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Rev. Mark Bickel & parents



Rev. R. Scott Wright & family



Rev. Colby Weinhofer & family

Directory of Boards and Committees

Directory of Boards & Committees

(Elected by BFC Conference)

BFC Executive Board

- (2013) Dennis M. Cahill, Carl C. Cassel, Steven J. Kauffman, L. James Roberts, Jr.
(2014) Jay H. Fasnacht, Ronald L. Kohl, Charles A. Lavigna, Robert A. Sloan, Jr.
(2015) Robert T. Evans, Randall A. Grossman, David A. Thomann, Hans R. Waldvogel
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Executive Director - David T. Allen

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- (2013) David N. Schoen, Clyde W. Snyder
(2014) Jason L. Hoy, Ronald E. Miller, Byron Widger
(2015) Richard T. Paashus, Carl K. Spackman, John W. Sullivan
Chairman - Carl K. Spackman
Vice-Chairman - Richard T. Paashaus
Secretary - Byron Widger

Committee on Credentials

- (2013) Dennis M. Cahill, LeRoy S. Heller
(2014) Carl J. Fischer, Jr., Keith E. Plows
(2015) Ralph M. Soper
Chairman - Dennis M. Cahill
Vice-Chairman - Keith E. Plows
Secretary - Carl J. Fischer, Jr.

Committee on Ministerial Candidates

- (2013) Howard N. Wells
(2014) Calvin T. Reed, Richard E. Taylor
(2015) Andrew T. Crossgrove, David E. Gundrum
Chairman - Calvin T. Reed
Secretary - Richard E. Taylor
Seminar Coordinator - David E. Gundrum
Applications Secretary - Andrew T. Crossgrove
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Committee on Nominations

- (2013) Donald E. Kuntzman, Vonnette E. Allen
- (2014) Richard T. Paashaus, Ralph E. Ritter, Rachel Schmoyer
- (2015) Harold E. Snyder, Daniel L. Williams

Conference Judiciary

- (2013) Douglas D. Bowne, Calvin T. Reed, Clyde W. Snyder
- (2014) Carl C. Cassel, Donald E. Kuntzman, S. Lester Moyer, Rodney P. Plows
- (2015) Ronald W. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr., Dean A. Stortz, Gregory A. Uhrich
Secretary - Gregory A. Uhrich

Special Appellate Judiciary

- (2013) Randall A. Grossman, Richard G. Matthews, Harold Schoonover
- (2014) Raymond R. Dotts, Hans R. Waldvogel
- (2015) Charles A. Lavigna, John C. Studenroth
Secretary - Raymond R. Dotts

Ministerial Relations Committee

- (2013) Randall A. Grossman, Ronald W. Reed
- (2014) L. James Roberts, Jr., Timothy J. Schmoyer, Byron Widger
- (2015) Robert Vaughn, William G. Schlonecker
Chairman - Byron Widger
Secretary - Randall A. Grossman

Officers of 130th Annual BFC Conference

- Moderator - Randall A. Grossman
- Vice-Moderator - Clifford B. Boone
- Secretary - Ronald L. Kohl

BFC Elected & Ratified Positions

- BFC Executive Director - David T. Allen (2013)
 - Conference Pastor - Ronald C. Mahurin (2013)
 - BFC President - Randall A. Grossman (2015)
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Directory of Other Committees

(Self-elected/Appointed & Ratified by Exec.Brd.)

Christian Education Committee

(2013) Richard Mastronardo, David J. Peters, Michael D. Roberts, J. Richard Vroman

(2014) Davis E. Duggins, Timothy J. Bertolet, Rachel Norris

(2015) Mark E. Barninger, Thomas J. Sorg, John C. Studenroth

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(2014) Ronald W. Hoyle, Harold P. Shelly

(2015) Ronald L. Kohl

Archivist - Richard E. Taylor

Chairperson - Jill A. Davidson

Secretary - Richard E. Taylor

Pinebrook Educational Foundation

(2013) Raymond R. Dotts, Jay H. Fasnacht

(2014) Stephen C. Cassel, Judith Rychnovsky

(2015) John Sullivan, Karen Stull

Chairman - Raymond R. Dotts

Secretary - Jay H. Fasnacht

Youth and Young Adults Committee

(2013) Steven J. DelDuco, Mark R. Evans, Beth Wiegand

(2014) Ronald L. Kohl, Lisa F. Kellerman, Jonathan H. King

(2015) Mark R. Culton, Dorothy L. Ruch, Aaron J. Susek

Chairman - Ronald L. Kohl

Vice-Chairman - Mark R. Evans

Secretary - Jonathan H. King

Treasurer - Aaron J. Susek

Directory of Study Committees

(Appointed Committees)

Biblical Principles for Living

Harold P. Shelly, Richard E. Taylor, Timothy J. Zuck

Study Committee on the Kingdom

Calvin T. Reed, Chairman: Timothy J. Bertolet, Robert C. Kaatz, Jacob J. Susek, Jr., John C. Studenroth, Richard B. Ravis, Davis E. Duggins

Study Committee on Sabbath

Steven J. DelDuco, Chairman; Steven Berlow, Carl C. Cassel, Timothy J. Schmoyer, Aaron J. Susek, Daniel L. Williams

Directory of Annual Conference Committees

(Appointed Committees)

Agenda and Program Committee for the 130th BFC Conference

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Committee on Arrangements for the 130th BFC Conference

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Committee on Statistics

LeRoy S. Heller, Chairman; Hugh C. Coulbourn, David A. Thomann, Gregory A. Uhrich

Committee on Examination of the Minutes of Particular Churches

Ralph M. Soper, Chairman; Louis S. Curcio, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Mark R. Orton, Allen R. Vivona, Howard N. Wells

Committee to Examine the Minutes of 129th BFC Conference

Philip G. Norris, Chairman; Steven J. DelDuco, Joshua P. Miller, Ralph E. Ritter, Michael D. Roberts

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Davis E. Duggins, Registrar, Timothy J. Bertolet, Ass't Registrar

Directory of Departments

(Self-appointed & Ratified by Exec.Brd.)

Board of Church Extension

Jim Arcieri, Robert W. Davies, Kenneth D. Keeler, Alfred G. Roberts, William G. Schlonecker, Clyde W. Snyder, Carl K. Spackman, James Stapleton, Richard E. Taylor, Robert H. Zentz.

Director - David E. Gundrum

Chairman - Richard E. Taylor

Board of Pinebrook Bible Conference

Darian R. Allen, Justin Ashcroft, Mark E. Barninger, Charles D. Bomgardner, Patrick Carl, Charles E. Cole, Christopher Fellon, Gary Karch

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Secretary - Charles D. Bomgardner

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Chairman - Ralph M. Soper

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Director - Doug Manwiller

Chairman - Timothy J. Bertolet

Vice-Chairman - Bruce A. Ellingson

Treasurer - Timothy J. Schmoyer

Other Committees

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(Elected by Beneficiary Society)

Philip G. Norris, Chairman; Donald E. Kuntzman, Secretary;

LeRoy S. Heller, Treasurer

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(Self elected)

From Church Extension: David E. Gundrum, Alfred G. Roberts

From Board of Missions: Dana E. Weller, Donald S. Faust

Consultants: Elliot H. Ramos, David K. Schlonecker

Chairman - David E. Gundrum

Ministerial Convention Committee

(Elected by Ministerial Convention)

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(2013) Mark A. Bickel, Robert B. Kramer

(2014) David E. Brandt, Kurt Francis

Chairman - Alan G. Miller

Secretary - Robert B. Kramer

Treasurer - David E. Brandt

Advisor - Ronald C. Mahurin

Board of Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc.

(Elected by Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc.)

Bruce A. Ellingson, LeRoy S. Heller, Robin A. Musselman, Glenn D. Ruoss

Table of Ordained Ministers

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Allen, David T.	2000	2003	2010
Arcieri, James	2009	1988	2009
Baker, Delbert, R., II	1976	1979	1975
Barninger, Mark E.	2006	2007	2008
Bertolet, Raymond R.	2005	2007	2005
Bertolet, Timothy J.	2004	2007	2006
Bickel, Mark A.	2009	2012	2009
Bomgardner, Clyde D., Jr.	1997	2000	2011
Boone, Clifford B.	1989	1992	2002
Brandt, David E.	2006	2009	2006
Brush, R. Jerome	1988	1992	1991
Cahill, Dennis M.	1986	1984	1986
Clark, Gerald D.	2002	2006	2003
Clineff, Kevin W.	2001	2004	1999
Cole, Charles E.	1996	1970	1996
Cowen, Timothy S.	1997	2000	1997
Crossgrove, Andrew T.	1999	2002	2002
Curcio, Louis S.	2002	2004	2002
DelDuco, Steven J.	2007	2009	2011
Duggins, Davis E.	2005	1997	2005
Edwards, Joshua	2008	2011	2007
Erb, Ronald C.	1981	1983	2005
Evans, Mark R.	2008	2010	2005
Felty, Glenn R.	2006	1966	2003
Fischer, Carl J., Jr.	1990	1985	2007
Grossman, Randall A.	1981	1983	1990
Gundrum, David E.	1986	1988	2000

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Harris, Richard D.	1976	1978	1988
Heller, LeRoy S.	1955	1958	1995
Johnson, Robert A., II	2002	1990	2002
Keeler, Kenneth D.	1982	1985	2000
Kirkpatrick, Kevin W.	2001	2004	2001
Kohl, Ronald L.	2004	2007	2004
Kramer, Robert B.	2006	1993	2006
Kuntzman, Donald E.	2003	2006	1996
Madara, Ferdie R.	2006	1995	2006
Mahurin, Ronald C.	1960	1959	2001
Miller, Alan G.	2003	1981	2007
Miller, Joshua P.	2007	2010	2012
Morrison, Mark L.	1996	1999	2006
Norris, Philip G.	2004	2007	2004
North, Eric R.	2003	1992	2003
Orton, Mark R.	2009	2006	2009
Paashaus, Richard T.	1988	1990	1976
Peters, David J.	2008	2011	2008
Prontnicki, Louis	1983	1985	1990
Ramirez, Marcos G.	2008	2011	2007
Ramos, Elliot H.	1998	2001	1999
Ravis, Richard B.	1990	1985	2001
Reed, Calvin T.	1982	1984	1983
Ritter, Ralph E.	1991	1994	2000
Rodriguez, Carlos G.	2008	2010	2004
Schlonecker, William G.	1985	1988	1984
Schmoyer, Timothy J.	2004	2007	2009
Schoen, David N.	1982	1987	1987
Shorb, Thomas P.	1977	1979	2001
Simpson, Arthur J., Jr.	2000	1988	2000
Sloan, Robert A., Jr.	1988	1986	1988

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Spinney, Dennis W.	1984	1993	2006
Susek, Aaron J.	2008	2011	2009
Taylor, Richard E.	1973	1975	1982
Thomann, David A.	1978	1977	1987
Uhrich, Gregory A.	1989	1983	2001
Vandegriff, John C., Jr.	1974	1972	2007
Vivona, Allan R.	1992	1971	2000
Weller, Dana E.	1972	1974	1995
Wells, Howard N.	1990	1992	1990
Wickstead, James A.	1976	1981	1976
Widger, Byron	1985	1988	1995
Williams, Daniel L.	2006	2009	2008
Wright, R. Scott	2009	2012	2012
Yerrington, Philip E.	1978	1981	2011
Zuck, Timothy M.	2008	2011	2009

Ordained Ministers under the Direction of the Board of Missions

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Allen, Daniel P.	1982	1979	2012
Aukamp, William C.	1985	1988	1986
Evans, Scott B.	2005	2007	2008
Head, Jim D.	1994	1996	1998
Johnston, Walter M.	1987	1987	1991
Lenahan, Frank E.	2005	2009	2009
Morrison, Philip E.	1980	1982	1993
Moyer, Duane E.	1998	2001	2001
Moyer, Jerry L.	1992	1994	1997
Pollock, Thomas A.	1996	1999	1990
Riddell, David W.	1985	1987	1987
Studenroth, John C.	1991	1976	2000
Weinhofer, Colby A.	2007	2012	2007

Ordained Ministers Working in the Chaplaincy under the Sponsorship of the BFC

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Heineman, David N. (Hosp)	1996	1993	2004
Hurst, Kenneth J. (Military)	1998	2000	2000
Jones, David H. (Military)	1978	1983	2004
Moyer, Richard A. (Prison)	1995	2000	1999
Roberts, Michael D. (FelCmy)	2008	2011	2008
Susek, Jacob J. (FelCmy)	1994	1983	2011

Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Commerford, Robert S.	1984	1986	2008
Cooper, Brian H.	1996	1998	2008
Dowling, Willis I.	1999	1983	2009
Dunn, William J.	1999	2002	2008
Hagy, Ronald C.	1986	1988	2008
Lawrence, Dennis J.	1993	1996	2005
Martin, Carl T.	1983	1986	2004

Ordained Ministers Between Calls

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Arnold, Jonathon W., Sr.	1994	1997	2011
Denlinger, Ronald K.	1994	1997	2012
Francis, Kurt P.	2008	1990	2012
Harding, W. Neil, Jr.	1983	1993	2010
Morrison, Thomas H.	2005	2008	2009

Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Dommel, Albert J.	1982	1984	2009

Ordained Ministers in Retirement

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Barber, Kenneth F.	1985	1971	2006
Batchler, James R., Jr.	1976	1979	2006
Bigley, T. James, Jr.	1962	1966	2002
Brosius, Bert N.	1958	1961	1998
Buck, Leonard E.	1958	1970	1997
Byrd, Terris L.	1969	1972	2006
Cassel, Alva C.	1958	1962	2002
Cassel, Carl C.	1956	1959	1993
Clapier, G. Wayne	1980	1981	2012
Coulbourn, Hugh C., Jr.	1977	1970	2001
Dotts, Raymond R.	1960	1965	1999
Draper, Robert L.	1972	1973	1994
Ellingson, Bruce A.	1963	1966	2005
Gehman, Richard J.	1964	1971	2002
Harley, J. Barclay	1956	1960	1997
Herb, Frank L., Jr.	1954	1957	1991
Herb, George E.	1957	1960	1989
Herb, John H.	1962	1966	2005
Hertzog, Roy A.	1959	1968	1997
Hoyle, Ronald W.	1978	1954	1998
Manney, David L.	1961	1976	2011
Moyer, Edward K.		1970	2000
Munyan, Edgar H.	1989	1955	1993
Phillips, D. Thomas	1971	1976	2003

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Plows, Keith E.	1966	1968	2000
Reichenbach, R. C.	1937	1941	1982
Reitz, Roger L.	1972	1974	2011
Riggall, John H.	1945	1948	1982
Seifert, A. L.	1950	1953	1990
Shelly, Austin G.	1956	1961	1995
Smith, Gene W.	1991	1978	2008
Soper, Ralph M.	1985	1987	2009
Spackman, Carl K.	1969	1971	2012
Stortz, Dean A.	1983	1986	2010
Watkins, David J.	1962	1965	1989
Way, David R.	1989	1993	2010
Weaber, Harold C.	1963	1967	1998
Ziegler, Daniel G.	1960	1963	2000
Zimmerman, Paul G.	1966	1971	2006

Ordained Inactive Ministers

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Lea, Herbert K.	1980	1982	1994
McCreary, J. Mark	1993	1996	2009
Ruhl, Jeffrey L.	1997	2000	2011
Tait, Jonathan P.	1994	1996	2009
Tannous, Michael J.	2001	2004	2011

Conference Reporter

R. Edward Snyder-Ritter

Beginning with a prayer thanking the Lord for His sovereignty and asking that His Spirit guide the proceedings, Moderator Randall A. Grossman called the 129th BFC Conference to order at 1:00 P.M., Monday, April 23, 2012.

