastor and Mrs. Roger L. Reitz, Philadelphia, and Pastors Richard E. Taylor and W. Neil Harding and their wives, Wallingford, participate. Meetings generally alternate between the two Delaware locations. After dinner out, the group returns to a home for a time of Scripture, pointed prayer and fellowship.

Each of the teams takes on its own personality and way of working. The Mid-Hudson Team, which has been meeting since 1977, presently includes James A. Wickstead, Poughquag; Dean A. Stortz, New Fairfield; Robert S. Commerford, Whaley Lake; Byron Widger, Wappingers Falls and the Director. The team meets during the day at about 2-3 week intervals. The meeting, which rotates among the four Mid-Hudson parsonages, includes a time of Scripture study, an intensive and detailed sharing and prayer time, discussion of a chapter of a key book on church planting and a business meeting. The latter is necessary because the team serves as a

Surrogate Board of Elders for the Wappingers and Whaley missions and because the team plans a number of joint activities by the four congregations such as Christmas Eve service, Easter season cantata, picnics, baptisms, visits to the area by missionaries and musical groups and two annual pulpit exchange Sundays. Luncheon at the host home provides a break in the meeting.

The Mid-Hudson Team conducted on-the-field "soil test" surveys in a spiritually needy community that is, as far as we know, without an evangelical church and plans another soon. In addition to sharing the Gospel, the purpose of such surveys is to spot reasonable and responsive potential target areas for future new church attempts.

The Mid-Hudson congregations are located in an area of strong charismatic influence but lesser presence and influence of more conventional evangelicalism. Out of concern for effectiveness in ministering to people who have been affected by this Charismatic influence, the Mid-Hudson Team sponsored a Seminar on Ministry to Charismatics on April 9 at Emmaus. Some 40 men attended the seminar.

The Greater Newark Church Planting Team serves as a Surrogate Board of Elders for four New Jersey missions and is made up of their pastors, Delbert R. Baker II, Newark; Ronald C. Erb, Irvington; Dennis W. Spinney, Hillside and Daniel G. Ziegler, Interim Pastor at Edison. It is presently meeting on an evening approximately every three weeks. In-depth Bible studies in I Corinthians with rotating leadership are followed by a detailed prayer time and then the business. As in each of the teams that conduct business and serve as surrogate elders, careful minutes are kept.

A Northampton-Berks Counties Team of Pastors Randall A. Grossman, Kutztown; David W. Chappell, Walnutport and the Director meets somewhat less often and more informally for prayer, mutual encouragement and evaluation.

Our newest team, located in the Atlantic City area, is the Project Beachhead Team. After gathering a Launching Fund, we have waited for a number of years for the Lord to bring together a team. Harold C.

Weaber and Roger L. Reitz will begin full-time ministry on January 1, 1986, in the shore area to plant two new congregations there. They have begun on a regular basis to meet with the Director to study the area to recommend specific target communities and to formulate plans, strategies and goals for their church planting work.

In practice these teams prove to be what Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 describes. Genuine understanding and trust are built. A real openness develops. Through sharing and prayer each becomes aware in detail about his colleague's work. There is great freedom for mutual encouragement and counsel. The men really enter into each other's ministries. The biblical model is again blessed of the Lord and proves to be a source of strength in the hard work of church planting evangelism.

My involvement in the teams has kept me close to the men in the Department and "on top" of the progress of each of the works. It is likely, however, that the growth of the Department in the WIDER HORIZONS years ahead will not allow the Director to continue such extensive participation in the teams.

The Department is presently made up of 14 congregations. There are 4 churches (Finesville, NJ; Camden, DE; Poughquag, NY; and New Fairfield, CT), 6 organized missions (Glasgow, DE; Walnutport, PA; Kutztown, PA; Newark, NJ; Edison, NJ and Wappingers Falls, NY), and 4 unorganized missions (Mt Pocono, PA; Irvington, NJ; Eastern Union County, NJ and Whaley Lake, Pawling, NY). Two more unorganized missions will officially begin on January 1, 1986 in Atlantic County, NJ.

This year we rejoice in several solid indicators of success in our work. Two of our organized missions have completed their organization and elected elders. They are presented to the 102nd Annual Conference for recognition as churches and acceptance into its membership - the missions in Glasgow (Newark), DE and Kutztown, PA.

During the 1984-85 year the church at Finesville has fully supported itself. As we enter the new year, the congregations at Camden, DE and Kutztown, PA. have

asked the Board to discontinue their appropriations so that they also may support themselves. The Kutztown work, in having achieved full organization and self-support within 4 1/2 years of a cold start has probably set a record for the Bible Fellowship Church.

Several other of our congregations are making organizational progress and will surely be presented for Conference membership within the next year or two. And several of the works are reducing their appropriation requests and will achieve self-support in the near future. Most of our works have made clear and measurable progress in growth during the year.

One of the great highlights of the year has been the start of the mission at Mt. Pocono, PA. which began as a daughter of Berean Church in Stroudsburg. From a first worship service on December 9, the congregation quickly outgrew its first meeting place, a day care center. In a most remarkable way, the Lord has provided a large, beautiful stone church building which was built in the early years of the twentieth century, had been used for many years as a place for summer worship and was for several years unused. This building, known as "Kirk in the Woods" has been restored and beautified by the Mt. Pocono congregation and is being used by permission of the large bank that is trustee for the building. The congregation continues to grow and develop wholesomely.

One of the deepest disappointments of the year was the closing of the mission in Eastwick, Philadelphia. The congregation had grown to the capacity of the family room in the home of its organizing pastor, Roger L. Reitz. There was no meeting place available to allow for further growth and the requirements for building imposed by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia were virtually wholly beyond the ability of the young congregation. Had there been a larger proportion of responsible adults in the group there might have been a better basis to continue to seek for a meeting place, but as it was, the congregation was made up mostly of children and young teens. Pastor Reitz has succeeded well in incorporating many of the Eastwick constituent families into nearby Emmanuel Church.

Two veteran pastors and leaders of the Bible Fellowship Church have made significant contributions to our work during the year. David J. Watkins gave a year to the demanding pastorate at Edison, NJ. Serving the Edison congregation part-time from a 60-mile distance was difficult, but Brother Watkins ministry at Edison was fruitful in some progress and development. Presently I am serving as interim pastor at Edison.

A.L. Seifert is serving with distinction and great effectiveness as part-time organizing pastor of the Mt. Pocono mission.

Byron Widger, a 1985 graduate of Biblical Theological Seminary and former student assistant pastor at the Graterford Church, has assumed the pastorate of the mission at Wappingers Falls, NY, succeeding Herbert K. Lea, who left during the year for service as a missionary in Central Africa Republic.

On Wednesday, November 21, 1984, a devastating fire destroyed the apartment and virtually all of the belongings of the Ronald C. Erb family in Irvington, NJ. The people of the Lord throughout the brotherhood and beyond reached out to help the homeless family put things together again. Thousands of dollars and many gifts in kind were donated in a tremendous demonstration of love and concern. The Bert Baker family in Newark made room in their home for the Erbs.

After the time of testing and transition was past, the Lord granted some special and remarkable opportunities in Irvington. The work has surged ahead in a heartening way since that time.

The Bible Fellowship Church has its own way of group process for getting its work done. At times this way is somewhat more cumbersome than its alternatives. But it is true to the biblical data on the corporateness of the church and it does build strong and wholesome interpersonal relationships within the brotherhood. Our work has been benefited during the year by the work of several Assessment Committees and Surrogate Boards of Elders in which pastors and elders of several congregations have worked with Board members and Department personnel to move the work ahead. We are grateful for these brethren.

A Policy Committee of the Board has been working hard to rethink and draft Board policy and to bring together a Department handbook toward streamlining the ways of doing our work so as to carry the increased load of the WIDER HORIZONS era. An enlarged Board will help significantly.

During the year the Department has conducted surveys in Atlantic County, NJ, Dutchess County, NY and Berks and Montgomery Counties, PA.

In this transition year we ought to assess our progress in the Design for Enlargement decade and our prospects for the fifteen years projected for WIDER HORIZONS. Some comparisons of three successive ten-year periods may give cause to thank the Lord:

<u>Total Membership</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>New Church starts</u>	<u>Failed Cong.</u>	<u>Net New Cong.</u>	
1955-65	4554	- 47	-1%	2	4	-2
1965-75	5111	+559	+12.2%	10	7	+3
1975-85	6235	+1124	+22.0%	16	7	+9

"Design for Enlargement" goals in 1975 were:

1. To start 20 new congregations in ten years
2. To begin at least 2 of those in older urban areas.
3. To enter three new states

Goal #3 was 67% fulfilled as we entered two new states, Connecticut and Delaware. Goal #2 was exceeded in fact doubled as works were begun in Newark, Irvington and Eastern Union County, NJ and Eastwick, Philadelphia, PA.

Since the funding was raised for Project Beachhead between 1978 and the present, and the groundwork was laid in that period, we count the impending two Shore area missions as part of "Design for Enlargement". They bring the total of new church starts in the ten years to 16, four short of the goal of 20 for 80% achievement. We should like to have achieved or surpassed all of the goals. We are grateful to have seen the most fruitful ten years of church planting in Bible Fellowship Church history. We question that that would have been achieved without the focus of goals for our prayers and work.

"Design for Enlargement" was a set of goals adopted by the Board of Church Extension and announced to the denomination. We believe WIDER HORIZONS has greater prospect for achievement because it has been specifically adopted and owned by the churches. The WIDER HORIZONS goals will be achieved only by our best prayers, efforts and programs - on the part of every member and every church.

The churches have asked their Church Extension Department to start 39 new congregations between now and the year 2000. Our first year goal is 2. We are exploring the Boyertown-Gilbertsville, PA. area as a possibility for one of these. We ask for prayer about this and for direction to another target area.

The goal of 16 daughter churches breaks down to an average of 1 for each of the 15 years plus one more in one of those years. The Nazareth church has projected one and has begun a vigorous consideration of the Slate Belt area as the location of its daughter congregation, which could be the first of the 16.

The Board of Church Extension is presenting year-by-year total membership goals to this Annual Conference for adoption or "owning". The proposed goals are graduated in recognition that we need to overcome growth inertia, that it will take time to develop and implement strategies, plans and goals and that we should expect a cumulative or "snowball" effect as we begin to grow and then that growth accelerates.

If the churches would net exactly 6% growth for each of the 15 WIDER HORIZONS years we would surpass our goal of 14,293 members in the year 2000. But while 6% growth is possible in the coming 1985-86 year, it is highly unlikely. Over the past 5 years we have averaged only 1.4% growth per year, and the best of the 5 years was 1981, when we grew 3.4%

The proposed goals begin at 2% per year and graduate to 10% in the last WIDER HORIZON year.

Our own history tells us that 10% growth in a year is by no means impossible. In four turn-of-the century years our forefathers approached or achieved that percentage growth:

1900	9.5%
1896	10.3%
1901	11.2%
1908	13.8%

From 1974 through 1982 the Bible Fellowship Church averaged 2.9% growth per year. If we can maintain that average over the next five years we shall be right "on target" in 1990.

From 1924 through 1931 we averaged 4.5% growth in membership per year. If we could sustain that average over the next ten years we shall be right on target in 1995.

In the ten years from 1898 through 1908 our forebearers averaged 6.8% growth per year. If we were to sustain that rate of growth for 15 years we should surpass our goal by over 2000 members. The first 15 Yearbooks which were published, 1896-1910 reveal an average growth rate of 6.2%. If we can match that for the next 15 years we shall exceed our goal by 695 souls.

I do not cite these statistics from our history to make the challenge of WIDER HORIZONS seem light. I do cite them to increase our faith and provide some encouragement.

It is important for the churches to formulate specific plans, programs and goals for their WIDER HORIZONS growth. Intermediate goals that parallel or exceed the denominational goals "owned" by this Conference need to be set and owned by all of the churches and then faithfully and resolutely pursued.

The specific denominational and local church goals must become the focus of pointed, persistent, prevailing prayer and of our best individual and corporate labors in the Gospel.

Dr. Donald A. McGavran, the father of the Church Growth Movement, has written, "Slight growth - when worked for - is granted. More would be if (Christ's) Church counted...receptive (peoples) as a pearl of great price and...single-mindedly did those things which multiply churches in (them)" (Understanding Church Growth, Revised Edition, 1980, pp.165,166). Dr. McGavran's statement appears to me to be consistent with

the Scriptures as epitomized in statements by our Lord Jesus and His brother, James: "Be it done to you according to your faith" (Matthew 9:29) and "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead" (James 2:26).

The Bible Fellowship Church has decided together on some long-range goals for growth that we believe will please our Lord. Now will we be committed to pray, to believe, to plan, to work and to evangelize so that these goals will become fulfilled by the year 2000?

Fifty-five new congregations and thousands of new believers presented to Him by a great team of praying, believing, planning, working, evangelizing people, by faith will surely please and glorify our Lord. Let us "go for it"!

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Balance, Aug. 31, 1984	\$ 810.22
Received from Board	18,625.00
Reimbursements from Other Sources	<u>182.58</u>
Total	\$ 19,617.80

EXPENDITURES:

Department Travel	\$ 2,077.44
Office	
Printing & Supplies	\$ 2,788.65
Equipment	135.13
Mailing	1,395.48
Telephone	<u>869.29</u>
Parsonage-Office Building	\$ 5,188.55
Gas-Fuel	\$ 1,237.96
Electric	1,445.17
Other Utilities	322.57
Maintenance	1,778.39
Insurance	<u>665.54</u>
Board Expenses	5,449.63
WIDER HORIZONS	1,377.68
Promotion	2,181.63
Church Planting Seminar	506.56
Banking Costs & Charges	1,131.52
	102.21

Director's Continuing Education	994.00
Miscellaneous & Reimbursement	<u>83.81</u>
	\$19,093.03
Balance, August 31, 1985	\$ 524.77

The depository for this account is the First National Bank of Allentown. The account has been audited by Ralph D. Cole.

Daniel G. Ziegler, Director

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

The Stewardship Council met four times this past Conference year. In addition to the three members elected at large by Annual Conference, the following agencies have named representatives to be members of the Council:

- Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church
- Board of Missions
- Board of Church Extension
- Home for the Aging
- Pinebrook Junior College
- Pinebrook Bible Conference
- Victory Valley Camp
- Board of Publication and Printing
- Historical Committee

The Stewardship Council has developed an organizational structure which will permit the full implementation of the purposes of the Council. We believe the work currently being accomplished will prove to be the cornerstone of a beneficial service for the Bible Fellowship Church in the years to come.

The council has received and disbursed no funds in 1984-1985.

We continue to ask for prayers of our brethren as we proceed with our duties.

Daniel G. Ziegler, Chairman; L. James Roberts, Jr., Secretary; James G. Koch, Harold E. Snyder, Jansen E. Hartman, Kermit K. Gehman, James A. Beil, Ralph D. Cole, Jay Fasnacht, John H. Riggall, James E. Thornton, Council

BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND PRINTING
TO THE 102ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1984

\$ 686.49

	PROPOSED BUDGET <u>1984-85</u>	RECEIPTS <u>1984-85</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>		
Subsidy from Administration Budget	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Contributions from Boards and Com.	1,400.00	2,000.00
Offerings from Churches	6,000.00	5,875.00
Yearbook Sales	3,400.00	3,153.00
Faith and Order Sales	2,500.00	757.00
Miscellaneous (Articles of Faith & Papers)		73.50
Interest		130.88
Short Term Loan and/or surplus Funds	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 15,675.87

EXPENDITURES:

Fellowship News:

Printing (6 issues)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,598.00
Mailing (6 issues)	1,500.00	1,367.83
Mailing Labels & Computer Time		617.66
Postage Due (Address Correction Requested)		275.15
Secretarial Expenses	200.00	150.00
Editors Expenses (Supplies & Mileage)	200.00	165.27
Business Managers Expense (Supp/Ph/Mil)	100.00	203.29
Honoraria	800.00	750.00
Printing Church Supplies	500.00	505.80
Printing Faith and Order	3,700.00	-0-
Printing Yearbooks	3,200.00	3,979.13
Board & Secretarial Expenses	300.00	220.60
Repairs & Equipment (IBM Service Contract)	300.00	108.00
Service Charges & Check Purchases		34.38
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Total	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 14,975.11

BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1985

700.76*

GRAND TOTAL

\$ 15,675.87

*Balance in Checking Account, First Lehigh Bank, Walnutport 300.76
 Balance in Savings Account, First Lehigh Bank, Walnutport 400.00
 Books and Financial Records were audited by Paul Flickinger

ACTUAL

The Board of Publication and Printing recommends the adoption of the following:

1. RESOLVED, that a contribution of \$200.00 be given to the Board of Publication and Printing from each of the following Boards and Committees: Victory Valley, Missions, Christian Education, Church Extension, Pinebrook Junior College, Pinebrook Bible Conference and Bible Fellowship Church Home.

2. RESOLVED, that \$1.00 per member be given to the Board of Publication and Printing from each church to help underwrite the cost of publishing Fellowship News. Payments to be made to the Business Manager by December 31, 1985.

3. RESOLVED, that the cost of the 1985 Yearbook be \$4.00 per copy. This cost is based on eliminating free copies to Pastors and/or churches.

4. RESOLVED, that the Missionary Reports and Pictures printed in the Yearbook in past years (such material as printed on pages 188-217 of the 1984 Yearbook) be printed in Fellowship News rather than the Yearbook.

Proposed Budget 1985-86

INCOME

Subsidy from Administration Budget	\$ 3,000.00
Contributions from Boards and Committees	1,400.00
Offerings from Churches	6,000.00
Yearbook Sales	3,300.00
Sale of Printed Materials	4,800.00
Short term loan and/or surplus funds	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total	\$20,000.00

EXPENDITURES

Fellowship News

Printing (6 issues)	\$ 7,000.00
Mailing (6 issues)	1,500.00
Mailing Labels & Computer Time	650.00
Postage Due (Address Correction Requested)	300.00
Secretarial Expenses (Editorial)	200.00

Editors Expenses (Supplies & Mileage)	200.00
Business Managers Expenses (Supp/Ph/Mil)	200.00
Honoraria	750.00
Printing Church Supplies	550.00
Printing Faith and Order	2,350.00
Printing Yearbook	4,000.00
Printing Misc. Materials	1,800.00
Repairs & Equipment (IBM Service Contract)	200.00
Board & Secretarial Expenses	300.00
Total	\$20,000.00

* Short term loan to spread the cost of publishing a new edition of the Faith and Order over two years.

Bernard N. Coble, Chairman; John H. Herb, Secretary; David W. Chappell, Business Manager; Daniel P. Allen, Ralph D. Cole, Gary Sterner

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
TO THE 102nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 14, 1985**

The work of the Board of Directors is attending to the business and programs of the denomination. In doing this the Board met five times this year. The brethren gave serious and diligent cooperation in discharging their responsibilities.

During the year the Board maintained communication with the Board of the Home relative to its property purchase and expansion plans. It is presently working with the Board of Church Extension relative to property matters at the Mount Pocono missions and with the College Board, also concerning property matters.

One of the meetings was a special meeting with representatives of Capital Blue Cross. This resulted in changing the medical insurance from Travelers to Capital Blue Cross in which a real savings in premiums was realized. Present information from Blue Cross indicates that no increase in rates is anticipated.

The debt for construction of the sewage plant at Pinebrook Conference was paid in full and the cash balance of the Pinebrook fund was paid to the Pinebrook Bible Conference Board.

The Ministers' Retirement Fund, the administrative budget, and the general financial records of the denomination were carefully monitored and administered this year.

Four members of the Board have been appointed to study the Ministers' Retirement Fund. Determination will be made of any changes in the Fund and its regulations for operation are necessary, and to formulate proposals for any changes.

The funds held by the Board of Directors are deposited with the Farmers First Bank of Lititz, PA. The accounts of the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary were audited by Walter A. Davis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

We recommend that the Annual Conference approve the following:

1. That the annuities paid from the Ministers' Retirement Fund beginning October 1, 1985, shall be \$126.00 per year of service up to forty years of service for which an annuitant is eligible.
2. That the Administrative Budget for 1985-86 be approved for use beginning October 1, 1985.
3. That the Administrative Budget for the 1986-87 year be approved for circulation to the church in solicitation of their pledges by April 15, 1986.
4. That the rate of mileage reimbursement be .18 per mile effective 10/15/85.

Board: Jansen E. Hartman, President; Carl C. Cassel, Vice President; James A. Beil, Secretary; Horace A. Kauffman, Fin. Secretary; Robert W. Gehret, Treasurer; Alva C. Cassel, Recording Secretary; Bert N. Brosius, Jay H. Fasnacht, Kermit K. Gehman

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGETS

Oct. 1, 1985	Oct. 1, 1986
to	to
<u>Sept. 30, 1986</u>	<u>Sept. 30, 1987</u>

A. Benefits for Each Pastor

1. Beneficiary Fund	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2. Ministers' Assistance Fund	1,650	1,650

3. Ministerial Convention	750	750
4. Ministers' Retirement Fund	<u>28,400</u>	<u>32,250</u>
Total	\$31,800	\$35,650
B. Benefits for Each Church		
1. Conference Entertainment	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
2. Moving Fund	6,500	6,500
3. Fund to Assist Churches	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total	\$11,000	\$11,000
C. Annual Conference Programs		
1. Publication & Printing	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
2. Expenses of Boards and Committees		
a. Chaplaincy Expenses	-	1,200
b. All other Expenses	5,600	4,400
3. Expenses, Board of Directors	800	500
4. Ministerial C. Committee	1,200	1,200
5. Historical Committee	1,000	1,000
6. Contingencies	<u>300</u>	<u>200</u>
Total	\$11,900	\$11,500
Total Budget	\$54,700	\$58,150

PLEDGES TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

<u>Church</u>	<u>1984-85</u>	<u>1985-86</u>
Allentown, C.C.	\$ 4,700	\$ 4,800
Allentown, Salem	275	300
Bethlehem	1,800	2,000
Blandon	625	625
Camden, DE	50	
Catasauqua	250	250
Coopersburg	1,800	1,900
Denville	200	100
Emmaus	2,200	2,500
Englishtown	400	400
Ephrata	1,400	1,800
Finesville	25	25
Fleetwood	1,260	1,260
Glasgow, DE	30	
Graterford	2,200	2,200
Harleysville	1,050	1,210
Harrisburg	1,800	1,850

Hatfield	1,450	1,500
Howell	200	200
Irvington, NJ	-0-	
Kutztown	100	150
Lancaster	2,700	2,800
Lebanon	970	1,030
Lehighton	805	992
Maple Glen	1,000	850
Mount Carmel	600	700
Nazareth	1,600	1,700
New Fairfield	175	175
Newark, NJ	100	100
Oley	1,300	1,380
Paradise	1,345	1,416
Pawling, NY	-0-	-0-
Phila., Calvary	450	475
Phila., Eastwick	50	-0-
Phila., Emmanuel	25	-0-
Poughquag	120	120
Quakertown	1,600	1,700
Reading	3,500	3,700
Royersford	1,800	1,800
Scranton	300	300
Shamokin	700	700
Sinking Spring	2,400	2,500
Spring City	1,150	1,150
Staten Island	30	100
Stroudsburg	850	950
Sunbury	1,200	1,200
Terre Hill	400	400
Wallingford	1,000	1,000
Walnutport	-0-	25
Wappingers Falls, NY	100	-0-
Whaley Lake, NY	25	25
York	900	990
Zionsville	175	175
B.F.C. Home	700	700
Bd. Church Extension	400	400
Pinebrook Conference	1,000	1,000
Pinebrook Junior College	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
Total Pledged	\$51,535	\$53,873

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET - SEPTEMBER 30

STATEMENT A

<u>ASSETS</u>	1985	1984
Statement B - General Funds	\$1,228,540.43	\$ 662,925.20
Statement D - Fund-Promote Church Extension	854,753.19	841,627.19
Statement F - Pinebrook	-0-	570,353.18
Statement H - Ministers' Retirement	<u>314,507.37</u>	<u>285,406.54</u>
Total Assets	\$2,397,800.99	\$2,360,312.11
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Statement B - General Funds	\$ 513,657.65	\$ 423,858.00
Statement D - Fund-Promote Church Extension	327,207.01	341,926.01
Statement F - Pinebrook	-0-	116,328.65
Statement H - Ministers' Retirement	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 840,864.66	\$ 882,112.66

Ephrata	286.00	
Finesville	143.00	
Harleysville	286.00	
Howell	29.00	
New Fairfield	91.00	
Phila., Emmanuel	429.00	
Reading	559.00	
Sinking Spring	286.00	
Stroudsburg	143.00	
Bd. of Church Extension	572.00	
Pinebrook Jr. College	5,169.00	
Victory Valley	<u>201.00</u>	8,896.00
Real Estate		7,349.00
Pinebrook Bible Conference	435,268.08	-0-
Pinebrook Junior College	538,750.00	538,750.00
Victory Valley	<u>67,489.01</u>	<u>67,489.01</u>

Total Assets \$1,228,540.43 \$662,925.20

LIABILITIES

Prepayment-Administrative Budget	400.00	\$ 1,447.00
Ephrata		
Prepayments-Health & Welfare Ins.		
Emmaus	\$ 858.00	
Kutztown	143.00	

Mount Carmel	429.00	
Spring City	143.00	
Walnutport	143.00	
York	143.00	
B.F.C. Home	<u>376.00</u>	2,235.00
Note Payable - Pinebrook Bible Conf.		116,328.65
Mortgage Payable - Pinebrook Jr. Col.		<u>394,694.00</u>
Total Liabilities		\$ 513,657.65
		<u>\$423,858.00</u>

NET WORTH

Net Worth, Sept. 30, 1984	\$682,744.91*
Loss from Statement C	32,137.87
Net Worth - September 30	<u>\$ 714,882.78</u>
	<u>\$239,067.20</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES &

<u>NET WORTH</u>	\$1,228,540.43	\$662,925.20
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*Includes \$443,677.71 transferred from Pinebrook Fund on June 1, 1985.

STATEMENT C

GENERAL FUNDS

INCOME STATEMENT - SEPTEMBER 30

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Administrative Budget	\$ 52,514.70	\$ 49,639.50
Health & Welfare Insurance	165,694.50	191,350.00
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	16,864.00	15,953.00
Miscellaneous Contributions	913.63	2,320.18
Fund to Assist Churches	-0-	.91
Payment on Pinebrook Jr. Col. Mortgage	26,498.00	-0-
Interest	<u>252.29</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Income	\$ 262,737.12	\$259,263.59
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Board of Directors Expenses	\$ 110.00	-0-
Historical Committee Fund	1,000.00	2,000.00
M.C.C. Internship Fund	1,430.00	678.31
Board of Publication & Printing	3,000.00	3,000.00
Annual Conference Entertainment	3,500.00	3,500.00
Beneficiary Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Health & Welfare Insurance	165,669.84	191,328.90
Ministers' Retirement Fund	26,000.00	24,000.00
Moving Fund	4,411.18	4,623.44
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	16,864.00	15,953.00
Ministers' Assistance Fund	-0-	2,220.00
Ministerial Convention	378.71	897.03

Uncollected Pledges	-0-	349.45
Additional P.J.C. Mortgage	-0-	16,101.00
Paid to Pinebrook Bible Conference	1,552.42	-0-

Expenses of Committees		
Abstinence Study Committee	\$405.02	
Annual Conference Program	48.85	
Board of Directors	365.23	
Com. to Examine Minutes	222.73	
Credentials Committee	1,621.94	
Government Committee	545.40	
Ministerial Candidate	629.94	
Ministerial Relations	171.53	
Nominating Committee	87.52	
Statistical Committee	233.29	
Stewardship Committee	145.80	
Com. on Alternate Ins.	83.46	
Committee on Cults	276.40	
Committee on Homosexuality	383.32	
Committee on Tongues	<u>462.10</u>	<u>5,683.10</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 230,599.25	\$ 4,150.19
		\$ 269,801.32

Gain or (Loss) Transferred to Statement B	\$ 32,137.87	\$ (10,537.73)
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FUND TO PROMOTE CHURCH EXTENSION
BALANCE SHEET - SEPTEMBER 30

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Cash	\$143,772.75	\$121,594.41
Notes Receivable		
Calvary Fellowship Church	-0-	2,500.00
Denville	-0-	1,545.62
Finesville	248.49	532.36
Howell	15,341.52	17,528.55
Kutztown	5,000.00	5,000.00
New Fairfield	12,993.78	12,993.78
Newark	2,803.40	3,118.37
Poughquag	9,498.15	9,728.17
Whaley Lake	30,000.00	30,000.00
Mortgage Receivable		
First Baptist, Belvidere	74,884.14	76,874.97
Real Estate		
Camden	40,569.76	40,569.76
Finesville	20,000.00	20,000.00
Kutztown	30,950.50	30,950.50
Howell	146,146.00	146,146.00
New Fairfield	50,307.00	50,307.00
Newark	63,324.01	63,324.01
Plainfield	42,760.00	42,760.00

Poughquag	43,958.00	43,958.00
Sinking Spring	43,884.69	43,884.69
Whaley Lake	78,311.00	78,311.00
Total Assets	<u>\$854,753.19</u>	<u>\$841,627.19</u>
LIABILITIES		
Notes Payable		
I. Cressman	7,500.00	7,500.00
Pawling Baptist Church	10,000.00	10,000.00
Mortgages Payable		
Camden	25,060.09	25,060.09
Finesville	4,085.92	8,784.54
Howell	125,000.00	125,000.00
Kutztown	15,000.00	15,000.00
New Fairfield	30,404.90	36,750.00
Newark	32,580.87	35,144.27
Plainfield	11,786.99	11,786.99
Poughquag	22,788.24	23,900.12
Whaley Lake	43,000.00	43,000.00
Total Liabilities	<u>\$327,207.01</u>	<u>\$341,926.01</u>

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST

Camden	\$ 15,509.67	\$ 15,509.67
Finesville	15,914.08	11,215.46
Howell	21,146.00	21,146.00
Kutztown	15,950.50	15,950.50
New Fairfield	19,902.10	13,557.00
Newark	15,851.58	13,288.18
Poughquag	21,169.76	20,057.88
Sinking Spring	40,202.80	40,202.80
Whaley Lake	35,311.00	35,311.00
Total Funds Held In Trust	<u>\$200,957.49</u>	<u>\$186,238.49</u>

NET WORTH

Net Worth, Sept. 30, 1984	\$313,462.69
Gain Transferred from Statement E	<u>13,126.00</u>
Net Worth, September 30	<u>\$326,588.69</u>
Total Liabilities, Trust Funds and Net Worth	\$854,753.19
	<u>\$313,462.69</u>
	\$841,627.19

STATEMENT E

FUND TO PROMOTE CHURCH EXTENSION
INCOME STATEMENT - SEPTEMBER 30

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Interest Income	\$ 13,126.00	\$ 10,607.40
BD Church Extension Payments		
Plainfield Mortgage	-0-	2,000.28
Newark Mortgage	-0-	1,395.67
Sale of Easton Property	-0-	<u>42.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 13,126.00	\$ 14,045.35
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Property Investigations	-0-	\$ 55.62
Easton Property	-0-	250.00
Grants to New Missions	-0-	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	-0-	\$ 10,305.62
Gain Transferred to Statement D	\$ 13,126.00	\$ 3,739.73

PINEBROOK FUND
BALANCE SHEET

STATEMENT F

	<u>6/1/85</u>	<u>9/30/84</u>
<u>ASSETS*</u>		\$
Cash		589.35
Notes Receivable		
C.A. Paolillo-Land Purchase	8,409.63	12,087.19
Pinebrook Conference - Sewage Plant	-0-	6,079.91
Pinebrook Conference - Northeastern Bank	116,328.65	116,328.65
Real Estate		
Original Purchase	421,279.28	421,279.28
Marsh Property	<u>13,988.80</u>	<u>13,988.80</u>
Total Assets	\$560,006.36	\$570,353.18
<u>LIABILITIES*</u>		
Notes Payable		
Northeastern Bank	\$116,328.65	\$116,328.65
Total Liabilities	\$116,328.65	\$116,328.65
<u>NET WORTH*</u>		
Net Worth, Sept.30,1984	\$454,024.53	
(Loss) Transferred from Statement G	(10,346.82)	
Net Worth	<u>\$443,677.71</u>	<u>\$454,024.53</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	\$560,006.36	\$570,353.18

*Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth transferred to General Fund as of June 1, 1985.

STATEMENT G

PINEBROOK FUND
INCOME STATEMENT

<u>INCOME</u>			
Interest Income		9/30/84	
Misc. Contributions	6/1/85	\$ 2,202.76	
Total Income	-0-	\$ 2,203.76	
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Interest Expense	-0-	218.57	
Transfer to Pinebrook Conference	11,533.32	288,467.88	
Total Expenses		\$ 288,686.45	
		\$ (10,346.82)	\$ (286,482.69)

STATEMENT H

MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND
BALANCE SHEET - SEPTEMBER 30

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Cash	\$ 23,025.75	\$ 12,820.82
Farmers First Bank	264,048.54	238,048.54
Stocks and Bonds	21,500.00	21,500.00
Notes Receivable, Victory Valley 8%	5,038.28	10,896.37
Notes Receivable, Victory Valley 12%	<u>894.80</u>	<u>2,140.81</u>
Total Assets	\$314,507.37	\$285,406.54
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Total Liabilities	-0-	-0-
<u>NET WORTH</u>		
Net Worth, Sept. 30, 1984	\$285,406.54	
Gain Transferred from Statement I	<u>29,100.83</u>	
Net Worth-September 30	<u>\$314,507.37</u>	<u>\$285,406.54</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	\$314,507.37	\$285,406.54

STATEMENT I

MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND
INCOME STATEMENT - SEPTEMBER 30

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Contribution, Administrative Budget	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
Contributions from Pastors	21,782.04	19,261.23
Dividends	900.00	900.00
Interest Income	<u>34,159.86</u>	<u>28,762.39</u>
Total Income	\$ 82,841.90	\$ 72,923.62
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Refunds	\$ 861.07	\$ 3,396.97
Annuities Paid	<u>52,880.00</u>	<u>49,778.50</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 53,741.07	\$ 53,175.47
Gain Transferred to Statement H	\$29,100.83	\$ 19,748.15

REPORT OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON HOMOSEXUALITY

The Study Committee on Homosexuality was commissioned by the 101st Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church to prepare a study paper on homosexuality (cf. 1984 YEARBOOK, p. 21f). The committee met five times during the year, and committee members were involved in additional sub-committee assignments and meetings.

The committee submits the attached "Study Paper on Homosexuality" and a bibliography of relevant resource materials and counseling aids to the 102nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The committee recommends approval of the following:

RESOLVED: That the "Study Paper on Homosexuality" be adopted by the Bible Fellowship Church as its Position Paper on "Homosexuality."

George R. Bryson, Chairman; Thomas P. Shorb, Secretary; Kenneth L. Good, Ronald P. Turner, Stephan R. Van Eck, COMMITTEE.

STUDY PAPER ON HOMOSEXUALITY

Mankind repeatedly rejects God and His plan. Homosexuality is one manifestation of mankind's distortion of God's plan for human sexuality. Homosexuality is a term that is relevant to both sexes. "Homo" is a Latin root meaning "alike" or "similar" and does not inherently refer to maleness. A homosexual is a man or a woman who lusts for a person of the same sex or who engages in acts designed to produce sexual orgasm between members of the same sex. Lesbianism is a term used to describe female homosexuality.

THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF SEXUALITY

It is necessary to understand the Scriptural teaching concerning natural human sexuality as designed by God in order to understand unnatural sexual desire and practice.

GOD ORDAINED SEXUALITY.

God created humans as sexual beings, male and female. His design was very good; indeed, it was perfect (Genesis 1:27, 31a).

GOD ORDAINED MARRIAGE TO BE HETEROSEXUAL

The Bible reveals God's purpose in designing humanity as male and female to be: 1) that they might find companionship and fulfillment in one another (Genesis 2:18; 2:24); and 2) that they might reproduce (Genesis 1:28).

In God's design it is not good for man to be alone. He needs a helper who is suitable, one who will make him complete. The Hebrew word translated "suitable" ("meet" in the KJV) means to "correspond to". Man and woman were designed by God physically, emotionally, and mentally to complete and complement one another (Genesis 2:18-23).

If it is not good for man to be alone and if he needs a helper suitable for him, what of those who are single? There are two kinds of singleness. 1) Those who are not married but wish to be. 2) Those whom God has called to singleness. Those in the first category are looking for God's design - a suitable helper for them - to be completed in their lives. Those in the second category have found that in their calling to a life of undistracted devotion and service, God has superseded His natural design with a supernatural design. They find themselves completed by God's gift of grace (cf. I Corinthians 7:32-35).

GOD AUTHORIZES SEXUAL UNION ONLY WITHIN THE BOND OF MARRIAGE

The only valid and authorized expression of sexual intercourse is the union of male and female within the bond of marriage. (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6). Sexual relations within the bond of marriage are natural, holy, good, and beautiful (Hebrews 13:4). Sexual relations of any other kind are contrary to God's revealed pattern for human sexual fulfillment.

THE TEACHING OF THE SCRIPTURES ON HOMOSEXUALITY

The Christian must consult the will of the Creator whose words are life rather than the opinions and preference of men when deciding what is right and wrong. The conclusion regarding what the Scriptures teach concerning homosexuality are presented here for instruction and obedient living.

OLD TESTAMENT

GOD INDICATES HOMOSEXUALITY AS SIN.

God evaluates the act of homosexuality by calling it an "abomination" (NIV: "detestable").

Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind:

it is abomination (Leviticus 18:22).

If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination:

they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them (Leviticus 20:13).

Even the sinful desires of homosexuality are referred to explicitly as "wicked" in Genesis 19:7 and Judges 19:23.

Homosexuality was one of the abominations of the Canaanites for which God expelled them from the land (Leviticus 18:24-30). God prohibits any deviation from the divinely established morality because God calls His

people to holiness (Leviticus 19:2). The threat of expulsion from the land existed for Israel if they would defile themselves and profane the holiness of God's people by committing these abominations.

GOD PROHIBITS HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR.

The Law of God explicitly prohibits the practice of homosexuality in Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13 where sexual relations between two men are forbidden. "Lying down with a man in the manner of lying down with a woman" is the same language with which the Hebrew Scriptures frequently euphemize the act of sexual intercourse. The word for sexual intercourse (shachav) is used in Leviticus 20 to describe illicit sexual union of a man with another man (verse 13), with his father's wife (verse 11), and with his daughter-in-law (verse 12), (cf. Leviticus 18:20, 23).

In both Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13 the specific nature of the forbidden act between two men is sexual relations and cannot be devalued to mean some lesser form of either knowledge or "social" intercourse. It is clearly sexual relations that are in view, and they are declared to be an "abomination" and a violation of the holiness to which the people of God have been called (Leviticus 11:44,45; 18:4,5). The Law of God is undeniably violated by the practice of homosexuality.

GOD PUNISHES HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR.

Under the Old Testament theocracy of Israel, God's Law prescribed the death penalty for homosexual relations (Leviticus 20:13). The practice of homosexuality brought God's condemnation and destruction upon the offenders in Sodom and Gibeah as well as in Canaan.

The incident at Sodom (Genesis 19:1-26) has a straightforward reference to the homosexuality of its male residents: "They called to Lot, 'Where are the men

who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so we can have sex with them.'" (Genesis 19:5, NIV). This public clamoring for sexual gratifications was expressed on the part of both the "young and old men" of the city (Genesis 19:4) which implies that homosexuality was rampant in Sodom.

Some have contended that the word "know" (yadha in Hebrew) does not refer to sexual relations but that the Sodomites merely desired to "know" Lot's visitors socially and wanted to be introduced to them. The following points affirm the interpretation that "know" (yadha) means "to have sexual relations" and that Genesis 19:5 is specifically an incident of intended homosexual behavior.

1. The Hebrew word yadha ("know") requires the interpretation "to know sexually", i.e., to have or experience sexual intercourse in the following contexts: Genesis 4:1,17,25; 19:8;38:26; Numbers 31:17,18,35; Judges 11:39; 19:25; 21:11; I Samuel 1:19; I Kings 1:4.

These references require the meaning of knowledge at its deepest and most intimate level. It is the Biblical way of euphemistically stating that these couples engaged in sexual intercourse.

2. Lot called the men's behavior wicked (Genesis 19:7).

3. Lot's counter-offer of virgin daughters would be a senseless, even cruel, exchange if the men of Sodom only wanted to be introduced socially to Lot's guests (Genesis 19:8).

4. The sin brought divine punishment - complete destruction (Genesis 18 and 19).

5. Scripture later calls their practices an "abomination" which could hardly refer to a simple breach of courtesy (Ezekiel 16:49,50).

6. The New Testament corroborates the view that the sexual practices of the men of Sodom were grossly immoral and perverse (Jude 7).

The Gibeah incident in Judges 19:1-30 parallels the Sodom story and informs us that the abominable and

perverse sexual practices of Sodom did not pass out of existence with Sodom's destruction but were permitted and practiced by a large number of Israelites and caused the virtual annihilation of almost an entire tribe of the Chosen People. The New International Version (NIV) candidly translates the yadha-form of the verb "to know" as "have sex with" in Judges 19:22 where it states that the men of Gibeah wanted homosexual relations with the Levite. The giving of the concubine in the Gibeah incident parallels Lot's strange counter-offer of his daughters and clearly underscores the sexual (not social) intent of the men. Their homosexual lust toward the man-visitor at the house in Gibeah was given vent by the free and repeated sexual rape and abuse of the Levite's concubine, a surrogate, which resulted in her death.

NEW TESTAMENT

In the New Testament Scriptures, God's Word against homosexuality and His Word of hope and help for those entangled by this sin is clearly set forth. The New Testament variously describes the sin of homosexuality:

1. Homosexuals shall not "inherit the kingdom of God" (I Corinthians 6:9-11).

2. Homosexual practice and desires are subject to "the wrath of God" (Colossians 3:5,6).

3. Homosexuality is "contrary to sound doctrine" and the "glorious Gospel of the blessed God" (I Timothy 1:9,10).

4. Homosexuality is considered to be "sexual immorality and perversion" (Jude 1:7,8, NIV).

The most comprehensive passage in the New Testament Scriptures regarding homosexuality is found in Romans 1:24-27.

Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves, who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections, for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature; and likewise

also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet (Romans 1:24-27).

HOMOSEXUALITY ARISES OUT OF RELIGIOUS APOSTASY.

In Romans 1 the Apostle points out how societal decay arises out of the deliberate repression of God's honor and directly results in the judgement of God upon that society. God is said to "give them up" to their sinful practices in judgemental abandonment on account of their spiritual idolatry and rebellion. God's judgemental abandonment is evidenced by societal approval of homosexual practices and desires (Romans 1:24-27). Homosexuality is a consequence of the refusal to honor God as God (Romans 1:21), of the suppression of God's truth (Romans 1:18), and of the practice of worshipping the creation rather than the Creator (Romans 1:25).

HOMOSEXUALITY IS A VILE AFFECTION.

The entire context of Romans 1:18ff is dominated by the idea of God's wrath. The phrase "God gave them over" is used in verses 24, 26 and 28 to refer to God's judgemental abandonment of man by the removal of the restraints of God's grace so that man acts out his depravity through perverse lifestyles.

The progression of unrestrained depravity begins with "vain imaginations" (Romans 1:21) which, when unrestrained, are pursued until the passions are given full vent in the practice of "vile affections" (Romans 1:26). Homosexuality is a manifestation of the "vile affections" described by Paul the Apostle and it is declared to be "against nature" (Romans 1:26).

HOMOSEXUALITY IS A PERVERSION OF GOD'S DESIGN FOR SEXUALITY.

The natural expression of sexual intercourse between male and female is said by the Apostle to have been exchanged by the female for that which is contrary to

nature (Romans 1:26). Females are described as engaging in "shameful passions" by the practice of unnatural sexual relations (verse 26). The Greek word kreesis is translated as "natural use" in verse 26 which clearly refers to sexual relations as confirmed by the reoccurrence of the word in verse 27. The word kreesis in verse 27 is translated in the KJV as "men leaving the natural use of the woman" but it would be more accurately translated as "males having abandoned natural sexual intercourse with the female".

The males also have pursued unnatural sexual relations by abandoning intercourse with the female in order to engage in homosexual acts and pursue homosexual lifestyles because of their burning lust for one another (Romans 1:27). Homosexual lust and practice are unilaterally condemned in Romans 1.

There are some who consider homosexuality to be acceptable because it is one's physical orientation or personal preference. It would be well to note that the Apostle's definition excludes such sinful rationalizations of homosexual behavior. Such rationalizations deny the Scripture which declares homosexuality to be "impurity", "shameful", "unnatural", "indecent", and a "perversion" (Romans 1:24-27, NIV) of God's design for human sexuality which is to be exclusively expressed between male and female within the bond of marriage.

HOPE FOR THE HOMOSEXUAL

HOPE OF DELIVERANCE

Can the homosexual overcome homosexual practice and lust? The Biblical answer is a resounding "yes"! According to I Corinthians 6:9-11, some of the Christians of the church in Corinth were persons who had been saved out of extremely immoral lifestyles including homosexuality:

Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived;

neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of God. (I Corinthians 6:9-11, NASB).

Scriptures such as this declare that there is hope in Jesus Christ for the homosexual. There is hope not only for the forgiveness of sin but also for the transformation of life and the redirection of desires by the power of the Triune God. By God's grace and His grace alone the Gospel offers this forgiveness and deliverance to sinners. The Gospel is the good news that sin's stranglehold has been broken through the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is Jesus Christ alone who can free the penitent sinner from sin's penalty, sin's guilt, and sin's power (cf Romans 6).

REPENTANCE

Repentance is the great hurdle in overcoming homosexuality. The homosexual must come to honestly acknowledge with godly sorrow that his homosexual practice and lust is not only unnatural and perverted, but also a defiant transgression of the law of God (I Timothy 1:9,10). As long as homosexuality is rationalized, excused, minimized or in any way condoned, repentance is not thorough and genuine, and therefore, is unacceptable to God. True repentance, however is characterized by the acknowledgement of sin, the renouncement of sin, and the determination to forsake sin. Genuine repentance is an evidence of the life--transforming grace of God at work in the heart of a sinner.

SALVATION

Hope for the homosexual finds its substance in the blessings of salvation that come to the sinner who

receives Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The believer receives the Holy Spirit who becomes his Helper and the source of power to overcome sin and defeat temptation (John 14:26). The believer receives a new nature characterized by a reverence for God's truth, a hatred of sin and self-will, a love for God, and a desire to obey His will (II Corinthians 5:17). The believer is also the recipient of the promises of God which by the exercise of faith and obedience provide every resource necessary to defeat sin and live righteously (II Peter 1:3,4).

OVERCOMING HOMOSEXUALITY

Homosexuality is a life-dominating sin, and overcoming homosexuality involves the restructuring of all areas of life. The entrenched sinful habits must be broken and new Biblical patterns of living and thinking must be adopted. The homosexual who becomes a Christian must abandon all homosexual practices because they are contradictory to a Christian lifestyle (Colossians 3:5-7; I Corinthians 6:9-11). Former relationships should be broken off immediately, and all feeding factors such as demeanor and meeting places should be forsaken and avoided (I Corinthians 6:18). The penitent homosexual must commit himself to a life of purity before God by refusing to entertain homosexual desires or to fantasize lustful thoughts and by pursuing a normal heterosexual orientation (I Thessalonians 4:3-7). He can be assured that no temptation is irresistible and that God can and will give grace to be victorious (I Corinthians 10:13). The new Christian needs to develop a pattern of spiritual growth with Bible reading, prayer, fellowship in a local church, and discipleship relationship with a mature Christian.

THE CHURCH AND HOMOSEXUALITY

THE CHURCH'S ATTITUDE

The Bible unmistakably condemns homosexual lust and practice as an abomination against God and contrary to God's created order for sexuality. Neither the church

nor individual Christians can compromise Biblical teaching to make it more palatable to contemporary thinking but must uphold God's truth and holiness while manifesting humility, compassion, and patience in the exercise of a Gospel ministry to homosexuals. The church should be just as eager to extend the love, mercy, and grace of God to a homosexual as it is to condemn his sinful sexual practices. Sadly, however, Christians are often characterized by attitudes of self-righteousness, hatred, prejudice, rejection, and derogative language toward those who so desperately need Christ and the Gospel and thereby alienate and ostracize them rather than lovingly calling them to "be reconciled to God" (II Corinthians 5:20). The Church as the Body of Christ should be the hospice of hope, truth, and healing for those entangled in sin's torment and bondage.

THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY

Christians need to develop a Christ-like sensitivity to the deep needs of the homosexual. Many homosexuals are desperately lonely, guilty, frustrated, and confused. Christians must find ways to communicate to them the great grace of our God and the glorious Gospel of Christ that offers salvation and deliverance to sinners. Christians cannot condone, excuse or ignore the sin of homosexuals but by bold and loving communication of the Word of God must urge homosexuals to repent of their sin and trust in Jesus Christ alone for forgiveness and life-transformation.

Homosexuals who come to know Christ need committed friendship, emotional support, patient understanding, and prayerful instruction from loving Christians in order to break their homosexual orientation and sinful habits of the past and to develop patterns of living that are pleasing to God (cf. Ephesians 4:17-24). A guiding, sustaining, loving Christian community is crucial to growth and victory in the lives of former homosexuals.

MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE

The church should be prepared to welcome into its membership those who have repented and forsaken the practice of homosexuality (I Corinthians 6:11). Acceptance and love in a Christian context are vitally important to those who had previously been consumed in the guilt and self-destruction of homosexuality. Former homosexuals may be considered for service and office in the church if they grow and fulfill the Scriptural requirements.

Homosexuality violates the Word of God and invalidates one's Christian profession of faith. I Corinthians 6:9-11 clearly states that homosexuality is not to be found among the "washed", "sanctified", and "justified" since those who practice a homosexuals lifestyle shall not "inherit the kingdom of God". Therefore, homosexuals cannot be admitted into church membership or considered for service, office, or ordination in the church.

CONFRONTATION AND DISCIPLINE

When a professing Christian falls to homosexual temptation or is found to be involved in homosexual practice, fellow Christians must follow the procedures of Matthew 18:15-17 and lovingly admonish the individual to repent and be restored to fellowship. If the individual does not repent, successive steps of church discipline must be lovingly and courageously administered for the restoration of the brother and for the purity of the Body of Christ. When the individual repents and forsakes the sin, he is to be forgiven and restored to fellowship (II Corinthians 2:6-8).

PUBLIC ACTION

The church and individual Christians must also be the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14) by opposing homosexual intrusion into public life and education. Christians must assume a responsibility for the moral atmosphere of our society and oppose the exaltation and

legalization of homosexuality. Christians must work for the election of legislators and judges who will adopt and uphold legislation that values Biblical standards of morality and that protects children and adults from being victimized by homosexuals as they seek to advance their perverted way of life. The urgency of such action is reinforced by the Biblical teaching that a society that endorses homosexuality as a normal lifestyle is ripe for judgement and under the wrath of God (Romans 1:18-32). Therefore, the church must do all that can be done to win homosexuals to Christ and to promote in our society the Biblical norms for morality, heterosexuality, marriage, and family.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VICTORY VALLEY CAMP TO THE 102nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Victory Valley is a missions outreach of the Bible Fellowship Church with an impressive rate of return. Over 50% of our 1985 staff had been campers here at Victory Valley. They returned to serve the Lord in a ministry that was so helpful to them in the past. Included in that number are reliable young people from Bible Fellowship Churches, which made up 58% of the summer's staff. One of our chief ambitions is to be a continued help in the growth of these young people.

The following statistics give an overview of the good summer program that we had this past year and also give evidence of the Lord's blessing.

<u>1984 Statistics</u>	<u>1985 Statistics</u>
584 campers	586 campers
36% from BFC	40% from BFC
30 salvation decisions	74 salvation decisions
42 staff members	40 staff members
56% BFC staff	68% BFC staff
	50% of the staff were old campers

During the past year Jim Thornton, Director of Victory Valley Camp for the past eight years expressed to the Board a sense of God's call to pastoral ministry. Jim terminated his responsibilities as Director of Victory Valley Camp at the close of the 1985 camp season. He and his family have been greatly used of the Lord at Victory Valley Camp and under his direction the camp has made significant progress. We praise the Lord for Jim and Debbie Thornton and take this opportunity to express our appreciation for their years of faithful service to Victory Valley Camp and to the Bible Fellowship Church.

At the May 8, 1985 meeting of the Victory Valley Board, Phil Atkins was approved as the new Director of Victory Valley Camp. Phil officially began his responsibility as Director on September 1, 1985. Pray with us that God will bless him as he labors here at the camp. Phil and his wife, Karen, are both graduates of Liberty Baptist College. Karen Atkins is a "daughter" of our Emmaus Bible Fellowship Church.

Donna Meng has been appointed as the Program Director of the Camp. Donna has served the camp in various capacities for a number of years.

Paul Clymer who was elected to the Board for a three year term at last year's Annual Conference was unexpectedly taken home by the Lord during the year. The Annual Conference will need to elect someone to fill his unexpired term.

The VIP Program is growing as the ever increasing financial needs grow here at camp. Forty-eight individuals now give ten dollars a month, equaling \$120 per year, or more to help this ministry stay effective and strong. Won't you consider becoming a Valley Interested Person? Drop us a line and we will be glad to explain the program to you.

Registration day was different this year. Paying a week in advance alleviated the long registration lines. A county fair was held in the cabin area to introduce camp to the new campers. Clowns, pony rides and lots of fair games amused the families of campers until the time for camp to begin.

Conquering giants was the idea behind this year's children's camp Bible material. As Joshua went through the land of Canaan, we went with him. He conquered lands and peoples, we learned to conquer and defeat giants of fear, self-sufficiency, hesitation and dishonesty. The Jr. High Camps enjoyed the study of how to develop a Christlike character through Bible study, prayer and self-evaluation. During Sr. High week, we taught electives on Goal Setting, Personal Evangelism and Building Relationships.

Sitting on a platform about 55 feet in a tree, everything was downhill from there. With the safety line attached, you are ready to go. Now you have to muster up the courage and nerve to get off the stand. Off you go. The first few seconds is a free fall of 15 feet until the pulley catches and transports you along the 250 foot line. It is invigorating, it is challenging, and it is fun. That is our newly completed ZIP LINE, the finish to our upper ropes course.

The time has come for the camp to go through a face lift. Projects have been slated for this year to repair and replace some of the more obvious physical needs of Victory Valley. Some of the projects already completed are the shop roof, the nature room roof, paddock gate, barn door, steps beside the dining hall, and other minor projects. We are also completing an overhaul of the kitchen equipment, by replacing the dishwasher, sinks and cupboards. Additions to the camp program have been a new treehouse on the south side of

camp, a zip line for the upper ropes course, sheds for archery and ropes course electives and a ceramics program that campers enjoy greatly.

Retreats and rentals for the non-summer months are continuing to be arranged and interest in the camp continues to spread as more contracts are made. The camp is a beautiful place for all types of gatherings any time, all year long.

The summer dates for the 1986 season are as follows:

Children's Camp	July 6-12
	July 13-19
	July 20-26
	July 27-August 2
Jr. High Camp	August 3-9
	August 10-16
Sr. High Camp	August 17-23
Adventure Week	August 24-30

The Board views two major projects as essential for continued progress at the camp in the coming years.

The first is the purchase of additional property to give room for expanding our ministry and to protect us from the expanded building of new homes in our immediate area that will have a negative impact on our future growth and ministry. Land adjoining Victory Valley Camp is now available for purchase.

The second project is the construction of a large pavilion for rainy day activity.

These projects would be of tremendous help to our year round program.

Our goal is to accomplish these two projects with incurring as little debt as possible.

We, therefore, appeal to the Bible Fellowship Churches to consider Victory Valley Camp in their giving. It is our desire for churches to view the ministry of Victory Valley Camp as a "home missionary" ministry worthy of their support.

Dana E. Weller, Chairman
 Bryon Bray, Secretary
 John H. Herb, Treasurer
 Bright N. Heist
 Calvin L. Reed

John Vandegriff
 Clayton E. Weber
 David L. Weller
 Phil Atkins, Director

VICTORY VALLEY CAMP BALANCE SHEET

<u>ASSETS:</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Cash	\$ 12,691.23	9,020.39
Inventory	3,617.00	2,804.00
Swimming Pool	24,110.54	24,110.54
Equipment, Furniture & Fixtures	46,717.98	45,986.86
Real Estate	153,780.32	153,780.32
Deposits	-0-	2,400.00
Note Receivable	8,371.60	8,371.60
Total Assets	<u>\$249,288.67</u>	<u>246,473.71</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH:

Loan - Bible Fellowship Church	1,013.81	2,247.37
Loan - (Minister's Retirement Fund)	6,259.68	10,896.37
Net Worth	<u>242,015.18</u>	<u>233,329.97</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	<u>\$249,288.67</u>	<u>246,473.71</u>

The cash balance is deposited in Merchants National Bank in Allentown, PA.
 The financial records of Victory Valley Camp were audited by Mary P. Tucker.

VICTORY VALLEY CAMP
INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED 8/31/85 and 8/31/84

<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
Contributions		
Churches	\$ 12,570.00	12,095.00
General Gifts	11,482.00	9,965.75
Contribution-Gifts in Kind	-0-	11,000.00
Camp Offerings	-0-	600.08
Rental Fees	7,256.05	15,535.25
Camper Fees	66,259.32	57,101.50
Concessions		
Snak Shak	4,743.00	3,863.25
Dry Goods	937.85	775.94
Crafts	-0-	205.58
Miscellaneous Refunds, Net	(446.17)	2,015.34
Interest Income	-0-	82.33
	<u>\$102,802.05</u>	<u>113,240.02</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Program and Staff		
Salaries	8,785.22	9,605.67
Payroll Taxes	674.16	695.46

Education Material	851.60	527.71
Recreational Material	806.18	2,047.92
Horsemanship Program	2,759.82	3,383.41
Miscellaneous Expense	2,714.47	3,685.95
Counseling Courses	<u>216.31</u>	<u>948.31</u>

Total Program & Staff \$ 16,807.76 20,894.43

Administrative Expenses

Salaries	22,147.50	10,867.86
Salary Supplement	343.93	-0-
Payroll Taxes	706.03	869.89
Office Supplies & Postage	<u>1,911.28</u>	<u>1,354.29</u>
Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 25,108.74</u>	<u>13,092.04</u>

General Expenses

Publicity & Promotion	1,553.04	1,788.09
Telephone	1,220.67	1,250.17
Membership & Convention Fees	1,190.66	2,008.55
Travel Expense	1,224.96	1,470.28
Interest on Loans	<u>967.88</u>	<u>1,504.18</u>

Total General Expenses \$ 6,157.19 8,021.27

Food Service

Salaries	\$ 1,855.01	2,238.28
Payroll Taxes	201.47	191.31
Kitchen Supplies	2,650.74	711.21

Food	11,725.38	13,992.38
Garbage Removal	<u>640.25</u>	<u>610.00</u>
Total Food Service	<u>\$ 17,072.85</u>	<u>17,743.18</u>
Concessions		
Crafts	333.53	53.69
Snak Shak	2,686.00	3,966.56
Dry Goods	<u>2,197.73</u>	<u>1,667.79</u>
Total Concessions	<u>\$ 5,217.26</u>	<u>5,688.04</u>
Buildings and Grounds		
Salaries	1,917.60	2,000.06
Payroll Taxes	110.03	143.60
Workmen's Compensation	1,947.41	1,325.00
Hospitalization	2,404.00	2,195.00
Fire & Liability Ins.	2,102.01	2,521.94
Camp Fuel & Power	6,455.87	7,329.71
House Fuel & Power	2,763.76	2,682.86
Maintenance - Building	1,149.30	3,712.16
Maintenance - Equipment	3,062.52	3,785.97
Maintenance - Pool	1,436.09	4,139.99
Maintenance - Grounds	<u>404.45</u>	<u>269.81</u>
Total Buildings and Grounds	<u>\$ 23,753.04</u>	<u>30,106.10</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR	94,116.84	95,545.06
GAIN FOR THE YEAR TRANSFERRED		
TO NET WORTH	<u>\$ 8,685.21</u>	<u>17,694.96</u>

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE
TO THE
102nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

The Board of Directors of Pinebrook Junior College held five business meetings during the year. The Executive Committee of the Board also met periodically to transact business between the scheduled Board meetings.

The Board organized for the year as follows: Raymond R. Dotts, Chairman; John H. Herb, Secretary; and Jay Fasnacht, Treasurer. The Board of Directors wishes to take this opportunity to express appreciation to L. James Roberts for the able leadership and faithful service that he rendered to the Board and the College community during the eight years he served as Chairman of the Board.

The Board amended its By-laws to increase the number of standing committees from four to five. In order to increase the effectiveness of the Board a new standing committee on Marketing and Admissions was organized. The other four standing committees are Development, Faculty and Instruction, Finance and Student Life. During the year, Donald Bresinger resigned from the Board of Directors due to business responsibilities and Rodney Muthard was elected to fill the unexpired term. Rodney Muthard had previously served on the Board for five years.

The past year of the College was a year of transition filled with blessings and victories on one hand and difficult problems to be faced on the other.

President Carl C. Cassel, who was elected by the Board on June 9, 1984 and ratified by the 101st Annual Conference last October was formally installed as President of Pinebrook Junior College at an Inauguration Service on May 17, 1985. Dr. John Sanderson was the Inaugural Speaker and representatives from various educational institutions were special guests for the occasion.

Sixteen students graduated in May 1985. Of these, eleven received the Associate in Arts degree and

five received the Associate in Applied Science degree.

The enrollment for the 1985 Fall Semester of 158 F.T.E. students exceeded our goal for the year and is the largest in the history of the college. The incoming class of 96 students is the largest entering class in Pinebrook history. This record enrollment represents a 43% of growth over last year.

The incoming class includes students from 7 states, 5 nations and 25 different church groups. 11 of these students are from Bible Fellowship Churches.

We are thankful for each Bible Fellowship Church student, but have a continuing desire and concern to serve a greater number of Bible Fellowship Church young people. The College is seeking to improve its effectiveness in making our own constituency aware and appreciative of the excellent quality of the educational program of Pinebrook Junior College.