The theme of BFC Conference was discipleship. Pastor James Arcieri led in worship through songs which focused on the kingship of Christ. Conference was challenged in a message by Moderator Grossman from Joshua 1 to be strong and courageous.

The first session consisted of essential business including appointing Conference Committees, introducing new members, receiving reports from various boards and committees, and elections. Mark A. Bickel, Colby Weinhofer, and R. Scott Wright were approved for ordination.

During the Report of the Conference Pastor, Ronald C. Mahurin, Pastors Marcos Ramirez, Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Mérida, Mérida, Yucat, Mexico; Timothy M. Zuck, Hellertown, PA; Joshua Allen, Las Cruces, NM; and Daniel L. Williams, Woodbury Heights, NJ were asked to share the joys and prayer concerns from their respective churches. Praise was given to the Lord that all four younger churches reported substantial numerical and spiritual growth and asked only that Conference pray for the physical resources to continue growing.

During the Monday evening session, Dana E. Weller, Director of the Board of Missions, and David E. Gundrum, Director of Church Extension Ministries, presented their reports. Pastor Weller encouraged everyone to continue to be faithful to missions and to take advantage of Board of Missions resources. All missionaries present were asked to introduce themselves.

Pastor Gundrum spoke briefly highlighting the importance of daughter churches (“churches planting churches”). Four church planters (Ronald B. Smith, Townsend, DE; R. Scott Wright, Lower Providence Township, PA; Keith Strunk, Cape Community Church, Cape May Court House, NJ; and Miguel Gonzalez, Assistant Church Planter under the B.O.M.) presented their works, and a report was read by Pastor Ramirez introducing church planter Freddy Chi, Villa Magna, Yucatá, Mexico. Notably, the works in Townsend, Lower Providence, and Villa Magna are daughter churches.

The evening session was adjourned for a time of worship. Pastor Carlos G. Rodriguez and others from La Roca de Reading, Reading, PA led in worship. Praise was offered joyfully in both English and Spanish. Dr. Gene A. Getz preached a message entitled, “The Measure of a Healthy Church”. Through an examination of the epistles, he concluded that a church ought to be measured by its work of faith, endurance of hope, and labor of love.

The third session began on Tuesday morning with devotional thoughts and songs led by Pastor Arcieri about the name of the Lord. Reports were presented by Executive Director David T. Allen, the BFC Executive Board, Pinebrook Bible Conference, and

Victory Valley Camp.

Conference received the two reports (majority and minority) from the Study Committee on Sabbath and heard explanations of both positions. After extensive debate, which spanned the morning and afternoon sessions, Conference voted on the majority resolution, which passed at first reading, receiving the necessary two-thirds majority by only one vote.

Also during the Tuesday afternoon session, Conference accepted the report of the Study Committee on the Kingdom. After a few minor corrections, a resolution to replace the current Article 27: The Millennium with a new article entitled “The Kingdom of God” was passed at first reading.

Both articles, according to our rules for changes in the Articles of Faith, will now be presented to the churches who will have until the 131st BFC Conference (24 months) to approve or disapprove.

No business was conducted during the Tuesday evening session. Pastor Arcieri led in worship once again, this time on the theme of Christ the Foundation. Dr. Getz preached a message entitled, “Producing a Healthy Church.” He encouraged everyone to focus on three experiences which produce a healthy church: a vital learning experience with the Word of God, a vital relational experience with one another and with God, and a vital corporate and personal witness experience.

After a short break, a service of ordination was held for the three men approved for ordination during the Monday afternoon session. Each man gave his testimony, and then a charge was given to them by Pastor Carl Fischer, Jr. reminding them of the seriousness of their calling. A transcript of each testimony will be printed in a future edition of BFC OneVoice.

On Wednesday, Pastor Arcieri led in a final time of worship. Dr. Getz preached on the topic of “Building Up One Another”.

After a brief break, Conference considered an issue from the Ministerial Credentials Committee. Discussion continued until after lunch. Because of the sensitive nature of the issue, Moderator Grossman called on Pastor William G. Schlonecker to lead Conference in prayer for the Lord’s guidance. Conference finally referred the disagreement to the Conference Judicatory for review. Another prayer was offered for continued wisdom and guidance by Pastor Mark Barninger.

Next, the Report of the Study Committee on the Biblical Principles for Living was received. The committee requested a straw poll to determine which of the ten issues they presented Conference was most interested in examining. The committee was reappointed to continue their work. This was the first report by this committee which was set up to suggest changes and updates to the Biblical Principles for Living every seven years.

The day was concluded by considering unfinished business and appointing men to various committees and positions, and a closing prayer was offered.

Additional information about the 129th BFC Conference including the report book, study committee reports, and official minutes are available at www.bfc.org.

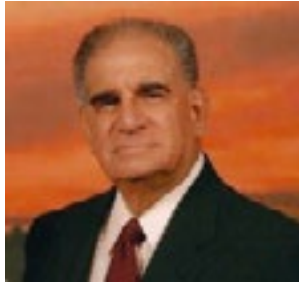
The 129th BFC Conference thanks Pinebrook Bible Conference for its hospitality, the men who served in various capacities for their faithfulness, and, most importantly, the Lord for his guidance during every session. By God's grace, may we return next year having made progress in making disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ to His honor and glory.



In Memoriam:

Barry J. Minsky

January 1, 1943 - December 12, 2011



*“I want to know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings...”
Philippians 3:10*

Barry Minsky wrote of the above verse,

“The one Bible verse that impresses me the most is the passage in Philippians, chapter 3, where Paul talks about giving up everything for Christ.”

Barry was born in Philadelphia to Jewish parents, Gertrude Rosenthal and Allen Morton Minsky. At age 19, while attending Temple University, Rev. Bart Trowbridge of the Evangelization Society of Philadelphia gave him a New Testament. Barry read it in one weekend and said, “If this is the truth, I will dedicate my life to it.” This was his call to the ministry of the Gospel.

Learning of Barry’s decision, his parents were very upset, and withdrew all financial support. They also fired him from his job at the auto agency which they owned. Supporting himself from that point, Barry earned three masters and two doctorate degrees, graduating from Reformed Episcopal Seminary, St. Joseph’s College, and Luther Rice Seminary.

On April 6, 1966, Barry was ordained at Faith Community Church in Roslyn, PA, during the ministry of George Slavin. Subsequent pastorates were New Freedom church, New Jersey Bible Church, and Graterford Bible Fellowship Church. In 1982, Barry was endorsed as a Bible Fellowship Church Army Chaplain, where he served until his retirement in 2002. During his chaplaincy years he served as the primary preacher/teacher in three civilian churches and seven military congregations. After retiring from the service, Barry did chaplaincy work at Hospice Savannah and preached frequently at several Baptist churches in the area.

On March 30, 1963, Barry married Nancy Cox at a ceremony in Warrenton, North Carolina. With Nancy’s musical abilities, they served together in Christian ministries until the Lord called Barry to his eternal home on December 12, 2011. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children: Paul, Deborah, and Joel, and eleven grandchildren.

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BFC Conference Proceedings - 2012

First Meeting

Monday Afternoon, April 23, 2012, 1:00 PM

Randall A. Grossman, Moderator of the 129th BFC Conference, called the 129th BFC Conference to order at 1:00 PM. The Moderator welcomed the members of Conference and then led in prayer.

A worship band consisting of James Arcieri (bass), Mark E. Barninger (guitar), Richard B. Ravis (guitar), Elliot H. Ramos (drums) and Aaron J. Susek (keyboard) led the conference in singing: "O Worship the King" and "All Creatures of our God and King." James Arcieri led the Conference in a prayer of praise to God. He then led the Conference in singing "Before the Throne of God Above" and "You are my King."

Ronald L. Kohl read Joshua 1:1-9, then led in prayer. The Moderator addressed the Conference from that text, focusing on the courage of true servants of God and how the Lord has called us to faithfully serve Him, promising His very presence and ultimately, the victory that belongs only to our sovereign God. The band then led the Conference in singing "Crown Him with Many Crowns."

Resolved, that the tables with the green tablecloths constitute the Conference Bar for the 129th BFC Conference.

The roll of the BFC Conference was established as follows:

Allentown, PA	Clifford B. Boone, Ronald C. Erb, Glenn R. Felty, W. Scott Kappes (Probationer), Jonathan H. King (Probationer), Charles Bloomfield, Ronald Sprinkle, William J. Walters
Bethlehem, PA	Jason L. Hoy (Probationer), Richard Bickings, Jr. (Probationer), Andrew Brimer, Michael Capaldi
Blandon, PA	Alan G. Miller, Jordon K. Eyster (Probationer), Gary W. Saggio
Brooklyn, NY	Ralph E. Ritter, R. Edward Snyder-Ritter
Camden, DE	(Vacant), Albert F. Biddle, Jr.
Carmel, NY	(Vacant), Hans R. Waldvogel
Clinton Corners, NY	Gerald D. Clark, Wayne M. Chadwell
Coopersburg, PA	Thomas P. Shorb, Richard T. Paashaus, Mark R. Evans, Gary A. Sterner, Michael J. Zettlemoyer
Denville, NJ	Richard D. Harris, John Crouch
Emmas, PA	David N. Schoen, Joshua D. Edwards, Robert W. Davies
Ephrata, PA	Robert B. Kramer, William Early

Finesville, NJ	Byron Widger, Bert R. Roling
Fleetwood, PA	R. Jerome Brush, James Mortland
Graterford, PA	Mark R. Orton, Douglas D. Bowne
Harleysville, PA	Andrew T. Crossgrove, Alfred G. Roberts
Harrisburg, PA	Joshua P. Miller, Steven J. DelDuco, Harold E. Snyder
Hatfield, PA	Howard N. Wells, Louis S. Curcio, S. Lester Moyer
Hellertown, PA	Timothy Zuck, John J. Hanner
Howell, NJ	Eric R. North, Brian L. Michlich
Kutztown, PA	Allan R. Vivona, Byron G. Barnshaw
LaGrangeville, NY	James A. Wickstead, Thomas L. Ward
Lancaster, PA	David A. Thomann, Gregory A. Uhrich, Keith M. Long (Probationer), Neil J. Franklin, Jr., Steven R. Groff, Sr. Joshua M. Allen (Probationer), M. E. Brown
Las Cruces, NM	Calvin T. Reed, LeRoy S. Heller, David E. Brandt, Jack S. Herb, Jr.
Lehighton, PA	Robert A. Johnson II, Bruce A. Kellerman
Long Neck, DE	(Vacant)
Maple Glen, PA	Louis Prontnicki, Keith Howland
Merida, Mexico	Marcos G. Ramirez, Daniel A. Hernández
Mt. Carmel, PA	Philip G. Norris, Bryan L. Snyder
Mt. Pocono, PA	Timothy J. Bertolet, Carl Youngblood
Nazareth, PA	Carl J. Fischer, Jr., Francis Podlasinski (probationer), Henry U. Sandt
Newark, DE	William G. Schlonecker, Robert C. Kaatz
Newark, NJ	Delbert R. Baker II, Thomas J. Boose, Jr.
Old Bridge, NJ	David J. Peters, Steve Ziegler
Oley, PA	Arthur J. Simpson, Jr., Jeff Keller
Paradise, PA	(Vacant), Bruce H. Zurbrick
Philadelphia, PA	Justin L. Hunter (probationer), Bud Burroughs
Piscataway, NJ	Dennis M. Cahill, Richard B. Ravis, J. Richard Vroman
Quakertown, PA	Ronald L. Kohl, L. James Roberts
Reading, PA	Randall A. Grossman, Clyde D. Bomgardner, Ronald W. Reed, Glenn D. Ruoss
Red Hill, PA	James R. Arcieri, William E. Blair
Royersford, PA	(Vacant), Michael W. Gangwer
Shamokin, PA	Ferdie R. Madara, Mark Leshinski
Sinking Spring, PA	Robert A. Sloan, Jr., Stanley P. Lauterback (Probationer), Ronald D. Higley, Donald D. McKinney, Eric McNutt
Spring City, PA	Kevin W. Clineff, Douglas Wynne
Stroudsburg, PA	Davis E. Duggins, Thomas R. Altemose
Sunbury, PA	Charles E. Cole, Robert H. Cox
Terre Hill, PA	Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Robert L. Weaver, Sr.
Thompson, CT	Dennis W. Spinney

Toms River, NJ	(Vacant), Allen Dorst
Wallingford, PA	Richard E. Taylor, Timothy S. Cowen, Mark A. Bickel*, Steven L. Piasecki
Walnutport, PA	(Vacant), Robert Salzman
Whitehall, PA	Timothy J. Schmoyer, Michael Helfrich
Whitehall, PA	Philip E. Yerrington, Richard J. Drosnock
Fellowship Community	
Woodbury Heights, NJ	Daniel L. Williams, Harry Nessler
York, PA	Kenneth D. Keeler, Roger L. Shambough
Zionsville, PA	Bryan C. McNally (Probationer), Kevin D. Derr

Ordained Ministers Serving Bible Fellowship Ministries

David T. Allen, BFC Executive Director; Mark E. Barninger, Church Extension; Raymond R. Bertolet, Church Extension; Miguel Gonzalez (probationer), Church Extension; David E. Gundrum, Church Extension; Donald E. Kuntzman, Missions; Ronald C. Mahurin, Conference Pastor; Mark L. Morrison, Church Extension; Elliot H. Ramos, Church Extension; Carlos G. Rodriguez, Church Extension; David A. Smith (Probationer), Church Extension; Keith A. Strunk (Probationer), Church Extension; Aaron J. Susek, Church Extension; John C. Vandegriff, Jr., Pinebrook Bible Conference; Dana E. Weller, Missions, R. Scott Wright*, Church Extension.

Ordained Missionaries

Daniel P. Allen, William C. Aukamp, Scott B. Evans, James D. Head, Walter M. Johnston, Frank E. Lenahan, Philip E. Morrison, Duane E. Moyer, Jerry L. Moyer, Thomas A. Pollock, David W. Riddell, John C. Studenroth, Colby A. Weinhofer*

Ordained Ministers Working in the Chaplaincy Under the Sponsorship of the BFC

David N. Heineman, Kenneth J. Hurst, David H. Jones, Richard A. Moyer, Michael D. Roberts, Jacob J. Susek, Jr.