In order to enhance the effectiveness of the College in meeting the needs of the Bible Fellowship Church and in presenting the kind of program that all Bible Fellowship Churches can fully support, President Cassel has made a concentrated effort this past year to meet personally with as many Bible Fellowship Church Pastors as possible to share the ministry of the College and to gain insight and input from the Pastors.

Elaine Phillips served ably as the interim Academic Dean for the 1984-85 term. Dr. Metro Yurchak was appointed as the new Academic Dean by the Board on June 15, 1985. Clyde Snyder has been appointed as the Director of Community Relations and Instructor in Art. Richard Drosnock has been appointed Supervisor of Physical Plant and Purchasing and Sharon Bachman has joined the staff as Secretary/Receptionist. A full-time Director of Development will be hired in the near future. The College Faculty has been strengthened with the following adjunct faculty additions:

Raymond Andrejczyk, Instructor of Greek; Todd J. Barlow, Instructor of Psychology; Sarah Ellingson, Instructor of Mathematics; David Fryling, Instructor of Music; Janet Fryling, Instructor of Music; Joanne Gerken, Instructor of English; Gilbert Kitchen, Instructor of History Economics; Rev. Ronald Matlack,

Instructor of Sociology; and Lois B. Stauffer, Instructor of Physical Education.

Jerry Hartman resigned from his full time position divided between music instruction and maintenance after one year of service to pursue further education. Bob Dunkle has resigned as an instructor to accept another position.

Two major concerns that continue to face the College are the continuing financial challenge and the need to achieve the status of full accreditation. The need for financial stability has been the major problem faced in acquiring full accreditation.

The six year time span in which a school must acquire full accreditation with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education after achieving Candidate status expired for Pinebrook Junior College in February of 1985. After considering the possibility of pursuing accreditation with some other accrediting agency, the Board of Directors has decided to reapply for candidate status with Middle States after the mandatory 2 year waiting period. During the interim the College has applied and anticipates approval during the Fall Semester to receive Title IV, Federal Financial Aid through the Three Institutional Method and has received full Pa. State approval for financial aid for the 1985-86 year.

Increased giving to the College, including two significant gifts, and the increase in enrollment have been major factors in enabling the College to put together a Balanced Budget for the 1985-86 year that will enable the College to significantly reduce the deficit by \$64,000. The elimination of the remaining tentative deficit of \$78,000 is still a formidable challenge, but can be achieved through continued progress in giving and enrollment. During this past year the College has paid off the second mortgage on the property.

A "Fellows Program" was instituted this year which currently has 58 members and which will bring \$58,000 of revenue to the College, further helping to meet the financial challenge.

The three consultants hired by the College, Dr. Glen E. Heck for planning and academic development,

Mr. Paul Crippan for marketing and student recruitment and Dr. Lon Randall for development and finance, have made significant contributions in helping the College to move toward achievement of its goals.

The College is continuing to work on completing its objective to produce a five-year plan (July 1, 1986-June 30, 1991). A draft of this plan will be presented to the Board at its March 1986 meeting with final approval anticipated at the meeting in June 1986. The Board will present this plan to the Annual Conference.

We thank the Bible Fellowship Churches for the \$47,157 given in financial support to the College this past year. Our goal is to be an effective instrument in meeting the education needs of the Bible Fellowship Church and its young people. We covet your prayers to this end.

Raymond R. Dotts, Chairman
 John H. Herb, Secretary
 Jay H. Fasnacht, Treasurer
 W. Wayne Batten
 Bert N. Brosius
 Alva C. Cassel
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PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE
COOPERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
BALANCE SHEET

	<u>JUNE 30, 1985</u>	<u>JUNE 30, 1984</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT FUNDS:		
Unrestricted:		
Cash	\$ 68,102	\$ 1,306
Notes & Accounts Receivable	48,659	28,819
Inventory	13,238	5,771
Prepaid Expenses	8,838	6,254
Due from Other Funds	<u>40,559</u>	<u>21,081</u>
Total Unrestricted	<u>\$ 179,396</u>	<u>\$ 63,231</u>
Restricted:		
Cash	\$ 31,652	\$ 4,150
Accounts Receivable	<u>18,073</u>	<u>17,824</u>
Total Restricted	<u>\$ 49,725</u>	<u>\$ 21,974</u>
TOTAL CURRENT FUNDS	<u>\$ 229,121</u>	<u>\$ 85,205</u>
LOAN FUNDS:		
Cash	\$ 5,380	\$ 5,394
Loans Receivable	17,595	16,838
Due from Other Funds	<u>121</u>	<u>118</u>
TOTAL LOAN FUNDS	<u>\$ 23,096</u>	<u>\$ 22,350</u>

ENDOWMENT FUNDS:

Cash	\$ 1,730	\$ 1,014
Investments (Note 2)	20,023	17,667
Accrued Interest Receivable	<u>368</u>	<u>134</u>
TOTAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS	\$ <u>22,121</u>	\$ <u>18,815</u>
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	JUNE 30, 1985	JUNE 30, 1984

CURRENT FUNDS:

Unrestricted:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 99,897	\$ 40,341
Notes Payable (Note 4)	107,014	109,625
Accrued Expenses	55,910	34,727
Students' Deposits	40,597	16,737
Due to Other Funds	18,233	3,177
Fund Balance (Deficit)	<u>(142,255)</u>	<u>(141,376)</u>
Total Unrestricted	\$ <u>179,396</u>	\$ <u>63,231</u>
Restricted:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 660	\$ 1,253
Due to Other Funds	39,809	17,831
Fund Balance	<u>9,256</u>	<u>2,890</u>

Total Restricted	\$ 49,725	\$ 21,974
TOTAL CURRENT FUNDS	<u>\$ 229,121</u>	<u>\$ 85,205</u>
<u>LOAN FUNDS:</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 428	\$ 428
Capital -		
Federal Government	\$28,857	\$28,964
Pinebrook Jr. College	<u>4,110</u>	<u>4,110</u>
Fund Balance	32,967	33,074
	<u>(10,299)</u>	<u>(11,152)</u>
TOTAL LOAN FUNDS	\$ 23,096	\$ 22,350
<u>ENDOWMENT FUNDS:</u>		
Due to Other Funds	\$ 618	\$ 220
Fund Balance		
Unexpended Income	\$ 1,608	\$ --
Principal-Restricted	<u>19,895</u>	<u>18,595</u>
	<u>21,503</u>	<u>18,595</u>
TOTAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS	\$ 22,121	\$ 18,815

PLANT FUNDS:

Unexpended:

Cash	\$ 9,756	\$ 7,013
Investments	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Accounts Receivable	10	1,511
Due from Other Funds	<u>6,953</u>	<u>305</u>
TOTAL UNEXPENDED	\$ <u>16,719</u>	\$ <u>9,141</u>

Retirement of Indebtedness:

Cash	\$ <u>132</u>	\$ <u>574</u>
TOTAL RETIREMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS	\$ <u>132</u>	\$ <u>574</u>

Investment in Plant: (Note 3)

Land	\$ 46,657	\$ 46,657
Buildings	664,615	659,125
Equipment	118,307	113,192
Library Books	88,618	86,520
Furniture	107,530	107,261
Construction in Progress	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,750</u>

Total Investment in Plant \$1,028,227 \$1,014,505

TOTAL PLANT FUNDS \$1,045,078 \$1,024,220

<u>AGENCY FUNDS:</u>		
Cash	\$ 1,680	\$ 3,414
Accounts Receivable	--	19,916
Due from Other Funds	<u>11,158</u>	<u>\$ 2,554</u>
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$ <u>12,838</u>	\$ <u>25,884</u>
<u>PLANT FUNDS:</u>		
Unexpended:		
Accounts Payable	12	390
Due to Other Funds	--	1,830
Fund Balance	<u>16,707</u>	<u>\$ 6,921</u>
Total Unexpended	\$ <u>16,719</u>	\$ <u>9,141</u>
Retirement of Indebtedness:		
Due to Other Funds	132	--
Fund Balance		<u>574</u>
Total Retirement of Indebtedness	\$ <u>132</u>	\$ <u>574</u>

Investment in Plant:		
Mortgage Payable (Note 4)	\$ 312,665	\$ 353,104
Loans Payable (Note 4)	31,721	41,617
Fund Balance	<u>683,841</u>	<u>619,784</u>
Total Investment in Plant	<u>\$1,028,227</u>	<u>\$1,014,505</u>
TOTAL PLANT FUNDS	<u>\$1,045,078</u>	<u>\$1,024,220</u>

<u>AGENCY FUNDS:</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,901	\$ 19,530
Due to Other Funds	--	1,000
Deposits Held in Custody for others	<u>9,937</u>	<u>5,354</u>
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	<u>\$ 12,838</u>	<u>\$ 25,884</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1985

	<u>Current Funds</u>		
	<u>UNRESTRICTED</u>	<u>RESTRICTED</u>	<u>LOAN FUNDS</u>
<u>REVENUES & OTHER ADDITIONS</u>			
Unrestricted Current Fund			
Revenues	\$ 789,852	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Government Grants	1,428	128,273	-0-
Private Gifts-Restricted	-0-	24,755	-0-
Interest on Loans Receivable	-0-	-0-	350
Investment Income	-0-	-0-	39
Expended for Plant Facilities	-0-	-0-	-0-
Retirement of Indebtedness	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other Additions			<u>464</u>
<u>TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER ADDITIONS</u>	<u>\$ 791,280</u>	<u>\$ 153,028</u>	<u>\$ 853</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES & OTHER REDUCTIONS</u>			
Educational & Gen. Expend.	\$ 553,185	\$ 144,767	\$ -0-
Auxiliary Enterprise Expend.	161,385	-0-	-0-
Expended for Plant Facilities	-0-	-0-	-0-
Retirement of Indebtedness	-0-	-0-	-0-
Disposal of Plant Facilities	-0-	-0-	-0-
Interest on Indebtedness	-0-	-0-	-0-
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER REDUCTIONS</u>	<u>\$ 714,570</u>	<u>\$ 144,767</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>

TRANSFER AMONG FUNDS - ADDITIONS/

(DEDUCTIONS):

Principal & Interest	\$ (69,746)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Renewals & Replacements	<u>(7,843)</u>	<u>(1,895)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$ <u>(77,589)</u>	\$ <u>(1,895)</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>

Net Increase (Decrease) for the
Year \$ (879) \$ 6,366 \$ 853

Fund Balance at Beginning of Year (Deficit)	<u>(141,376)</u>	<u>2,890</u>	<u>(11,152)</u>
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1985	\$ <u>(142,255)</u>	\$ <u>9,256</u>	\$ <u>(10,299)</u>

<u>ENDOWMENT FUNDS</u>	<u>UNEXPENDED</u>	<u>PLANT FUNDS</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
		<u>RETIREMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS</u>	<u>INVESTED IN PLANT</u>	
\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 789,852
-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	129,701
1,300	26,813	2,360	-0-	55,228
-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	350
2,028	254	132	-0-	2,453
-0-	-0-	-0-	12,807	12,807
-0-	-0-	-0-	51,501	51,501

<u>-0-</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>614</u>
\$ 3,328	\$ 27,217	\$ 2,492	\$ 64,308	\$ 1,042,506
\$ 420	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 698,372
-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	161,385
-0-	11,062	-0-	-0-	11,062
-0-	-0-	51,501	-0-	51,501
-0-	-0-	-0-	251	251
-0-	-0-	37,418	-0-	37,418
\$ 420	\$ 11,062	\$ 88,919	\$ 251	\$ 959,989
\$ -0-	\$ (16,107)	\$ 85,853	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
-0-	9,738	-0-	-0-	-0-
\$ -0-	\$ (6,369)	\$ 85,853	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
\$ 2,908	\$ 9,786	\$ (574)	\$ 64,057	\$ 82,517
18,595	6,921	574	619,784	496,236
<u>\$ 21,503</u>	<u>\$ 16,707</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 683,841</u>	<u>\$ 578,753</u>

PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE
COOPERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
STATEMENT OF CURRENT FUNDS REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND OTHER CHANGES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1985 AND 1984

	Year ended June 30, 1985		Prior
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year Total
	Total	Total	Total
REVENUES:			
Educational & General:			
Student Tuition	\$386,286	\$ -0-	\$311,671
Governmental Grants & Contracts	1,428	128,273	66,808
Gifts & Private Grants	132,269	24,755	121,116
Endowment Income	-0-	-0-	1,070
Total Educational & General	\$519,983	\$153,028	\$500,665
Auxiliary Enterprise	253,786	-0-	192,603
Other Sources	17,511	-0-	18,804
TOTAL REVENUES	\$791,280	\$153,028	\$712,072

EXPENDITURES & MANDATORY TRANSFERS:

Educational & General:					
Instruction	\$115,824	\$ 35,622	\$151,446	\$121,653	
Academic Support	32,134	-0-	32,134	31,829	
Student Service	96,857	4,169	101,026	96,217	
Institutional					
Support	205,629	4,542	210,171	165,336	
Scholarships &					
Student Aid	25,870	82,713	108,583	58,773	
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	<u>76,871</u>	<u>17,721</u>	<u>94,592</u>	<u>78,714</u>	
Educational & General Expenditures	\$553,185	\$144,767	\$697,952	\$552,522	
Mandatory Transfers for:					
Principal & Interest	69,746	-0-	69,746	75,665	
Renewals & Replacements	<u>7,843</u>	<u>1,895</u>	<u>9,738</u>	<u>9,848</u>	
Total Educational & General	\$630,774	\$146,662	\$777,436	\$638,035	

Auxiliary Enterprises:				
Expenditures	<u>161,385</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>161,385</u>	<u>151,918</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES &				
MANDATORY TRANSFERS	\$792,159	\$146,662	\$938,821	\$789,953
<u>OTHER ADDITIONS:</u>				
Excess of Restricted Receipts				
Over Transfers to				
Revenues	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>4,753</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE IN				
FUND BALANCE)	<u>\$ (879)</u>	<u>\$ 6,366</u>	<u>\$ 5,487</u>	<u>\$(73,128)</u>

PINEBROOK JUNIOR COLLEGE
COOPERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Accrual Basis - The financial statements of Pinebrook Junior College have been prepared on the accrual basis except for depreciation accounting as explained in Note 3 to the financial statements. The statement of current funds revenues, expenditures and other changes is a statement of financial activities of current funds related to the current reporting period. It does not purport to present the results of operations or the net income or loss for the period as would a statement of income or a statement of revenues and expenses.

To the extent that current funds are used to finance plant assets, the amounts so provided are accounted for as (1) expenditures, in the case of normal replacement of movable equipment and library books; (2) mandatory transfers, in the case of required provisions for debt amortization and interest and equipment renewal and replacement; and (3) transfers of a non-mandatory nature in all other cases.

b. Fund Accounting - The accounts of the College are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting in conformity with the requirement of the Industry Audit Guide for Colleges and Universities, as promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All income, gains and losses, and other cash and non-cash transactions are accounted for in the applicable fund from which such earnings were derived, except the income from the endowment fund investments, which income is accounted for in the fund to which it is restricted, or if unrestricted, as revenues in the unrestricted current funds. The Fund Balances have been segregated under the following principles:

Unrestricted: Funds available for any purpose.

Restricted: Funds received through contributions, grants or other sources and available only for the

specific purpose for which received.

Loan Fund: Funds received from federal loan programs and gifts available only for loans to students.

Endowment: Funds with respect to which donors have stipulated that the principal is to be maintained inviolate and in perpetuity and invested for the purpose of producing present and future income.

Plant Funds: The Plant Fund group consists of (1) funds to be used for the acquisition of physical properties for College purposes but unexpended at the date of reporting; (2) funds set aside for the retirement of indebtedness on College properties; and (3) funds expended for and thus invested in College properties.

Agency Funds: Funds held by the College as custodian for others such as student organizations, etc.

2. Investments

Investments consist of the following at June 30, 1985:

	<u>Cost</u>	
<u>Market</u>		
Endowment Fund -		
Various Hill Financial Certificates		
of Deposit	\$ 4,923	\$4,923
American Home Finance Series R Bonds	10,100	10,100
California Federal Savings & Loan		
Certificate of Deposit	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>\$20,023</u>	<u>\$20,023</u>

3. Physical Plant

Physical plant and equipment are stated at cost at date of acquisition or at market value at date of donation in the case of gifts. Depreciation on physical plant and equipment is not recorded.

4. Debt

The College's debt is summarized as follows:

a. Current Funds:

George Didden Greenhouses, Inc.
Profit Sharing Trust; Unsecured;
Interest Rate 6%; Repayment
Schedule to be Finalized
after 6/30/89. \$19,625

George Didden Greenhouses, Inc.
Profit Sharing Trust; Unsecured;
Interest Rate 6%; Due in
Fiscal Year 7/1/88-6/30/89 5,475

George Didden Greenhouses, Inc.
Unsecured; Interest Rate Variable-
Currently 12-1/4%; Due \$6,000
in 1985-1988, \$1,000 in 1989. 21,914

Linford Rotenberger; Unsecured;
Non-Interest Bearing; Due in 1985. 10,000

Bible Fellowship Church Home;
Unsecured; Interest Rate Variable-
Currently 10%; Due \$10,000 Annually
Beginning 9/30/85. 50,000

\$107,014

b. Plant Fund:

First National Bank of Allentown;
Secured by First Mortgage on all
Land and Buildings; Interest Rate 9%;
Payable \$3,149 Per Month
Through August, 1996. \$265,691

First National Bank of Allentown; Secured by Second Mortgage on all Land and Buildings; Interest Rate Prime Plus 1-1/2%; Currently 11%; Payable \$1,256 Per Month through November, 1990.	46,974
IBM Corporation; Secured by System 36 Computer; Interest Rate 13-3/4%; Payable \$991 Per Month Through December, 1987.	25,725
Union Bank and Trust Co. ; Secured by Dodge Van; Interest Rate 17%; Payable \$352 Per Month Through September, 1986.	5,014
3 M Corporation; Secured by 3 M Copier; Payable \$129 per Quarter Through June, 1987.	<u>982</u> <u>\$344,386</u>
<u>TOTAL DEBT</u>	<u>\$451,400</u>

5. Certain minor reclassifications have been made to the June 30, 1984 financial statements to conform to the current year presentation.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION
TO THE 102ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE
BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

"Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever.- Amen". Ephesians 3:20,21

It can be said that at the nine Board meetings and the many committee meetings in the past year the thoughts of this Scripture passage permeated the meetings. Certainly there have been difficulties and

disappointments. A review of the year, however, reveals that God has "done exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think", and to Him there is to be glory in the church.

WIDER HORIZONS immediately comes to mind. Since last Annual Conference members of the Board have presented this program to boards of elders of the Bible Fellowship Churches. The program was climaxed in April with the report banquet. More than 250 people attended representing over 40 churches. As a denomination goals were established for 55 new churches and a total denominational membership in excess of 14,000 by the year 2000. These goals were beyond the expectation of the Board. Thanking God for this, we look forward to His blessing in meeting these goals as our denomination works toward their achievement.

God's provision comes in unexpected situations which sometimes bring hardship. This happened when the home in which Ronald Erb and his family were living was destroyed by fire. First, we are thankful that no one was injured. We are also thankful for the response of the people of the Bible Fellowship Church as over \$8,000 was received in special offerings to meet needs created by this fire.

God's provision has been evident in providing men to serve as pastors of missions and churches. A.L. Seifert accepted that call to serve as organizing pastor of the newest mission, Mt. Pocono, Pa. Herbert K. Lea resigned as organizing pastor of Wappingers Falls, NY to go to the Central Africa Republic as a missionary. Bryon Widger is now pastoring this congregation. Calls have been extended to men to launch Project Beachhead.

Disappointments have also been present, one of which is the termination of the effort in Eastwick (Phila.) PA. After a concerted effort of 6 years sufficient progress to warrant continuation of this mission was lacking. It is encouraging to report, however, that several of the people from Eastwick are presently involved at Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church in Philadelphia.

Two missions have made significant progress bringing glory to God in the church. They are Kutz-

town, Pa. and Newark, DE. Both have developed to the stage of being authorized to form a charter membership roll and take the additional steps necessary to be recognized as churches by the Annual Conference. Such recognition is anticipated.

Increased giving and careful management have enabled us to operate within income limits and reduce our operating budgets deficit. The Board is grateful for this, but at the same time regrets that this budget balancing has been in some measure at the expense of the pastors and congregations under its care. Short-falls in desired appropriations necessitated some diversion of time and energy from ministry to supplemental employment, led to some men receiving less than the recommended minimum salary and worked some financial hardship on churches and missions.

We thank the Lord and His people for faithful and growing support both from within and outside of the Bible Fellowship Church. We ask our constituency to remember that church planting evangelism is costly and that to reach the goals that the churches have set for the Church Extension Department will require strong increases in support.

Under WIDER HORIZONS it is the responsibility of the Board to announce its intermediate goals for planting the 39 new congregations which the churches have asked us to form and to recommend annualized total membership goals for this Conference to adopt.

To start new churches under the Department, our intermediate goals may be defined in five year increments:

1986-90	11
1991-95	13
1996-2000	15

Annual goals are: 1986-2, 1987-2, 1988-3, 1989-2, 1990-2, 1991-3, 1992-2, 1993-3, 1994-3, 1995-2, 1996-3, 1997-3, 1998-3, 1999-3, 2000-3

The churches have projected 16 new daughter congregations during WIDER HORIZONS. Ideally, these might begin at a rate of 1 per year with the extra one coming in any of the 15 years. Five year goals for these are:

1986-90	5
1991-95	5
1996-2000	6

A flat growth rate of 6% per year in total membership would slightly surpass the goal of 135% growth by 2000 which the churches have set. The realities of the situation, however, seem to indicate that it is more reasonable to project goals which reflect a graduated or accelerating growth rate. Inertia will need to be overcome, new strategies, initiatives and programs will need to be formulated and put into effect and we may expect that there will be an outreach momentum that will develop during the WIDER HORIZONS years. Were we to adopt uniform 6% growth goals from the start we should be likely to fall well behind these goals for the first few years, which would be discouraging. We, therefore, propose graduated goals for adoption in a recommendation below.

The following churches, missions, and pastors are presently under the direction of the Board of Church Extension:

Camden, DE	James G. Koch
Eastern Union County, NJ	Dennis W. Spinney
Edison, NJ	
Finesville, NJ	D. Thomas Phillips
Irvington, NJ	Ronald C. Erb
Kutztown, PA	Randall A. Grossman
Mt. Pocono, PA	A.L. Seifert
Newark, DE	William G. Schlonecker
Newark, NJ	Delbert R. Baker II
New Fairfield, CT	Dean A. Stortz
Poughquag, NY	James A. Wickstead
Walnutport, PA	David W. Chappell
Wappingers Falls, NY	Bryon Widger
Whaley Lake (Pawling) NY	Robert S. Commerford

We express our thankfulness to the Lord for the faithful ministry of these brethren along with the leadership of the Director of Church Extension, Daniel G. Ziegler. We are grateful for the prayer support and financial contributions of the Bible Fellowship Church throughout the past year. May God continue "to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think"

so that the Department of Church Extension may contribute to the growth of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The Board of Church Extension recommends that the 102nd Annual Conference adopt the following:

WHEREAS, the One Hundredth Annual Conference adopted WIDER HORIZONS 1985-2000 as a plan of action for the Bible Fellowship Church, and

WHEREAS, the One Hundredth Annual Conference approved preliminary denominational goals for WIDER HORIZONS, which it commended to the particular churches along with some suggested particular church goals, and

WHEREAS, the particular churches have reported their responses and goals at a WIDER HORIZONS banquet, which was held on Friday evening, April 19, 1985, therefore,

RESOLVED, that we the One Hundred Second Annual Conference, recognize, endorse and adopt the following goals which the particular churches have set:

1. To increase the total membership of the Bible Fellowship Church by December 31, 2000 by approximately 135% to 14,293 members.

2. To see 16 new congregations form as daughter churches through the impetus and sponsorship of particular churches between now and the end of the year 2000.

3. To direct the Board of Church Extension to plan to plant 39 additional new congregations during the WIDER HORIZONS years, 1986-2000, and further,

RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves, by faith and in dependence upon the power and grace of our Lord to pray, plan, labor and evangelize and to support the Church Extension Department toward fulfillment of these goals, to the glory of God.

2. RESOLVED, that the following membership goals for WIDER HORIZONS be adopted:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>% INCREASE</u>	<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u>
1986			6,200
1987	124	2%	6,324
1988	189	3%	6,513
1989	229	3.5%	6,742
1990	269	4%	7,011

1991	316	4.5%	7,327
1992	366	5%	7,693
1993	423	5.5%	8,116
1994	487	6%	8,603
1995	603	7%	9,206
1996	736	8%	9,942
1997	895	9%	10,837
1998	1,029	9.5%	11,866
1999	1,128	9.5%	12,994
2000	1,299	10%	14,293

3. RESOLVED, that the following be added to Duties of the Board of Church Extension:

II. The Board shall promote the program of Church Extension and develop a broadening financial base for its ministry. FIRST READING (see pages 34-36, 1983 Yearbook)

4. RESOLVED, that the Faith and Order be changed to read (page 115, words changed are underlined)
SECOND READING

4. Board of Church Extension

Election: The Board of Church Extension shall be composed of the Director of Church Extension by virtue of his office and five ordained ministers and five laymen.

Classes shall be formed as follows:

- Class I - Two ministers and two laymen
- Class II - Two ministers and two laymen
- Class III - One minister and one layman

and further,

RESOLVED, that the Annual Conference at which this change is adopted for Second Reading elect to the Board of Church Extension one additional minister and one additional layman for three year terms and one additional layman for a two year term.

5. WHEREAS, the Board of Church Extension is of the opinion that the Kutztown, Pennsylvania Mission meets the standards and qualifications of a church as specified in Article XVIII of the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church;

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Kutztown, Pennsylvania Mission be recognized as a church and that its delegate be

received into the membership of the 102nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

6. WHEREAS, the Board of Church Extension is of the opinion that the Newark, Delaware Mission meets the standards and qualifications of a church as specified in Article XVIII of the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church,

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Newark, Delaware Mission be recognized as a church and that its delegate be received into the membership of the 102nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

7. WHEREAS, the Board of Church Extension on September 6, 1985, elected Daniel G. Ziegler to a three-year term as Director of Church Extension effective October 14, 1985, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the election of Daniel G. Ziegler to a three-year term as Director of Church Extension effective October 14, 1985, be ratified.

8. RESOLVED, that the budget for the Board of Church Extension for 1986-87 be adopted.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

LeRoy S. Heller, Chairman; Bruce A. Ellingson, Secretary; Clayton E. Weber, Treasurer; Robert W. Smock, Clyde E. Snyder, Dana E. Weller, Daniel G. Ziegler, Warren L. Zimmerman

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

FINANCIAL REPORT

1984-1985

RECEIPTS

Balance, August 31, 1984	\$57,981.31
From Churches:	
Prepaid (undesignated) for 1985-86	64,717.43
Designated - Current:	
Baker - Newark, NJ	\$ 3,471.56
Wickstead - Poughquag	2,400.00
Grossman - Kutztown	4,141.75
Erb - Irvington	17,603.74
Commerford - Whaley Lake	13,276.70

Spinney - E. Union Co.	600.00
Schloneker - Newark, DE	7,400.00
Chappell - Walnutport	1,000.00
Reitz - Eastwick	1,435.00
Wappingers Falls	900.00
Mt. Pocono	2,711.95
Director's Support	3,519.00
General Fund	<u>5,899.21</u>

64,358.91

General Contributions:

Baker - Newark, NJ	\$ 15,195.34
Wickstead - Poughquag	708.00
Koch - Camden	250.00
Grossman - Kutztown	955.00
Erb - Irvington	11,000.98
Commerford - Whaley Lake	1,342.00
Spinney - E. Union Co.	3,020.00
Schloneker - Newark, DE	6,882.00
Chappell - Walnutport	266.00
Reitz - Eastwick	675.00
Stortz - New Fairfield	1,373.20
Watkins - Edison	30.00
Wappingers Falls	1,300.00
Mt. Pocono	180.00
H. C. Weaber	1,500.00
Director's Support	30.00
Project Beachhead	220.00
Memorial Fund	320.00
Computer	40.00
Wider Horzions	60.00
Undesignated	<u>7,989.90</u>

53,337.42

Interest

5,312.45

Reimbursements & Miscellaneous:

Memorial Fund Loan Payment (Newark, NJ)	\$ 1,000.00
Irvington Mission Housing Return	1,140.00

Director's Travel	138.96	
Checks Returned	558.83	
Edison Mission (MRF)	27.50	
Memorial Fund Transfer	1,000.00	
WIDER HORIZONS Banquet	<u>1,852.00</u>	
		<u>5,717.29</u>

Total \$251,424.81

EXPENDITURES:

Appropriations:

Baker - Newark, NJ	\$ 23,924.46	
Poughquag, NY	8,000.00	
New Fairfield, CT	3,613.00	
Wappingers Falls	1,800.00	
Whaley Lake, NY	14,618.70	
Camden, DE	925.00	
Newark, DE	14,252.00	
Irvington, NJ	29,697.92	
(Includes emergency fund \$9,173.20)		
Kutztown	5,071.75	
Reitz - Eastwick	4,550.00	
E. Union Co., NJ	1,930.00	
Mt. Pocono	2,891.95	
Walnutport	1,540.00	
H. C. Weaber	<u>1,500.00</u>	
		114,314.78

Administration:

Director's Salary		
& Benefits	\$ 16,932.56	
Director's Health Insurance	1,942.00	
Operating Account	18,625.00	
Clerical Salary	3,782.50	
Parsonage - Office Building	2,041.80	
Department Travel	<u>115.74</u>	
		43,439.60

Reimbursements & Miscellaneous:

Transfer to Memorial Fund	1,041.27	
Transfer to Project Beachhead Fund	13,329.59	
Interest Transfer - Memorial Fund	323.49	
Interest Transfer - Beachhead Fund	917.67	
Memorial Fund Loan (Mt. Pocono)	2,000.00	
Workers Compensation Insurance	981.00	
Payment on Newark, DE loan	2,000.00	
Interest on Newark, DE loan	400.00	
Administrative Budget	400.00	
<u>Fellowship News</u> Assessment	400.00	
Bank & Other Fees & Charges	301.19	
Returned Check	<u>10.00</u>	
		<u>\$22,104.21</u>

TOTAL		\$179,858.59
Balance, August 31, 1985		\$ 71,566.22

ADDENDA:

1. A Summary of the Operating Account Position of the Board:

Balance	\$ 71,566.22
Prepaid - 1985-86	<u>64,717.43</u>
Surplus	\$ 6,848.79

2. The following Monies are restricted by designation:

Book Fund	\$ 70.67
Luzerne County Project	127.30
Mt. Pocono Mission	84.00
Grossman - Kutztown	340.00
Chappell - Walnutport	26.00
Spinney - E. Union Co.	3,408.00
Erb - Irvington	<u>46.80</u>
	\$ 4,102.77

3. The Board owes the Glasgow Mission \$300.00 and has given the congregation a 90 day demand note at 8% annual interest. The loan was for renovation of the kitchen of the Department parsonage in Plainfield, NJ.