Ordained Ministers in Retirement

Kenneth F. Barber, James R. Batchler, Jr., T. James Bigley, Jr., Bert N. Brosius, Leonard E. Buck, Terris L. Byrd, Alva C. Cassel, Carl C. Cassel, G. Wayne Clapier, Hugh C. Coulbourn, Raymond R. Dotts, Robert L. Draper, Bruce A. Ellingson, Richard J. Gehman, J. Barclay Harley, Frank L. Herb, Jr., George E. Herb, John H. Herb, Roy A. Hertzog, Ronald W. Hoyle, David L. Manney, Edward K. Moyer, Edgar H. Munyan, D. Thomas Phillips, Keith E. Plows, R.C. Reichenbach, Roger L. Reitz, John H. Riggall, A. L. Seifert, Austin G. Shelly, Gene W. Smith, Ralph M. Soper, Carl K. Spackman, Dean A. Stortz, David J. Watkins, David R. Way, Harold C. Weaber, Daniel G. Ziegler, Paul G. Zimmerman

Ordained Ministers Between Calls

Jonathon W. Arnold, Ronald K. Denlinger, Albert J. Dommel, Kurt P. Francis, W. Neil

Harding, Thomas H. Morrison

Lay Members of BFC Executive Board

Robert T. Evans, Jay H. Fastnacht, Stephen J. Kauffman, Charles A. Lavigna, Robert H. Zentz

* pending approval of ordination

Report of the Committee on Agenda and Program

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the agenda be approved as a guide for the business of the 129th BFC Conference.

Report of the Committee on Arrangements: (see page 40)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

The Secretary of the 129th BFC Conference made the following appointments: Ronald L. Kohl, Assistant Secretary; Daniel P. Allen and Donald E. Kuntzman, Assistants to the Secretary.

Resolved, that the appointments be ratified.

The Moderator appointed the following:

Tellers: LeRoy S. Heller (Chairman), Byron G. Barnshaw, R. Jerome Brush, Charles E. Cole, Kevin D. Derr, Robert A. Johnson II, Hans R. Waldvogel, Howard N. Wells.

Resolutions: Aaron J. Susek (Chairman), Timothy S. Cowen, David E. Brandt.

Examination of Minutes of BFC Conference (129th): Philip G. Norris (Chairman), Steven J. DeDuco, Ralph E. Ritter, Michael D. Roberts, Joshua P. Miller.

Parliamentarian: Timothy J. Schmoyer

Timekeeper: Ronald C. Erb

Assistant Registrar: Timothy J. Bertolet

Resolved, that the appointments be ratified.

The following were introduced as new members of the BFC Conference: Nelson G. Rae, Michael Gangwer, Thomas Altemose, Brian C. McNally, R. Edward Snyder-Ritter and Jack S. Herb, Jr.

Report of the Nominating Committee:

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

The following were elected:

Committee on Church Health:

John W. Sullivan (3 years)

Conference Judiciary:

Dean A. Stortz (3 years)

Gregory A. Urich (3 years)

Ronald W. Reed (3 years)

L. James Roberts, Jr. (3 years)

Special Appellate Judiciary:

John C. Studenroth (3 years)

Charles A. Lavigna (3 years)

Ministerial Relations Committee:

William G. Schlonecker (3 years)

Moderator of 130th BFC Conference:

Randall A. Grossman (1 year)

Vice-Moderator of 130th BFC Conference:

Clifford B. Boone (1 year)

Secretary of 130th BFC Conference:

Ronald L. Kohl (1 year)

Report of the Credentials Committee: (see page 44)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended ordination for Mark A. Bickel, Colby A. Weinhofer and R. Scott Wright for ordination, and

Whereas, these brethren have served acceptably as ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church for the required period of time or the equivalent thereof, and

Whereas, after examination, the Ministerial Credentials Committee believes these men to be called of God to the gospel ministry and to be in accord with the Faith & Order of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

Resolved, that Mark A. Bickel, Colby A. Weinhofer and R. Scott Wright be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Resolved, that an Ordination Service be held at the 129th BFC Conference.

Resolved, that Grace Bible Fellowship Church of Wallingford, PA; Terre Hill Bible Fellowship Church, PA; and Faith Bible Fellowship Church of Harleysville, PA be encouraged to hold services in recognition of the ordinations of Mark A. Bickel, Colby A. Weinhofer, and R. Scott Wright, respectively, and that they be encouraged to invite the Ministerial Credentials Committee to send representatives to each service.

Report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee: (see page 42)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the list of approved Probationers, Candidates and Applicants be approved.

The following men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee were introduced to the BFC Conference: Ben J. Armstrong, Lancaster, PA; Joshua M. Allen, Las Cruces, NM; Mark Bickel, Wallingford, PA; Raymond Cole, Newark, DE; Mark Culton, Bethlehem, PA; Miguel Gonzalez, Reading, PA; John Hanner, Hellertown, PA; Jason Hoy, Bethlehem, PA; Justin L. Hunter, Philadelphia, PA; Jonathan King, Allentown, PA; Stan Lauterback, Sinking Spring, PA; Keith Long, Lancaster, PA; John LoRusso, Allentown, PA; Matt Lynskey, Reading, PA; Bryan McNally, Zionsville, PA; Steve Morton, Newark, DE; Wayne Rissmiller, Sinking Spring, PA; Charles Shearer, Lebanon, PA; David A. Smith, (Grace Fellowship) Harrisburg, PA ; R. Edward Snyder-Ritter, Brooklyn, NY; Keith A. Strunk, Cape May Court House, NJ; Ed Suthers, (Grace Fellowship) Harrisburg, PA; Mike Walker, Harleysville, PA; Colby Weinhofer, Paxinos, PA; Scott Wright, Lower Providence Township, PA.

Calvin T. Reed led the Conference in prayer, thanking the Lord for the gift of these men to His service in the Bible Fellowship Church.

Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee: (see page 50)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the recommended minimum salary for a BFC Pastor in the U.S. be \$35,000 for 2012, and further,

Resolved, that in addition to his salary, the church in the U. S. must provide a sum equal to the pastor's Social Security tax, parsonage and/or housing allowance (which would include utilities, repair costs, etc.), health insurance, and provision should be made for reimbursement for allowable car and professional expenses. The church must also contribute a minimum of 3% of the pastor's salary for retirement to the Ministers' Annuity Fund, plus an additional 1% match if the pastor is voluntarily contributing 1%.

Byron Widger prayed for the ministries of our pastors and their roles in the Kingdom of God through the work of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Report of Conference Pastor: (see page 52)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Joshua Allen (Las Cruces, NM), Marcos Ramirez (Merida, Mexico), Daniel Williams (Woodbury Heights, NJ) and Timothy Zuck (Hellertown, PA) gave reports of the Lord's blessing over this past year. They each gave one specific praise item and one

prayer request. Ronald C. Mahurin prayed for these men and their ministries and also thanked the Lord for Esther Cassel, Thelma Smock and Barry Minsky, who were called home by our Lord this past year.

L. James Roberts prayed for Ronald C. Mahurin and his ministry. Ronald W. Reed prayed for the pastors of the BFC, asking for the Lord's strength and blessing in their ministries.

Report of the Church Health Committee: (see page 105)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Carl K. Spackman, chairman of the Church Health Committee, prayed for the churches of the BFC as they continue to do Kingdom work.

Report of the Communications Committee: (see page 106)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the cost of the 2012 Yearbook be \$ 9.00 per copy.

John C. Studenroth prayed for the health of Alan Vivona, secretary of the Communications Committee.

Report of the Christian Education Committee: (see page 103)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Board of Youth and Young Adults: (see page 109)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Historical Committee: (see page 108)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Beneficiary Society: (see page 138)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the following by-law be included in the Appendix of the Faith and Order at one reading.

701-1 Beneficiary Society

701-1.1 Preamble - The Beneficiary Society of the Bible Fellowship Church is a mutual aid society of the ordained and/or licensed ministers engaged in the ministries of the BFC. We seek to aid one another in the time of death or when disability may cause one of our brethren to be laid aside. This aid is not only for the minister but extends to his family as well. We suggest that every minister and his wife read the

rules and regulations and become aware of their responsibilities and benefits.

701-1.2 Organization

(1) The Beneficiary Society shall meet at least once a year to transact business relative to the Society. This meeting shall be held at the time of BFC Conference.

(2) The secretary's annual report and the financial report shall be submitted at this meeting.

(3) At this annual meeting officers shall be elected by and from the members of the Society. They shall be elected for terms of three years. These terms shall be staggered so normally one officer is elected each year. The elected officers shall be privileged to organize as chairman, secretary and treasurer.

(4) The accounts of the secretary and treasurer shall be submitted for review by the BFC Executive Board prior to BFC Conference.

(5) The officers of the Beneficiary Society shall be authorized to invest the funds of the Beneficiary Society according to the BFC investment policy.

(6) The officers shall be authorized to conduct all necessary business of the Society throughout the year.

(7) All three officers' names shall be on record at the financial institutions chosen by the officers. The secretary is authorized to carry out investments and arrange with financial institutions for financial transactions when benefits for members of the society are necessary. If the secretary is unable to carry out his duties, the two remaining officers together are authorized to engage in financial transactions with the financial institutions. Benefits for members are paid by check, signed by two officers.

701-1.3 Rules and Regulations

Membership - On becoming licensed as a probationer in the ministry of the BFC, one shall become a member of the Beneficiary Society beginning at the succeeding BFC Conference and shall be responsible to pay into the fund. Every probationer/ordained man licensed or ordained by the BFC must be a member of the Beneficiary Society of the BFC, except those excluded in the next paragraph.

Only active and retired ministers of the BFC can continue to be part of the Society. Ministers of the BFC who are working with other Christian ministries and inactive ministers are not members of the Beneficiary Society and are not eligible for benefits from the fund.

Dues - The dues of all members of the Beneficiary Society shall be set at the annual meeting and shall be paid at BFC Conference. Dues may be paid in two installments: ½ due at BFC Conference and the remaining ½ due by November 1. If dues are not

paid within thirty days after the due date, the pastor and his family are disqualified from being eligible to receive benefits until all unpaid dues are paid.

Ministers receiving Ministers' Retirement Fund benefits, ministers on disability, and ministers who have retired at age 65 or later are members of the Society but are exempt from dues. Members who continue on active service are exempt from dues after they have paid dues for forty years. Ministers over age 65 who choose to continue to serve as pastors or under ministries of the BFC must pay dues until they reach the age of 72 or have paid dues for forty years. Ministers who retire before age 65 are required to pay dues until age 65.

Benefits - Each member of the Society is eligible for death benefits for himself, his wife and his children. Each child is included until he or she reaches the age of nineteen. If a pastor-member of the Beneficiary Society is called home to be with the Lord, his children are included until their nineteenth birthday. The widow of a deceased member shall not be eligible if she remarries. If a minister marries after he retires, his wife is not eligible for benefits.

These benefits, as recommended by the officers of the Society, are determined by the members of the Society at their annual meeting. Benefits are subject to annual review.

A member must pay into the Beneficiary Society Fund for at least 10 years to receive full benefits. If a member pays into the fund less than 10 years the benefits are as follows:

1-4 years – 1/4 of the prescribed benefits

5-9 years – 1/2 of the prescribed benefits

Aid Grants

(1) **Widows** - Widows of deceased ministers who have complied with the provisions of the Beneficiary Society (membership, dues) shall receive aid grants beginning at the time of the death of the husband and continuing until she is 65 years of age or until the time of her death or remarriage.

Widows of ministers who were retired at the time of marriage shall not be eligible to receive aid grants.

These aid grants, as recommended by the officers of the Society, are determined by the members of the Society at their annual meeting. Aid grants are subject to annual review.

(2) **Ministers** - A minister who, because of physical illness or disability, finds it necessary to leave the active ministry under the terms of a leave of absence and who has complied with the provisions of the Beneficiary Society (membership, dues) shall receive aid grants beginning at the time of the severance from the active ministry

and continuing until he reaches the age of 65 years, or until the time of his death or severance from membership in a Bible Fellowship Church.

These aid grants, as recommended by the officers of the Society, are determined by the members of the Society at their annual meeting. Aid grants are subject to annual review.

A minister shall be eligible for disability benefits from the Beneficiary Society if he has fulfilled a full-time ministry in the BFC for ten years, is permanently disabled and is otherwise unemployed. Appeals of exception can be made to the officers of the Beneficiary Society.

Miscellaneous Rules. The term of office for officers elected or appointed to this Society shall be for the term designated by our rules for that office or until successors are elected.

Once a member leaves the active ministry of the BFC (except for retirement or disability under the Conference rules and regulations), he is no longer a member of the society. This is a mutual aid society and there are no refunds.

If a man has paid into the Beneficiary Society Fund for 30 or more years and leaves the ministry of the BFC to labor in a full-time ministry with some other Christian organization, he may, if he desires, continue as a member of the Society by making the regular yearly payments to the fund.

Report of the Committee on Examination of BFC Conference Minutes: (see page 55)

Resolved, that the report be adopted.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches: (see page 58)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that all Study Committees, Committees, and Departments have their reports sent to the BFC Headquarters (3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052) or execbrd@aol.com by March 1, 2013.

Richard T. Paashaas prayed for wisdom as the Conference voted on the first ballot.

Report of the Committee on Statistics: (see page 146)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM as Bruce A. Kellerman prayed.

Second Meeting

Monday Evening, April 23, 2012, 6:30 PM

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Hatfield delegate, Lester Moyer, opened the meeting in prayer.

Report of the Board of Missions: (see page 77)

Director Dana E. Weller gave a verbal report on the work of the Board and those who serve the Lord as missionaries supported by the BFC. The following missionaries were introduced to the BFC Conference: Colby and Teresa Weinhofer, Jason Raines, Brienne Albright, Carl Fitzgerald, Laura Robison, Walter Johnston, Sanjay and Karen Dalavai, Scott Evans, Chris Merrick, John Studenroth, John LoRusso, Frank Lenahan and Daniel P. Allen.

Kevin W. Kirkpatrick led the conference in prayer for the missionaries supported by the BFC who serve around the world.

Report of Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting: (see page 95)

Elliot H. Ramos prayed and asked God to work in the area of ethnic church planting.

Report of the Board of Church Extension: (see page 86)

Marcos G. Ramirez introduced the Conference to the ministry of Freddy Chi. He is leading a Bible Study in the town of Villa Magna, outside of Merida, Mexico. They are committed to planting a church in Villa Magna.

Ronald B. Smith introduced a daughter church plant near Newark, DE. They are planning to begin meetings in June 2012.

R. Scott Wright is the church planter in Lower Providence Township, PA. They have been meeting for about nine months in Audubon, PA. They are a daughter church plant from Faith BFC in Harleysville, PA.

Keith Strunk introduced the Conference to the work at Cape May Courthouse, NJ.

Miguel Gonzalez addressed the Conference about the work he is called to do. He is helping out La Roca in Reading, PA and investigating the possibility of church planting among the Hispanics in Lancaster, PA.

William G. Schlonecker prayed for the ministry of the Church Extension Department, thanking God for His leading in the hearts of churches, Boards of Elders and pastors as they seek to reproduce themselves by planting daughter churches.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM as the Conference readied themselves for worship and a message from Dr. Gene A. Getz.