4. 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. Following is a report:

Balance, 8/31/84	\$ 6,754.00
Contribution	320.00
Interest	<u>\$ 331.03</u>
Balance	\$ 7,405.53*

* Savings Account, Savings Bank of Central Jersey	\$ 105.53
Loan to Mt. Pocono Mission	2,000.00
Savings Certificate, Savings Bank of C. Jersey	5,300.00

5. The Board holds a Project Beachhead Launching Fund, which is restricted for the start of new congregations in the Atlantic City, NJ area. Following is a report:

Balance	\$ 37,380.22
Contributions	220.00
Interest	<u>5,251.23</u>
Balance, 8/31/85	\$ 42,851.45*

* Savings Account, Savings Bank of Central Jersey	\$ 1,697.98
Savings Certificates, Savings Bank of C. Jersey	41,153.47

6. The Balance on August 31, 1985 was deposited as follows:

Checking Account, First National Bank of Allentown	1,546.09
Savings Account (Money Market), Savings Bank of Central Jersey	25,107.57
Certificates of Deposit: First National Bank of Allentown	10,000.00

Savings Bank of Central Jersey	1,000.00
Queen City Savings & Loan Asso.	15,241.11
Delaware Cash Reserve Fund	7,403.59
National Money Market Fund, Thomson McKinnon Securities, Inc.	10,142.86
Cash on Hand, Subsequently Deposited	<u>1,125.00</u>
	\$ 71,566.22

This Report and the Accounts are being audited by Bryan G. Upton.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION
REVISED 1985-86 BUDGET

INCOME:

Churches - Prepaid	\$ 60,000
General Contributions	15,000
Designated Gifts	139,700
Interest	5,000
Project Beachhead Transfer	34,000
Wider Horizons Administrative	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$ 255,700

EXPENSES:

Appropriations:

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum*</u>
Camden	-0-	
Edison	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000*
Finesville	-0-	
Newark, DE	-0-	10,000*
Irvington	12,000	25,000*
Kutztown	-0-	
Mt. Pocono	-0-	3,000*
Newark, NJ	22,500	22,500
New Fairfield	3,000	4,000
Poughquag	5,000	5,000
E. Union Co.	1,500	5,000
Wappingers Falls	1,800	3,300
Walnutport	3,400	5,200
Whaley Lake	10,000	20,000
Pawling, NY		

New Missions	30,000	30,000	
Project Beachhead	36,000	40,000	
PISCES	<u>-0-</u>	<u>3,000</u>	
Total	\$128,200	\$182,000	\$182,000

+ Restricted to Pastoral Support

* Payable only as received in designated gifts, and disbursed at the discretion of the Board

Administration:

Director's Salary & Benefits		\$ 18,700
Director's Health Insurance		1,900
Director: In Service Training		1,500
Department Travel		9,000

Parsonage - Office Building

Mortgage	\$ 1,879	
Fuel	1,400	
Electric	1,800	
Other Utilities	900	
Maintenance	4,421	
Insurance	600	
Kitchen Renovations	<u>3,000</u>	
(Loan payment)		
Total	\$14,000	\$ 14,000

Office Operations

Printing & Supplies	\$ 2,500	
Equipment	1,500	
Mailing	2,160	
Telephone	1,600	
Clerical Salary	<u>7,240</u>	
Total	\$15,000	\$ 15,000

Board Expenses \$ 2,200

Promotion 1,000

Surveys 200

Administrative Budget 500

Workman's Compensation 1,500

WIDER HORIZON Administrative Cost 2,000

Fellowship News Assessment 200

Total \$ 67,700

Reserves:

Development Fund \$ 5,000

Contingency 1,000 \$ 6,000

Total \$255,700

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1986-87

INCOME:

Churches - Prepaid	\$ 90,000,
General Contribution	20,000,
Designated Gifts	210,950,
Interest	<u>7,000,</u>
Total	\$327,950,

EXPENSES:

Appropriations

Camden	\$	-0-	
Edison		6,000	
Finesville		-0-	
Newark, DE		8,000	
Irvington		26,500	
Kutztown		-0-	
Mt. Pocono		3,000	
Newark NJ		23,000	
New Fairfield		3,000	
Poughquag		1,000	
Union County		7,000	
Wappingers Falls		1,000	
Walnutport		5,000	
Whaley Lake		18,000	
New Missions (existing)		45,000	
New Missions (starting)		33,000	
Project Beachhead		66,000	
PISCES		<u>3,000</u>	
		\$248,250	\$248,250

Administration:

Director's Salary & Bene.	20,000		
Director's Health Ins.	2,000		
Director: In Service Train.	1,500		
Department Travel	9,500		
Parsonage-Office Bldg.	12,000		
Office Operating	16,000		
Board Expenses	2,500		
Promotion	1,200		
Surveys	200		
Administrative Budget	500		
Workman's Compensation	<u>1,700</u>		
		\$ 67,200	\$ 67,200

Reserves:

Development Fund	\$ 5,000	
Contingency	<u>7,500</u>	
	\$ 12,500	<u>12,500</u>
TOTAL		\$327,950

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Historical Committee has continued its task of researching and preserving our heritage and maintaining an archival collection of documents and memorabilia that relate to our past. We note with a sense of satisfaction the progress that has been made in our work and the increasing interest in our history.

In 1980, the Historical Committee undertook three projects. It determined to publish a selection of hymns from the Rose of Sharon. This project was completed. With the exception of a small number of copies, this song book was sold out. A second project was the translation and publication of the early minutes of our church from 1858-1894. The work has been done. What remains is the publication. Because the committee has determined that these minutes should be suitable for scholarly study, it has submitted the translation to others for review and refinement. The work continues. A third project was the publication of a history by Dr. Harold P. Shelly. The original intent was that this book should be ready for our centennial Annual Conference in 1983. We learned that the work to be done could not be accomplished in that time frame given our financial resources. Dr. Shelly has completed his research up to 1905 and is now writing a rough draft of this period. A fourth project was later undertaken. This project called for the publication of a commemorative book for the 100th Annual Conference. As a result, the book, What Mean These Stones, was published. Approximately one half of these books have been sold.

This year the Historical Committee has proposed two new projects. The first is the publication of a booklet to chronicle the people and the events of the 1920's and 1930's when our church experienced a rapid development and growth. The second is the publication

of a slide-tape presentation that can be used in our churches to tell the story of our beginnings.

The Historical Committee received several significant donations this year. The first is a computer with the capacity to store our records and information. This computer will be a valuable tool for our research. The second is a fire resistant cabinet made necessary by the volume of material received for the archives. The third is a gift of \$300 toward shelving, also needed because of the influx of books and records.

The Historical Committee urges individuals, churches and boards and committees to locate their records in the archives for proper storage and preservation.

With regret the committee received the resignation of Leonard E. Buck who has moved to Carol Stream to serve with the Evangelical Alliance Mission.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 7/3/81		\$1,719.71
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Receipts

Conference Allowance	1,000.00	
Historical Society Luncheon	87.50	
Books & Other Sales	441.75	
Donation for Shelving	300.00	
Interest	48.98	
Total		<u>1,878.23</u>
		\$3,597.94

Expenditures

Tapes	45.00	
Insurance	77.00	
Historical Society Meal	150.00	
Harold Shelly-Research Expense	400.00	
Historical Society Dues Held	402.00	
Printing	41.72	
Archivist (petty cash)	200.00	
Archival Supplies	36.78	
Manuscript of German Minutes	350.00	
Slide Presentation	20.00	
Total		<u>1,722.50</u>
Balance 7/31/85		\$1,875.44

Depository-Gateway State Bank, Staten Island, NY		
Checking	1,203.82	
Savings	671.62	
Total		\$1,875.44

The Historical Committee makes the following recommendation to the 102nd Annual Conference. (See the 1981 Yearbook, page 120).

RESOLVED, That the By-Laws of the Historical Committee be amended as follows:

1. Under the Section entitled ELECTION; change the first sentence to read "It shall be composed of the archivist and five men elected by the Annual Conference".

2. Add the following statement to the section entitled ELECTION. "In the event of the resignation or death of a member of the committee, the committee shall appoint a replacement who will serve until the subsequent Annual Conference. At that conference, a new member shall be elected to fill the unexpired term."

The Historical Committee
 Bright N.Heist, Willard E. Cassel, Daniel G. Ziegler,
 Leonard E. Buck, Ralph D. Cole
 (Account was audited by Elmer Rauscher.)

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
 TO THE 102nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The Board of Christian Education has sponsored the following ministries:

1. Pastor-Elder-Deacon Retreat (cosponsored by the Church Government Pinebrook Bible Conference Committee)
 Attendance: 223
2. Thanksgiving Rally
 Pinebrook Bible Conference
 Attendance: 398

3. Sno-Glo Retreat
Pinebrook Bible Conference
Attendance: 528 - Jr. High, Sr. High
75 - College-Career
4. Youth Leadership Seminar
Pinebrook Jr. College
Attendance: 32
5. Christian Education Convention
Quakertown Bible Fellowship Church
Attendance: 175 - 29 churches represented

At the Pastors, Elders and Deacons Retreat in November the men had an opportunity to learn how to effectively meet the benevolent needs in the local body, as they learned about the "Ministry of Mercy". The youth had an opportunity for fellowship and edification through the ministry of the Jeremiah People at the Thanksgiving Rally. George Murray and Dick Sanford challenged the youth regarding their role in missions at the Sno-Glo Retreat in January. Youth Sponsors were given an opportunity to become more effective at the Youth Leadership Seminar in March. We had a Christian Education Convention at the same time as the Youth Leadership Seminar. The emphasis was on giving help and encouragement to the Sunday Bible Schools in carrying out the denomination's goal of "Wider Horizons".

Our Board is considering ways we can better meet the Audio-Visual needs of our local churches. We urge you to contact our Audio-Visual library in Hatfield. Our librarian is Susan Hostetter. The address is:

Mrs. Susan Hostetter
889 Elm Street
Hatfield, PA. 19440

We need your input as to how we can help your church effectively use this library.

We, as a Board, are endeavoring to stimulate the Sunday Bible School attendance throughout the denomination. We would welcome ideas from our local churches on how we can increase our attendance.

We are thankful for the financial support from our local churches across the conference. We would

appreciate your prayers for our work in order that we may be helpful to all our churches in the various areas of Christian Education.

Respectfully submitted,

Willard Stull

RESOLVED, that the By-laws of the Board of Christian Education be amended as follows:

D: VACANCIES (see page 2 paragraph D #1)

1. Of Board Members

a. If a vacancy occurs on the Board, the Board shall select a replacement who will serve until the subsequent Annual Conference. The Board shall request the Annual Conference to elect a successor to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

b. If a member of the Board is absent for three successive meetings without written excuse, he shall no longer be a member of the Board and shall be replaced as though a vacancy had occurred.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT 8/31/84
-8/31/85

Balance 8/31/84 \$2103.25

Receipts:

Interest.....	91.01
Churches.....	2221.00
P.E.D. Papers.....	14.00
P.E.D. Retreat.....	352.00
Thanksgiving Rally.....	1702.18
Sno-Glo.....	2460.00
Christian Ed. Con.....	<u>983.00</u>

Total Receipts	7823.19	9926.44
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Expenditures:

Sno-Glo.....	2162.00
P.E.D. Retreat.....	881.79
Board Expense.....	519.34
Thanksgiving Rally.....	1873.00
A.V. Library.....	100.00
Christian Ed. Con.....	1630.65
Board of Pub. & Printing....	<u>200.00</u>
Total Expenditures	7366.78

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Pa. National Bank Account #065-05392 (checking)	416.47
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Respectfully submitted,
Robert M. Keener, Treasurer

This above report has been audited by Jim Fetterolf.
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The Board of Christian Education recognizes the growth of two of our Sunday Bible Schools. The Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church had an actual increase of 36. The Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church had a percentage increase of 15%. Plaques were given to these churches in recognition of their growth.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN TOTAL ABSTINENCE FROM ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

I. INTRODUCTION

The 101st Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church adopted the following resolution - RESOLVED: that the 101st Annual Conference choose a special committee to execute a complete exegetical study on the issue of alcoholic drinks and total abstinence in relationship to church membership, and to present a position paper to the 102nd Annual Conference with its recommendations and furthermore that Annual Conference defer debate upon this issue until said position paper is presented. A committee of five men was elected by the Conference. After much study, discussion and prayer, the committee submits the following report and recommendations.

Each section of evidence is preceded by the section of the proposed recommendation which it supports (in bold). The full recommendation is presented at the end of the report. The footnotes refer to books listed in the bibliography. An appendix follows the body of the paper.

II. HISTORICAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

The use of alcoholic beverages is one of the most serious social problems in the United States. Its abuse has led to personal and family suffering, serious physical and mental health problems, and increased rates of accidental and criminal injury and death. The financial cost of such beverages and their consequences is a tremendous and unnecessary burden on all of society.

A. Historical Evidence

The position and practice of Christians throughout history sheds great light on the practice of total abstinence from alcoholic beverages in the Bible Fellowship Church.

Prior to the legalization of Christianity in the

Roman Empire, many Christian writers addressed the subject of drinking. They permitted the moderate use of fermented drinks such as wine and beer, and condemned drunkenness (Lampe, p. 945). For example, Clement of Alexandria (150-215 AD), in a work entitled The Instructor, writes, "he who drinks ought to observe moderation". He continues: "In what manner do you think the Lord drank when He became man for our sakes? As shamelessly as we? Was it not with decorum and propriety? Was it not deliberately? For rest assured, He himself also partook of wine, for He too, was man. (Ante-Nicean Fathers, Vol. 2, p. 246).

Total abstinence was rare. Some Gnostic groups abstained from contact with women and wine in an ascetic fashion. They even substituted water for wine in the Lord's Supper, earning for themselves the nickname Aquarians. Some North African Christians practiced this also to avoid persecution, lest they be caught with the smell of wine on their breath in the early morning hours. Bishop Cyprian (died 258 AD) indignantly responded, "Are you ashamed of the blood of Christ"? After the legalization of Christianity, the practice vanished.

The early Middle Ages saw no change in this position. Augustine (354-430 AD) vigorously condemned drunkenness, but did not advocate total abstinence (Pope, pp. 21, 133). St. Basil (330-379 AD), the founder of eastern monasticism, and St. Benedict (480-547 AD), the founder of the most famous western monastic rule, both allowed the moderate use of wine within their orders (Bainton, p. 290). It is interesting to note that nominally Christian Rome could have legislated and attempted to enforce abstinence during the early Middle Ages because of the close relationship of church and state. But, the fact is that it was neither proposed nor attempted.

Although Reformation brought great changes in doctrine and practice, the attitude toward alcoholic beverages was basically the same as during the Middle Ages. Martin Luther did not teach total abstinence. He certainly produced and drank beer, but strongly

condemned drunkenness (What Luther Says, Vol. 1, pp. 431-433). The Lutherans, Anglicans and post-Trent Roman Catholics held the same view of approving moderation and condemning drunkenness.

Among the Anabaptists, there was greater strictness. Stressing the changed life of the Christian as a test of saving faith, the Hutterite Brethren (1545) forbade any member of their society from being a public innkeeper or to sell wine or beer. This was associated with "all that is unchaste, ungodly, and decadent" (Account, p. 127). However, Hutterites neither then nor now are total abstinentes (Hostetler, p. 44). Menno Simons was accused (falsely) of being a drunkard. The evidence at least indicates that he drank in moderation (Complete Writings, pp. 673-674).

Calvinism took up the challenge of ethical purity raised by Anabaptism. John Calvin himself drank wine in moderation (Harkness, pp. 27-28, 160). However, in an attempt to regulate the abuse of alcoholic beverages, taverns were regulated in Geneva for a short period and public drunkenness was punished (Theological Treatises, p. 81). But initial Calvinism was not committed to total abstinence. This was true also of John Knox and Scottish Presbyterianism, English Puritanism, and the Puritan experiment in New England. Drinking in colonial American was common, even at housewarmings and the ordinations of ministers (Miller, Vol. 2, pp. 392-393, 442). Ministers, notably the Mathers, preached against drunkenness, but did not argue for total abstinence. Colonial governments regulated the quality of drink, forbade its sale to Indians, and established the hours of taverns.

The modern prohibition movement was first begun in England by John Wesley (1703-1791) and the Methodists. The reason was sociological. Until the 18th century, fermented beverages were the only alcoholic beverages available to the average person. Beginning in 1723, cheap gin and whiskey was introduced on a wide scale in England. In a few short years, fermented beverages were largely displaced by distilled ones, and the consumption of alcoholic beverages in England tripled

in 25 years (Vulliamy, p. 260). Distillation enables the production of beverages with alcoholic contents as high as 40-50%. The results were catastrophic. In 1751, there were 17,000 gin shops in England which could make a man drunk for a penny, and close to death for two. (The shops provided clean straw to collapse on). Distillers, bottleblowers, pawnbrokers, and coffin makers were the only beneficiaries of this terrible trade. The Methodists, so close to the people of city and countryside, saw this exploitation face to face. In the "Rules of the Society called Methodist" (1743), members were to avoid buying or selling spirituous (distilled) liquors, or drinking them, unless in cases of extreme necessity". (Bainton, p. 294). This statement was introduced in America in 1766. Wesley declared himself publicly against the distillation process in 1773, and advocated a position of total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages in 1789 (Cherrington, p. 66). Methodism has thus been the chief source of the total abstinence stand in the modern church.

In America, the Quakers were also very active at an early date to abolish distilled alcoholic drinks. Dr. Benjamin Rush published "An Inquiry into the Effects of Ardent Spirits" (1785) based on his observations as a doctor of the Continental Army during the American Revolution. He declared himself against distilled liquor as the source of great misery. He did not condemn fermented beverages.

From the Methodists and Quakers, the movement spread to Calvinistic churches. In 1810, Congregationalist Lyman Beecher (1775-1863) preached a famous series of six sermons against distilled liquor. The Baptists also took a rigorous stand in 1835. The Presbyterians officially endorsed prohibition in 1854.

The 19th century can rightly be termed the century of prohibition. Opposition to alcohol was as broad-based as Christendom. Led by the Methodists, every branch of the church was represented: Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Lutheran, Episcopal and Roman Catholic. All the famous preachers of the day were

outspoken against it. Revivalism especially was associated with anti-saloon preaching. D.L. Moody (1837-1899) preached against drunkenness and selling liquor, as did Billy Sunday (1862-1935).

Formal opposition took the form of the Temperance Society (formed in 1826), the Women's Christian Temperance League (formed in 1874), and the Anti-Saloon League (formed in 1895). Their efforts were rewarded by statewide prohibition laws in some states (beginning with Maine in 1846) during the 19th century, and finally by the 18th Amendment to the Constitution which prohibited alcoholic beverages nation-wide. The Amendment was in effect from 1920 until its repeal in 1933 by the 21st Amendment. No serious campaign to prohibit alcoholic beverages has taken place since that time in the realm of national politics.

The practice of total abstinence continues in several church traditions today. Much of the Wesleyan tradition has maintained the stand, as do most church that consider themselves of the Fundamentalist tradition, regardless of the denomination.

The Anabaptist tradition (of which the Bible Fellowship Church is a part), although less involved in the political aspect of prohibition, was affected by the general opposition of the 19th century. As late as 1955, in a "Declaration of Commitment in respect to Christian Separation and Nonconformity to the World", the Mennonite General Conference stated, "we appeal to all Christians....to voluntarily adopt the 'clean life' by a complete abstention from the use of beverage alcohol...we also protest the production, manufacture and sale of both alcohol and tobacco." The Bible Fellowship Church, according to its Conference minutes, expressed its approval of a Pennsylvania prohibition law in 1889. In the 1897 Discipline, members were forbidden to make, sell, or use intoxicating liquors. In 1951, the Doctrine and Disciplines included a very similar statement. In 1963, the present article requiring total abstinence was adopted into the Standards of Worship and Life, (1963 Yearbook, p. 78; 1981 Faith and Order, p. 37).

The committee notes the following observations from the historical evidence:

1. By far, the greatest part of the Christian church in all places and at all times has allowed the moderate use of alcoholic beverages and has condemned drunkenness as sin. Until 1700, total abstinence was almost unknown among orthodox churches. The current position of the Bible Fellowship Church is a relatively recent innovation in church history. This is neither good nor bad, but is a fact.

2. The advocacy of total abstinence is closely related to the technological fact of distillation on a large scale. The call for abstinence was the direct result of the effects of distilled beverages on society. It should be noted again that the early cries were for the abolition of distilled beverages, not fermented ones. Dr. Rush recommended the use of beer and wine instead of distilled beverages (Rush, p. 7, also Rorabaugh, p. 41). At one point in England, fermented beverages were encouraged in the hope that distilled drinks would fall into disuse. But the policy only increased drunkenness (Bainton, p. 294). Thus the opponents of distilled drinks felt compelled to advocate total abstinence from all alcoholic drinks.

Total abstinence has thus always been advocated as a pragmatic corrective to a societal evil. Not only ministers, but medical doctors led the early fight against distilled alcohol. The mighty wave of prohibition preaching and rhetoric in the 19th and 20th centuries centered also on the effects of alcohol on society. Since use of fermented drinks may lead to the use of distilled ones, total abstinence may be the best policy in 20th century America. But it should be advocated as a protest against a societal evil, rather than as an integral part of Scriptural obedience.

3. History demonstrates that the church has not understood the Bible to teach total abstinence. If total abstinence is taught in Scripture, why was it universally ignored or overlooked until the 18th century? Those who were closest to Bible times, and spoke a Bible language as a native tongue, were not

advocates of total abstinence. It appears that recent attempts by scholars to support total abstinence from Scripture arise from prior conclusions. The committee does not question their motives, only their conclusions. The cry for total abstinence in the church was the result of the widespread use of distillation, not compelling Scriptural data.

Conclusions from the Historical Evidence:

1. Fermented beverages were in moderate use throughout church history until the 18th century. Drunkenness has always been condemned as sin.

2. Since the 18th century, the widespread use of distillation has made alcoholic beverages a societal evil that demands a Christian response. The committee believes that total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages is the proper Christian response to this evil.

B. Sociological Evidence

The committee believes that the effect of alcoholic beverages on society is an evidence which cannot be overlooked. From a nutritional standpoint, ethyl alcohol (the active ingredient in such beverages) contains no vitamins, minerals, or proteins. It contributes only calories, and is the equivalent of eating pure refined sugar (Jones, p. 91). Thus heavy drinkers often suffer from malnutrition. Medically speaking, excessive amounts of alcohol have harmful effects on the stomach, intestines, liver, pancreas, pituitary glands, brain and central nervous system. Heavy drinking among pregnant women can lead to fetal alcohol syndrome in their children, characterized by slow growth, low IQ and frequent birth defects (Pittman, p. 30). John M. Drescher says: "Alcoholics live 10-12 years less than other people. It is estimated that 85% of all hospital admissions are alcohol-related" (Drescher, p. 7). Because of its effect on coordination and reflexes, 50% of all highway accident deaths can be traced to alcohol.

The use of alcoholic beverages has a terrible effect on the American family. A heavy drinker can

spend thousands of dollars a year on beverages that ought to be used to support the family. It also acts as a disinhibitor in domestic violence. Studies show that 25-50% of the cases of wife-beating and 20% of the cases of child abuse and neglect are related to alcohol (Collins, pp. 285-286). As such, it is a major cause of family problems and divorce.

Crime and alcohol consumption are also related. Some studies estimate as high as 80% of all crimes involve alcohol (Dresher, p. 7). Other studies showed alcohol involved in 64% of murder crimes, 50% of rape crimes, and 55% of property offenses (Collins, pp. 290-291). Alcohol is a clear disinhibitor of social control.

Economic production is also affected by the use of alcohol. Heavy drinkers have more accidents on the job, a higher job turnover rate, and two and one-half times as much absenteeism as non-drinkers (Schramm, p. 15). It is estimated that alcoholics earn 10 billion dollars less per year because of their drinking habits (Schramm, p. 41). A 1978 Congressional Report estimated the economic cost of alcoholic misuse and alcoholism in America at 42.75 billion dollars (Alcohol, Science, and Society Revisited, p. 134).

Approximately half of the United States population drinks alcoholic beverages. Of these, some 10 million are alcoholics, including over a million teenagers. Studies show that one of every ten persons who begins to drink will become an alcoholic. No one knows which one that will be. Therefore, even moderate drinking, in a day of powerful distilled beverages, can lead to heavy drinking and alcoholism.

In summary, it is almost impossible to overstate the evil influence of alcoholic beverages in their effects on the individual, the family, and society at large. The committee therefore believes that Christians should adopt total abstinence. This position is urged because of the harmful effects of even moderate use of alcohol on the human body, because of its potential for addiction, and because of its massive consequences for evil as a disinhibitor of human

behavior. The Christian should take on a positive view of separation, endeavoring to do all for the glory of God. In 20th century American society, separation should involve total abstinence from alcoholic beverages.

III. Biblical Evidence

The Scriptures teach that drunkenness is sinful. Due to the addictive quality of alcohol, even the moderate use of such beverages may lead to serious consequences. This is especially true because the alcoholic content of such beverages has been tremendously increased since Bible times. Furthermore, moderate use may be a stumbling block for believers and unbelievers alike.

A. Linguistic Evidence Relating to Alcoholic Beverages

The Scripture of the Old and New Testament are the ultimate source of authority for the Christian in matters of faith and practice. Believing the Bible to be inspired in a plenary way, i.e. to the very selection of vocabulary, we turn to a study of the Bible terminology for alcoholic beverages. An exhaustive list of Scriptural references relating to alcoholic beverages is included in the Appendix. The reader is urged to study these passages.

1. Old Testament Hebrew Words:

a. Yayin - the most popular Hebrew word translated as "wine". It is used 141 times in the Old Testament for wine as a common drink (Judges 19:19, I Chronicles 12:40), as an intoxicating beverage (Genesis 9:20-21), as a part of the ritual sacrifice (Numbers 15:7) and as a figure of speech (Song of Solomon 7:9-simile; Jeremiah 51:7-metaphor). The word represents the product of the grape, squeezed and placed into skins. The process of fermentation began immediately, since only refrigeration would prevent this from taking place. Yayin was served in preference to water, which often was contaminated. It was unusual to

abstain from yayin (e.g. the priest on duty - Leviticus 10:9; the Nazarite during a vow - Numbers 6:1-4, 20; the Recha-bites, who remained nomads - Jeremiah 35:6-7). Yayin could produce intoxication, which was warned against and condemned (Proverbs 20:1; 23:29-35; Isaiah 28:1, 7-8).

b. Tirosh - usually translated as "new wine" or "fresh wine", this is found 38 times in the Scriptures. It is often used in conjunction with other products of the orchard and field, and is probably closer to grape juice than any other Biblical term. In one passage, it is translated as "grapes" (Micah 6:15). However, Hosea 4:11 indicates that both yayin and tirosh can produce drunkenness.

c. Schackar - used 21 times, this word always refers to a strong intoxicant. It is different from yayin in that the beverage is made from pomegranates, dates, or some other product than grapes. Thus it is often coupled with yayin to describe the full range of intoxicating beverages (Deuteronomy 29:6). Since schackar is related to the Semitic word for "sugar", some scholars believe that it is mixed with lots of sugar to produce a very potent drink. Schackar was used in the ritual sacrifice (Numbers 28:7) and was suitable for a common beverage (Deuteronomy 14:26).

d. Khemer (8 times), Soveh (4 times), and Asis (6 times) are the other, rarer Hebrew words which represent the fruit of the vine.

2. New Testament Greek Words:

a. Oinos - this word is used 25 times in the New Testament, and is directly related to the Hebrew word yayin. Its common meaning is "the fermented juice of the grape" (Bauer, p. 564; Liddell & Scott, p.-1207). This is proven by the ability which oinos has to burst skins (Job 32:19lxx; Matthew 9:17). A separate Greek word, trux, means unfermented grape juice (Liddle & Scott, p. 1830). It is significant that the Holy Spirit did not inspire the writers of the New Testament to use the word trux. Jesus made oinos at the wedding feast at Cana (John 2:9-10). In contrast to John the Baptist, who drank no oinos (Luke

Baptist, who drank no oinos (Luke 7:33), Jesus was accused of being a "drunkard", oinopatas (Luke 7:34). As in the case of yayin, oinos was a common part of ancient life (Revelation 6:6; 18:13), and was capable of producing drunkenness (Titus 2:3). Drunkenness is sharply condemned (Ephesians 5:18), but, as in the Old Testament, abstention from oinos was rare (John the Baptist was a Nazarite - Luke 1:15). Oinos was also used for medicinal purposes (Luke 10:34; I Timothy 5:23).

b. Sikera - used once, in Luke 1:15, as a transliteration of schackar. It is obviously in the context of Nazarite legislation.

c. Oxos - used 6 times and translated "sour wine", the word evidently refers to some light drink offered to Jesus on the cross.

d. Gluekos - used once in Acts 2:13. Often translated "new wine" or "sweet wine". It may be similar to tiroshe, but in any case was potent and capable of producing drunkenness (Acts 2:15).

e. Paroinos - used 2 times in reference to the qualifications for elders (I Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7), the word means "given to wine".

Some scholars dispute the point that the Biblical words (especially yayin and oinos) refer to fermented beverages capable of producing drunkenness. The committee, however, believes that the evidence for distinguishing between the fermented and non-fermented usages of these words is insufficient and arbitrary. By restricting ourselves to the study of actual usage, the words undoubtedly refer to fermented beverages. For example, there is no objective method which can distinguish between the alcoholic content of the yayin which made Noah drunk (Genesis 9:21), and the yayin which makes man's heart glad (Psalm 104:15); between the oinos which produces drunkenness (Ephesians 5:18), and the oinos served at the wedding at Cana (John 2:3, 9:10).

It should be noted that wine in Bible times was rarely drunk undiluted. Fermented wine is about 12% in alcoholic content. Various pagan sources recommend-

ed its dilution from 2-1 to 20-1 parts water to wine (Stein, p. 9). The rabbis recommended two parts water to one part wine for everyday use and three parts water to one part wine for the Passover wine (Edersheim, Vol. 2, p. 208, citing the Talmud). Early Christian writers such as Clement of Alexandria (cited earlier) also recommended at least three parts water to one part wine. Thus a bowl of wine in Bible times was 3-6% in alcoholic content.

3. Conclusion from the Linguistic Evidence:

a. Fermented beverages were in common usage in Biblical times. Such beverages were capable of producing drunkenness, but were not forbidden for moderate use in everyday life. (Genesis 27:25, Deuteronomy 14:26, I Samuel 25:18, Nehemiah 5:15, Amos 9:14, John 2:9-10).

b. Because of the deceptive nature of such beverages, and because of the harmful effects of excessive use, drunkenness was severely reprovved and condemned. (I Samuel 1:14-15, Proverbs 20:1, 23:29-35; Isaiah 5:11, 28:1, 7-8; Romans 14:13; Ephesians 5:18).

c. Total abstinence from fermented beverages was not required, and was comparatively rare (e.g. the priest on duty - Leviticus 10:9; the Nazarite during a vow - Numbers 6:3,20; Luke 7:33). The committee does not believe the Biblical evidence requires a position of total abstinence. This is in agreement with the report of the study committee on Church Membership Qualifications. "The committee agrees that it is not possible with integrity to make an absolute exegetical case for total abstinence" (1973 Yearbook, p. 136).