Carlos G. Rodriguez, Elliot H. Ramos and the worship band from La Roca, Reading, PA, led the conference in worship singing: "At the Cross," "Lord, I Lift Your Name

on High,” and “Because He Lives.” The conference sang in both English and Spanish. Dr. Gene A. Getz addressed the Conference on “The Measure of a Healthy Church.”



Dr. Gene Getz addresses the 129th BFC Conference



Rev. Randall Grossman presides over the 129th BFC Conference

Third Meeting

Tuesday Morning, April 24, 2012, 9:00 AM

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. James Arcieri directed the conference's attention to Philippians 2:5-11. After reading the text, he prayed. The theme of the worship was the great name of Jesus. The Conference worship team led the Conference in singing: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Brother Arcieri then read from Deuteronomy 28 and led the Conference in singing "Your Great Name We Praise," which is an adaptation of "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise." The worship team also led the Conference in singing "Your Name," and "Be Unto Your Name." Arcieri also read from Isaiah 57, and directed us to put the name of our owner, the Lord Jesus Christ, on a card and slip it into a pocket to remind us Whose we are. He closed our time of worship in prayer.

The following were elected:

BFC Executive Board – President

Randall A. Grossman (3 years)

BFC Executive Board

David A. Thomann (3 years)

Robert T. Evans (3 years)

Hans R. Waldvogel (3 years)

Church Health Committee

Richard T. Paashaus (3 years)

Carl K. Spackman (3 years)

Ministerial Credentials Committee

Ralph M. Soper (3 years)

Ministerial Candidates Committee

Andrew T. Crossgrove (3 years)

David E. Gundrum (3 years)

Nominations Committee

Daniel L. Williams (3 years)

Harold E. Snyder (3 years)

Ministerial Relations Committee

Robert Vaughn (3 years)

Report of the BFC Executive Board: (see page 59)

Executive Director David T. Allen addressed the Conference with an emphasis on vision casting in the BFC. He also reminded us of the availability of several websites that are helpful for pastors and churches.

Resolved, that the report be approved.

Resolved, that the 2012 revised Executive Board budget be adopted.

Resolved, that an assessment rate of two (2.0) percent be approved for 2013.

Resolved, that the 2013 proposed Executive Board budget be adopted.

Whereas, the MRF annuity rate for 2012 is \$221 per year of service, and

Whereas, cost-of-living adjustments no longer apply to MRF payments, be it

Resolved, that the MRF annuity rate for calendar year 2013 be \$221 per year of service.

The following resolution relates to Rental/Housing Allowances for Retired or Disabled Ministers of this Conference for Calendar Year 2013

Whereas, the religious denomination known as The Bible Fellowship Church has and functions through Ministers of the Gospel who are duly ordained or licensed; and

Whereas, the practice of The Bible Fellowship Church is to provide a parsonage or a rental allowance as part of the gross compensation for each of its active ordained or licensed ministers; and

Whereas, pensions paid to retired and disabled ordained or licensed ministers of The Bible Fellowship Church are considered as deferred compensation and are paid to said retired and disabled ordained or licensed ministers in consideration of previous, active service; and

Whereas, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized that The Bible Fellowship Church is the appropriate organization to designate a housing/rental allowance for retired and disabled ordained or licensed ministers who are members of this Conference;

Resolved,

1. An amount equal to 100% of the pension payments received during the year of 2013 be and is hereby designated as a rental/housing allowance for each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister of The Bible Fellowship Church who is or was a member of the Bible Fellowship Church Minister's Retirement Fund.

2. This rental/housing allowance shall apply to each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister who has been granted the retired relationship or placed on disability leave by the Bible Fellowship Conference and whose name and relationship to the conference is recorded in the Yearbook of the BFC Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church and in other appropriate records maintained by the Conference.

3. The pension payment to which this rental/housing allowance applies shall be the pension payment resulting from all service of such retired or disabled ordained or licensed minister from all employment by any local church, BFC Conference or insti-

tution of The Bible Fellowship Church or of any former denomination that is now a part of The Bible Fellowship Church, or from any other employer who employed the minister to perform services related to the ministry and who elected to make contributions to the pension funds of The Bible Fellowship Church for such retired minister's pension.

Note: The rental/housing allowance which may be excluded from a minister's gross income is limited to the lesser of (1) the amount of the rental/housing allowance designated by the minister's employer or other appropriate body, (2) the amount actually expended by the minister to provide his or her housing, or (3) the legally-determined fair rental value of the parsonage or other housing provided. As specified in Rev. Rul. 71-290 C.B. 92, "the only amount that will qualify for exclusion under section 107(2) of the Code as a 'rental allowance' is an amount equal to the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances such as a garage, plus the cost of utilities."

Report of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation: (see page 101)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of Pinebrook Bible Conference: (see page 97)

Charles C. Cole, Chairman of the Pinebrook Board, called the Conference's attention to the many years that Alva C. Cassel served as Chairman and Daniel P. Allen served as Director. Each received a standing ovation for their faithfulness and service.

Nate Brosius, Interim Director of Pinebrook Bible Conference, encouraged the members of the Conference to become involved in the ministry of Pinebrook Bible Conference with their support and attendance. Alva C. Cassel prayed for the ministry of Pinebrook.

LeRoy S. Heller gave an update on the health of R. C. Reichenbach. At 97 years of age, Brother Reichenbach requires oxygen and is recovering from some respiratory health issues. The 129th BFC Conference is the first Conference that Brother Reichenbach has missed in about 75 years. Mark E. Barninger led in prayer for Brother Reichenbach.

Report of Victory Valley Camp: (see page 99)

Director Doug Manwiller supplied an update on the camp ministry, Timothy J. Bertolet, Chairman of the Victory Valley Camp Board, led the Conference in prayer, thanking God for the ministry of Victory Valley Camp.

Report of the Study Committee on the Sabbath: (see page 116)

The Study Committee submitted two reports, a majority and a minority report. Both

positions were stated with biblical support.

Resolved, that the majority and the minority reports be accepted.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM as Gary W. Saggio closed in prayer.



Pastors and delegates engaged in fervent prayer during the BFC Conference



BFC Executive Director Dr. David Allen addresses the BFC Conference

Fourth Meeting

Tuesday Afternoon, April 24, 2012, 1:30 PM

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM. Hans Waldvogel gave an update on the health of Robert L. Draper and James A. Wickstead, then opened the meeting by praying for both of these men.

Resolved, that Article 21 be replaced with the following article as First Reading:

Article 21 – The Lord’s Day

21-1 The first day of the week has been recognized by the Church as the Lord’s Day since apostolic times.¹ We believe, therefore, that it ought to be observed by all believers out of love for Christ, as a day set apart as holy to the Lord for the corporate worship of God,² remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord from the dead, and fellowship and mutual encouragement of the saints.³

¹ Mark 16:9; John 20:1, 19; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2

² Heb. 10:23-25

³ Acts 2:42; Eph. 5:15-21; Col. 3:16

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 108; No - 53

Clifford Boone prayed for the process of having the local Boards of Elders vote on the suggested revision of Article 21. He asked for guidance by the Sovereign Lord in this case.

An offering was taken for the Darlene Mahurin fund. The total was \$1,412.00. This fund is to aid pastors in need.

Report of the Study Committee on the Kingdom of God: (see page 113)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the article on the Kingdom of God be approved as first reading and further,

Resolved, that the article Kingdom of God replaces Article 27, The Millennium in the Articles of Faith of the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Article 27 – The Kingdom of God:

27-1 God is the almighty Sovereign who reigns eternally over all His creation.¹ His kingdom triumphs forever according to His will. Even the sinful rebellion of mankind cannot defeat Him, but instead serves and glorifies Him.²

27-2 God's plan, demonstrated throughout human history, has been to reveal His kingship on earth by delegating kingly dominion to human beings as His image bearers.³ Through Adam's fall the exercise of this dominion has been corrupted, and man needs redemption in order to glorify God and reign in accordance with His will. As the Last Adam, Jesus in His humanity manifests the proper vice-regency of the kingdom of God for the purpose of redemption and restoration, which will ultimately usher in the glorious kingdom for which creation was destined.⁴ Thus, the kingdom of God is advanced in Jesus' life, death, resurrection, ascension, and His present reign.⁵ Acknowledging this reign, Christians confess Christ as Lord and willingly submit to His rulership in their personal lives and welcome His authority over all creation.⁶

27-3 The millennial reign of Christ is a further advancement of the kingdom whereby Jesus, through His second coming, brings His inaugurated kingdom to earth and makes it visible. During this reign, Christ will fulfill kingdom promises as He establishes righteousness, justice and peace throughout all creation.⁷ At the start of this period, saints will be resurrected bodily to join in the reign with Christ. Satan will be bound and his deceitful activities suspended. Nevertheless, an undercurrent of human sinful resistance will continue through the millennium, though held in check as Christ rules with a rod of iron. At the end of this millennial reign, Satan will be released to lead a rebellion against God's people and the Lord Jesus. In a climactic manifestation of His kingship, Christ will defeat the rebellion.⁸

27-4 When Christ has subdued all enemies, including death, He will present the kingdom to His Father.⁹ The triune God will preside over a new heaven and a new earth, and the people of God will dwell with Him forever.¹⁰ All prophecies of Scripture will have been fulfilled. God's eternal kingship, having been established and vindicated by the royal exercise of the Son's authority, will at that time be present and manifest in full glory over all creation forever and ever.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 148; No - 10; Abstention - 1

¹ The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all (Psa. 103:19). His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation (Dan. 4:34).

² The LORD works out everything for his own ends – even the wicked for a day of disaster (Prov. 16:4). Surely the wrath of men brings you praise, and with the remainder of wrath you arm yourself (Psa. 76:10).

³ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground" (Gen. 1:26).

⁴ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ (Rom 5:17). The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God (Rom. 8:19-21).

⁵ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone (Heb. 2:9). For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet'" (Acts 2:34-35). But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and

righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom” (Heb. 1:8).

⁶ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved (Rom. 10:9-10). Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven (Matt. 6:10).

⁷ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. ... On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS (Rev. 19:11,16). He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore (Isa. 2:4). With righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked (Isa. 11:4).

⁸ He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ... When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth – Gog and Magog – to gather them for battle ... But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever (Rev. 20:2-4, 7-10).

⁹ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery (Psa. 2:8-9). Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death (1 Cor. 15:24-26).

¹⁰ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away (Rev. 21:1). No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever (Rev. 22:3-5).

The Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee: (see page 143)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

The following resolution was amended at one reading:

Resolved, that Article 500 - Bylaws for BFC Conference be reordered as follows:

- 501 Ministry in the Bible Fellowship Church (formerly 509)
- 502 BFC Conference (formerly 501)
- 503 BFC Annual Budget (formerly 502)
- 504 Membership of Congregations in BFC Conference (formerly 503)
- 505 Members of BFC Conference (formerly 504)
- 506 BFC Conference Registration (formerly 505)
- 507 Officers of BFC Conference (formerly 506)
- 508 Business Rules of BFC Conference (formerly 507)
- 509 General Rules of Elections and Resignations (formerly 510)
- 510 Appointments by the Conference Moderator (formerly 511)
- 511 Boards and Committees elected by BFC Conference (formerly 512)
- 511-1 BFC Executive Board (formerly 512-1)
- 511-1.7 Sub-Committees supervised by the BFC Executive Board

- (1) Communications (formerly 512-9)
- (2) Christian Education (formerly 512-3)
- (3) Youth and Young Adults (formerly 512-18)
- (4) Historical (formerly 512-12)
- 511-1.8 Pinebrook Educational Foundation (formerly 512-5.7)
- 511-2 Nominating Committee (formerly 512-15)
- 511-3 Church Health Committee (formerly 512-16)
- 511-4 Ministerial Candidate Committee (formerly 512-13)
- 511-5 Ministerial Credential Committee (formerly 512-11)
- 511-6 Ministerial Relations Committee (formerly 512-14)
- 512 BFC Departments
 - 512-1 BFC Departments (replaces 508)
 - 512-2 Church Extension (formerly 512-4)
 - 512-3 Missions (formerly 512-6)
 - 512-4 Pinebrook Bible Conference (formerly 512-8)
 - 512-5 Victory Valley (formerly 512-10)
- 513 Miscellaneous Bylaws of BFC Conference

The following resolutions were adopted at Second Reading:

Resolved, that 509-6.1 be amended to read as follows:

The Ministerial Credentials Committee shall set the effective date of the retirement, change the status of the minister on the conference records, and notify the BFC Executive Board for purposes of pension payments” (replaces “notify the Board of Pensions of the effective date of the retirement.)

[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that 511-2.1 “Committee on Auditing” be deleted; and that subsequent articles be renumbered.

[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that 512-1.5 “Duties of the BFC Executive Board” be amended by adding a new duty:

512-1.5 (11) It shall have oversight of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation.

And duty (11) be renumbered to (12).

[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that a new paragraph be added to 512-1 “Bible Fellowship Church Executive Board” as follows:

511-1.7 Sub-Committees Supervised by BFC Executive Board.

[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that 512-9 “Board of Communications” be replaced with the following:

511-1.7 (1) Communications Committee

Purpose - To promote communication in the BFC through various media.

Composition - It shall be appointed by the BFC Executive Board in composition and terms of service determined by the BFC Executive Board.

Duties

- (1) It shall publish the annual Yearbook and other BFC literature.
- (2) It shall maintain and oversee the BFC website
- (3) It shall perform the duties assigned by the BFC Executive Board.
- (4) It shall submit an annual written report to the BFC Executive Board.

[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that 512-3 “Board of Christian Education” be revised as follows:

511-1.7 (2) Christian Education Committee

Purpose - To promote and support Christian education on behalf of the BFC

Composition and Election

- (1) The committee shall be composed of six ministers and six laypersons.
- (2) They shall be elected for a term of three years in classes as follows:
 - Class I - Two ministers and two laypersons
 - Class II - Two ministers and two laypersons
 - Class III - Two ministers and two laypersons
- (3) The committee shall elect its own members, subject to the ratification of the BFC Executive Board.

Duties

- (1) It shall provide guidance to the local church in carrying out the Christian education program.
- (2) It shall provide helpful regional denominational programs for any or all aspects of the work of Christian education.
- (3) It shall promote the cause of Christian post-secondary education on both the undergraduate and graduate levels. This may be done in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to, providing information about Christian institutions and encouraging members and other participants of our churches to attend them.
- (4) It shall receive funds designated by BFC Conference and disburse them for the needs of its work.
- (5) It shall submit financial statements to the BFC Executive Board on a quarterly basis.
- (6) It shall submit an annual written report to the BFC Executive Board.

[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that 512-18 “Board of Youth and Young Adults” be revised as follows:

511-1.7 (3) Youth and Young Adults Committee

Purpose - To bring glory and honor to God as it ministers to adult youth leaders, teens, and young adults of the BFC. This will be done by:

- (1) Promoting unity in youth and young adult ministry with the BFC
- (2) Providing training and resources for youth and young adult ministries of Particular Churches within the BFC
- (3) Being a catalyst for networking of youth and young adult ministries of Particular Churches within the BFC

Composition and Election

- (1) The Committee will be composed of five ministers and four laypersons
- (2) They will be elected for a term of three years in classes as follows:
Class I - Two ministers and one layperson
Class II - Two ministers and one layperson
Class III - One minister and two laypersons
- (3) The committee shall elect its own members, subject to the ratification of the BFC Executive Board

Duties

- (1) It shall offer guidance to Particular Churches in developing a ministry to youth and young adults.
- (2) It shall oversee denominational youth and young adult activities.
- (3) It shall provide training and resources for Particular Churches in equipping them for youth and young adult ministries.
- (4) It shall provide networking between youth and young adult ministries of Particular Churches with the BFC.
- (5) It shall submit an annual written report to the BFC Executive Board.

[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that 512-12 “Historical Committee” be revised as follows:

511-1.7 (4) Historical Committee

Purpose - To preserve our heritage and to promote the study of the history of the BFC.

Composition and Election

- (1) It shall be composed of the archivist and five persons (ministers, elders, or laypersons) elected by the committee, subject to the ratification of the BFC Executive Board.
- (2) They shall be elected for a term of three years in classes as follows:
Class I - Two persons
Class II - Two persons
Class III- One person

Duties

- (1) It shall develop and encourage the study of the history of the denomination.
- (2) It shall maintain denominational archives for the accumulation of materials and memoirs relating to the history of the denomination.
- (3) It shall appoint an archivist, who shall be responsible for the maintenance and

oversight of the archives.

- (4) It shall determine policy and procedure by which the archivist can maintain and supplement the historical material of the denomination.
 - (5) It shall assist the archivist in the collection of relevant historical materials.
 - (6) It shall encourage each Particular Church and mission to maintain a file of important documents relating to the historical development of the local fellowship.
 - (7) It shall submit an annual written report to the BFC Executive Board.
- [SECOND READING]

Resolved, that 512-7 “Board of Pensions” be deleted.

[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that 512-5 “Board of Higher Education” paragraphs 5.1 - 5.6 be deleted.

[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that 512-5.7 “Pinebrook Educational Foundation” be revised as follows:

511-1.8 Pinebrook Educational Foundation

Section 1 - Establishment and Purpose

The Pinebrook Educational Foundation was established as a division of the Bible Fellowship Church (“Church”) on October 18, 1994. The purpose of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation is to continue the ministry of Pinebrook Junior College (formerly Berean Bible School) to aid Christian individuals involved in higher education and Christian post-secondary institutions (“Purpose”). Said purpose will be construed broadly enough to include a wide spectrum of aid projects involving Christian post-secondary education, including but not limited to scholarship aid to students and grants to Christian post-secondary institutions.

Section 2 - Overview

The Pinebrook Educational Foundation shall receive, invest, and administer funds (“Funds”) in accordance with its stated purpose, and such funds shall be designated for such Purpose, segregated from the general funds of the Church, and administered and distributed by the Pinebrook Educational Foundation’s Board of Directors (“Foundation Board”) in conformity with said Purpose. Emphasis and priority will be given to individuals attending Christian institutions and to higher education endeavors closely related to the BFC. Special consideration shall be given to educational organizations with which the BFC Executive Board has affiliations.

Section 3 - Control

A. Election and Composition of the Foundation Board

The Pinebrook Educational Foundation shall be directed by the Foundation Board

composed of six members (“Board Members”) elected by the Pinebrook Educational Foundation and subject to ratification by the BFC Executive Board. Board Members shall be elected in three classes and shall serve three-year terms of service. The three classes shall be composed of two Board Members each. Each Board Member shall serve until a successor is duly elected.

B. Accountability

The Foundation Board shall be accountable to the BFC Executive Board. The Foundation Board shall administer all activities and investments of Pinebrook Educational Foundation to ensure that all such activities and investments are financially and legally appropriate with respect to the status of Pinebrook Educational Foundation. The Foundation Board shall report semi-annually to the BFC Executive Board and shall report annually to the BFC Conference.

C. Officers of the Foundation Board

The Foundation Board shall elect annually from its number: a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, and a Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 4 - Administration

A. Director/Chairperson of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation

1. Director of Pinebrook Educational Foundation (“Director”) may be selected by the Foundation Board and ratified by the BFC Executive Board. The position may be paid or unpaid as determined by the BFC Executive Board.
2. The Director shall not be required to be a member of the Foundation Board or the BFC Executive Board. Membership on one of these boards will not, however, disqualify an individual from serving as Director. The Director shall not be an officer of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation.
3. The Director shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of the business of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation. Such duties as administration of the grant and scholarship application process, oversight of all financial activities, investments, administrative procedures, and communication shall be the responsibility of the Director. The Director shall consult with the Foundation Board’s Chairperson regarding general administration matters and with both the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer of the Foundation Board regarding financial matters.
4. If a Director has not been selected by the Foundation Board, the Foundation Board’s Chairperson shall be responsible for the conduct of the business of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation and shall perform the duties identified in paragraph 3 above.

B. Foundation Secretary

1. The Secretary of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation shall be selected by the Foundation Board subject to approval by the BFC Executive Board.
2. The Secretary shall report to and assist the Director (or Chairperson of the Foundation Board if a Director has not been selected by the Foundation Board).
3. The Secretary shall be a volunteer or a part-time employee until the Pinebrook Educational Foundation activity requires more assistance and additional funding is available for full-time compensation, as shall be determined by the Foundation Board.
4. The compensation (if any) of the Secretary shall be determined by the Foundation Board and shall be subject to approval by the BFC Executive Board.

C. Auxiliary Groups

Support groups previously affiliated with Pinebrook Junior College such as the Alumni Association may be encouraged to continue in existence or to be reactivated. The assistance of such support groups may be sought in raising funds and in providing other assistance to the Pinebrook Educational Foundation.

D. Administration of Funds

1. Pinebrook Educational Foundation Funds shall:
 - (a) be segregated from the general funds of the Church;
 - (b) be separately invested and administered by the Foundation Board; and
 - (c) not be disbursed for any purpose other than the Purpose of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation.
2. A professional investment firm or counselor may be chosen by the Foundation Board to carry out the investment of Pinebrook Educational Foundation Funds. Risk levels and investment criteria shall be determined by the Foundation Board and approved by the BFC Executive Board.
3. The Pinebrook Educational Foundation may be the transferee of funds:
 - (a) existing Pinebrook Junior College endowment funds;
 - (b) donations or bequests to, and annuity arrangements made for the benefit of Pinebrook Junior College (or the Berean Bible School);
 - (c) grants from foundations;
 - (d) proceeds from general and endowment investments; and
 - (e) other sources acceptable with respect to the tax-exempt status of the Church.
4. Funds shall be used to disburse grants, scholarships and/or loans in accordance with the Purpose of Pinebrook Educational Foundation and to pay administrative costs of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation.
 - (a) The Foundation Board shall formulate rules for the administration of all Funds. These shall be subject to review by the BFC Executive Board.
 - (b) Administrative costs shall be paid from the General Fund (as defined in Section 5 herein) subject to the approval of the Foundation Board and review

by the BFC Executive Board.

Section 5 - Aid Projects/Designated Accounts

- A. The Pinebrook Educational Foundation shall be structured to include many types of aid to Christian higher education in accordance with its purpose. Specific programs of aid shall be designated by the Foundation Board as separately administered endowment or current gift “funds” or “accounts” (“Designated Accounts”) within the Foundation.
- B. A donation identified by a donor for the support of a specific Designated Account shall be used to fund such Designated Account. Designated Account Funds shall be expended by the Foundation Board in furtherance of the specific aid project(s) for which the Designated Account has been established.
- C. Undesignated donations shall go to a General Fund from which administrative costs shall be paid and Board directed grants, loans and scholarships shall be made.
- D. Donors shall be encouraged to contribute to Designated Accounts set up as endowments in order to insure a continuous stream of proceeds for the future. However, donations to Designated Accounts which expend non-endowment restricted (“current gift”) funds are also encouraged.
- E. Additionally, sizable initial gifts may be used to establish a Designated Account (as an endowment or current gift fund) of the donor’s choosing, subject to Foundation Board approval.
- F. There shall be compliance with donor limitations and/or restrictions on Funds received from (or donated, bequeathed, etc. to or for the benefit of) Pinebrook Junior College.

Section 6 - Miscellaneous Regulations

A. Bylaws

The Bylaws of the Foundation Board may be amended by majority vote of the total membership of the Foundation Board at a regular or special meeting.

B. General

The Foundation Board shall be empowered to adopt policies and regulations in addition to its Bylaws. Such policies and regulations must be in conformity with the F&O of the BFC and within the rules, decisions, and directives of BFC Conference.

C. Quorum

Four Board Members attending a duly announced meeting of the Foundation Board shall constitute a quorum. Unless otherwise specified, a majority vote shall mean a simple majority of those attending any meeting of the Foundation Board in which there is a quorum.

[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that 512-16 “Board of Church Health” be changed to 511-3 “Church Health Committee” and that the same change of terms be implemented throughout the F&O.
[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that Duty 11 of the Board of Church Health be deleted.
[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that 512-11 “Credentials Committee” be changed to 511-5 “Ministerial Credentials Committee” and that the same change of terms be implemented throughout the F&O.
[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that 512-8 “Board of Pinebrook Bible Conference” add duty (7) as follows:
“It shall submit an annual written report to the BFC Executive Board.”
[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that 512-2 “Board of Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc.” be deleted.
[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that 513 “Miscellaneous Bylaws of BFC Conference” 513-2 be amended as follows:
The tenure of persons appointed or elected to study committees created for a specific assignment shall continue until the completion of the specific assignment. Vacancies due to death, resignation, or other crises shall be filled by further appointments or elections.
[SECOND READING]

Whereas, there are occasions in which a different starting day might be preferable or necessary and

Whereas, our current ruling for the start of the BFC Conference is a bit restrictive, therefore be it

Resolved, that we drop the following words in §501-7:
“on the Monday following the fourth Sunday”

§501-7 would read:

BFC Conference convenes in April. The starting time and place of the Conference shall be recommended by the Committee on Arrangements and ratified by BFC Conference. The length of the Conference shall be determined by the Committee on Agenda and Program.

[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that the minutes of the first meeting be approved.

Resolved, that the minutes of the second meeting be approved.

Resolved, that we adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM, with Byron Barnshaw closing in prayer.

The Conference adjourned for dinner, after which it reassembled for worship, an address by Dr. Gene A. Getz and a service of ordination. Mark A. Bickel, Colby A. Weinhofer and R. Scott Wright were ordained to the Gospel ministry.



Gabby Brosius extends the hospitality of the Pinebrook Snack Shop to the delegates

Fifth Meeting

Wednesday Morning, April 25, 2012, 9:00 AM

The Moderator, Randall A. Grossman, called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Dennis Spinney led in prayer.

Report of the Registrar:

The following alternate delegates were seated for part or all of the 129th Conference: Wayne Batten, Bethlehem, PA; Carl M. Fitzgerald, Piscataway, NJ; Robert Gaugler, Graterford, PA; Don Miller, Paradise, PA; Herb Mitchell, Old Bridge, NJ; Nelson Rae, Mount Pocono, PA; Joseph Specht, Philadelphia, PA; Charles Webb, LaGrangeville, PA; Lloyd Zook, Oley, PA.

Resolved, that their seating be approved.

The following delegates and probationers requested to be excused from part or all of the 129th Conference: Byron G. Barnshaw, John Crouch, William Early, Jordan Eyster, Frank Podlasinski, L. James Roberts, Nelson Rae, Bert Roling, David A. Smith, J. Richard Vroman

Resolved, that these requests for excuses be granted.

The following ordained pastors requested to be excused from part or all of the 129th Conference. These requests were approved by the Committee on Credentials: Jonathon W. Arnold, Kenneth F. Barber, T. James Bigley Jr., Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr., Leonard E. Buck, G. Wayne Clapier, Louis S. Curcio, Ronald K. Denlinger, Willis I. Dowling, William J. Dunn, Scott B. Evans, Richard J. Gehman, David E. Gundrum, Richard D. Harris, Frank L. Herb, Jr., George E. Herb, Roy A. Hertzog, David H. Jones, Herbert K. Lea, David L. Manney, Carl T. Martin, Thomas H. Morrison, Edward K. Moyer, Keith E. Plows, Thomas A. Pollock, R.C. Reichenbach, Roger L. Reitz, John H. Riggall, Carlos G. Rodriguez, David N. Schoen, Austin G. Shelly, Jacob J. Susek, Harold C. Weaver, James A. Wickstead, Paul G. Zimmerman.

The worship team led the Conference in singing: “This is my Father’s World,” “Revelation Song,” “Amazing Love,” and “Mighty to Save.” James Arcieri finished the worship package by reading Psalm 104:31-34, with the Conference responding with “AMEN!”

Dr. Gene Getz completed his series on the Healthy Church by challenging us to build up one another. He focused on five “one anothers:” we are members of one another (Romans 12:4-5), we are to be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10a), we are to honor one another (Romans 12:10b), we are to love one another (Romans 13:8-10)

and we are to be of the same mind with one another (Romans 15:5-6).

Resolved, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM as Mark L. Morrison closed in prayer.



Dean Stortz enjoys a refreshing snack at the Pinebrook Snack Shop



David Watkins and Daniel Ziegler enjoy a time of fellowship during the BFC Conference

Sixth Meeting

Wednesday Afternoon, April 25, 2012, 1:15 PM

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 1:21 PM. Gregory A. Uhrich opened the meeting with prayer.

Whereas, the Beneficiary Society has brought to our attention that there is currently no category to cover a man who is permanently disabled, but too young for retirement, therefore be it

Resolved, that a permanently disabled pastor be defined as one who has a physical or mental handicap, that is medically determinable, and would prevent a man from performing his duties as a pastor in the Bible Fellowship Church, and further

Resolved, that this disability be determined by the Ministerial Credentials Committee in consultation with the pastor's primary physician.

The following resolution was approved as First Reading:

Resolved, that we add "or on permanent disability" to the category of "Ordained Ministers in Retirement."

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 146; No - 2

Resolved, that the 130th BFC Conference be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference starting, Monday evening, April 22, 2013.

Yes - 60; No - 52

The Conference paused to ask the Lord for wisdom concerning the handling of an issue between the Ministerial Credentials Committee and Kenneth D. Keeler of Faith Bible Fellowship Church, York, PA. William G. Schlonecker led in prayer.

Resolved, that the appeal of the Ministerial Credentials Committee be referred to the Conference Judicatory.

Yes - 123; No - 17; Abstain - 2

Mark E. Barninger prayed that the Lord would give wisdom to the Conference Judicatory as they decide on the issue and also to the churches and their respective leadership as they represent the decision of the 129th BFC Conference to their people.

Report of the Study Committee on the Biblical Principles of Living: (see page 110)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

The Moderator appointed Richard E. Taylor, Timothy M. Zuck and Harold P. Shelly to a study committee to prioritize the issues to be studied in reference to the Biblical Principles of Living and bring a course of action to the 130th BFC Conference.