B. The Deceptive Nature of Alcoholic Beverages

Although total abstinence is not required in Scripture, the abuse of such drinks is constantly warned against. This is because of the addictive quality of alcohol. Even righteous men such as Noah (Genesis 9:20-21) and Lot (Genesis 19:33) were deceived by it. According to our study, of the 253 references to alcoholic beverages listed in the Appendix, 58 have a negative connotation. Therefore, the Bible warns the

Christian that even the moderate use of such drinks can lead to the sin of drunkenness(Proverbs 20:1, 23:29-35). If this were true in the day of fermented drinks, how much more is it true in a society filled with distilled drinks?

C. Christian Liberty and Alcoholic Beverages

The committee believes that the possible use of alcoholic beverages should be guided by a proper view of Christian liberty. The purpose of Christian liberty is not freedom to sin, but rather freedom to obey and glorify God.

The Christian should consider the use of alcoholic beverages with such questions in mind as: Is this proper stewardship of my physical health? (I Corinthians 6:19-20). Does this increase or diminish my ability to resist temptation? (Genesis 19:33). Will this possibly control or enslave me? (I Corinthians 6:12).

The Christian should also act with a view to the welfare of others (Philippians 2:3-4). Moderate drinking may be responsibly handled by one Christian, but could lead another Christian into sin. This might be by the defilement of conscience or by the addictive quality of alcohol. In either case, we would be placing a stumbling-block for sin in the path of another Christian (Matthew 18:6-7; Romans 14:20-21; I Corinthians 8:9-11, 13). This argument is especially relevant with respect to the children of believers and other young people.

Furthermore, the Christian should act with a view to the impact of his actions in the sight of unbelievers. Every aspect of his behavior should be calculated to enhance his witness for the Savior (I Corinthians 9:19). To many non-Christians, even moderate drinking is perceived as inconsistent with a Christian profession. The believer should thus be motivated to: "by all means save some" (I Corinthians 10:32-33).

Finally, the desire to glorify God, rather than satisfy himself, should be the overall motivation for

the Christian's life (I Corinthians 10:31).

The committee concedes that to drink or not to drink may be matter of private conscience in which no man has a right to judge or condemn another, but wishes to emphasize that the purpose of Christian liberty is the promotion of vital godliness.

IV. Practical Evidence

Therefore we strongly and persistently warn our people of the dangers of alcoholic beverages and urge all members of the Bible Fellowship Church to abstain totally from the use of them.

The committee has concluded that the Bible does not require total abstinence from alcoholic beverages. However, this in no way changes our overall conclusion that total abstinence should be practiced by members of the Bible Fellowship Church. After studying the evidence, we are more convinced than ever of the wisdom of this practice.

Part of the confusion over this issue is the alcoholic content of such beverages. The Scriptures do not forbid the use of fermented drinks, ranging from 9-13% alcohol. With dilution, a bowl of wine rarely exceeded 6% alcohol in content. But the Scriptures do not address distilled beverages. Since experience has shown that the use of fermented drinks can lead to the use of distilled drinks, we readily endorse the practice of total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages.

The committee's assignment included a study of the relationship between total abstinence and church membership. The committee believes the issues should be separated and the membership requirement of total abstinence be dropped for the following reasons:

A. The Biblical requirements for church membership include a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and the outward testimony to that fact appointed by Jesus Himself - water baptism.

On the day of Pentecost, those who responded to

Peter's message asked him, "What shall we do"? His response was, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). Verse 41 follows: "So then, those who had received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls". The significant word "added" certainly refers to an outward identification with Christ and His people, equivalent to our modern concept of church membership. The very fact that the number of disciples is known on the birthday of the church implies some formal method of enumeration. Note the same concept in Acts 2:47, 4:4, 5:14, and 6:7.

Membership was not restricted to those who had attained any particular level of spiritual maturity. This is not to say that the apostolic church was unconcerned with the sanctification of its members. It most certainly was (I Corinthians 6:9-10). But the early church recognized and practiced the principle that justification by faith alone was the basis of its existence, and not the actual sanctification of its members. In a similar way, the Bible Fellowship Church should place no extra standards upon the new convert for membership, good though they be in themselves. This, likewise, is not because our Church is unconcerned with holy living. Rather, it is because the church is eager to bring the new convert into all of the blessings of being a part of Christ's visible body.

This is in complete agreement with the 1969 report of the Committee to Study Church Membership (1969 Yearbook, pp. 119-133). We quote, in part,

"When a man has been born again by the grace of God, he should be received into a church. The church is obligated to receive the new Christian. It is his right as well as his responsibility to become a member of a local church...Membership in a church is not a gift bestowed by the local church, nor a reward that is earned by the believer, but a right that is bestowed by God".

The current standard, adopted in 1963, is more

restrictive than Scripture. The negative effect is two-fold: 1) We exclude those who currently drink alcoholic beverages, thus depriving them of the benefits and discipline of church membership which could help them overcome problem drinking and become total abstainers. Furthermore, 2) we exclude those who do not drink, but for conscience's sake believe they cannot join. Ironically, the Bible Fellowship Church has lost some of its more conscientious people, who believe no requirement other than those stated above should be placed upon a person for church membership.

B. The committee believes that the church cannot overemphasize the need for practical holiness among its members. However, we believe that the place to do that is in the church. It is within the membership of the church that instruction, admonition and discipline can be applied to overcome sins such as pride, jealousy, lust, greed, gluttony, and drunkenness. It is within the church that total abstinence can be urged as they very best practice for members of our church. It is inconsistent to single out as a test for membership one dangerous activity - drinking alcoholic beverages, and one sin - drunkenness, and overlook a host of others.

C. The committee believes that the church has the right to address the moral standards of its membership (see 1973 Yearbook, Report of the Committee to Study Church Membership Qualifications, pp. 134-136). The committee differed over the propriety of the church establishing requirements for membership other than conversion and baptism in order to enforce those moral standards. Discussion of this point centered on the Jerusalem Council of Acts 15. The committee judged that the "necessary things" were a test for membership. However, the committee was unanimous in its conclusion that the extreme and temporary crisis at that time finds no parallel in our present circumstances in the Bible Fellowship Church. Thus both points of view recommend the removal of the total abstinence requirement for membership.

D. The committee believes that our view of the regenerate church and its high view of church membership is

undercut by the current standard. Our established churches have a group of "non-member members", and our mission churches have difficulty recruiting members because of the standard.¹ In both situations, the church has the problems of reconciling the professed necessity of church membership and the obvious fact that some real Christians are non-members.

E. The committee believes that the intent of the current standard is hindered by attaching total abstinence to membership. By excluding those who will not abide by the standard, the church forfeits its ability to help those Christians overcome the dangers of alcoholic beverages. And since all members have subscribed to total abstinence, it is a dead issue within the membership of the church. If it is not, then an even worse hypocrisy is taking place. Indeed, since it is almost impossible to address the issue of total abstinence without discussing membership, we find ourselves in a position where the dangers of alcoholic beverages are not being addressed at all in many churches. The committee believes that separating the issues of alcoholic beverages and church membership will allow the church to directly address the dangers of alcoholic beverages and urge total abstinence upon its members.

The committee does not believe that changing the present standard need weaken our historic position on alcoholic drinks, nor indicate a shift toward liberal views of faith or practice. The committee rather seeks to reaffirm our stand for total abstinence on better footing and provide for a greater unity and holiness of life among the membership of the Bible Fellowship Church.

1. In a recent case, a mission church organized its first membership roll with 24 members. Eleven other active persons indicated they would not join the church because of the total abstinence requirement.

Therefore, because of all of the reasons stated above, the committee unanimously recommends that the Standards of Worship and Life, Article IX, "Harmful Indulgences", be amended to read:

(FIRST READING)

A. Alcoholic Drinks - the use of alcoholic beverages is one of the most serious social problems in the United States. Its abuse has led to personal and family suffering, serious physical and mental health problems, and increased rates of accidental and criminal injury and death. The financial cost of such beverages and their consequences is a tremendous and unnecessary burden on all of society.

The Scriptures teach that drunkenness is sinful.¹ Due to the addictive quality of alcohol, even the moderate use of such beverages may lead to serious consequences.² This is especially true because the alcoholic content of such beverages has been tremendously increased since Bible times. Furthermore, moderate use may be a stumbling-block for believer and unbeliever alike.³

Therefore, we strongly and persistently warn our people of the dangers of alcoholic beverages and urge all members of the Bible Fellowship Church to abstain totally from the use of them.

1. Romans 13:13; I Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:18-21

2. Proverbs 20:1, 23:31-35

3. Matthew 18:6-7; Romans 14:20-21; I Corinthians 8:9-11, 13

Philip E. Morrison, Chairman
 Randall A. Grossman, Secretary
 David T. Allen
 William L. Graybill, II
 LeRoy S. Heller

APPENDIX (Some passages contain more than one reference)
Old Testament Hebrew Words:

1. Yayin -

Gen. 9:21	I Sam. 25:18	Prov. 23:30
" 9:24	" 25:37	" 23:31
" 14:18	II Sam. 13:28	" 31:4
" 19:32	" 16:1	" 31:6
" 19:33	" 16:2	Ecc. 2:3
" 19:34	I Chr. 9:29	" 9:7
" 19:35	" 12:40	" 10:19
" 27:25	" 27:27	S.of Sol. 1:2
" 49:11	II Chr. 2:10	" 1:4
" 49:12	" 2:15	" 4:10
Ex. 29:40	" 11:11	" 5:1
Lev. 10:9	Neh. 2:1	" 7:9
" 23:13	" 5:15	" 8:2
Num. 6:3	" 5:18	Isa. 5:11
" 6:20	" 13:15	" 5:12
" 15:5	Est. 1:7	" 5:22
" 15:7	" 1:10	" 16:10
" 15:10	" 5:6	" 22:13
Deu. 14:26	" 7:2	" 24:9
" 28:39	" 7:7	" 24:11
" 29:6	" 7:8	" 28:1
" 32:33	Job 1:13	" 28:7
" 32:38	" 1:18	" 29:9
Jos. 9:4	" 32:19	" 51:21
" 9:13	Psa. 60:3	" 55:1
Jud. 13:4	" 75:8	" 56:12
" 13:7	" 78:65	Jer. 13:12
" 13:14	" 104:15	" 23:9
" 19:19	Pro. 4:17	" 25:15
I Sam. 1:14	" 9:2	" 35:2
" 1:15	" 9:5	" 35:5
" 1:24	" 20:1	" 35:6
" 10:3	" 21:17	" 35:8
" 16:20	" 23:20	" 35:14

1. Yayin (continued)

Jer.	40:10	Dan.	10:3	Amos	6:6
"	40:12	Hos.	4:11	"	9:14
"	48:33	"	7:5	Micah	2:11
"	51:7	"	9:4	"	6:15
Lam.	2:12	"	14:7	Haba.	2:5
Eze.	27:18	Joel	1:5	Zeph.	1:13
"	44:21	"	3:3	Haggai	2:12
Dan.	1:5	Amos	2:8	Zech.	9:15
"	1:8	"	2:12	"	10:7
"	1:16	"	5:11		

2. Tirosh

Gen.	27:28	II Chro.	32:28	Hosea	2:8
"	27:37	Neh.	5:11	"	2:9
Num.	18:12	"	10:37	"	2:22
Deut.	7:13	"	10:39	"	4:11
"	11:14	"	13:5	"	7:14
"	12:17	"	13:12	"	9:2
"	14:23	Psa.	4:7	Joel	1:10
"	18:4	Prov.	3:10	"	2:19
"	28:51	Isa.	24:7	"	2:24
"	33:28	"	36:17	Micah	6:15
Jud.	9:13	"	62:8	Haggai	1:11
II Kings	18:32	"	65:8	Zech.	9:17
II Chr.	31:5	Jer.	31:12		

3. Schackar

Lev.	10:9	Judg.	13:14	Isa.	5:22
Num.	6:3	I Sam.	1:15	"	28:7
"	28:7	Psa.	69:12		
Deut.	14:26	Prov.	20:1		
"	29:6	"	31:4		
Jud.	13:4	"	31:6		
"	13:7	Isa.	5:11		

4. Khemer

Deut.	32:14	Ezra	7:22	Dan.	5:4
Isa.	27:2	Dan.	5:1	"	5:23
Ezra	6:9	"	5:2		

5. Asis

S. of Sol.	8:2	Joel	1:5	Amos	9:13
Isa.	49:26	"	3:18	Mal.	4:3

6. Soveh

Isa. 1:22	Hosea 4:18	Nahum 1:10
Ezk. 23:42		

New Testament Greek Words:1. Oinos

Matt. 9:17	John 2:3	Rev. 6:6
Mark 2:22	" 2:9	" 14:8
" 15:23	" 2:10	" 14:10
Luke 1:15	" 4:46	" 16:19
" 5:37	Rom. 14:21	" 17:2
" 5:38	Eph. 5:18	" 18:3
" 5:39	I Tim. 3:8	" 18:13
" 7:33	" 5:23	
" 10:34	Titus 2:3	

2. Sikera

Luke 1:15

3. Oxos

Matt. 27:48	Luke 23:36	John 19:30
Mark 15:36	John 19:29	

4. Gleukos

Acts 2:13

5. Paroinos

I Tim. 3:3 Titus 1:7

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

The 102nd Annual Conference has received communications from the following people and we submit the relevant part of the communications in our report.

1. Ernest W. Bean

I am sorry that I cannot attend Annual Conference this year due to reason of health. Therefore, I am requesting to be excused.

My courage to serve the Lord is strong and even in absence I wish God's blessing upon the Conference.

2. Leonard E. Buck

We submit our apologies and ask that we be excused from attendance at the 102nd Annual Conference.

We are very sorry that we will not be able to be with you but we will be praying for you. We are asking the Lord to bless the ministry and work of this Conference and to renew your zeal in the ministry of the Word.

3. Brian H. Butler

As the Annual Conference meets, may I send greetings on behalf of myself and my wife, with our prayer that God will abundantly bless your worship, fellowship, and decisions.

I regret that we shall not be able to be present at Conference, since we shall be occupied with our work here. Please accept our apologies for absence, and be assured of our prayerful best wishes.

4. Walter F. Frank

I regret that I am not in a position to attend the Annual Conference this year but greet you in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Ethel and I are in good health and still actively involved in the ministries of G.E.M. mainly in the western part of our country. The Lord continues to open doors to share our vision and burden for the spiritual needs of Europe and to assist in the stimulation of mission interest in churches for support, recruitment, etc. I also continue to serve on the board of G.E.M.

It was a delight to be a part of Pinebrook the end of June and to share in the missions thrust, fellowship and ministries with many old friends and new. Thank you for your continued love and support over the years. Though removed by many miles we still count ourselves as a part of the Bible Fellowship Church

family and shall ever be grateful for our spiritual heritage and ministry in your midst.

Greet all the brethren for us. We pray for a Spirit-directed Conference and that you may all be aware of His presence in each session. We pray too that the coming year may be the most fruitful and blessed of all the history of Bible Fellowship Church.

5. C. E. Kirkwood

It is with joy I greet you in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is He who is the Captain of my salvation and my Lord.

I will not be able to attend the Annual Conference again this year because of physical reasons. I can honestly say I miss our Annual meetings after attending 40 consecutive conferences. Please excuse my absence.

I want to assure you I shall pray for you as you meet. While it is a privilege to be a member of Conference it is also a solemn responsibility.

May God give unto you the Spirit of discernment as you meet this year. It is so important to know just where we are, how we got there and where we are going.

May God give you the discernment and courage to guard our Bible Fellowship Churches from anything that would pollute the purity, paralyze the power or bring dis-harmony to its fellowship.

I commend you to the God of all grace, the never changing one. May He give unto you the grace, wisdom, humility and discernment needed in this day and age.

6. Barry J. Minsky

I request permission to be absent from all meetings of the Annual Conference. I am presently involved in a one year Clinical Training Program at Ft. Hood, Texas and cannot be absent long enough to attend.

I will be praying for the Lord's blessing during the sessions of the Annual Conference.

Paul G. Zimmerman, Chairman; Roy A. Hertzog, Secretary, Richard LeFever and Committee

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

RECORD

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>
Ordained Ministers	67	75
Probationers	16	17
Elders	279	281
Deacons	128	148
PASTOR'S ACTIVITIES		
Pastor's Visits	17,465	18,233
Assistant Pastor's Visits	3,295	3,116
Baptized	327	336
Children Dedicated	142	154
Weddings	95	67
Funerals	112	120
MEMBERSHIP		
Received into Church Fellowship	355	400
Rec'd by Transfer from BFC	41	32
Rec'd by Transfer from other Ch.	24	20
Total Increase	<u>420</u>	<u>452</u>
Died	46	41
Withdrawn	94	81
Dropped	271	78
Transferred to BFC Churches	42	30
Transferred to Other Churches	47	57
Total Decrease	<u>500</u>	<u>287</u>
Net Increase		165
Net Decrease	80	
Total Membership	6,070	6,235
SUNDAY SCHOOL		
Total Enrollment	8,027	7,872
Total Average Attendance	6,163	6,004
Cradle Roll Members	147	159
Home Department Members	49	68

CHURCH PROPERTY

Churches	46	46
Parsonages	49	54
Present Valuation-Ch.Prop	25,793,868	27,090,494
Total Income	4,886,867	5,283,873
Total Offerings	4,592,363	4,893,681

DISBURSEMENTS--CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

Conf. Administration Budget	48,690	49,179
Board of Missions	407,856	453,128
Church Extension	79,137	114,423
Home for the Aging	8,210	7,660
Pinebrook Junior College	61,287	47,138
Board of Christian Education	2,035	2,161
Victory Valley	12,430	13,370
Pinebrook Bible Conference	10,636	11,495

DISBURSEMENTS - LOCAL

Ministers' Salary	608,033	658,428
Ministers' Supplemental Ben.	151,727	179,773
Parsonage Allowance	41,372	68,162
Hospital Ins. Premiums	117,344	114,542
Administrative Ass't Salary	125,794	119,327
Administrative Ass't Benefits	59,387	44,891
Christian Education	252,027	256,884
Debt Service	775,340	966,942
Local Benevolence	56,411	68,918
Local Missions	280,594	285,167
Church Sponsored Christ. Acad.	61,095	76,301
Women's Missionary Society	23,710	25,270
Annual Conference Delegate	8,454	8,517
General Disbursements	1,628,055	1,611,946

Total Disbursements	<u>4,819,824</u>	<u>5,183,622</u>
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LeRoy S. Heller, Chairman; Daniel G. Ziegler, Secretary; Bryan G. Upton, Warren L. Zimmerman, Bernard N. Coble, COMMITTEE

PINEBROOK BIBLE CONFERENCE
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SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY VALUES - JUNE 30, 1985

The Actual Cash Value is based upon a U.S.F. & G. value established Nov. 1, 1982 and updated each year. It represents a 4% increase over the figure one year ago, plus the valuation of this year's Capital Improvements.

	<u>1983-1984</u>	<u>1984-1985</u>
TOTAL VALUATION - Actual Cash Value	2,500,000.00	2,675,000.00

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AND CASH BALANCES

	<u>July 1--June 30</u>	<u>1983-1984</u>	<u>1984-1985</u>
<u>BEGINNING BALANCE:</u> July 1, Conference General Fund		98,568.65	75,096.30
<u>RECEIPTS:</u> July 1 - June 30			
Conference:			
Convocations - Food Service & Accom.		469,428.30	480,327.11
Advance Registrations		25,740.00	26,475.00
Unrestricted Gifts - Individuals		925.00	29.00
Unrestricted Gifts - Churches		10,682.00	10,524.50
Restricted Gifts			315.00
Capital Improvements		1,115.00	7,663.33
Pool		25,394.23	11,338.10
Dining Hall Air Conditioning		5,047.15	1,913.65
Offerings		5,742.74	14,173.14

Rent	4,501.00	4,022.00
Interest Earned	11,715.58	3,071.97
Miscellaneous Income	74.25	39.30
Sale of Real Estate, plus Pinebrook Account	7,590.18	13,085.81
Swimming Pool Loan	60,000.00	
Banquets & Specials		5,608.52
Washers & Dryers	294.70	985.85
Book Store:		
Sales	39,678.53	47,922.50
Sales Tax	<u>1,897.50</u>	<u>2,173.02</u>
Snack Shop:		
Snack Shop Sales	21,093.96	19,548.89
Vending Machines	<u>14,662.00</u>	<u>17,375.50</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$705,582.12	36,924.39
		<u>\$666,592.19</u>
Total-Receipts plus Beginning Balance	\$804,150.77	\$741,688.49
DISBURSEMENTS: July 1 - June 30	<u>1983-1984</u>	<u>1984-1985</u>
Food Service:		
Food Purchases	79,714.88	88,949.08
Kitchen Supplies	7,234.82	8,858.57
Garbage Removal	1,110.85	1,085.71
Gas	2,880.08	2,674.30
Electricity	5,027.69	6,094.60
Fuel Oil	2,460.44	2,709.80
Wages & Payroll Taxes	50,416.98	63,078.15

Repairs & Maintenance	2,258.62	4,399.02
Fire & Liability Service	<u>1,620.00</u>	<u>1,620.00</u>
Total Food Service	152,724.36	179,469.23
<u>Accommodations:</u>		
Linen Rental	1,128.61	828.87
Conference Supplies	7,026.99	9,553.33
Garbage Removal	1,110.84	1,085.69
Gas	2,157.25	1,579.15
Electricity	23,992.07	26,239.73
Fuel Oil	33,778.54	29,319.07
Wages & Payroll Taxes	81,162.97	83,237.67
Major Purchases (Vehicles,Appliances)	1,201.55	12,647.62
Tools	1,057.99	1,479.23
Repairs & Maintenance	16,187.04	17,770.19
Room Renovation-Honeybrook&Viewbrook	12,086.98	1,430.99
Office Renovation	193.62	160.23
Farm House Renovation	641.20	457.05
Lake House Renovation		1,311.84
Administration Building Apartment Renovation	989.19	910.64
Pine Lodge Renovation		569.11
Cabin Renovation		4,229.73
Overbrook Renovation-Rooms & Lounge		5,229.33
Repairs & Maintenance - Automotive	5,851.32	5,859.64
Pools, Recreation Equipment & Crafts	4,840.24	5,891.55
Accident,Fire,Liability & Vehicle Ins.	12,979.75	23,234.18
Real Estate Taxes	4,213.53	4,468.33

Room Improvement - Furnishings	4,264.81	2,190.84
Employee Purchases to be Reimbursed	161.83	231.86
Sewage Treatment Plant	3,431.47	2,888.29
Sound Equipment, Musical Instruments, Tape Ministry	3,594.15	995.88
Water System		<u>1,162.58</u>
Total Accommodations	<u>222,051.94</u>	<u>244,962.62</u>
<u>Administrative:</u>		
Wages & Payroll Taxes	43,362.83	53,257.76
Office Equipment	3,055.85	800.40
Honoraria	10,067.39	15,530.29
Advertising	6,632.14	3,744.95
Office Supplies	275.73	555.57
Postage & Postage Meter	2,492.09	2,639.20
Printing	2,457.00	3,853.73
Telephone	3,455.22	7,914.15
Board & B.F.C. Week Committee Expense	2,263.79	1,987.19
Health Insurance	13,735.00	13,133.00
Dues, Subscriptions & Licenses	103.00	793.00
Administrative Budget	1,300.00	1,000.00
Legal & Accounting & Auditor Interest	192.50	324.50
	15.05	75.79
Computer Fees - Payroll	1,691.02	2,097.58
Public Relations Expense	272.46	560.67
Program Expense		<u>1,144.07</u>
Total Administrative	<u>91,371.07</u>	<u>109,411.85</u>

Book Store:

Merchandise	24,392.67	32,308.39
Supplies & Equipment	649.25	130.80
Rent	960.00	960.00
Sales Tax	1,697.25	2,327.50
Payroll	5,519.00	6,031.67
Repairs - Equipment & Supplies	30.62	10.54
FICA Taxes on Wages	395.79	399.63
Miscellaneous	5.96	17.65
Total Book Store	<u>33,650.54</u>	<u>42,186.18</u>

Snack Shop:

Food (including Vending)	23,079.85	27,123.38
Supplies	840.40	1,048.11
Electricity	720.00	720.00
Fuel Oil	374.50	329.34
Insurance	480.00	480.00
Salaries	5,649.58	7,391.83
Maintenance Supplies & Equipment	770.71	493.27
Maintenance Labor	24.75	7.62
FICA Taxes on Wages	387.74	505.27
Pest Control	<u>187.00</u>	<u>236.50</u>
Total Snack Shop	32,514.33	38,335.32
Excess Payroll Tax Withholding	1,772.03	(102.71)
Tips Payable	(517.76)	(424.48)

DEBT REPAYMENT:

Northeastern Bank of Pa., Mortgage

Principal 4,785.10
Interest 9,869.66
14,654.76

5,182.27
9,472.49
14,654.76

Pool Loan

Principal 10,000.00
Interest 4,432.24
14,432.24

10,000.00
4,432.24
14,432.24

B.F.C. Board of Directors-Sewage Plant Loan

Principal 6,621.52
Interest 979.04
7,600.56

7,242.39
311.09
7,553.48

Total Debt Repayment

Principal 11,406.62
Interest 10,848.70
22,255.32

22,424.66
14,215.82
36,640.48

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:

Fellowship Hall

Dining Hall Air Conditioning

Sewer & Drain Lines

New Building ('84 miscellaneous)

Swimming Pool

Sewer Plant Enlargement

Lake House

Tent

793.68
4,085.45
3,879.09
111,691.49
52,782.93

2,194.04
17,928.28
2,173.90
2,785.00
48,131.72
464.75
803.35
2,396.94

Total Capital Improvements

173,232.64

76,877.98
727,356.47

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: July 1 - June 30

Sewage Loan-BFC Board of Directors 9%	7,242.39	-0-
Pool Loan 6%	<u>60,000.00</u>	50,000.00
Total Long Term Debts	187,989.43	<u>165,564.77</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES	190,178.87	168,281.40
Excess, Assets over Liabilities	<u>2,384,917.43</u>	<u>2,521,050.62</u>
Total	2,575,096.30	2,689,332.02

Pinebrook Bible Conference Books and this report were audited by Raymond Marsh.

Pinebrook Bible Conference has a rich spiritual heritage, for which we thank God. It is our aim to continue to be a channel which God uses to bless others.

The Lord has been pleased to give Pinebrook another excellent year. Almost every weekend the rooms here at the Conference Center were nearly filled with retreaters. All ages and types of retreat groups have been finding here at Pinebrook not only excellent facilities but also warm and courteous hospitality.

The fall retreat season was ushered in by Pinebrook's first Senior Citizens Retreat. A great time was experienced by those who attended. A Christmas Banquet and Concert were presented, and proved to be a real blessing to all who came. The annual Bible Fellowship Sno-Glo enjoyed their best attendance in years.

Other Church retreat groups and a number of special ministries including the Jews for Jesus East Cost In-Gathering, Trans-World Radio's Candidate School, the Association of Christian Schools International's Youth Leadership program, Child Evangelism Fellowship training programs, and the American Ministries to the Deaf, helped round out our retreat year. These groups gave us a real variety of ministries in our retreat season.

Our summer ministries included 5 outstanding Bible Fellowship Weeks along with 4 good Open Conference Weeks. God's Word was faithfully preached, and a great time of fellowship was enjoyed by those who attended. We have been pleased to see a growth in attendance in our Open Conference Weeks. A 4th of July conference-wide picnic was held this year and will become a regular part of our summer programming.

A number of additions were made to our permanent Staff this past year. Dave Ziegert became our head cook and is doing a fine job. Daniel A. Ziegler was added to our administrative staff and serves in the capacity of Assistant to the Director and Registrar. John Cheney, a master plumber, has joined our maintenance crew. We are thankful for these men along with our veteran staff members who do yeoman duties

here at the Conference grounds.

Two vehicles were added to our Conference fleet to better facilitate the needs here. A used bus was purchased to be used for tours, etc., and a Chrysler LeBaron was purchased for the director's use.

At present the Pinebrook Board solicits your prayer and support as we seek the Lord's will as to what is next in regards to development of the ministries here at the Conference grounds.

Our motto is "All to the Glory of God"; we will endeavor to uphold this standard.

The Conference Board met on its regular schedule of meetings this past year.

Alva C. Cassel, Director

RESOLVED: That each Church make a contribution to the Pinebrook Bible Conference. Contributions are to be made payable to Pinebrook and sent to the Director, Box 1, Stroudsburg, PA. 18360

John H. Riggall, Chairman; Alva C. Cassel, Director; Ronald C. Mahurin, Secretary; Lee E. Boyles, Treasurer; Robert Breitegam, Bert N. Brosius, Kermit K. Gehman, Frank L. Herb, Jr., Alan Lindstrom, John F. Moran, Gerald Schlonecker, BOARD

REPORT OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH BOARD OF MISSIONS
TO THE 102nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

J. Robertson McQuilken summarized his book, THE GREAT OMISSION, by this searching response to the question with which he started: "With so many unreached people, how come so few are going?"

Who is calling? God is. But the more crucial question is, who is listening? With the need so vast and the laborers so few, why do we not go? Someone isn't listening.

"How come?" We have heart trouble. We are so preoccupied with our own interests that there is no room for compassion for others; we are so committed to our own fulfillment that it is impossible to love God with all our lives.

"How come?" We have eye trouble. Even when we study the Bible we don't see reality from God's viewpoint.

"How come?" We have head trouble. We try to figure out all the mysteries of an infinite God and all the proper destinies of human beings. Then we play God, trying to alleviate the pain of human lostness by arrogantly setting aside the teaching of Scripture in favor of our own logical conclusions.

"How come?" We have knee trouble. We play at prayer when God has put in our reach the most powerful weapon of spiritual warfare.

"How come?" We have ear trouble. God calls, but we don't listen.

What should we then do? Should we not repent of our cold hearts, blind eyes, arrogant mind-set, prayerless lives, and deafness to His call? Let us give ourselves to prayer till He ignites us with the flame of His love and scatters us as firebrands throughout the darkness of a lost world.

MISSIONARY APPOINTEES

The Board of Missions approved seven missionary appointees in the 1984-85 year.

1. Charles and Nancy Snyder, members of the Maple Glen Bible Fellowship Church, have been approved as Career Missionary Appointees. They have been accepted by the Board of Directors of the American Ministries to the Deaf in Chambersburg, PA. Charles has been approved for the position of Assistant to the Director. Nancy has been approved for the position of Curriculum Coordinator and Media Specialist. They hope to serve on a full-time basis with the American Ministries to the Deaf as of January, 1986.
2. William and Linda Dougherty, members of the Maple Glen Bible Fellowship Church, have been approved as Short-Term Missionary Appointees. They have been accepted by the relatively new mission board, Frontiers, and look forward to serving among the Berbers in Morocco, North Africa.
3. Daniel and Melody Witwer, members of the Bible Fellowship Church of Terre Hill, have been approved as Short-Term Missionary Appointees. They have already

commenced their church planting ministry in Ireland with the Greater Europe Mission.

4. R. Glenn Blauser, Jr., son of missionaries Richard and Peggy Blauser, has been approved as a Short-Term Missionary Appointee. Glenn, a member of the Spring City Bible Fellowship Church, has been accepted by Wycliffe Translators and has been assigned to serve at the Jungle Aviation and Radio Service center in Waxhaw, North Carolina.

Appointees approved in the 1983-84 year are William and Lois Early, Jr., from the Bible Fellowship Church in Ephrata. They look forward to serving with Trans World Radio in Bonaire as of January, 1986.

NEW MISSIONARIES

The Lord is to be greatly praised for sending forth thirteen new missionaries in the 1984-85 year! In addition to Daniel and Melody Witwer, the following missionaries commenced their missionary service during the year:

1. Dr. and Mrs. Glenn White are serving with Wycliffe Translators in Colombia, South America. Dr. White is involved in a medical ministry, and his wife, Betty, serves as a secretary.

2. Herbert and Susan Lea are serving with the Africa Inland Mission at the Bangui Evangelical School of Theology in the Central African Republic. Herbert is occupied with business managerial, preaching, and teaching responsibilities and Susan is utilizing her skills as a registered nurse.

3. Mark and Diana Meitzler are serving with International Teams in Grenoble, France, involved in a church planting ministry.

4. Jim and Kelly Bigley are serving with the Africa Inland Mission in Kenya. They will be involved in building construction, evangelism, and discipleship ministries in the Northern Frontier District.

5. Louis and Lynn Pronnicki have gone forth under the Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship. They are now engaged in study of the Arabic language in Amman, Jordan.

6. William Aukamp has commenced his ministry with the American Missionary Fellowship in the Black Hills of

South Dakota. He is involved in personal evangelism, Bible teaching, and preaching ministries.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS, LOCATIONS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Miss Theresa Faust completed her Orientation Program in Singapore and has commenced her ministry in Malaysia with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship.
2. Walter and Ethel Frank moved from Thousand Oaks, California to Concord, CA., where they now are expanding their ministry in northern California. Walter continues to serve as the Director at Large for the Greater Europe Mission.
3. Leonard and Nina Buck were given approval by the Board of Missions to transfer from the Christian Literature Crusade to The Evangelical Alliance Mission. The Bucks are now serving as home staff missionaries in Wheaton, Illinois, in the Audio-Visual Department.
4. Moses Chow, and his wife and mother, moved to the Dallas, Texas area where Moses is spearheading the ministry of Ambassadors for Christ, Inc., in the South. He will be working with the many Chinese students in the Dallas area, and with Chinese churches and Bible Study groups.
5. Richard Gehman completed his course work and doctoral dissertation and was granted the Doctor of Missiology Degree from the Fuller School of World Missions.

COMINGS AND GOINGS OF MISSIONARIES

The following missionaries arrived home during the year for their time of furlough: Duane and Joetta Moyer (Guadeloupe); David and Rosemarie Manney (Ecuador); Barclay and Judy Harley (Venezuela); Miss Joanne Shelly (Venezuela); Tim and Wanda Kauffman (Zaire); and William and Addy Mull (Kenya).

Dr. and Mrs. William Campbell returned to France where they were involved in witness to Muslims and where Dr. Campbell finished the writing of a book. In September they went to North Africa to seek an open door for ministry. Duane and Joetta Moyer returned to their ministry with the growing church in Guadeloupe. Fred and Marian Gibbon returned to Kijabe, Kenya, where

Fred teaches and is in charge of the missions department at Moffat Bible College. Marian serves as supervisor of the operating rooms and maternity department in the Kijabe Medical Center. Dave and Roxy Schlonecker returned to minister at the Christiansen Academy in Venezuela. Dave will also serve as Acting Principal during the first year of their new term. Philip and Nancy Yerrington returned to Spain, but to a new community. They are now engaged in a church planting ministry in Marchena, in the province of Seville, in Southern Spain. Richard and Florence Gehman returned to Kenya but to a new location and ministries. They are living in the capitol city of Nairobi and have been assigned to work with the Africa Inland Church at Embakasi. Richard also has been appointed as the overseer of the Africa Inland Mission Theological Study Committee.

RESIGNATION AND LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE

The Board of Missions accepted the resignation of Dave and Ruth Schappel, who formerly served in France under The Evangelical Alliance Mission. The Board granted the request of Miss Sharon Bachman for a leave-of-absence. She resigned from serving with The Friends of Israel effective May 31, 1985. The Board also granted the request of Miss Joanne Shelly for a leave-of-absence for the purpose of taking additional Bible courses. She is now studying at the Moody Bible Institute with plans to return to Venezuela as a missionary.

URBANA '84 AND SUMMER MISSIONARIES

The Board of Missions gave \$100 scholarships to the Urbana '84 Missionary Convention to 26 young adults from our Denomination. The Board also approved and gave financial aid to eight young adults from our denomination who served as Summer Missionaries.

SEMINAR FOR PASTORS AND KEY LAY MISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES

The Board of Missions conducted its Ninth Annual Seminar for Pastors and Key Lay Missions Representatives on March 18, 1985, in Newark, NJ, and on March 19, 1985, in the Bible Fellowship Church in Ephrata, PA. Conrad Wilcox, Missions Consultant with the Evangelical Alliance Mission, was the guest speaker.

He gave an abundance of practical suggestions concerning promoting missions in the local church and had a large selection of missions literature available. The Tenth Annual Seminar for Pastors and Key Lay Missions Representatives has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 1986, at Pinebrook Bible Conference. Rev. Frank Severn, General Director of SEND International, will be the guest speaker.

INTERNAL BOARD MATTERS

The Board of Missions approved a revised Preliminary Application and also approved a revised Doctrinal Statement for Missionary Applicants. The Board also passed legislation which requires that non-ordained missionaries complete the Bible Fellowship Church FAITH & ORDER Questionnaire on a regular basis.

FULL-TIME EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Whereas, the Church must give top priority to Christ's Great Commission, and whereas, the Bible Fellowship Church Missionary family has grown significantly in the past few years, the Board of Missions is strongly persuaded that a full-time Executive Secretary is needed. The Board has elected Rev. Roy A. Hertzog as the full-time Executive Secretary subject to ratification by Annual Conference. If his election is ratified, he will begin to serve immediately on a full-time basis as agreed upon by the Board of Missions and the Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church, but no later than January 1, 1986.

"OUR VISION"

The following is the "vision" of the Bible Fellowship Church Board of Missions in reference to engaging an Executive Secretary to serve on a full-time basis for the purpose of fulfilling more effectively our role in the carrying out of Christ's Great Commission. As the Bible Fellowship Church is seeking to strengthen and expand its ministry in the U.S.A. through the "WIDER HORIZONS" program, even so the Board of Missions is seeking to strengthen and expand the missionary program of the Bible Fellowship Church around the world.

A. OUR VISION CONCERNING OUR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR FAMILIES

1. To provide increased opportunities for communication and interaction with our missionaries for the purpose of providing more effective pastoral care and oversight for them.

2. To assist our missionaries in developing their spiritual gifts and talents, and in becoming all that God intends them to be. This may include the recommendation of continued missionary education or training.

3. To assist the missionaries' children who are in the U.S.A., as we are able, in ministering to their spiritual and practical needs.

B. OUR VISION CONCERNING OUR APPOINTEES, APPLICANTS, AND INQUIRERS

1. To provide increased opportunities for counsel, encouragement, and instruction of missionary appointees, applicants, and inquirers.

2. To guide appointees and applicants through the application and educational process associated with equipping them for effective missionary service.

3. To establish a missions training program and candidate school for the Bible Fellowship Church missions program, as the Lord provides and enables.

C. OUR VISION CONCERNING THE RELATING OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS TO THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCHES, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND CORPORATELY

1. To assist pastors, missions committees, and Boards of Elders in organizing, strategizing, implementing, and promoting of the missions program in the particular Bible Fellowship Churches.

2. To prepare a manual for particular churches assisting them in the training of prospective missionaries.

3. To provide training seminars for missionary preparation.

4. To establish a missions resource center which may be used by churches, missionaries, and prospective missionaries.

5. To seek to discover ways to release more resources into the harvest fields of the world.

6. To cooperate with the administration of Pinebrook Jr. College in seeking to promote missions in our denominational institution of higher learning.

RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION CONCERNING RATIFYING A FULL-TIME EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH BOARD OF MISSIONS

Whereas, the Bible Fellowship Church takes seriously the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ and desires to involve itself significantly in the task of making disciples of all nations, and

Whereas, our Bible Fellowship Church missionary family has grown substantially in the past two years so that it now has seventy-eight (78) active missionaries, and seven (7) appointees, and several applicants, and

Whereas, we are praying that the Lord will thrust out many more laborers from the Bible Fellowship Church into His harvest fields, and

Whereas, there is a great need for the Board of Missions to provide additional pastoral care and oversight for our missionaries, their children in the homeland, our appointees and applicants, and

Whereas, there is a great need for the Board of Missions to provide additional and more effective assistance to our particular churches in organizing, strategizing, implementing, and promoting of missions in our Bible Fellowship Churches, and

Whereas, there is a great need for the Board of Missions to develop closer working relationships with the sending mission boards with which our missionaries are affiliated, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we ratify the election of Roy A. Hertzog as the full-time Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions.

Paul G. Zimmerman, Executive Secretary
Bible Fellowship Church Board of Missions

R.C. Reichenbach, Chairman; David E. Thomann, Financial Secretary; Paul G. Zimmerman, Executive Secretary; William L. Graybill II, Roy A. Hertzog, Austin G. Shelly, Robert Breitegam, Kermit K. Gehman, Gerald Schlonekcer, James Sunday, BOARD OF MISSIONS

FINANCIAL REPORT...BOARD OF MISSIONS
Oct 1, 1984 - Sept. 30, 1985

Received from Churches for 1984-85

407,854.60

EXPENDITURES:

Africa Inland Mission	77,593.00
Ambassadors for Christ Inc.	6,000.00
Arctic Mission	14,933.00
Bible Centered Ministries	3,150.00
Bible-Medical Missionary Fellowship	200.00
Christian Literature Crusade	23,524.00
Christian Missionary Alliance	23,964.00
Friends Of Israel	9,350.00
Gospel Missionary Union	12,000.00
Greater Europe Mission	15,492.00
Harley, Barclay	15,004.00
Hartman, Connie	6,078.00
International Com. Of Christians	3,600.00
International Teams	3,000.00
International Students, Inc.	13,029.00
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship	10,176.00
Latin America Mission	17,769.00
North Africa Mission	14,100.00
Overseas Missionary Fellowship	5,475.50
Russian Radio (PTL)	3,405.00

SIM International	8,700.00
The Evangelical Alliance Mission	42,297.00
UFM International	18,753.00
Windward Ministries Inc.	1,005.00
Word of Life	9,600.00
World Radio Missionary Fellowship	23,796.00
Worldteam	24,600.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators	26,316.00
Outgoing Fund	8,500.00
Seminar	<u>1,110.36</u>
	442,519.86

MISSIONARY ASSISTANCE:

Hospitalization	2,610.00
Missionary Specials	1,315.76
Missionary Homes	1,563.24
Misc.	785.00
Pension	738.34
Postage	643.06
Rents	8,975.00
Summer Ministries	3,000.00
Utilities	5,064.59
Year Book	200.00
Telephone	348.81
ACMA	1,049.24
Urbana	<u>2,500.00</u>
	28,793.46

BOARD EXPENSES:

Board	547.66	
Mileage	596.92	
Printing	793.29	
Secretaries	<u>4,400.00</u>	6,337.87
Total Expenses		477,651.19
Trans'd to Pension Fund	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
		482,651.19
Deficit over 1984 Church Receipts		(74,796.59)

OTHER RECEIPTS:

Interest	67,575.10	
Misc.	2,070.46	
Rents	4,715.00	
Seminar	536.32	
ACMA (Sale of books, etc)	<u>188.40</u>	75,085.28
Rec'd from Churches	454,954.28	
Other Receipts	<u>75,085.28</u>	530,039.56
Deficit over budget	<u>(74,796.59)</u>	
Total	455,242.97	

Designated Gifts

Rec'd for Missionaries	49,462.03
Paid to Individual Missionaries	46,181.03
<u>Housing Account</u>	
In Account, 1984	125,423.13
Interest	<u>11,288.08</u>
<u>Pension Account</u>	
In Account, 1984	11,594.50
Interest	1,043.51
Budget (Transferred)	<u>5,000.00</u>

136,711.21

17,638.01

ASSETS

Checking - 1st National of Lancaster	5,081.86
M/M - 1st National of Lancaster	83,393.06
Red Hill Saving and Loan	73,994.00
Merchants Bank of Allentown	10.30
Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.: C.D.	9.75
75,000.00	10.00
25,000.00	13.00
5,000.00	11.75
8,000.00	10.70

8,000.00
 10.05
 75,000.00
 10.85
 25,000.00
 12.50
 10,000.00
 11.15
100,000.00
 10.50

Balance from last past

593,468.92
 331,000.00
46,065.42

D/W U.S. Government Securities 35,548.16
 Sears M/M 10,517.26

Total

639,534.34

Books and report audited by John Dunn

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Conference-Wide Rally, Second Thursday of May

REGIONAL DESIGNATIONS

Region #1: Ephrata, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon,
 Paradise, Terre Hill, York
(Meetings - last Monday of March & September)

Region #2: Mt. Carmel, Shamokin, Sunbury
(Meetings - third Tuesday of March & September)

Region #3: Blandon, Fleetwood, Graterford, Harleys-
 ville, Hatfield, Quakertown, Reading,
 Royersford, Sinking Spring, Spring City
(Meetings - fourth Tuesday of March & September)

Region #4: Allentown, Cedar Crest, Catasauqua, Emmaus,
 Lehighton, Nazareth, Walnutport, Zionsville
(Meetings - fourth Friday of March & September)

Region #5: Allentown Salem, Bethlehem, Coopersburg,
 Scranton, Stroudsburg, Easton, Finesville
(Meetings - third Thursday of April & September)

Region #6: Maple Glen, Philadelphia Calvary, Phila-
 delphia Emmanuel, Wallingford
(Meetings - fourth Thursday of March & September)

Region #7: Denville, Freehold-Englishtown, Howell,
 Staten Island
(Meetings to be announced)

REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM
102nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE
BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
THEME: "CARING"

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1985

10:00 a.m. Conference organization and roll call.
 Devotional Period (25 minutes total)
 Prayer: Jansen E. Hartman
 Keynote Address: "Caring..."
 James A. Beil

6:30 p.m. (20 minutes)
 An Application of the Mandate "Caring for
 the Hungry" Richard E. Taylor

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1985

9:00 a.m. (20 minutes total)
 Devotional Period
 "The Biblical Mandate on Caring" - Part I
 John H. Herb

6:30 p.m. (20 minutes)
 An Application of the Mandate "Caring for
 the Unborn" Jeffrey Stickler

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1985

9:00 a.m. (20 minutes total)
 Devotional Period
 "The Biblical Mandate on Caring" - Part II

6:30 p.m. (20 minutes)
 An Application of the Mandate "Caring for
 the Elderly" Bert N. Brosius

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1985

9:00 a.m. (20 minutes total)
 Devotional Period
 "The Biblical Mandate on Caring" - Part III
 John H. Herb

at the conclusion of Annual Conference

COMMUNION SERVICE
 "Our Lord's Care For Us"
 Roy A. Hertzog

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 EVENING M.C.: Carl T. Martin

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

Roy A. Hertzog, Chairman; G. Wayne Clapier,
 Secretary; James A. Beil, Paul M. Cobb,
 Carl T. Martin

REPORT OF THE CHURCH GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
 TO THE 102ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Church Government Committee held four regular meetings to work on assignments relating to the Government of the Bible Fellowship Church. Much of the work of the Committee was completed in sub-committee meetings and individual study.

The Government Committee has given the responsibility for planning the Annual Pastors, Elders, Deacons Retreat over to the Board of Christian Education. The date for the Fourth Annual Retreat is Nov. 15-16, 1985.

The Church Government Committee presents the following legislation for first reading:

1. Location of Form for Ordination

Resolved, that the Form for Ordination of Ministers, page 141 of the 1981 edition of the Faith and Order, appear in the section on By-Laws of Annual Conference as #4, Article II, Procedure for the Recognition of a Minister, page 93 of the 1981 Edition of the Faith and Order.

2. Placement of the Material on the Ministerial Convention Committee

Resolved, that a category entitled, Organizations Adjunct to Annual Conference be placed in the appendices following the material on forms. The material on the Ministerial Convention and the Beneficiary Society shall be place in this category.

3. Reporting the Annual Conference Delegate to Annual Conference

Resolved, that the following appear as #5 of Article VII, Miscellaneous By-Laws of Particular Churches, Faith and Order (1981 Edition) p. 73f., and to replace #6 of Article X, Miscellaneous Bylaws of Annual Conference, p. 135f., 1981 Edition of Faith and Order:

Each pastor shall inform the Registrar of the Annual Conference of the names of the Annual Conference Delegate(s) and Alternate Delegate(s) as soon as possible after their election by the congregation, but no later than October 1.

4. Annual Conference Representatives

Resolved, that the final paragraph of Article I, The Officers of the Church: Elders, page 55 of the 1981 Edition of the Faith and Order be amended to read:

The Board of Elders shall be the channel of communication between the particular church and the fellowship of churches and its organizations. The Elders shall nominate from their number and the congregation shall elect one delegate and one alternate delegate. Congregations of over two hundred members shall elect one delegate plus one additional delegate for every one hundred members in excess of the first two hundred, and the same number of alternate delegates. When congregations have more than one delegate the Board of Elders shall designate one delegate as "First Delegate" for the purposes of pulpit supply

procedures. In the event of death, resignation or removal of the First Delegate, another First Delegate shall be designated from among the remaining delegates.

5. Amendment of Article IV - Members of Annual Conference page 29, 1984 Yearbook. (This article is scheduled for second reading)

Resolved, that proposed Article IV - Members of Annual Conference, Section 1f., page 29, 1984 Yearbook be amended to read:

One delegate from every properly constituted church with a membership of two hundred or less and one additional delegate for every one hundred members in excess of the first two hundred. If a delegate(s) is unable to attend the Annual Conference or some meetings of Annual Conference, the alternate delegate(s), with the permission of the Conference, shall be seated for the Conference or those specified meetings. Unexcused absences shall result in the church forfeiting its representation by an alternate delegate during the unexcused absence of the delegate.

6. Amendment to Article V - Bylaws of Annual Conference

Resolved, that the word "Registrar" replace the words, "Secretary of Annual Conference" in the 3rd and 4th sentences of the 2nd paragraph on Article V, Annual Conference Registration of the Bylaws of Annual Conference, pages 13-15 of the 1982 Yearbook.

The Church Government Committee recommends the following:

1. Resolved, that the following material entitled, "Guidelines For Discipline In The Church" be approved at one reading, and further,

Resolved, that upon approval of this material at one reading the Board of Publication and Printing publish this material in booklet form in time to be distributed

at the Pastors, Elders, Deacons Retreat on Nov. 15-16, 1985.

Guidelines For Discipline In The Church

The purpose of this booklet is to help us know how to confront a brother or sister lovingly and constructively. Discipline of another person begins on an informal, personal basis. It should be the desire of all that any problem be solved at the personal level so that formal, public charges may not be necessary. The following guidelines are offered to give assistance to those who care enough about others to face problems in love.

What is Discipline?

In the broadest sense of the word "discipline" means to "train" or "to cultivate according to rules". The Christian life is a life of self-discipline. All believers are in training for the purpose of cultivating godliness in accordance with the teachings of Scripture (I Tim. 4:7,8).

There are two kinds of discipline. The first is formative or preventive discipline. Formative discipline of believers should be occurring regularly in the local church through mutual admonishing, rebuking, correcting and encouraging of the brethren (II Tim. 4:1,2; Col. 1:18).

The second is corrective discipline. Corrective discipline focuses on those actions by which a particular church, in the name of Christ, authoritatively admonishes, suspends, or if necessary excommunicates one of its members. This discipline is more restrictive in nature than formative discipline since it is directed toward specific individuals who have committed specific offenses. It involves the administration of some form of punishment with view to eventual repentance and restoration of the erring brother or sister (I Thess. 5:14; II Thess. 3:6-15; I Cor. 5:2,5,7; 11:13).

In Matthew 5:23,24 we are responsible to seek reconciliation from those we have wronged so that they may forgive us. In Matthew 18:15 we are responsible to confront those who have wronged us in order to bring them to repentance so that we may forgive them. That the obligation to confront and rebuke rests on all Christians can also be seen in such passages as Luke 3:19, Ephesians 5:11, II Timothy 4:2, Titus 1:13 and 2:15.

In its initial stage, discipline is both personal and private (see Matthew 18:15 and Luke 17:3). The implication of Luke 17:3 is that forgiveness is granted only if there is repentance. Biblical forgiveness is not cheap forgiveness that overlooks the offense, but real forgiveness that is based on real repentance in which there is not only the forgiving of the "act" but also the restoration to the fullness of fellowship. Therefore if personal and private confrontation does not bring repentance, no forgiveness is granted and a new development in the process of discipline begins.

When is it necessary to discipline?

It is the will of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, that His Father be glorified by a people whose lives are above reproach in doctrine and in conduct. When there are breaches in the biblical standards of truth and behavior, some form of discipline is required (Heb. 12:16).

Specifically, discipline ought to be administered when:

1. There is breakdown of fellowship between two or more believers (Matt. 5:23,24; 18:15-18).
2. There is a divisive person in the church (Rom. 16:17,18; Titus 3:10).
3. There is false doctrine being propagated (I Tim. 1:19,20; 6:3-5; I John 7-11).
4. There is immoral conduct within the body of Christ (Titus 1:16; I Cor. 5:1-5).

In each of the above situations it is anticipated that properly administered discipline will lead the offender to repentance and restoration. When the offender refuses to repent, the disciplinary process must continue.

What is the purpose of discipline?

The purpose of church discipline is always to restore the offender as well as to promote the purity of the church. Scripture speaks of it as "for our profit" (Heb. 12:10), "gaining your brother" (Matt.-18:15), and "saving the spirit" (I Cor. 5:5). Even if the offender is not reclaimed, biblical discipline produces positive effects. It removes occasions for unbelievers to blaspheme (Rom. 2:24), puts the fear of God into the hearts of other believers (Acts 5:11, I Tim. 5:20), removes sin from the body of Christ (I Cor. 5:6) and prevents giving cause for God to set Himself against a local church (Joshua 7:12,13; Rev. 2:14-25).

How should you confront another person when you have wronged that person?

Our Lord Jesus teaches in Matthew 5:23-24 that each one has an obligation to go to someone that he has wronged and seek to be reconciled to that person and receive forgiveness from him. Such confrontation is difficult but necessary if love and harmony are to prevail. The following suggestions will prove to be helpful in your meeting with a person you have wronged:

1. Pray before you initiate the confrontation. You need wisdom and sensitivity.

2. If necessary, practice what you will say in private. Such practice may help you overcome an initial lack of courage as well as assist you in knowing exactly what to say.

3. Speak only of your sin. The person you have offended may have contributed his own sinful behavior to the situation. However you are there to speak of your sin, not his (Luke 6:41). Do not make excuses or try to lessen the fact of your sin. Be specific in telling your offenses.

4. Ask forgiveness for your sin. Do not simply apologize, but press for the other person to forgive you. Express how you plan to prevent such problems in future.

5. Ask if there are other things you have done to offend him. Listen carefully to his response so that you are sure that you understand.

6. When you have expressed yourself and listened to the other person's response you have two ways to respond.

a. Ask forgiveness for your sin.

b. If you believe that your actions have been misunderstood, offer explanation for those actions that you believe were not scripturally wrong.

7. Conclude by reaffirming your love for one another and your commitment to the relationship.

How should you confront another person when that person has wronged you?

In the administration of discipline there are a number of points at which confrontation takes place. While this is necessary in fulfilling the responsibilities which rest with the church it does not follow that confrontation must be insensitive and overly aggressive. You should remember that your desire to promote the purity of the church should issue from a love which impels you to keep His commandments and a desire to restore the offending party. You should therefore determine to handle any and all confrontation in a way that shows love for truth, the church, and the offending party. General guidelines for confrontation are:

1. The confrontation ought to be preceded with specific prayer that God give wisdom as to time, place, manner of confrontation, and result (Phil. 4:6; James 1:5).

2. The confrontation ought to be preceded also by careful self-examination before the Lord in order that your motives be pure and correct (Matthew 7:3-5).

3. In testing your attitude in handling confrontation it is valuable to ask: "Will my attitude in presenting this make it as easy as possible for the other party to admit error, repent, and be restored?"- (Matthew 7:12).

4. The confrontation ought to take place at a time which is as convenient and appropriate as possible to all parties involved (Matthew 5:23-34).

5. Since the wording of an accusation may contribute to the solution of the problem, it is wise to give careful consideration to the exact wording to be used in introducing the accusation. Wording which is needlessly harsh, which goes beyond established fact, and which is vague contributes to making the problem more difficult to solve.

6. All matters to be discussed must be clearly and fairly stated.

7. Do not allow matters unrelated to the accusation to enter into the discussion.

8. Care should be taken to determine that your facts are accepted as accurate by the person being confronted and that the accusation is clearly understood.

The confrontational situation ought to be handled with sensitivity and skill. A sense of inadequacy or a lack of skill is no excuse to ignore a problem. It is helpful to remember that when you do what God commands

you to do, to the best of your ability, he finds your service acceptable.

The battle for purity in the church is a spiritual one. Remember, that after all has been done on the human level, it is God alone who can bring repentance to the heart of a person who is being confronted concerning his sin. (II Tim. 2:24-26).

How should you react when you are confronted?

You must begin by establishing if the offense of which you are being accused is factual. To do this, you must first:

1. Hear and understand the accusation. In order to do that you must resist the impulse to become defensive. It is not possible to give the person who comes to you a fair hearing if you are trying to protect yourself.

2. If it is needed, assure your understanding of the accusation by repeating it back to the person who is presenting it. "Do I understand you to be saying...?" "Can you help me to get a clearer understanding of what it is you believe I said/did?"

If upon hearing the accusation you objectively reflect upon the matter and conclude you are not guilty of it:

1. Attempt to explain your understanding of what happened in such a way that your explanation will answer as many of the questions raised by the accusation as possible.

2. Seek to gain acceptance of your explanation by the other person.

3. If it is not possible to gain acceptance of your construction on the basis of facts, ascertain whether the other person will accept the truthfulness of your response on the basis of your integrity.

4. If it not possible to resolve the issue in this way, seek to agree on a third person who might help the two of you to reach agreement. If you are unable to agree on a third person or if a third person is unable to help you resolve the issue then you should proceed to the next stage in the process of discipline.

If you conclude there is basis for the accusation:

1. Admit your fault freely and without excuse (Luke 15:21),

2. Seek forgiveness vigorously from the offended person (Ephesians 4:32).

3. Seek God's forgiveness and commit yourself to whatever steps will help you avoid causing similar offenses in the future (Psalm 51:4; Matthew 5:23-24),

4. Take any needed steps to re-establish the relationship. If necessary, make restitution to the offended person (Luke 19:8),

When should you involve witnesses?

The next stage in the process of discipline can be seen in Jesus' instructions in Matthew 18:16. In this verse, the confrontation is no longer personal, but it is still private. It is generally understood that the witnesses mentioned in this passage would most likely be elders from the church. However, if the witnesses were not leaders from the church, the principles demonstrated would be the same. The witnesses could judge the truthfulness of the accusations being made and verify either the repentance or refusal of repentance of the person accused should the accusations be judged valid. If the accusations are judged valid, the responsibility to rebuke the offending brother or sister would now fall upon the witnesses as well as the person having been offended, since the witnesses now have a knowledge of the offense. This rebuke would still be in private with the intention of producing repentance.

When should the issue be brought to the church?

Jesus states that a third stage of discipline begins when and if the involvement of witnesses fails to bring the desired repentance on the part of the offender. Then the church as a whole becomes involved in the disciplinary process. (Matthew 18:17)

For the church as a whole to be involved directly in discipline, the stage of personal and private rebuke must have failed. The basis of discipline is now no longer a personal charge but an offense verified by witnesses. The only time in the process of discipline that these first two stages would be by-passed would be when the nature of the offense was public and/or against the church as whole.

The procedure for the church to follow in seeking to deal with disciplinary matters is contained in the Book of Discipline of the Bible Fellowship Church.

How should the repentant one respond?

When the offender recognizes his guilt and desires to be restored, there are several things he must do:

1. He shall confess his sin to God, seeking His forgiveness and cleansing and determine in His strength to forsake his sin (I John 1:9; I Cor. 10:13).
2. He shall seek the forgiveness of the person or persons offended (Luke 17:4).
3. He shall make restitution if someone has suffered loss as a result of his offense (Exodus 22:1,3,7; Leviticus 6:5; Luke 19:8).
4. He shall make public confession before the church when the offenses has been public and has brought reproach to the church and shall seek their forgiveness and restoration (I Cor. 5:1-13; II Cor.-2:4-11).

How shall the Church respond to the repentant one?

1. The Church shall receive the confession. When the offense and the disciplinary measure involve the Church as a body, they shall hear the confession of the offender.

2. The Church shall grant forgiveness and restore the offender to fellowship. Confession having been heard, the Church shall grant forgiveness and restore the offender to the fellowship of the Church (II Cor. 2:4-11; Matt. 18:18).

3. The Church shall comfort and encourage. The Church shall seek to give support, comfort and encouragement to the restored offender lest sorrow for his offense overwhelm him (II Cor. 2:7,8).

2. Whereas, the 1984 Yearbook of the proceedings of the 101st Annual Conference did not contain the following material from the Book of Discipline approved at Second Reading:

- (1) Introduction
- (2) Chapter I - Nature and Purpose of Corrective Discipline
- (3) Chapter II - Jurisdiction, paragraphs 1,2 and 3
- (4) Chapter V - Evidence
- (5) Chapter VI - Censure and Restoration
- (6) Chapter VII - Appeals
- (7) Chapter VIII - Dissents and Protests

and,

Whereas, the Rules of Annual Conference call for printing in the yearbook of all material approved and part of the minutes of the Annual Conference, and,

Whereas, the Report of the Government Committee printed on pages 103-118 of the 1984 Yearbook is not a correct copy of the Second Reading material approved on the Book of Discipline, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the correct copy of the wording of the omitted items mentioned above from the Book of Discipline approved at Second Reading be included in the Report of the Committee to Examine the Minutes of the Annual Conference.

(The Government Committee has forwarded a correct copy of the material from the Book of Discipline approved at Second Reading and omitted in the 1984 Yearbook to the Committee to Examine the Minutes of the Annual Conference.)

3. The Church Government Committee recommends the following amendment to the material scheduled for Second Reading from the Book of Discipline: Chapter IV, Conduct of Trials, paragraph 5, page 113, 1984 Yearbook (cf. also the Resolution at the bottom of page 41, 1984 Yearbook).

Resolved, that we add the following sentence to the end of the 5th paragraph of Chapter IV, "Conduct of Trials":

Any person serving as a representative of the accused or the judicatory must be a member in good standing of the Bible Fellowship Church.

James A. Beil, Chairman; John H. Herb, Secretary; Richard E. Taylor, David J. Watkins, Carl K. Spackman, Thomas P. Shorb, Randall A. Grossman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDITING

We have examined the financial reports of the Boards and Committees reporting to Annual Conference. All reports were in compliance with the miscellaneous By-Laws of the Annual Conference with one exception. The report of the Board of Victory Valley should have noted that their accounts were audited by Elmer Rauscher.