Resolved, that the following legislation be adopted at second reading:

508 Agencies of BFC Conference will be replaced with 512 - BFC Departments

Article 512 - BFC Departments

512-1 BFC Departments

512-1.1 The BFC, both through its particular churches and the BFC Conference, may enter into joint endeavors to further the cause of Christ in the world. Concerns such as church-planting and cross-cultural missions, education and publication, camps and conferences are addressed more effectively by working together than by working alone.

512-1.2 In order to work together in these joint endeavors, the BFC Conference shall establish departments. The departments shall perform as the servants of the Bible Fellowship Church, shall operate in accordance with the guidelines of the BFC Conference, and shall be directly accountable to the BFC Executive Board.

512-1.3 Each department shall be headed by a department director. The department director is appointed by the BFC Executive Board, who shall implement and oversee a program which will advance the goals for the department. The department director is overseen by the BFC Executive Director.

512-1.4 Each department is served by a department board, which shall assist the department director in achieving the goals of the department. The department board is elected internally, subject to the ratification of the BFC Executive Board. The number and terms of office for each department board is established by its bylaws.

512-1.5 Each department shall administer its own finances in conformity with policy approved by BFC Conference. Budgeting, fund-raising, and auditing will be overseen by the BFC Executive Board. All gift annuities established by the departments shall be approved by the BFC Executive Board and reported annually.

512-1.6 All funds administered by the departments are held in trust for the BFC Conference. The Bible Fellowship Church denomination takes title to all acquired real estate used by the departments.

512-1.7 Each department shall submit an annual written report to the BFC Executive Board, which will in turn report annually to the BFC Conference on the status of each department.

[SECOND READING]

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following resolutions:

Whereas, Barry Minsky, Esther Cassel, and Thelma Smock, having lived lives of faithful service to Christ's Church, have joined the saints eternal in the great rest and joy of their King, be it

Resolved, that we offer sincerest thanks to the Head of the Church, who built up this body and advanced His great reign through their submission to His Spirit and fervent efforts, and be it further

Resolved, that we labor on in similar devotion to the Body of Christ and mission of

God's Kingdom, eagerly awaiting our participation together with Barry, Esther, and Thelma in the glorious resurrection.

Whereas, Mark A. Bickel, Colby A. Weinhofer, and R. Scott Wright were ordained at the 129th BFC Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, that we praise God for raising up gifted and passionate men for the ministry of the Gospel, and that we be steadfast in prayer for them and the churches they serve.

Whereas, Carl K. Spackman and G. Wayne Clapier have retired from their positions of ministry and

Whereas, Shan D. Cleck, R. Scott Wright, Joshua P. Miller and Kurt P. Francis have resigned from their positions of ministry, therefore be it

Resolved, that we give thanks to the Lord for their ministry and service at their particular churches and pray for God's guidance in their future service.

Whereas, the following pastorates were established according to the Rules of our Faith & Order: Church Extension - David A. Smith, Keith A. Strunk, R. Scott Wright, and Ronald B. Smith; Allentown - W. Scott Kappes, Jonathan H. King; Hellertown - Timothy M. Zuck; Woodbury Heights - Daniel L. Williams; Bethlehem - Jason L. Hoy; Wissinoming - Justin L. Hunter; Las Cruces - Joshua M. Allen; Blandon - Jordan K. Eyster; Harrisburg - Joshua P. Miller; Zionsville - Bryan C. McNally; and Reading - Matthew L. Lynskey, be it

Resolved, that praise be given to our God for the provision of these pastorates.

Whereas, it was reported at this Conference that there are a number of churches seeking pastors, and

Whereas, we are to pray for the Lord of the Harvest to send forth laborers, therefore be it

Resolved, that we pray for the Lord to raise up pastors for our churches including Bethlehem, PA; Camden, DE; Carmel, NY; Coopersburg, PA; Long Neck, DE; Paradise, PA; Royersford, PA; Toms River, NJ; Walnutport, PA; and be it further

Resolved, that we pray for these churches during their time of transition.

Whereas, Alva C. Cassel has diligently fulfilled his responsibilities and has given wise leadership to the Board of Pinebrook Bible Conference for over 30 years, and

Whereas, he has chosen not to serve in the future, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we praise the Lord for his exemplary faithfulness in the execution of his duties.

Whereas, Daniel P. Allen has transitioned in ministry following years of faithful service at Pinebrook Bible Conference, and

Whereas, the staff and leadership of Pinebrook Bible Conference are pressing on in the challenging work before them, be it

Resolved, that we thank God for His good and faithful provision and together seek His blessing on both of these transitions, that they may result in increased fruit for His Kingdom.

Whereas, Dr. Gene Getz has refreshed and challenged the Conference in examining our standard of measurement for a healthy church, be it

Resolved, that we give thanks to the Lord for His Spirit-filled ministry among us, and be it further

Resolved, that we strive, through the enablement of the Holy Spirit, to maintain healthy churches, pleasing to the Lord, and rooted in faith, hope and love.

Whereas, R.C. Reichenbach has faithfully served as part of Conference for over 75 years, and

Whereas, our dear brother has been unable to attend this year's Conference on account of health concerns, be it

Resolved, that we continue to lift him up in prayer, seeking God's merciful care and tender encouragement in this time of physical difficulty.

Whereas, the Boards, Departments, Committees and Study Committees of the BFC have served with diligence during this past year, and

Whereas, they have reported faithfully to the 129th BFC Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, that we thank the Lord for their faithful service and ask God to give them strength and guidance for the coming year.

Whereas, the Executive Board has worked tirelessly and sacrificially in the performance of their duties, and

Whereas, David T. Allen has served faithfully and diligently as Executive Director of the Bible Fellowship Church, be it

Resolved, that we express our appreciation to the Lord for the hard work of our Executive Director and the Executive Board and extend our thanks to our brothers for their service and leadership.

Whereas, James Arcieri has willingly served the 129th BFC Conference as Worship Leader, along with several others, and

Whereas, Carlos G. Rodriguez and several brothers from La Roca de Reading blessed us with music on Monday evening, be it

Resolved, that we give thanks to the Lord for endowing His Church with gifted musicians and for aiding our expressions of adoration, faith, and gratitude at this Conference through their efforts.

Whereas, the staff and volunteers of Pinebrook Bible Conference, along with wives and family members of our pastors and delegates, have readily, cheerfully and faithfully served the members of the 129th BFC Conference, therefore be it **Resolved**, that we extend our earnest gratitude for their wonderful ministry to those attending the 129th BFC Conference.

Whereas, the BFC Conference Secretary, David A. Thomann, his Assistant, Ronald L. Kohl, and assistants, Daniel P. Allen and Donald E. Kuntzman, have served willingly and faithfully, therefore be it **Resolved**, that we thank the Lord for their service during our proceedings, and be it further **Resolved**, that each be awarded \$50 for his labors.

Whereas, David A. Thomann and Daniel P. Allen have served at the Conference Secretary's table for over 25 years as typists, secretaries, publishers and in many other capacities, and **Whereas**, both men are stepping down from these respective positions, be it **Resolved**, that we thank the Lord for their years of service with a round of applause.

Whereas, Head Page Raymond L. Cole, and Pages Edwin B. Suthers, Samuel W. Rissmiller, Michael W. Walker, Robert W. Green, Benjamin J. Armstrong, Mark R. Culton II, Charles S. Shearer, Stephen J. Morton, John R. LoRusso, and Timothy S. Hogan, have diligently, humbly and gladly served the 129th BFC Conference, enabling it to function smoothly, therefore be it **Resolved**, that we express our appreciation for their service and fellowship with a round of applause.

Whereas, Randall A. Grossman has served outstandingly as Moderator of the 129th BFC Conference, therefore be it **Resolved**, that the members of the BFC Conference show their appreciation for Brother Grossman with a standing ovation.

Whereas, we believe that God has truly met with us at this, the 129th Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it **Resolved**, that we, in the words of Scripture, seek to hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, knowing that He who has promised is faithful, and be it further **Resolved**, that we continue to encourage one another, building up the saints in faith, hope and love, as we see the Day approaching, until our Lord Jesus returns, to the glory of God.

The following were appointed by the Moderator:

Registrar: Davis E. Duggins

Assistant Registrar: Timothy J. Bertolet

Committee on Agenda and Program: Ronald L. Kohl, Chairman; David T. Allen, Clifford B. Boone, Randall A. Grossman, Thomas P. Shorb

Committee on Arrangements: Ronald L. Kohl, Chairman; David T. Allen, Nathan Brosius, Randall A. Grossman, Thomas P. Shorb, Daniel L. Williams

Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches: Ralph M. Soper, Chairman; Louis S. Curcio, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Mark R. Orton, Allen R. Vivona, Howard N. Wells

Committee on Statistics: LeRoy S. Heller, Chairman; Hugh C. Coulbourn, David A. Thomann, Gregory A. Uhrich

It was announced that the Secretary of the Conference Judicatory is Gregory A. Uhrich and the Secretary of the Special Appellate Judicatory is Hans R. Waldvogel.

The official address for the Bible Fellowship Church is 3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

The 129th BFC Conference was adjourned at 3:30 PM as Robert A. Sloan closed the proceedings in prayer.



Mark Barninger leads the conference in worship.



Outgoing Conference Secretary David A. Thomann (L) with incoming Conference Secretary Ronald L. Kohl (R)



Alva Cassel, recognized for his 30+ years of service on the Pinebrook Bible Conference Board

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Report of the Committee on Arrangements

The Committee on Arrangements for the 129th BFC Conference met twice during the Conference year in fulfillment of its mandate. The purpose of the committee continues to be to review the mechanics and efficiency of each conference as well as assist in providing hospitality. Any suggestions on what can be done to better accomplish the above are graciously received.

After the success of the new format with a keynote speaker during the 128th BFC Conference (Daniel Henderson, Strategic Renewal), the Committee, along with the Agenda and Program Committee under the direction and leadership of the BFC Exec. Brd is preparing a similar schedule with Center for Church Renewal, author and speaker, Dr. Gene Getz, as the keynote speaker. The date and starting time for the 129th BFC Conference is Monday, April 23, 1 pm. We plan to end on Wednesday, April 25. Please pray that this will be a spiritually uplifting conference.

The Committee is concerned about the relevance and possible time-wasted fulfilling the mandate as noted in the second portion of §507-1 (“Minutes shall be recorded and approved for each meeting.”). For many years the last several meeting minutes have not been approved but, rather, mailed to the delegates at a later time. And, generally, mistakes that are identified are grammatical or in regard to names. If the Committee to Examine BFC Conference Minutes were expanded to a larger number (from 3 to 5) and if they were charged with a greater mandate to observe and examine of the minutes during the conference, along with minutes being posted online (as soon as possible) and some printed copies, might this not make us more efficient and accomplish the intent of having accurate minutes?

The Committee recommends that the Registrars do not read off the seating of alternate delegates before each session. Instead, the Moderator may introduce those who have just joined the conference.

Since this is the official gathering of the leadership of the BFC, the Committee contends that attendance and participation is mandatory. In agreement with the Committee on Credentials we plan to reinstate the listing in the official minutes those who are excused and those un-excused. Please, pastors, clear your schedule for these three days. And churches should strive to have a delegate or alternate delegate in attendance for each meeting.

It has been noted that other than pastors of regions meeting for monthly prayer and maybe a few other joint activities, the legislation relating to Regionalization, as presented by the former Strategic Planning Committee and passed at the 117th Annual Conference of the BFC (2000, pages 37-38), is not active. It is the opinion of this committee that the 129th BFC Conference either review this legislation to see if it is appropriate and/or if it should be modified or a study committee be established to investigate the same.

The last two conferences saw us streaming live the proceedings on the internet. Plans will be to continue this with more cameras and better sound. Our desire is to make these proceedings available to our missionaries and others who are unable to attend. Pinebrook will make internet service available during the conference for free.

Orientation material has been placed in the beginning of the Report Book. This material should be reviewed by each member of Annual Conference.

The Overseer of the Pages and Head Page is Raymond L. Cole, Assistant Pastor at our Newark, DE, church. He will be assisted by Daniel L. Williams, Pastor of New Beginnings BFC, Woodbury Heights, NJ.

The Committee is grateful that the Moderator of 128th BFC Conference established a committee to review the BPLs. This is to be done every seven years as was resolved by the 121st Annual Conference (Yearbook, 38). We look forward to seeing their report.

Recommendations

1. Second Reading Resolution:

Whereas, there are occasions in which a different starting day might be preferable or necessary and

Whereas, our current ruling for the start of the BFC Conference is a bit restrictive, therefore be it

Resolved, that we drop the following words in §501-7:
“on the Monday following the fourth Sunday”

§501-7 would read:

BFC Conference convenes in April. The starting time and place of the Conference shall be recommended by the Committee on Arrangements and ratified by BFC Conference. The length of the Conference shall be determined by the Committee on Agenda and Program.

2. **Whereas**, starting BFC Conferences on Mondays means delegates from New Mexico and Mexico may have to miss Sunday services, or, at the very least, attempt to get flights on Sunday, therefore be it
Resolved, that the 130th BFC Conference be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference starting, Tuesday, April 23, 2013.
3. **Resolved**, that all Study Committees, Committees and Agencies have their reports sent to the BFC Headquarters (3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052) or execbrd@aol.com by March 1, 2013.

Committee on Arrangements for 129th BFC Conference: David A. Thomann, Chairman; Daniel P. Allen, Secretary; Davis E. Duggins, Thomas P. Shorb, Randall A. Grossman, Moderator of 129th BFC Conference; Raymond Cole, Overseer of Pages

Report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee

Since its last report in February, 2011, the Committee has met 10 times to interview 15 men. The Committee met on one occasion to discuss a program for training men in Mexico. Marco Ramirez and Gary Shogren were able to participate in this meeting through Skype.

The process for recognizing applicants has been streamlined. It begins with a preliminary interview with a member of the Committee. If that interview is satisfactory, the applicant moves to the Open Book Examination. Upon satisfactory completion of that examination, the man meets with the Committee for an oral examination on the Articles of Faith. The applicant must demonstrate to the Committee that he knows the Articles of Faith and is committed to them. Upon completing the Articles of Faith Examination satisfactorily, the applicant becomes a probationer eligible to receive a call. When he receives a call from a church or ministry, he is approved as a licensed probationer who will serve the prescribed period of time. When the probationer completes his probationary period, the Committee seeks recommendations from the church or ministry he has served. If those recommendations are positive, the Committee interviews the applicant and recommends him to the Ministerial Credentials Committee for ordination examination.

Mark A. Bickel, Colby A. Weinhofer and R. Scott Wright were recommended this year for ordination examination.

The following men were licensed since the last report: Joshua M. Allen, Richard F. Bickings Jr., Jordan K. Eyster, Jason L. Hoy, Keith M. Long, Bryan McNally, David A. Smith, Ronald B. Smith and Keith S. Strunk.

The following men were approved as probationers eligible to receive a call: Timothy D. Gibson, Jonathan H. King, and Aaron D. Smith.

Resolved: That the following list of ministerial candidates be approved:

Probationers

(Year of license in parentheses)

Allen, Joshua M. (2011).....	Las Cruces NM
Bickel, Mark A. (2009).....	Wallingford PA
Bickings, Jr., Richard F. (2010).	Bethlehem PA
Brunner, Steven N.	Ephrata PA
Eyster, Jordan K. (2011)	Blandon PA
Gibson, Timothy D.....	Waxahachie TX
Gonzalez, Miguel. (2010)	Reading PA
Hoy, Jason L. (2011).....	Coplay PA
Hunter, Justin L. (2010).	Philadelphia PA
Kappes, W. Scott (2012).	Catasauqua PA
King, Jonathan H. (2012).....	Schnecksville PA

Lauterback, Stanley P. (2010)	Shillington PA
Long, Keith M. (2010)	Millersville PA
Lynskey, Matthew L. (2009)	Reading PA
McNally, Bryan. (2012)	Alburtis PA
Meyer, Philip G.	Perkiomenville PA
Podlasinski, Francis. (2010)	Bethlehem PA
Shearer, Charles A.	Lebanon PA
Smith, Aaron D.	Whitehall PA
Smith, David A. (2011)	Harrisburg PA
Smith, Ronald B. (2011)	Hockessin DE
Strunk, Keith A. (2011)	Cape May Court House NJ
Suthers, Edwin B.	Camp Hill PA
Weinhofer, Colby A. (2007)	Paxinos PA
Wright, Robert Scott. (2009)	Audubon PA

Candidates

Armstrong, Benjamin J.	Mt Joy PA
Carder, Gregory W.	West Reading PA
Chi, Freddie	Mexico
Clark, Timothy G.	Reading PA
Culton, Mark R.	Bethlehem PA
Daugherty, John W.	Derby CT
Godshall, Lonnie J.	Macungie PA
Hanner, John J.	Allentown PA
Hiddema, John C. S.	Greeley Ontario Canada
Hill, Jason E.	Ft Riley KS
Istrate, Daniel	Lansdale PA
Klase, Joel B.	Orefield PA
MacArthur, James D.	Oley PA
Schlonecker, David K.	Emmaus PA
Walker, Michael M.	Harleysville PA

Applicants

Cole, Raymond L.	Newark DE
Green, Robert W.	Newark DE
LoRusso, John R.	Allentown PA
Morton, Steven	Bear DE
Nessler, Timothy	Wenonah NJ
Radcliff, Timothy	Pennsburg PA
Rissmiller, Samuel Wayne.	Bernville PA
Snyder-Ritter, R. Edward.	Brooklyn NY
Verdon II, William C.	Hershey PA
Wells, Nathan T.	Perkasie PA

Ministerial Candidate Committee: Calvin T. Reed, Chairman; Richard E. Taylor, Secretary; Andrew T. Crossgrove, David E. Gundrum, Howard N. Wells.

Report of the Ministerial Credentials Committee

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

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

The Lord, in His providence this year, has chosen to take home Barry Minsky, of our ministering brethren. We thank God for the many years of ministry that Barry had among the soldiers of our armed forces and among us as well. We look forward to the day we will be reunited with him in glory.

The Committee conducted a two-tiered approach to the ordination service that was approved at the 125th Annual Conference. The first tier was on Tuesday evening, April 26, 2011 at the BFC conference. The second tier was administered in the church where each man serves.

This year Dennis Cahill and Carl J. Fischer, Jr. had the joy of participating in the first Credentials Committee Ordination Recognition Service outside the United States. We had the privilege of recognizing the ordination of Pastor Marcos Ramirez in his home church, Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. Attending an ordination service in your local region is an important opportunity to show love and support of those called of God to minister alongside us as brothers. We are grateful for those who were present at all the services of recognition. We strongly encourage all our credentialed men to make ordination services in their region a priority. Please put these services on your calendars and affirm these brothers in the Lord's call on their lives.

The following changes in status were approved:

Herbert K. Lea was changed from Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries to Ordained Inactive Ministers

Carl Spackman was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers in Retirement

Ronald K Denlinger was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Board of Missions to Ordained Ministers Between Calls.

G Wayne Clapier was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers In Retirement.

Since Daniel P. Allen is an applicant with the Board of Missions as a "Professional Associate," therefore change Daniel P. Allen from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the BFC to Ordained Ministers Under the Direction of the Board of Missions of the BFC.

Jacob J. Susek, Jr., was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to Ordained Ministers Working in the Chaplaincy.

Shan D. Cleck asked to have his BFC credentials removed as he is serving with a church outside of the BFC and Robert K. Fields was removed from the credentialed men of the BFC because he no longer holds membership in a Bible Fellowship Church.

The Committee met with two men for ordination examination. The Ministerial Credentials Committee gives thanks to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who has given these gifted men for the ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended ordination for Mark A. Bickel, Colby A. Weinhofer and R. Scott Wright for ordination, and

Whereas, these brethren have served acceptably as ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church for the required period of time or the equivalent thereof, and

Whereas, after examination, the Ministerial Credentials Committee believes these men to be called of God to the gospel ministry and to be in accord with the Faith & Order of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

Resolved, that Mark A. Bickel, Colby A. Weinhofer and R. Scott Wright be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church.

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

I. Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the BFC

Allen, David T.	Duggins, Davis E.	Miller, Alan G.
Arcieri, James	Edwards, Joshua D.	Miller, Joshua P.
Baker, Delbert R. II.	Erb, Ronald C.	Morrison, Mark L.
Barninger, Mark E.	Evans, Mark R.	Norris, Philip G.
Bertolet, Raymond R.	Felty, Glenn R.	North, Eric R.
Bertolet, Timothy J.	Fischer, Carl J., Jr.	Orton, Mark R.
*Bickel, Mark A.	Francis, Kurt P.	Paashauss, Richard T.
Bomgardner, Clyde D., Jr.	Grossman, Randall A.	Peters, David J.
Boone, Clifford B.	Gundrum, David E.	Prontnicki, Louis
Brandt, David E.	Harris, Richard D.	Ramirez, Marcos G.
Brush, R. Jerome	Heller, LeRoy S.	Ramos, Elliot H.
Cahill, Dennis M.	Johnson, Robert A.	Ravis, Richard B.
Clark, Gerald D.	Keeler, Kenneth D.	Reed, Calvin T.
Clineff, Kevin W.	Kirkpatrick, Kevin W.	Ritter, Ralph E.
Cole, Charles E.	Kohl, Ronald L.	Rodriguez, Carlos G.
Cowen, Timothy S.	Kramer, Robert B.	Schlonecker, William G.
Crossgrove, Andrew T.	Kuntzman, Donald E.	Schmoyer, Timothy J.
Curcio, Louis S.	Madara, Ferdie R.	Schoen, David N.
DelDuco, Steven J.	Mahurin, Ronald C.	Shorb, Thomas P.

Simpson, Arthur J., Jr.	Uhrich, Gregory A.	Widger, Byron
Sloan, Robert A., Jr.	Vandegriff, John C., Jr.	Williams, Daniel L.
Spinney, Dennis W.	Vivona, Alan R.	*Wright, R. Scott
Susek, Aaron J.	Weller, Dana E.	Yerrington, Philip E.
Taylor, Richard E.	Wells, Howard N.	Zuck, Timothy M.
Thomann, David A.	Wickstead, James A.	

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

II. Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Board of Missions of the BFC:

Allen, Daniel P.	Lenahan, Frank E.	Riddell, David W.
Aukamp, William A.	Morrison, Philip E.	Studenroth, John C.
Evans, Scott B.	Moyer, Duane E.	*Weinhofer, Colby A.
Head, Jim D.	Moyer, Jerry L.	
Johnston, Walter M.	Pollock, Thomas A.	

III. Ordained Ministers Working in the Chaplaincy Under the Sponsorship of the BFC:

Heineman, David N. - Hospice
 Hurst, Kenneth J. – Military
 Jones, David H. – Military Moyer, Richard A. - Prison Ministry
 Roberts, Michael D. - Fellowship Manor
 Susek, Jacob, J., Jr. - Fellowship Manor

IV. Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries:

Commerford, Robert S.
 Cooper, Brian C.
 Dowling, Willis I.
 Dunn, William J.
 Hagy, Ronald C.
 Lawrence, Dennis J.
 Martin, Carl T.

V. Ordained Ministers Between Calls:

Arnold, Jonathon W.
 Denlinger, Ronald K.
 Harding, W. Neil, Jr.
 Morrison, Thomas H.

VI. Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence:

Dommel, Albert J.

VII. Ordained Ministers in Retirement:

Barber, Kenneth F.	Gehman, Richard J.	Reitz, Roger L.
Batchler, James R., Jr.	Harley, J. Barclay	Riggall, John H.
Bigley, T. James, Jr.	Herb, Frank L., Jr.	Seifert, A. L.
Brosius, Bert N.	Herb, George E.	Shelly, Austin G.
Buck, Leonard E.	Herb, John H.	Smith, Gene W.
Byrd, Terris L.	Hertzog, Roy A.	Soper, Ralph M.
Cassel, Alva C.	Hoyle, Ronald W.	Spackman, Carl K.
Cassel, Carl C.	Manney, David L.	Stortz, Dean A.
Clapier, G. Wayne	Moyer, Edward	Watkins, David J.
Coulbourn, Hugh C., Jr.	Munyan, Edgar H.	Way, David R.
Dotts, Raymond R.	Phillips, D. Thomas	Weaber, Harold C.
Draper, Robert L.	Plows, Keith E.	Ziegler, Daniel G.
Ellingson, Bruce A.	Reichenbach, R. C.	Zimmerman, Paul G.

VIII. Ordained Inactive Ministers:

Lea, Herbert K.
 McCreary, J. Mark
 Ruhl, Jeffrey L.
 Tait, Jonathan P.
 Tannous, Michael J.

The Credentials Committee makes the following additional recommendations:

1. **Resolved**, that an Ordination Service be held at the 129th BFC Conference.
2. **Resolved**, that the Grace Bible Fellowship Church of Wallingford, PA, Terri Hill BFC, Terri Hill, PA and the Faith Bible Fellowship Church of Harleysville, PA, be encouraged to have a service in recognition of the ordinations of Mark A. Bickel, Colby A. Weinhofer and R. Scott Wright, respectfully, and that they be encouraged to invite the Ministerial Credentials Committee to send representation to be present at the service.
3. Resolutions to be submitted to the BFC Conference:

Whereas, there has been a controversy over whether a person must repent of the sinfulness of having failed to submit to Jesus as Master (Lord) of all creation, including Master (Lord) of one's life, necessitating a need for salvation, and

Whereas, it has been alleged that our Articles of Faith do not require a pastor (or church) to teach that Christ has to be acknowledged as Master (Lord) as part of saving faith, and

Whereas, the Ministerial Credentials Committee believes that both the Scriptures and our Articles of Faith require us to teach that saving faith must include repentance of having failed to acknowledge Jesus as Master (Lord), and

Whereas, the true acknowledgment of Jesus as Master (Lord) must be accompanied by a transformed life as a result of the work of the Holy Spirit who

regenerates and imparts new life, and

Whereas, this is an issue essential to the gospel since it concerns how we define saving faith, and

Whereas, Article 501-2 states that the BFC Conference “alone has the power to amend and authoritatively interpret the F&O”, therefore be it

Resolved, that the 129th BFC Conference concurs with the Ministerial Credentials Committee’s interpretation that Scripture and the Articles of Faith require us to teach that saving faith includes repentance of having failed to submit to Jesus as Master (Lord).

Reasons for our understanding of this issue:

1. The Ministerial Credentials Committee believes that the phrase “that results in the confession and forsaking of sin” in Article 13 means confessing and forsaking all past sin and specific current sins¹ as the Holy Spirit convicts. This necessarily implies that Jesus must be acknowledged as Master (Lord)² at the time of conversion.
2. The Ministerial Credentials Committee believes that the phrase “that results in loving, obedient service” in Article 13 also necessarily implies that Jesus must be Master (Lord) at conversion.
3. The Ministerial Credentials Committee believes that a number of Scriptures describe Christ as Master (Lord)³ at the time of conversion (Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9; Acts 22:8,10 and Colossians 2:6).
4. The Ministerial Credentials Committee believes that the change of behavior that must accompany genuine conversion requires that Christ be Master (Lord) in some significant way at conversion (cf. the entire book of 1 John; James 2:14-17; Acts 26:20; and Galatians 5:16-21).
5. The Ministerial Credentials Committee believes teaching that one does not have to acknowledge Christ as Master (Lord) at conversion means that there would be genuine Christians who reject Christ as Master (Lord) and who continue to live lives of rebellion. We believe this is contrary to Scripture and Article 13 of the Articles of Faith.
6. The ministerial Credentials Committee believes that coming to faith in Jesus as Lord (Master) is all of grace and not a work.⁴ Salvation is by faith alone but not by faith that is alone.⁵ We are saved by believing in Jesus who is both Savior and Lord.

¹ “When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.” Acts 3:26

² We do not believe that someone understands all the implications of Christ as Master (Lord) at conversion, only that they submit to Christ as Master (Lord) to the extent that they understand what that means.

³ We understand that the use of the term ‘Lord’ κύριος may at times imply the deity of Jesus but we strongly believe that the usual meaning of κύριος as “one in authority” is also present in these verses (cf. The Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, abridged in one volume, Kittel p. 486).

⁴ Ephesians 2:8-10 — 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

⁵ James 2:14–17 — 14 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. ff.

B. RESOLUTION ON CLASSIFICATION OF ORDAINED MEN: DISABILITY CATEGORY INCLUSION

Whereas, the Beneficiary Society has brought to our attention that there is currently no category to cover a man who is permanently disabled, but too young for retirement, therefore be it

Resolved, that, we recommend to the BFC Conference that permanently disabled pastors be defined as one who has a physical or mental handicap that would prevent a man from performing his duties as a pastor in the Bible Fellowship Church, and further

Resolved, that this disability be determined by the Ministerial Credentials Committee in consultation with the pastor’s primary physician, and further

Resolved, that we add “Or On Permanent Disability” to the category of “Ordained Ministers in Retirement”, and further

Resolved, that permanently disabled pastors be placed under the category of “Ordained Ministers in Retirement Or On Permanent Disability.”

Ministerial Credentials Committee: Dennis M. Cahill, Chairman; Keith E. Plows Vice Chairman; Carl J. Fischer, Jr., Secretary; LeRoy S. Heller, Ralph M. Soper

Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee

*And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets,
and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,
for the equipping of the saints for the work of service,
to the building up of the body of Christ"*

Ephesians 4:11-12

The work of the Ministerial Relations Committee is to come alongside churches in the process of finding a pastor as well as those in the process of saying goodbye to a pastor. Additionally, we seek to promote healthy relationships between churches and their pastoral staff. This year, many of our churches have called a pastor to shepherd them.

The committee met three times since the last BFC Conference. Additionally, numerous meetings took place at churches between committee representatives and pastors, elders, and pastoral search committees. We thank God for the spirit of camaraderie the committee and local church leaders share in our interactions.