Robert W. Gehret
Horace A. Kauffman

Ralph D. Cole
Jay H. Fasnacht

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
CHURCH HOME TO THE 102nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE
TO THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

The Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church Home held four regular meetings, one special meeting and numerous committee meetings during the year. Bert N. Brosius served as President and Chairman; John Dunn, Vice President and Vice Chairman; Robert Zentz, Secretary; and Charles Hersh as Treasurer.

This past year, as in several recent previous years, has been difficult. Many difficult decisions had to be made. Many presentations and long discussions were held with various governmental agencies. Some disappointments and yet always a gleam of hope.

Psalm 145:5 "I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty and of thy wondrous works". To live life without hope is to live a life of desolation. When one's hope is anchored in the Lord, we have his sure promises that even if our expectations are not achieved, his purposes will be accomplished. Paul in I Corinthians, 9:10 speaks of the farmer as he plants and harvests in hope, we should always be partaker of that hope. We have plowed, planted and prayed in hope - hope in God and His provision - that we would realize the "harvest" of a new nursing home and retirement center. Let us remain steadfast in our hope and one day realize the harvest.

The primary purpose of the Bible Fellowship Church Home is the care of the elderly and needy in a Christian environment. The principles of such a program will be honoring to the Lord and beneficial to the residents.

The staff must again receive the highest commendation for each one's commitment and loyalty. This is manifested in a spirit of cooperation with the Administration as well as with each other. This cooperative attitude is manifested to the residents as well and results in a real sense of caring. Special mention must be made of Mrs. Gail Beil who filled the gap as secretary/bookkeeper as well as her regular duties

during the recent illness of the business manager.

The volunteers must again be cited for their contributions of time and talents to the Home, especially the activities program. Also, it should be noted that men from the Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Nazareth assisted in moving, repairing and replacing equipment before and after the demolition of the old apartment house.

The Bible Fellowship Churches are to be commended and thanked for their contribution and interest manifested in the work and programs of the Home. The weekly worship services are appreciated by the residents. Commendation should also be given to the Grace United Methodist Church of Pen Argyl which has been giving a substantial annual contribution.

The resident census has remained stable throughout the year, however the number of Medicaid residents is slightly increasing.

The financial status of the Home remains viable as reflected in the financial statement.

This past year, the old apartment house was demolished and the property appropriately landscaped. A new air conditioning and water system was installed in the Home and much needed repairs to the sidewalks was done.

The Koinonia Manor and retirement center project is moving forward slowly. After the project was rejected by Health Systems Lehigh County Sub-area Council, the Health Systems Planning Committee and the Area Wide Health Systems Board, verbal confirmation of our application was given by the Pennsylvania Department of Health pending zoning approval.

The project is presently being processed through the various committees and Boards in the Upper Saucon Township. Financing at reasonable rates appears obtainable and achievable. If zoning is granted by the end of this year, there is a strong probability that ground breaking may occur in the Spring of 1986.

The Board of Directors adopted a mission statement for the Koinonia Manor and Retirement Center which reflects its purpose, ministry and who we will serve:

Bible Fellowship Church Home is a ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church which acts in obedience and witness to the love of Jesus Christ.

This ministry selects and works in areas of human need in order to:

Provide supervised and coordinated health care for the elderly and incapacitated.

Enrich and strengthen the quality of life for the elderly.

Encourage and support the renewal of the church and family in its concern for the elderly.

This ministry pursues these purposes as a servant and a leader and in cooperation with other service organizations. It functions through the efforts of qualified employed and volunteer personnel working under appropriate professional direction within limits that assure high standards of effectiveness.

The Board of Directors wish to express appreciation to the Administrator, James Beil. This has been a most difficult year, yet it has been a year of earnest hard work, much prayer, spiritual growth and hope. James Beil's loyalty and dedication to this ministry has been an inspiration to each of us. We thank the Lord that James Beil and his wife Gail have been called to this ministry and look forward to working with him as we continue to wait on the Lord for further developments of the Koinonia Manor and the Retirement Center.

The Board of Directors request your faithful and earnest prayers for the Administrator, James Beil, the residents, the staff and the affairs related to the future of the Bible Fellowship Church Home.

Bert E. Brosius, Bert N. Brosius, John Dunn, Charles Hersh, Benjamin Pattison, Keith E. Plows, Robert W. Smock, Dana E. Weller and Robert Zentz.

BALANCE SHEET BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HOME JUNE 30, 1985

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>PLANT</u>	<u>COMBINED</u>
Cash	\$ 5,166	\$ 5,415	\$ 9,717	\$ 20,298
Accounts Receivable	31,140	-0-	-0-	31,140
Interest Receivable	-0-	2,479	-0-	2,479
Inventory	4,839	-0-	-0-	4,839
Prepaid Expenses	4,125	-0-	-0-	4,125
Note Receivable	-0-	50,000	-0-	50,000
Investments				
CD's & MM's	99,570	690,551	-0-	790,121
Bonds	-0-	36,863	-0-	36,863
Property, Plant & Equip.	-0-	-0-	449,701	449,701
Accumulated Deprec.	-0-	-0-	(202,360)	(202,360)
Construction in Progress	-0-	-0-	85,106	85,106
Total Assets	\$144,840	\$785,308	\$342,164	\$1,272,312
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,448	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 2,488
Accrued Expenses	11,462	-0-	-0-	11,462
Payroll Withholdings	656	-0-	-0-	656
Due to Patients	1,943	-0-	-0-	1,943
Total Liabilities	16,549	-0-	-0-	16,549
Fund Balances	128,291	785,308	342,164	1,255,763
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$144,840	\$785,308	\$342,164	\$1,272,312

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HOME, INC.
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE, EXPENSES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1985

<u>SUPPORT & REVENUE</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$
Patients	\$404,138	-0-	-0-	\$ 404,138
Room & Board	7,134	-0-	-0-	7,134
Personal Laundry	2,395	-0-	-0-	2,395
Other	413,667	-0-	-0-	413,667
Total	-0-	9,723	-0-	9,723
<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	-0-	705	-0-	705
Churches	-0-	10,428	-0-	10,428
General	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<u>OTHER INCOME</u>	-0-	6,948	-0-	6,948
Unrealized Invest. Gain	6,860	76,967	1,455	85,282
Interest	2,795	-0-	-0-	2,795
Apartment Rent	430	-0-	-0-	430
Miscellaneous	10,085	83,915	1,455	95,455
Total	423,752	94,343	1,455	519,550
Total Support & Revenue	423,752	94,343	1,455	519,550

<u>Expenses</u>					
Room & Board	147,839	-0-	-0-	147,839	
Health Care	169,749	-0-	-0-	169,749	
General Administration	66,361	200	-0-	66,561	
Sundry	-0-	22	-0-	22	
Board Travel & Expenses	-0-	1,935	-0-	1,935	
Apartment & Lot					
5 South New Street	1,277	-0-	-0-	1,277	
7 South New Street	2,628	-0-	-0-	2,628	
Pine Street Lot	122	-0-	-0-	122	
Depreciation	-0-	-0-	18,308	18,308	
Loss on Disposition of					
Plant & Equipment	-0-	-0-	28,870	28,870	
Total Expenses	<u>387,976</u>	<u>2,157</u>	<u>47,178</u>	<u>437,311</u>	
Excess (Deficit) of Support					
& Revenue Over Expenses	35,776	92,186	(45,723)	82,239	
6/30/84 Fund Balances	99,099	792,167	282,258	1,173,524	
Transfers	<u>(6,584)</u>	<u>(99,045)</u>	<u>105,629</u>	<u>-0-</u>	
6/30/85 Fund Balances\$	<u>128,291</u>	<u>\$785,308</u>	<u>\$342,164</u>	<u>\$1,255,763</u>	

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HOME, INC.
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION - CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR FISCAL ENDED JUNE 30, 1985

Financial Resources Provided by	
Operations	
Excess of Support & Revenue Over Expenses	\$ 82,239
Plus (Minus) Items Not Affecting Cash	
Unrealized Investment Gains	(6,948)
Depreciation	18,308
Loss on Disposal of Plant & Equipment	28,870
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(18,284)
Increase in Interest Receivable	(2,479)
Increase in Inventory	(588)
Increase in Prepaid Expenses	(930)
Decrease in Accounts Payable	(37,660)
Decrease in Accrued Expenses	(5,905)
Decrease in Payroll Withholdings	(74)
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Cash Provided by Operations	56,549
Proceeds From Disposition of Plant & Equipment	731
Increase in Due to Patients	98
Decrease in Bonds	-0-
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Total Cash Provided	57,378

Financial Resources Used	
Purchase of Plant & Equipment	4,372
Increase in Cert. of Deposit & Money Markets	42,874
Increase in Construction in Progress	85,106
Demolition of Plant & Equipment	<u>13,500</u>
Total Cash Used	<u>\$145,852</u>
Decrease in Cash	<u>\$ 88,474</u>

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HOME, INC.
SCHEDULE OF BOARD FUND INVESTMENTS
JUNE 30, 1985

BONDS AND DEBENTURES

Quantity	Company	%	Due	Cost	Market Value 6/30/85
8 M	Metropolitan Edison	6-7/8%	10/01/92	\$ 7,480	\$ 6,000
9 M	Metropolitan Edison	6-7/8%	10/01/92	8,190	6,750
8 M	Allied Chemical	6-3/5%	08/01/93	7,320	6,000
4 M	Carolina P&L	7-3/4%	10/01/01	4,140	2,760
<u>23 M</u>	United Tel. of PA	7-5/8%	10/01/02	<u>23,345</u>	<u>15,353</u>
<u>52 M</u>	Totals			<u>\$50,475</u>	<u>\$36,863</u>

SCHEDULE OF CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT (CD)

AND MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS (MM)

<u>Institution/Account #</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Board Fund</u>					
<u>American Bank & Trust (CD)</u>					
2-344419-3	02/09/85	08/09/85	6 Mos.	8.35%	\$ 50,000
2-344420-1	02/09/85	08/09/85	6 Mos.	8.35%	50,000
<u>First National Bank of Allentown (CD)</u>					
14485886-65	06/13/85	12/13/85	6 Mos.	7.57%	100,000
<u>Red Hill Savings & Loan (MM)</u>					
11-06-000118	-	-	-	Varies	97,444
<u>Nazareth National Bank & Trust (CD)</u>					
96-19317	06/21/85	12/21/85	6 Mos.	7.50%	50,000
<u>Quakertown National Bank (MM)</u>					
1009729	-	-	-	Varies	37,590
<u>Pennview Savings & Loan (MM-CD)</u>					
1-38000457	04/23/85	10/22/85	6 Mos.	8.40%	100,690
<u>2nd National - Nazareth (MM)</u>					
100-625-8	-	-	-	Varies	104,827
<u>Atlantic Financial Federal (CD)</u>					
270418104	06/21/85	12/21/85	6 Mos.	7.91%	100,000
<u>Total Board Fund</u>					
<u>General Fund</u>					
<u>2nd National - Nazareth (MM)</u>					
100-111-6	-	-	-	Varies	99,570
<u>Total Certificates of Deposit & Money Markets</u>					
					<u>\$790,121</u>

The above named institutions are the designated depositors.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HOME, INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1985

Significant accounting policies followed by Bible Fellowship Church Home, Inc. are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader:

1. Accrual Basis

The accompanying financial statements of Bible Fellowship Church Home, Inc. have been prepared on the accrual basis. The statement of support and revenue, expenses and changes in fund balance presents the results of its activities; it does not purport to present the net income or loss for the period.

To the extent that general and board funds are used to finance plant assets, the amounts so provided are shown as transfers to the plant fund.

2. Fund Accounting Concept

To observe limitations and restrictions placed on the use of the Home's resources, the accounts are maintained in accordance with the principles of "Fund Accounting". This is the procedure by which resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds that are in accordance with the activities or objectives specified.

3. Inventory
Inventory consists of food, nursing supplies, office supplies, and janitorial items, recorded at cost.

4. Note Receivable - Unsecured
Pinebrook Junior College has borrowed \$50,000 which is payable upon demand with interest at a rate agreed to by the parties.

5. Investments
Investments are carried at market value. Unrealized gains and losses from changes in market value are reported in the statement of support, revenue, expenses and changes in fund balance.

6. Plant Fund
Land, buildings and equipment are recorded at acquisition cost. Exhaustible property and equipment are depreciated on a straight line basis over their economic useful lives as follows:

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>LIFE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>DEPRECIATION</u>	
			<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</u>
Buildings & Land	10-40Yrs	\$301,799	\$ 7,802	\$123,850
Furniture & Equip.	5-10Yrs	50,460	2,208	45,494
Transportation	5Yrs	6,925	-	6,925
Equipment	5Yrs	68,750	7,028	10,610
Apartment	10-40Yrs	52,717	408	36,617
Improvements	10-25Yrs	21,767	862	15,481
Totals		<u>\$502,418</u>	<u>\$18,308</u>	<u>\$238,977</u>

Title to land and buildings is held by Bible Fellowship Church, Inc.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HOME, INC.

SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1985
(UNAUDITED)

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Actual Over/(Under) Budget	Prior Year Actual
<u>Room & Board Expenses</u>				
Dietary				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 43,853	\$ 43,600	\$ 253	\$ 41,578
Payroll Taxes & Benefit	13,947	12,300	1,647	9,031
Other Expenses	<u>1,967</u>	<u>1,450</u>	<u>517</u>	<u>1,647</u>
Total Dietary	59,767	57,350	2,417	52,256
Housekeeping				
Salaries & Wages	15,601	20,900	(5,299)	19,789
Payroll Taxes & Benefit	5,991	6,350	(359)	4,900
Housekeeping Sup.	1,770	1,150	620	968
Other Expenses	<u>1,807</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>1,637</u>	<u>1,529</u>
Total House- keeping	25,169	28,570	(3,401)	27,186

Plant Operation & Maint.				
Salaries & Wages	7,495	3,650	3,845	3,388
Payroll Taxes & Benefit	856	985	(129)	593
Heat - Fuel Oil	7,441	4,700	2,741	6,399
Electricity	10,056	5,050	5,006	5,099
Utilities	4,145	3,500	645	4,350
Maintenance	4,420	5,300	(880)	5,892
Auto Expense	463	450	13	410
Other Expenses	<u>1,685</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>(815)</u>	<u>2,520</u>
Total Plant Operation & Maintenance	36,561	26,135	10,426	28,651
Other Room & Board				
Food	16,222	14,000	2,222	14,741
Linen Service	<u>10,120</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>4,120</u>	<u>5,361</u>
Total Other Room & Board	<u>26,342</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>6,342</u>	<u>20,102</u>
Total Room & Board Expense	<u>\$147,839</u>	<u>\$132,055</u>	<u>\$ 15,784</u>	<u>\$128,195</u>
Health Care Expenses				
Salaries & Wages	\$125,968	\$127,500	\$ (1,532)	\$120,336
Payroll Taxes & Benefit	37,938	33,360	4,578	23,593
Other Expense-Nurse	2,695	3,650	(955)	3,940
Medical Supplies	772	1,000	(228)	1,203

Nonreimbursable	19	-	19	-
Activities	106	-	106	57
Pay Telephone	516	350	166	341
Subscriptions	198	150	48	199
Disposables	1,463	3,700	(2,237)	1,104
Other Expenses	74	700	(626)	686
Total Health				
Care	\$169,749	\$170,410	\$ (661)	\$151,459
<u>General Administration Expenses</u>				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 34,455	\$ 37,000	\$ (2,545)	\$ 35,051
Payroll Taxes &				
Benefit	12,702	11,175	1,527	8,074
Office Supplies	2,174	1,400	774	1,255
Dues & Subscriptions	458	600	(142)	477
Professional Fees	9,075	7,200	1,875	5,700
Insurance	2,283	2,850	(567)	2,645
Contributions	-	160	(160)	125
Travel	881	480	401	261
Board & Committee	1,882	1,200	682	944
Telephone	1,972	1,800	172	1,700
Other Expenses	479	250	229	309
Total General				
Administration	\$ 66,361	\$ 64,115	\$ 2,246	\$ 56,541

Apartment & Lot Expenses

5 South New Street					
Fuel Oil	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 4,913
Maint. & Repairs	-	-	-	-	100
Taxes	861	-	861	-	1,054
Electric	94	-	94	-	4,496
Water	42	-	42	-	811
Sewer	14	-	14	-	640
Other	266	-	266	-	458

Total 5 South
New St. \$ 1,277 \$ - \$ 1,277 \$ 12,472

7 South New Street					
Fuel Oil	\$	1,886	\$	1,600	\$ 1,508
Electricity	371	-	600	-	540
Maint. & Repairs	-	-	35	-	26
Water & Sewer	202	-	180	-	189
Insurance	-	-	-	-	97
Other Expenses	169	-	110	-	-

Total 7 South
New St. \$ 2,628 \$ 2,525 \$ 103 \$ 2,360

Pine Street Lot
Taxes \$ 122 \$ 145 \$ (23) \$ 111

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF
MINUTES OF PARTICULAR CHURCHES

The Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches met on Tuesday, October 8, 1985 at Pinebrook Bible Conference Center. The minutes of the Bible Fellowship Churches at Ephrata and Mt. Carmel were not forwarded to the location of Annual Conference by the specified time making it necessary for the committee to make special arrangements to examine those minutes.

MINUTES

The 1984-1985 minutes of all congregations of the Bible Fellowship Church have been examined by the committee on the basis of the suggested format for congregational meetings as stated in the By-Laws for Particular Churches found in the 1983 Yearbook, pp. 32,33.

The committee has found the minutes of most of the churches to be in good order and commends the secretaries and pastors for giving attention to the quality of the recording of the proceedings of congregational meetings in the churches. Omissions and deficiencies in the minutes have been noted in writing and attached to the minutes being returned to the churches. The omissions of concern include eleven churches which gave no evidence of the existence of a pastoral relations committee, seven churches which gave no evidence of an audit of the financial records of the congregation, eleven churches which listed no call of the roll at special congregational meetings, and seven churches which failed to provide a complete list of the Board of Elders.

The committee also reminds the churches that minutes of all congregational meetings conducted during the year are to be forwarded to the committee including copies of reports, financial statements, proposed budget, etc.

VERIFICATION OF DELEGATES

The committee has verified that all delegates and alternates are elders in their respective congregations and have been duly elected to represent their congrega-

tions at Annual Conference. This information has been submitted to the Registrar of Annual Conference.

The committee found evidence which suggests that in some churches, the delegate and alternate delegate are being appointed by the Elders without congregational election. The committee reminds all the churches that according to the Faith and Order, "The elders shall nominate from their number and the congregation elect the representative (s) from the particular church to the fellowship-wide level." (page 55).

The committee also views with concern the number of congregations which have not been electing alternate delegates and encourages all congregations to do so annually.

PETITIONS

The committee found record of petitions to the 102nd Annual Conference in the minutes of five congregations. In two cases the minutes did not contain sufficient information concerning the petitions for the committee to do its work, necessitating special arrangements with those churches to provide this information. The committee reminds the churches that the entire text of petitions and the evidence that they were approved by the congregation must appear in the congregational minutes so that the committee can verify the authenticity and accuracy of the petitions submitted to the Secretary of Annual Conference.

The committee reports that petitions from the congregations of Bethlehem, Stroudsburg, Poughquag, Spring City, and New Fairfield were approved by the respective congregations and recorded in their minutes and that the copies of the petitions circulated by the Secretary are an accurate copy of the text of each petition.

THE COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF MINUTES OF PARTICULAR CHURCHES: R. C. Reichenbach, Chairman; Thomas P. Shorb, Secretary; Kenneth L. Good, William L. Graybill, II, D. Thomas Phillips

APPENDIXFor 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 year
 - 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 AND OFFERINGS. In most churches these two figures might be identical, TOTAL INCOME would include, above offerings the following:

Interest, Rent, Church Extension Appropriation
 BUT NOT
 Sale of properties, loans from banks or individuals.

FORM C

The figures which you show for Missions and Church Extension must agree with the amounts which you sent to the respective Treasurers. We assume that the Treasurers' Reports are correct.

FORM D

The Minister's Salary shall be from September 1 to August 31.

Minister's Supplemental Benefits - this shall include: Social Security and Ministers's Retirement Fund paid to you by the church, automobile allowance, books, etc.

Minister's Housing Allowance

Minister's Health Insurance Premiums

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.

Church giving to Christian Academies

General Disbursements - this shall include: Maintenance of Properties, Local Administrative Expenses, Construction Costs above monies borrowed for that particular construction, Miscellaneous Expenses, etc.

Total Disbursements - this is the TOTAL reflected on this PS - 3 form.

The Pastor shall send a copy of the minutes of all Congregational Meetings, which shall include the Board of Elder's Report of the Membership and Annual Financial Report and the Valuation of church properties and

the Pastor's Statistical Report (PS-3) to the Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches, c/o Pinebrook Bible Conference, P.O. Box 1, Stroudsburg, Pa. 18360, to arrive by Monday of the week prior to Annual Conference week.

The Delegate and Pastor shall certify the correctness of the minutes and reports and of the Pastor's Statistical Report (PS-3) prior to the mailing thereof, and shall include a statement of certification therewith.

The Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches will forward the material received to the Committee on Statistics.

If the Pastor's Statistical Schedule (PS-3) is not in the hand of the Committee on Statistics by the Thursday prior to Annual Conference, the statistics from that church will not be included in that year's report.

Round off all figures to the nearest dollar.

Put the name of the church and pastor on each line.

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Church	Pastor	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	Elders	Deacons	Pastoral Visits	Assistants' Visits	Baptized	Children Dedicated	Weddings	Funerals
Allentown, C. Crest	Mahurin	3	9	8	8	351	383	26	21	4	13
Allentown, Salem	McConnell	1	6	2				11	1	1	1
Bethlehem	Fritz	4	15			260	180	2	5	4	4
Blandon	Bryson	1	4			586		7	1		2
Camden, DE	Koch	2	4	3		475			1		
Catasauqua	Morrison	1	2			438		2	2		2
Coopersburg	F. Herb	2	7			450		2	5	1	4
Denville, NJ	VanEck	1	2	4		175		4			
Emmaus	Weller	1	15	15		572	184	14	5	3	7
Englishtown		1	3			150			1	1	1
Ephrata	Allen	2	4	7		486	150	5	3		
Finesville	Phillips	1	1			149		2			1
Fleetwood			6						1		2
Graterford	Harris	1	11			400		9	4	4	4
Harleysville	Zimmerman	3	1	5	6	372	254	9	6	1	1
Harrisburg	Dommel	1	10			475		8	7	2	6
Hatfield	J. Herb	1	1	7	6	472	300	7	2	1	3
Howell, NJ	Vandergriff	1	0	5	4	475	200	6	4		
Lancaster	D.A. Thomann	3	0	10		378	365	16	5	4	
Lebanon	Reed	3	5	4		387				2	1
Lehighton	Solt	1	7	8		768		5	5	1	4
Maple Glen	Spackman	1	1	3	6	379	250	5	1	1	
Mt. Carmel	Graybill	1	8			420		23	7	2	1
Nazareth	Plows	3	1	9	3	564	229	16	3		3
New Fairfield, CT	Stortz	1	1	3	2	320				2	
Oley		1	8	4				3	3		
Paradise	Soper		1	4	7	47		2	1		

	Rec'd into membership	Rec'd by trans. from B.F.Churches	Rec'd 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, C. Crest	27	1		28	5	2	0	4	0	11	17		355
Allentown, Salem	1			1							1		56
Bethlehem	7	4	1	12	3	1	0	2	3	9	3		334
Blandon	6			6	1			2		3	3		88
Camden, DE	2			2		2			1	3		1	50
Catasauqua													66
Coopersburg	5	1		6				6	8	14		8	191
Denville, NJ	7			7		13			4	17		10	58
Emmaus	27	2		29	2			4	4	6	23		306
Englishtown	2	2	2	4	1					1	3		26
Ephrata	25			25							25		170
Finesville	1			1							1		29
Fleetwood					2		3			5		5	119
Graterford	3			3	1		1			2	1		172
Harleysville	6	1	4	11				2	4	6	5		123
Harrisburg	5			5	2	2			1	5			189
Hatfield	4	4		4	2	3	6			11	0	7	176
Howell, NJ	16			16		13				13	3		72
Lancaster	15	2		17		1	3			4	13		182
Lebanon	4			4		1				1	3		88
Lehighton	12	2		14	2		9	2	3	16		2	113
Maple Glen	18			18			6		6	12	6		130
Mt. Carmel	8			8							8		163
Nazareth	18		7	25			7		3	10	15		179
New Fairfield, CT	1			1				2	2	2		1	21
Oley	4			4		2		2	4	0	0		93
Paradise	8			8		7	5	3	15	7			126

Phila. Emmanuel	5			5					5	36
Phila. Wissinoming										101
Poughquag, NY	3			3					3	25
Quakertown	8	3		11				3	8	201
Reading	22			22	4			17	5	373
Royersford	7			7	1			7	0	142
Scranton										35
Shamokin	13			13				3	10	153
Sinking Spring	1			1				1		131
Spring City	10			10		1		5	5	133
Staten Island, NY	2			2	1			2		23
Stroudsburg	26		2	28				17	11	186
Sunbury	28	2		30	5			8	22	356
Terre Hill	2			2	1			12		74
Wallingford	3	2	3	8	1		4	26		204
York	0	2		2	2		2	6	4	167
Zionsville	3	1	4	4	1			2	2	45
TOTAL	362	25	20	407	39	78	77	279	201	73 6,065

Edison, NJ										21
Newark, DE										29
Irvington, NJ	9	2		11				2	9	
Rutztown	23	5		28					28	28
Mt. Pocono										
Newark, NJ	2			2	1		1	2		34
Pawling, NY										
Walnutport	2			2	1			4	2	38
Wappingers Falls, NY	2			2					2	20
Selinsgrove										
TOTAL	38	7		45	2	3	1	8	39	2 170

GRAND TOTAL	400	32	20	452	41	81	78	287	240	75 6,235
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	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Cradle Roll Members	Home Department Members	Churches	Parsonages	Present Value of Church Property	Total Income	Total Offerings
Allentown, C. Crest	474	350	12	14	1	2	1,200,000	518,637	507,592
Allentown, Salem	83	77			1	1	110,000	51,165	48,902
Bethlehem	238	151			1	1	901,750	225,099	207,484
Blandon	140	102	5		1	1	94,000	64,718	58,782
Camden, DE	42	34			1		100,000	40,549	37,879
Catasauqua	83	45			2	1	165,000	43,607	43,448
Coopersburg	220	175	19		2	1	500,000	128,971	127,671
Denville, NJ		61			1	1	185,000	50,740	44,488
Emmaus	350	291	22	4	1	4	525,000	219,095	198,408
Englishtown	23	15			1		160,000	53,336	46,869
Ephrata	223	170			1	3	1,200,000	209,469	139,168
Finesville	65	51			1	1	130,000	26,129	24,909
Fleetwood	177	116	5	6	1	1	400,000	66,659	61,253
Graterford	185	142			1	2	695,750	111,066	109,360
Harleysville	244	194	9		1	1	718,000	135,341	127,334
Harrisburg	248	176	8		1	1	600,000	118,667	115,020
Hatfield	200	146	4	2	1	2	400,000	160,420	147,270
Howell, NJ	75	65	8		1	1	197,500	60,000	60,000
Lancaster	256	185	10		1	1	950,000	130,724	126,831
Lebanon	175	131	2		1	1	502,500	118,597	113,348
Leighton	143	121	12		1	1	410,000	16,806	16,806
Maple Glen	217	149	8		1	1	600,000	129,714	125,467
Mt. Carmel	166	156			1	1	475,000	78,130	76,726
Nazareth	234	168	17		1	2	392,000	135,261	130,054
New Fairfield, CT	37	24			1	1	80,000	29,445	23,352
Oley	241	161			1		400,000	106,890	106,890
Paradise	157	112			1	1	350,000	93,262	92,840

Phila. Emmanuel	50	28			1	1	140,000	23,060	14,257
Phila. Wissinoming	100	75	6		1	1	200,000	47,171	47,171
Poughquag, NY	65	32			1	1	70,000	30,734	21,288
Quakertown	235	197	3		1	1	600,000	236,485	161,934
Reading	398	306	6	24	1	2	1,475,000	297,653	269,150
Royersford	262	150			1	1	1,175,000	178,886	175,003
Scranton	53	45			1	1	322,000	27,991	25,850
Shamokin	201	174			1	1	500,000	83,222	83,126
Sinking Spring		150			1	1	495,000	149,503	149,503
Spring City	188	140			1	1	700,000	103,273	103,273
Staten Island, NY					1	1	95,000	42,253	26,785
Stroudsburg	300	154			1	1	566,000	112,361	111,742
Sunbury	383	277			1	1	750,000	207,999	207,999
Terre Hill	127	93	6	11	1	1	756,334	62,365	62,365
Wallington	274	166			1	2	1,350,000	219,294	216,465
York	224	148			1	1	610,000	107,787	107,592
Zionsville	49	35	2		1	1	75,000	33,123	32,966
TOTAL	7,605	5,739	158	67	44	52	22,320,834	5,085,657	4,734,620
Edison									13,853
Newark, DE	98	40						29,530	22,887
Irvington, NJ								8,760	3,328
Rutztown	50				1		50,000	43,082	37,082
Mt. Pocono	60								
Newark, NJ	70	43							
Pawling, NY	15	7	1			1		29,076	17,770
Walnutport	34	23			1	1	180,000	11,585	10,378
Wappingers Falls, NY	23	17						24,543	16,485
Selinsgrove	27	25						28,456	24,168
TOTAL	267	265	1	1	2	2	230,000	198,216	159,061
GRAND TOTAL	7,872	6,004	159	68	46	54	22,550,834	5,283,873	4,893,681
Pinebrook Junior College		1,045,078					Victory Valley Camp		242,015
Pinebrook Bible Conference		2,675,000					Plainfield, NJ		42,760
Bible Fellowship Church Home		534,807					TOTAL Valuation of Properties		27,090,494

	Minister's Salary	Minister's Supplemental Benefits	Parsonage Allowance	Hospital Insurance Premiums	Administrative Assistant's Salary	Assistant's Supplemental Benefits	Christian Education	Debt Service
Allentown, C. Crest	19,406	3,734		9,885	24,739	3,364	16,036	170,010
Allentown, Salem	13,750	5,658		1,990	6,975		1,695	
Bethlehem	15,269	2,400		4,458	6,900	8,100	11,521	15,657
Blandon	17,341	647		1,878			4,674	293
Camden, DE	14,040	3,606	4,800	2,423			1,085	5,169
Catasauqua	15,028	118		2,002			817	1,000
Coopersburg	17,387	6,614	8,000	3,763	8,600	3,380	3,327	19,206
Denville, NJ	10,000	5,000		2,312			3,024	5,295
Emmaus	18,226	3,000		4,140	10,400	1,503	16,871	16,773
Englishtown	9,248	2,575		1,878			3,544	2,711
Ephrata	17,616	6,775		2,466			7,759	28,086
Finesville	11,602	1,686		2,242			371	300
Fleetwood	7,017	1,870		939			4,656	
Graterford	15,490	3,346		1,712			8,753	13,887
Harleysville	16,800	5,126	5,250	3,756	10,700	2,947	10,680	26,512
Harrisburg	17,919	2,000		1,878			12,220	10,320
Hatfield	16,000	5,225		2,460	2,385		6,346	25,821
Howell, NJ	22,800			2,916	1,050		1,793	15,726
Lancaster	16,770	5,235		3,709	2,400	2,400	6,337	17,643
Lebanon	12,870	2,025		2,002			5,209	7,493
Leighton	10,169	3,167		1,528			1,420	24,392
Maple Glen	17,790	5,413		2,330	14,298	6,530	4,437	16,767
Mt. Carmel	13,520	6,715	2,400	1,640			7,262	24,697
Nazareth	15,250	4,090		1,935	7,400	4,316	5,268	14,054
New Fairfield, CT	13,320	4,172		1,797			340	3,897
Oley	11,770	4,491	7,500	1,823		800	7,271	6,878
Paradise	10,906	4,383	9,000	1,559	6,112		5,319	13,875

Phila. Emmanuel	4,478	418	1,948	2,120	422			
Phila. Wissinoming	9,000	9,217		1,435	3,059			
Poughkeag, NY	11,250	3,387		2,083	1,366			
Quakertown	15,400	7,550	2,700	3,110	2,100			
Reading	16,802	7,032		2,594	1,943			
Royersford	15,370	4,100		1,823	1,200			
Scranton	9,537	1,531		1,797	867			
Shamokin	13,664	3,942		2,064	2,625			
Sinking Spring	13,215	6,481	7,850	2,603	9,200			
Spring City	12,800	4,630	1,829	1,878	6,338			
Staten Island, NY	10,358	1,350		300	91			
Stroudsburg	12,500	4,128		1,795	4,269			
Sunbury	15,500	5,550		3,919	6,779			
Terre Hill	11,821	5,097		1,878	4,800			
Wallingford	15,495	4,481		2,083	5,756			
York	14,146	4,000		2,536	6,519			
Zionsville	6,552	1,686		1,144	2,492			
TOTAL	605,348	173,651	51,277	104,533	119,327	44,891	250,494	948,422
Edison, NJ	3,530		4,000				1,584	
Newark, DE	7,120	1,692		2,936			444	
Irvington, NJ			3,135				604	3,795
Kutztown	13,432		3,600	1,816			582	625
Mt. Pocono	4,500	300					1,350	6,737
Neward, NJ							348	6,123
Pawling, NY	7,358			1,940			577	1,240
Walnutport	5,000	115		1,197			334	
Wappingers Falls, NY	12,140	4,015		2,120			567	
Selinsgrove	53,080	6,122	16,885	10,009			6,390	18,520
TOTAL	658,428	179,773	68,162	114,542	119,327	44,891	256,884	966,942

	Conference Administ Budget	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Home for the Aging	Pinebrook Junior College	Board of Christian Education	Victory Valley	Pinebrook Bible Conference
Allentown, C. Crest	5,200	47,600	4,950	500	2,200		1,200	2,200
Allentown, Salem	275	2,500	1,120	60	450	50	100	75
Bethlehem	1,800	31,800	3,000	1,400	3,000	75	650	1,200
Blandon	625	3,000	625	150	450	50	425	50
Camden, DE	100	720	140		356			
Catasauga	250	1,500	175	100	100	75	100	100
Coopersburg	1,800	11,000	5,022	175	2,500	50	400	200
Derville, NJ	200	960	500	225	500	75	200	400
Emmaus	2,200	39,500	9,546	500	3,750	100	1,400	700
Englishtown	400		400		250			
Ephrata	1,600	2,000	1,150	110	110	110	110	110
Finesville	25	589			60			
Fleetwood	1,260	15,600	1,700	100	500	5	500	500
Graterford	2,200	14,692	7,790	250	2,500	125	500	150
Harleysville	1,140	8,100	4,303	250	700	150	250	250
Harrisburg	1,800	38,677	900	200	300	25	100	600
Hatfield	1,450	11,500	14,350	500	4,400	50	500	300
Howell, NJ	200		1,890				500	
Lancaster	2,700	8,625		440	1,740	90	160	150
Lebanon	970	7,240	2,649	100	2,400	100	100	200
Leighton	868	900	359	100	150	50	100	100
Maple Glen	900	3,500	3,000	100	2,750	50	200	
Mt. Carmel		4,375	600		125	45	50	50
Nazareth	1,638	7,153	2,887	500	1,200	50	175	500
New Fairfield, CT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oley	1,300	4,090	6,448	125	250	75	270	135
Paradise	1,344	6,300	185	100	100		100	100

Phila. Emmanuel	25	135	381			87		50
Phila. Wissinoming	450	675	600	100		350		200
Poughquag, NY	178	505	112	10	10	10	10	10
Quakertown	1,600	15,500	9,050	500	100	4,000	100	700
Reading	3,500	41,850	6,300	100	100	5,250	100	1,750
Royersford	1,800	23,373		200	200	1,000		1,000
Scranton	300	710	112	50				50
Shamokin	700	10,000		100	100		100	250
Sinking Spring	2,300	2,100	500			500		
Spring City	1,150	24,442	8,075	100	100	1,340		530
Staten Island, NY	25	729	325	40		70	30	35
Stroudsburg	850	13,200	4,687	75	100	1,300	150	550
Sunbury	1,200	16,000	3,000	100	100	1,200	50	100
Terre Hill	400	5,000	451				60	
Wallingford	1,000	15,449	1,042	100	100	250	36	25
York	901	8,674	4,600	100	100	500	75	100
Zionsville	175	1,145	100	75	75	150	20	200
TOTAL	48,799	451,408	113,024	7,635	46,848	2,131	13,340	11,465
Edison, NJ								
Newark, DE	55		480			240		
Irvington, NJ								
Kutztown	100	600	210	25	30	50	30	30
Mt. Pocono								
Newark, NJ	100							
Pawling, NY	25	360						
Walnutport		100	139					
Wappingers Falls, NY	100	660	550					
Selinsgrove			20					
TOTAL	380	1,720	1,399	25	290	30	30	30
GRAND TOTAL	49,179	453,128	114,423	7,660	47,138	2,161	13,370	11,495

	Local Benevolences	Local Missions	Church Sponsored Christian Academies	Women's Missionary Society	Annual Conference	Delegate	General Disbursements	Total Disbursements
Allentown, C. Crest	9,303	18,275		4,932	540		155,795	499,869
Allentown, Salem	1,870	3,967		57	225		18,947	53,714
Bethlehem	220	21,450		1,350	500		61,540	192,290
Blandon	287	1,764		95	200		20,691	53,245
Camden, DE	1,291	995			63		5,393	40,181
Catasauqua	1,111	534		294	300		18,096	41,700
Coopersburg	123	4,280		641	200		30,681	127,349
Denville, NJ	2,131	1,845		200	250		20,450	53,567
Emmaus	100	19,326		2,900	250		62,748	213,933
Englishtown	2,225	3,650			150		12,843	39,874
Ephrata	1,651	331	74,460	160	250		60,640	205,494
Finesville		889					9,039	26,803
Fleetwood	799	7,160		66	200		28,456	71,328
Graterford	1,382	1,600		831	250		81,619	157,077
Harleysville	1,030	3,293		924	200		37,306	139,667
Harrisburg	210	1,850		2,400	250		26,010	117,659
Hatfield	4,572	6,280		150	350		48,369	151,008
Howell, NJ	1,000						10,145	58,020
Lancaster	600	6,194		647	350		54,062	130,252
Lebanon	2,726	4,879		843	190		64,127	116,123
Lehighton	79			1,394	100		7,003	51,879
Maple Glen	2,750	16,294			75		32,030	129,214
Mt. Carmel	256						15,818	77,553
Nazareth	100	5,710		1,225	225		25,010	98,686
New Fairfield, CT	250						5,995	29,771
Oley	4,910	500		30	200		46,862	104,728
Paradise	88	2,977					28,700	92,202

Phila. Emmanuel	370			150	9,906	20,490
Phila. Wissinoming	1,165	1,065		100	17,170	44,586
Poughquag	618			84	6,417	30,779
Quakertown	4,105	2,000	700	250	42,461	238,022
Reading	951	8,500	1,368	450	119,773	309,261
Royersford	43,125		1,800	210	30,530	157,245
Scranton	100	760	255	75	10,016	26,110
Shamokin	561	5,469	200	250	18,518	79,575
Sinking Spring	209	23,747			27,746	135,859
Spring City	545	2,817	247	200	19,106	86,542
Staten Island, NY	320	25			10,896	27,792
Stroudsburg	856	8,239	92	180	25,080	106,989
Sunbury	3,343	35,637	600	300	42,893	204,751
Terre Hill	4,502	1,272	274	200	14,877	59,114
Wallingford	4,469	9,176		300	76,009	217,791
York	1,009	3,981	450	200	33,216	105,596
Zionsville		1,240	145	250	14,887	30,311
TOTAL	63,817	281,466	74,460	25,270	1,507,876	4,953,999
Edison, NJ	1,224				4,313	13,067
Newark, DE	850		1,841		7,173	30,121
Irvington, NJ	753	192			4,033	8,557
Kutztown	411	1,050			12,927	38,710
Mt. Pocono	50	90			24,963	31,110
Newark, NJ	1,335	199			18,967	28,688
Pawling, NY	51	445			3,931	11,283
Walnutport	100	1,049			6,227	18,730
Wappingers Falls, NY		676			19,871	28,503
Selinsgrove	327				1,665	20,854
TOTAL	5,101	3,701	1,841		104,070	229,623
GRAND TOTAL	68,918	285,167	76,301	25,270	1,611,946	5,183,622

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

CHURCH	LOCATION	SS	A.M.	P.M.	PRAYER MEETING
Allentown, C.Crest	1151 S.Cedar Crest Blvd Allentown, PA.	10:00	8:30 11:00	6:30	7:00
Allentown Salem	641 S.Genese St., Allentown, PA.	9:00	10:15	6:30	7:00
Bethlehem	3100 Hecktown Rd., Bethlehem, PA.	10:30	9:30	6:30	7:15
Blandon	Box 738 - 415 Chestnut St., Blandon, PA.	10:10	9:00	7:00	7:30
Camden	201 E. Camden-Wyoming Ave., Camden, DE	9:45	11:00	7:00	7:30
Catasauqua	233 Walnut St., Catasauqua, PA.	9:00	10:30	7:00	7:30
Coopersburg	518 N.Main St., Coopersburg, PA.	9:00	10:15	7:00	7:00
Denville	263 Diamond Spring Rd., Denville, NJ	11:00	9:30	7:00	7:30
Edison	Location varies c/o Rev. Daniel G. Zeigler 1049 Kenyon Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060	10:30	7:30	8:30	
Emmaus	418 Elm St., Emmaus, PA	10:40	9:30	7:00	7:30

Englishtown-Freehold

667 Tennent Rd., 9:45 11:00 7:00 7:30
 Englishtown, NJ 07726
 Church & Locust St. 9:15 10:30 6:00 7:00
 Ephrata, PA. 17522
 236 South Richmond St. 10:30 9:15 7:00 7:30
 Fleetwood, PA 19522
 Warren Glen Rd., (1) 7:00
 Finesville 9:15 10:30

Graterford Route 29, Graterford, PA 9:30 10:40 7:00 7:30
 Harleysville 140 Harleysville Pike 10:45 9:30 7:00 7:30
 Harleysville, PA.

Harrisburg 1250 Colonial Rd. Hsbg, PA 9:30 10:45 7:00 7:30
 Hatfield W. Broad St., Hatfield, PA 9:30 10:15 6:00 7:00
 Howell Lakewood & Allenwood Rd.,
 Howell, NJ (RD#2 Box 538,
 Lakewood-Allenwood Rd.

Irvington Howell, NJ 07731 9:15 10:35 7:00 7:30

Polish Home, 415 16th Ave. 11:00 11:00
 Irvington, NJ

Kutztown RD#4, Box 24, Kutztown, PA 11:30 10:00 6:00 7:00
 Lancaster Prospect & Hager Sts. 9:00 10:15 7:00 7:15
 Lancaster, PA.

Lebanon 1635 Mill Rd., Lebanon, PA 9:30 10:45 7:00 7:30

Lehighton	RD#1 Box 74, Lehighton, PA	9:30	10:45	7:00	7:30
Maple Glen	Welsh Rd., Maple Glen, PA	9:30	11:00	7:00	(3)
Mount Carmel	Bethany Acres, Mount Carmel, PA	9:30	10:40	7:00	7:30
<u>Mt. Pocono</u>					
Nazareth	Rose Inn & Beil Ave. Nazereth, PA	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Newark, NJ	30 Randolph Place Newark, NJ	9:45	11:00	6:30	7:15
Newark, DE	Old Bethlehem Pike Newark, DE	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
New Fairfield	Consolidated School, RT. 39 & Gillotti Rd. New Fairfield, CT 06810 c/o Pastor Stortz P.O.Box 8005, New Fairfield CT 06810	10:45	9:30	7:00	7:30
Oley	Route 73, Oley, PA.	10:45	9:30	7:00	7:30
Paradise	Box 116, US 30 & Singer Ave. Paradise, PA	10:30	9:00	7:00	7:30
Phila, Calvary	4416 VanKirk St. Philadelphia, PA	9:45	11:00	6:00	7:30
Phila, Emmanuel	6422 Dickens Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. c/o Pastor Reitz, 6902 Chelwynde, Ave. Phila., Pa. 19143	(pm)5:00	10:00	6:30	7:00

Poughquag, NY	N. Clove Rd. North Clove, NY (c/o Pastor Widger, 23E. Surrey Lane Wappingers Falls NY 12592)	10:00 11:00	8:00
Quakertown	Old Bethlehem Pike	9:00 10:05	7:00 7:30
Reading	Quakertown, PA. Hampden Blvd. & Marion St	9:30 11:15	7:00 7:30
Royersford	Reading, PA. 431 N. Lewis Rd.	9:00 10:15	7:00 7:30
Scranton	Royersford, PA. 19468 1021 Taylor Ave., Scranton, PA.	10:00 11:00	7:00 7:30
Selinsgrove	Selinsgrove Community Center, 1 High St. Selinsgrove, PA. 17870	9:30 10:30	6:00 7:00
Shamokin	35 S. Second St. Shamokin, PA.	9:30 10:45	7:00 7:00
Sinking Spring	Sinking Spring, PA. Route 422, Sinking Spring, PA.	9:00 10:00	7:00 7:30
Spring City	Pennhurst Rd & Bridge Sts., Spring City, PA.	9:30 10:45	6:00 7:15
Staten Island, NY	243 Taylor St. Staten Island, NY	9:30 10:45	7:00 7:45
Stroudsburg	RD#1 Box 1073, Valley View Dr. Stroudsburg, PA.	10:30 9:15	6:30 7:00
Sunbury	1051 Catawissa Ave. Sunbury, PA.	9:30 10:30	7:30 7:30

Terre Hill	407 W. Main St. Terre Hill, PA.	9:30	10:30	7:00	7:30
Union County	c/o Dennis W. Spinney, 586 Buchanan St. Hillside, NJ 07205	9:30	10:45	7:00	7:15
Wallingford	723 Providence Rd Wallingford, PA.	9:15	10:15	6:30	7:00
Walnutport	233 Main Street Walnutport, PA.	9:30	10:20		7:30
Wappingers Falls	P.O. Box 1394 Wappingers Falls, NY 12590	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Whaley Lake	First Pawling Church, P.O.Box 229 Holmes, NY 12531	9:30	10:45	7:00	7:00
York	675 Woodland View Dr., York, PA.	9:30	10:30	7:30	7:30
Zionsville	S. Vera Cruz Rd., PO Box 266, Zionsville, PA. 18092				

* Prayer Service Time is for Wednesday unless otherwise stated

(1) Evening services as announced

(2) Prayer service in homes

(3) Substituted with Discipleship Groups

DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 1985

Allentown, C.Crest	Jay H. Fasnacht	215-437-6770	3640 Briarwood Lane PA 18103	Allentown
	John W. Trauch	215-395-3514	4421 Elm Drive PA 18103	Allentown, PA
Allentown, Salem	Jeffrey C. Stieider	215-691-8743	240 E. Geopp St. 18018	Bethlehem, PA
Bethlehem	Robert F. Gerding	215-868-5975	2439 Greencrest Dr. PA 18017	Bethlehem
	Warren L. Zimmerman	215-944-0779	1451 Lenox Ave., 18018	Bethlehem, PA
Blandon	Raymond Bertolet	215-944-0779	Rq#4 Box 4346 19522	Fleetwood, PA
Camden, DE	James M. Hanna	302-734-9782	RD#4 Box 92B 8415	Dover, DE 19901
Catasauqua	Calvin A. Boyle	215-837-6955	Valley View Rd, ampton, PA 18067	North-
Coopersburg	Clyde W. Snyder	215-536-0768	RD#5 Box 171A 18591	Quakertown, PA
Denville, NJ	Gary R. Domke	201-627-9137	PO Box 916 555 Elm St., 134	Denville, NJ 07834
Emmaus	Clifford L. Kauffman	215-965-4133	Emmaus, PA 18049	Emmaus PA
	Richard E. Lefever	215-965-9334	Jefferson St., 18049	Emmaus PA
Ephrata	Robert W. Gehret Office	717-733-3883 717-733-1673	RD#4 Box 60, 08834	Ephrata, PA 17522
Finesville, NJ	Donald P. Straub	201-996-6291	PO Box 166, RD#1 Box 1613 19522	Little York, NJ
Fleetwood	Ronald P. Turner	215-682-6822	Fleetwood, PA	Fleetwood, PA
Freehold-Eng.town Graterford	Raymond C. Burnett W.Robert Buckwalter	215-489-9798	332 W. 7th Ave., 19426	Trappe, PA
Harleysville	Harold Crider	215-256-8360	598 Quarry Rd., PA 19438	Harleysville,

Harrisburg	Walter A. Schlagel	717-564-6709	633 S. 29th St. Harrisburg, PA 17111
Hatfield	Lee E. Boyles	215-368-1318	135 Forty-Foot Rd., Hatfield PA 19440
Howell, NJ	David M. Markuson	201-363-8758	12 Deer Lane, Jackson, NJ 08527
Kutztown	George K. Monroe	215-944-9112	401 W. Somerset St., Fleetwood PA 19522
Lancaster	Horace A. Kauffman Office	717-626-8356 717-397-3711	25 E. Lemon St., Lititz, PA 17543
Lebanon	LeRoy A. Herb	717-273-5697	166 N. 7th St., Lebanon, PA 17042
Lehighton	Allen A. Bauer	215-377-3557	201 Allen St., Lehighton, PA 18235
Maple Glen	George A. Priestly	215-885-3769	1055 Arbuta Rd., Abington, PA 19001
Mt. Carmel	Harold L. Snyder, Jr	717-799-5446	RD#3, Box 198, Catawissa, PA 17820
Nazareth Newark, DE	Leonard Kessler Arthur J. Frisbie	215-253-6318 302-366-0973	2306 Forest St., Easton, 18042 4 Meadow Lane, Newark, DE 19713
New Fairfield, CT	Leonard Russell	203-746-06812	17 Musket Ridge Rd., New Fairfield, CT 06812
Oley Paradise	Clayton E. Weber L. Eugene Brenneman	215-987-6082 717-768-8406	RD#3, Box 26, Oley, PA 19547 4113 E. Newport Rd., Kinzer, PA 17535
Phila., Calvary	Kenneth Cressman	215-464-3467	9347 Rising Sun Ave., Phila., PA 19115
Phila., Emmanuel	Russel L. Davis	215-727-6832	5313 Grays Ave., Phila, PA 19143
Poughquag, NY Quakertown	John Anderson L. James Roberts, Jr	215-536-8475	342 S. 9th St., Quakertown, PA 18951

Reading	Robert Breitegam	215-689-5257	RD# 7076 Walnut Rd., Reading, PA 19606
	Walter Raybuck	215-929-4983	713 Tuckerton Ave., Temple, PA 19560
Royersford	David J. Smock	215-948-4020	123 N. 4th, Royersford, PA
Scranton	C. Clinton Honeywell	717-278-2997	RD#1 Box 35, Montrose, PA 18801
Shamokin	Norman C. Manney	717-648-2134	102 Birch St. Shamokin, PA 17872
Sinking Springs	Donald D. McKinney	215-693-5945	RD#1 Robseonia, PA 19551
Spring City	John F. Boyle	215-933-2019	RD#1 124 Valley View Rd, Phoenixville, PA 19460
Staten Island, NY	Ralph D. Cole	718-448-6071	113 Floyd St., Staten Island, NY 10310
Stroudsburg	Harold D. Geisinger	717-421-1134	RD#1, Box 1168, Stroudsburg, PA 18360
Sunbury	Bert E. Brosius	717-286-9459	853 S. Second St., Sunbury, PA 17801
	Clayton B. Brosius	717-286-1396	855 S. Second St., Sunbury, PA 17801
Terre Hill	Jeffrey D. Seip	717-354-8986	Box 123, Blue Ball, PA 17506
Wallingford	William R. Singletary	215-872-8560	404 Christian Ln. Wallingford, PA 19086
York	Philip G. Norris	717-848-9112	740C Hardwick Place, York, PA 17404
Zionsville	David L. Weller	215-395-2476	1920 Hidden Valley Rd., Macungie, PA 18062

I. ORDAINED MINISTERS WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Allen, Daniel P. Church	1982	1979	1982	717-733-7326 717-733-2526	103 Park Ave., Ephrata, PA.	17522
Baker, Delbert II Church	1976	1979	1975	201-926-5077 201-373-3677	133 Goldsmith Ave., Newark, NJ	07112
Batchler, James R.Jr. Church	1976	1979	1980	717-342-2027 717-342-1307	1023 Taylor Ave., Scranton, PA	18510
1)Beil, James, A. BFC Home	1959	1962	1974	215-759-3053 215-759-5121	462 Gail Dr., Nazareth, PA.	18064
Brosius, Bert N. Church	1958	1961	1970	215-536-4437 215-536-6096	53 Kenwood Circle, Quakertown	18951 PA
Bryson, George R. Church	1979	1981	1982	215-926-4593 215-926-4594	Box 738, Blandon, PA	19510
Byrd, Terris L. Church	1969	1973	1968	215-678-2564 215-678-5166	164 Butternut CT. Sinking Spring, PA	19608
2)Cassel, Alva C. Bible Conference	1958	1962	1982	717-424-5528 717-424-1212	Box 250, RD#7, East Stroudsburg PA	18301
3)Cassel, Carl C.	1956	1959	1970	215-282-3525	Gun Club Rd. Box 332 Coopers- burg, PA	18036
Clapier, G. Wayne Church	1980	1981	1980	215-288-6369 215-745-3751	4426 VanKirk St., Phila. PA	19135
4)Coble, Bernard N.	1972	1974	1981	717-424-1214	RL#7 Box 248 East Strouds- burg, PA	18301
Coulbourn, Hugh C.Jr. Church	1977	1970	1976	717-648-9732 717-648-1466	35 S. Second St., Shamokin, PA	17872
Dommel, Albert J. Church	1982	1984	1982	717-652-4128	1250 Colonial Rd., Harrisburg PA	17112
5)Ellingson, Bruce A.	1963	1966	1983	717-652-5229 215-282-4000	350A Beverly Hills Rd. Coopersburg, PA	18036
Erb, Ronald C.	1981	1983	1981	201-373-6921	22 Delmar Place, Irvington, NJ	07111
Fritz, Harvey J., Jr. Church	1959	1962	1985	215-866-2703 215-868-5501	3040 Hecktown Rd. Bethlehem	PA18017

Good, Kenneth L. Church	1975	1977	1976	717-848-4617 717-846-7449	675 Woodland View Dr., York PA17402
Graybill, William L. II	1975	1977	1983	717-339-4693	Bethany Acres, Mt. Carmel, PA17851
Grossman, Randall A. Church	1981	1983	1981	215-683-6459 215-683-9366	RD#4 Box 9, Kutztown, PA 19530 682-2313
Harris, Richard D. Church	1976	1978	1982	215-489-2281 215-489-9389	693 Church Rd., Graterford, PA 19426
Hartman, Jansen E. Church	1942	1946	1970	215-373-3330 215-375-2333	1122 Hampden Blvd., Reading PA19604
Heller, LeRoy, S. Church	1955	1958	1972	717-286-6106 717-282-8313	650 Catawissa Ave., Sunbury, PA17801
Herb, Frank L. Jr. Church	1954	1957	1980	215-282-3580 215-282-3161	969 Butternut Rd., Coopersburg PA 18036
6)Herb, George E.	1957	1960	1973	717-424-5548	RD#4, Box 231 East Stroudsburg PA 18301
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7)Hertzog, Roy A. Johnson, Robert F. Church	1959 1958	1968 1961	1985 1985	215-820-4161 215-966-4253 215-432-2200	2721 Andrea Dr., Allentown PA 18103 6380 Mulberry Lane, Macungie PA18062
Keeler, Kenneth D. Koch, James G. Church	1982 1950	1985 1953	1982 1977	215-256-6918 302-674-0342 302-697-0434	470 Moyer Rd. Harleysville, PA19438 90 James Rd., RD#3, Box 77 Dover DE 19901
Mahurin, Ronald C. Church	1960	1959	1977	215-432-0664 215-432-2200	665 Americus Dr., Allentown PA 18103
McConnell, Charles J Church	1978	1971	1978	215-791-4577 215-797-7271	723 S. Filmore St., Allentown PA18103
Morrison, Philip E. Phillips, D. Thomas Church	1980 1971	1982 1976	1980 1972	215-264-1120 201-995-7308 201-995-7678	235 Walnut St., Catasauqua, PA 18032 RD#1, Box 228, Phillipsburg NJ 08865
Plows, Keith E. Church	1966	1968	1979	215-759-1712 215-759-7036	95 E. Beil Ave., Nazareth, PA 18064

Reed, Calvin T. Church	1982	1984	1983	717-273-7074 717-273-4802	1635 Mill Rd., Lebanon, PA	17042
Reitz, Roger	1972	1974	1978	215-492-1723	6902 Chelwynde Ave, Phila. PA	19143
Seifert, A. L.	1950	1953	1984	717-676-3800	Box 195, Newfoundland, PA	18445
Shorb, Thomas P. Church	1977	1979	1977	717-421-0533 717-421-0617	RD#1, Box 1074, StroudsburgPA	18360
Smock, Robert W. Church	1950	1953	1980	215-948-4545 215-948-9764	429 N. Lewis Rd., Royersford, PA	19468
Spackman, Carl K. Church	1969	1971	1971	215-643-7963 215-646-1220	1814 Farmview Rd., Maple Glen	PA19002
Taylor, Richard E. Church	1973	1975	1982	215-874-5660 215-876-8449	723 S. Providence Rd. Wallingford PA	19086
Thomann, David A. Church	1978	1977	1980	717-393-7677 717-392-7851	608 Prospect St. Lancaster PA	17603
Upton, Bryan G. Vandegriff, John Church	1979 1974	1981 1972	1979 1977	718-442-2782 201-363-1610	243 Taylor St., Staten Island Box 538, RD#2, Lakewood-Allenwood RD.	NY10310
VanEck, Stephen R. Church	1980	1982	1983	201-363-8941 201-627-6706	Howell, NJ 25 Florence Ave., Denerville, NJ	07731 07834
Weller, Dana E. Church	1972	1974	1981	201-625-1880 215-967-2555	313 N. Third St., Emmaus, PA	18049
Wickstead, James A.	1976	1981	1976	215-965-2682 914-724-5363	RD#2 Box 254, Pleasant Ridge Rd.	
8) Ziegler, Daniel G. Zimmerman, Paul G.	1960 1966	1963 1971	1970 1979	201-753-6978 215-256-8253	1049 Kenyon Ave., Plainfield 140 Harleysville Pike, Harleysville	NY 12570 NJ 07060

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- 8) Director, Church Extension

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Buck, Leonard E.	1958	1970
Butler, Brian H.	1968	1957
Draper, Robert L.	1972	1973
Gehman, Richard J.	1964	1971
Harley, J. Barclay	1956	1960
Hoyle, Ronald W.	1954	1954
Lea, Herbert K.	1980	1982
Manney, David L.	1976	1976
Moyer, Edward		1970
Mull, William	1968	1950
Prontnicki, Louis	1983	1985
Stengelle, Laird F.	1952	1952
Yerrington, Phillip E.	1978	1981

III ORDAINED MINISTERS WORKING IN THE MILITARY CHAPLAINCY UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Jones, David H.	1978	1966
Minsky, Barry J.	1980	1966

IV ORDAINED MINISTERS IN RETIREMENT

Baer, Paul E.	1924	1928	272 Ridgeview Estate, Harleysville PA	19438
Bean, E.W.	1928	1938	RD#2, Box M418, Reading PA.	19605
Dunn, John	1941	1950	135 Roselawn Ave., Box 85 Bausman PA	17504
Hartman W.W.	1930	1937	1820 Ash St., Scranton, PA	18510
Kirkwood, C.E.	1937	1940	407B Beech Rd., Wallingford, PA	19086
Kirkwood, Donald T.	1951	1954	132 S. 10th St. Quakertown, PA	18951
Miller, C. Leslie	1928	1933	10773 Galvin St. Ventura, CA	93303

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 Frank, Walter H. 1939 1961
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 Hefner, William A. 1943 1951 717-675-1850 RD#6, Box 107A, Dallas, PA 18612
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 Schell, Henry A. 1978 1969 109 S. Delsea Dr. Deptford, NJ 08096
 Shelly, Austin G. 1956 1961
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Barber, Kenneth F.	1985	1985	215-987-3672	RD#1 Box 314A Mast Rd, Oley, PA	19547
Church			215-987-3192		
Burnett, Raymond	1984	1984	201-536-9025	667 Tennent Rd., Englishtown, NJ	07726
Carver, David A.	1983	1983	717-374-1663	109 S. High St., Selinsgrove, PA	17876
Chappell, David W.	1985	1985	215-747-1365	20 Cherry St., Walnutport, PA	18088
Commerford, Robert S.	1984	1983	914-855-5860	RD#1, Box 221, Holmes, NY	12531
Frisbie, Arthur, J.	1976		302-366-0973	4 Meadow Lane, Newark, DE	19713
Harding W. Neil	1983	1983	215-876-1594	723B S. Providence Rd., Wallingford PA	19086
MacMillan, Thomas S.	1983	1983	215-759-1817	203 N. Broad St., Nazareth, PA.	18064
Martin, Carl T.	1983	1983	215-948-3791	25 Pennhurst Rd. Spring City, PA	19475
Church			215-948-9448		
Solt, Mark C.	1983	1985	717-386-2578	RD#1, Box 74, Leighton, PA	18235
Soper, Ralph M.	1985	1985	717-687-9286	3092 Lincoln Highway E. Paradise, PA	17562
Church			717-687-7577		
Spinney, Dennis W.	1983	1983	201-687-7574	586 Buchanan St., Hillside, NJ	07205
Stortz, Dean A.	1983	1983	203-746-4080	P.O. Box 8005, New Fairfield, CT	06810
Trommler, Steven L.	1984	1984	215-445-4094	404 W. Main St., Terre Hill, PA	17581

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