The following resignations took place according to our rules this year:

Church	Pastor	Effective Date
Paradise, PA	Shan D. Cleck	June 26, 2011
Harrisburg, PA	Carl K. Spackman	June 30, 2011
Wissinoming, PA	G. Wayne Clapier	September 25, 2011
Harleysville, PA	R. Scott Wright	September 30, 2011
Quakertown, PA	Joshua P. Miller	December 31, 2011
Sunbury, PA	Kurt P. Francis	March 25, 2012

The following calls were issued according to our rules this year:

Church	Pastor	Effective Date
Church Extension	David A. Smith	February 11, 2011
Hellertown, PA	Timothy M. Zuck	May 8, 2011
Woodbury Heights, NJ	Daniel L. Williams	June 12, 2011
Bethlehem, PA	Jason L. Hoy	July 25, 2011
Church Extension	Keith A. Strunk	September 1, 2011
Wissinoming, PA	Justin L. Hunter	September 25, 2011
Church Extension	R. Scott Wright	October 1, 2011

Church	Pastor	Effective Date
Church Extension	Ronald B. Smith	October 1, 2011
Las Cruces, NM	Joshua M. Allen	October 2, 2011
Blandon, PA	Jordan K. Eyster	November 8, 2011
Harrisburg, PA	Joshua P. Miller	January 1, 2012
Zionsville, PA	Bryan C. McNally	January 1, 2012
Reading, PA (Grace)	Matthew L. Lynskey	February 5, 2012
Allentown, PA (Cedar Crest)	W. Scott Kappes	March 20, 2012
Allentown, PA (Cedar Crest)	Jonathan A. King	March 20, 2012

The following churches are seeking a pastor (either a senior pastor or other pastoral staff member): Bethlehem, PA; Camden, DE; Carmel, NY; Coopersburg, PA; Long Neck, DE; Paradise, PA; Royersford, PA; Toms River, NJ; Walnutport, PA.

The Lord has faithfully provided pulpit supply and interim pastoral ministry in each of these churches. However, we beseech the BFC family to pray for God's provision of a pastor for each church according to the BFC Principles of Order.

Conference Pastor Ronald C. Mahurin has completed his eleventh year of service in this strategic office. The committee expresses its appreciation for his faithful service to our brothers in the pastorate.

The committee reminds our churches of two resource booklets: Guidelines for the Pastoral Relations Committee, and Guidelines for the Pastoral Search Committee. Copies are available from our committee chairman, Byron Widger.

The Committee makes the following recommendation to the 129th BFC Conference:

Resolved, that the recommended minimum salary for a BFC Pastor in the U.S. be \$35,000 for 2012, and further,

Resolved, that in addition to his salary, the church in the U.S. must provide a sum equal to the pastor's Social Security tax, parsonage and/or housing allowance (which would include utilities, repair costs, etc.), health insurance, and provision should be made for reimbursement for allowable car and professional expenses. The church must also contribute a minimum of 3% of the pastor's salary for retirement to the ministers' annuity fund, plus an additional 1% match if the pastor is voluntarily contributing 1%.

Ministerial Relations Committee: Byron Widger, Chairman; Timothy J. Schmoyer, Secretary; Randall A. Grossman, Steven J. Kauffman, Ronald W. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr., William G. Schlonecker.

Report of the Conference Pastor

*“Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry,
we do not lose heart.”*
2 Corinthians 4:1

The servants of Christ in every age have struggled with the tendency to “lose heart.” Personal inadequacies, powerful oppositions, problems from within the church and pressures from without, all have contributed to the discouragement of many.

The puritan’s prayer to God seems very appropriate for these times:

“Fit me for every scene and circumstances; stay my mind upon Thee and turn my trials to blessings, that they may draw out my gratitude and praise as I see their design and effects.”

Our fitness for ministry comes from God and God alone (Psalm 62).

Our focus in ministry must be on, “Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all we ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20a). Then, and only then, will we function in ministry, “according to the power that works within us (Ephesians 3:20b) enabling us, to give Him the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 3:21).

Why do we feel so inadequate to do the work of the ministry? Because we are inadequate, but God is not, and He will never ask us to do something He will not enable us to do. And to that end we echo the Apostle Paul’s request, “Brethren pray for me” (1 Thessalonians 5:25).

As I travel across our Conference visiting our pastors and churches, I am encouraged to see the commitment of our pastors, elders, deacons, and the congregations who worship and serve with them.

Several of our churches are engaged in self studies, evaluating their purpose, core values, overall ministry and establishing goals for the future. This process, while time consuming, is resulting in an increase emphasis on prayer, leadership training, outreach, and discipleship. May we never, “lose heart” in that which is designed to bring glory to God and good to His Church.

We give thanks to God for each of the men who were ordained to the gospel ministry this year and continue to urge prayer, to the Lord of the harvest to raise up many more men, called to pastoral ministry.

Following many, many years of faithful and loving ministry to Christ and the Bible Fellowship Church, the Lord called home, Esther Cassel, Barry Minsky, and Thelma Smock. The memory of their commitment to Christ, their exemplary lives and faithful service, is a blessing and a challenge to all of us.

Through the love gifts to the Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund of \$1,325.00

from the members of Annual Conference, we were able to give financial assistance to 23 pastors and their families in the amount of \$2,175.00. These expressions of love were gratefully received and a real encouragement to these choice servants of Christ.

I want to sincerely express my gratitude and thanks to God for the privilege of serving as your Conference Pastor. The encouragement I receive from our pastors, the Ministerial Relations Committee, The Executive Board, Members of BFC Conference, and local elders is much appreciated.

*“May the God of peace...Equip you with everything good for doing His will,
and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”*

Hebrews 13:20-21

Your Co-laborer in Christ,
Ronald C. Mahurin
Conference Pastor

Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund

Opening Balance	\$2,506.00
Deposits	1,325.00
Withdrawn	2,175.00
Balance, December 31, 2011	\$1,656.00

23 Families Assisted

Report of the Conference Judicatory

The Conference Judicatory received no communications from any of the churches, departments, or individuals from the Bible Fellowship Church during the year. Therefore, there was no need to convene the Conference Judicatory.

Conference Judicatory: Gregory A. Urich, Secretary; Douglas D. Bowne, Carl C. Cassel, Donald E. Kuntzman, S. Lester Moyer, Rodney P. Plows, Calvin T. Reed, Ronald W. Reed, L. James Roberts, Clyde W. Snyder, Dean A. Stortz

Report of the Committee to Examine BFC Conference Minutes

In pursuance of our responsibility to produce accurate minutes of BFC Conference, the committee compares the approved minutes with those published in the Yearbook and proofreads the minutes and other material in the Yearbook. If you notice mistakes in the Yearbook, please notify the chairman of this committee before March 1 so it can be corrected in the committee's report.

The following corrections should be made to the 2011 official minutes:

p. 8 In the Woodbury Heights, NJ listing, Daniel L. Williams' name should be indented.

p. 12 In the third line, it should read Marcos G. Ramirez Montalvo.

p. 16 Vice-moderator should be hyphenated here and each time it occurs in the minutes.

p. 18 The verbal remembrance for Harvey J. Fritz, Jr. was presented by William G. Schlonecker.

p. 20 Under insert (7), delete the period between congregational and membership.

p. 27 Under 512-8.2 (6) in the middle of the page there should be a hyphen in full-time.

p. 29 Under 511-1.7 (2), insert an end parenthesis after the 512-3

p. 31 Section 509-6.1 should be changed to 509-5.2 since it is the second paragraph under Section 509-5.

p. 32 In the last resolve on the page, insert a period at the end of the Christian Education Committee purpose statement.

p. 36 At the end of Section 2 delete "(as referenced in 512-5.4(3) of the F & O)" since 5.1-5.6 under 512-5 Board of Higher Education was deleted in the last resolve on p. 35.

p. 37 In Section 4 – Administration, "Executive" should also be inserted and crossed out at the beginning of section A just before Director/Chairperson.

p. 41 The resolve in the middle of the page should be corrected since the present listing for the "Board of Church Health" is 512-16 instead of 512-13.

p. 42-43 The numbering of these seven paragraphs labeled as 512-1 through 512-7 needs to be modified since 512-1 through 512-4 have already been designated on page 29 to contain information on the four departments.

p. 42 In 512-3 correct the wording to read “advance the goals of the department.”

p. 54 The official address for the BFC should be 3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052.

The following corrections should be made to the remainder of the Yearbook:

iii In line two, BFC Conference was held in East Stroudsburg.

v The listing for Announcements in the Table of Contents should be for the 129th BFC Conference.

vii Under the Committee on Credentials for 2014 it should read Carl J. Fischer, Jr.

viii The category Officers of 129th BFC Conference should have “Annual” eliminated.

xxix The end of the second paragraph should read “from 1957 to 1966.”

p. 2 Seventh Meeting (Wednesday Evening)...46 should have been listed at the bottom of the Table of Contents on page 1.

p. 55 In the listing of reports, the page for the Beneficiary Society should be 159 and two listings were missed: Board of Pensions - p. 85 and Pinebrook Educational Foundation – p. 170.

p. 57 In the Report of the Board of Church Extension in the middle of the page, the extra spaces between growing and apathy should be deleted.

p. 63 Under Hispanic Church Planting and Daughter Church Planting, it should consistently refer to the Capital Region instead of several references to Capitol Region.

p. 70 In the second resolve, it should refer to the 129th BFC Conference and it will be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference in East Stroudsburg, PA.

p. 75 In the third resolve at the bottom of the page delete “and, and” after Emmaus, PA.

p. 76 In the last resolve capitalize “Disability” in the category title.

p. 78 Eliminate the period after Daniel in Daniel Istrate.

p. 102 Under 511-1.7 (2), insert an end parenthesis after the 512-3.

p. 107 At the end of Section 2 delete “(as referenced in 512-5.4(3) of the F & O)” since 5.1-5.6 under 512-5 Board of Higher Education was deleted in resolve #10.

p. 111 Resolve #12 should be corrected since the present listing for the “Board of Church Health” is 512-16 instead of 512-13.

- p. 112 The numbering of these seven paragraphs labeled as 512-1 through 512-7 needs to be modified since 512-1 through 512-4 have already been designated on page 103 to contain information on the four departments.
- p. 112 In 512-3 correct the wording to read “advance the goals of the department.”
- p. 118-122 Delete these pages because they duplicate pages 114-117.
- p. 123 The headings for the columns should be: 2010, 2009, and Change.
- p. 123 Delete the space in the word assets in “Other As sets.”
- p. 124 The headings for the columns should be: 2010, 2009, and Change.
- p. 124 Under liabilities the last entry should be “Churches’ Equity.”
- p. 126 The seventh entry under Liabilities and Equity should be “Churches’ Equity.”
- p. 131 The heading for the page should be “Proposed 2012 Executive Board Budget” and the headings for the first two columns should be changed to “2012 Budget” and “2011 Budget.”
- p. 132-133 These pages should be deleted since they duplicate pages 130-131.
- p. 137 Add an apostrophe in “Knowing God’s Will Seminars.”
- p. 142 Eliminate the hyphen in development under Sam and Melissa Adams’ entry.
- p. 142 It should read Glenn and Leah Ruth Blauser.
- p. 151 The correct spelling of the speaker for the third week of conference in the last paragraph is Stanley Toussaint.
- p. 152 Eliminate the “a” in the last line so it reads “We also have several part-time workers...”
- p. 154 Under BFC Young Adult Retreat there should be a parenthesis instead of a 9 in (6/10-12).
- p. 155 Under Cabin Knoll in the fourth sentence it should read “This will make a significant difference...”

Committee to Examine the BFC Conference Minutes: Philip G. Norris, Chairman; Kurt P. Francis, Timothy M. Zuck.

Report of the Committee on Examination of the Minutes of Particular Churches

The Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches met on Friday, March 16, 2012 at Rev. Allan R. Vivona's home, Fleetwood, PA.

The minutes of Particular Churches were examined on the basis of the suggested format for congregational meetings as stated in the Faith and Order, Article 403-3 and 403-4.

The Committee communicated with every church reminding the pastor to send a copy of the minutes of all congregational meetings, which shall include the Board of Elders' Report of the Membership and Annual Financial Report to:

Committee on the Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches,
c/o Rev. Ralph M. Soper,
6 Red Leaf Lane,
Lancaster, PA 17602
to arrive no later than March 1, 2012.

The Committee expresses their appreciation to the churches using the checklist that was sent with the letter to the churches. The committee also appreciates those churches that mailed back all of the requested documentation in exactly the precise order found on the checklist. This is a tremendous asset to the Committee in doing their work. We found that most of our churches are doing very well in keeping their records and are in conformity with the Faith & Order. We would remind each of the churches of the need to verify evidence of financial review for financial accountability and a Pastoral Relations Committee Report that is required by our Faith & Order. We would also remind each church that your Delegate and Alternate Delegate needs to be elected by your congregation.

The Committee would like to remind everyone that all minutes pertaining to the previous year after Annual Conference plus the proposed budget for the upcoming year need to be at the designated address by March 1. This may mean an adjustment as to when your congregational meeting is held but we do appreciate your cooperation. There were no petitions this year from the churches.

Committee to Examine Church Minutes: Ralph M. Soper, Chairman/Secretary;
Ronald C. Erb, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Allan R. Vivona.

Report of the Executive Board

The Executive Board of the Bible Fellowship Church continued to provide leadership for the Bible Fellowship Church throughout 2011. We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the grace extended to our Denomination, Departments, and Churches. We serve a great God! We consider it a privilege to carry the message of the gospel to a lost and dying world through our Churches and Departments. We want to be an expanding fellowship of churches, but more importantly, we want to be united in making disciples of Jesus Christ. Still in our infancy as an Executive Board, we wanted to characterize 2011 as the year we laid a 'Foundation of Prayer.' This was our emphasis and we invited Dr. Daniel Henderson of Strategic Renewal to help us focus on prayer as the foundation for the Bible Fellowship Church. Many of our churches were blessed as a result of this emphasis, and the Executive Board, individually and collectively, spent much time praying for our churches, our pastors, our missionaries, and our departments. In the prayers for the Executive Board, we asked God to give us wisdom as we dealt with the issues and challenges that came before us. We believe He answered our prayers and has provided guidance for our Denomination.

We are grateful for the men that God has provided to lead our Departments. These leaders met both with the Executive Board and the Executive Director on several occasions as they shared their visions, concerns, and challenges of their respective departments.

Dana E. Weller - continues to lead the Board of Missions

David E. Gundrum - continues to lead Church Extension Ministries

Daniel P. Allen - concluded his time leading Pinebrook Bible Conference

Douglas Manwiller - continues to lead Victory Valley Camp

The Executive Board met with each of the department boards in the past year in an effort to foster understanding of the new structure of accountability and authority within the Bible Fellowship Church. In these meetings the department board members had the opportunity to share their impressions of the new structure. We are grateful for their willingness to help us work through this change within the Bible Fellowship Church. Throughout the year, the Executive Director was able to attend many of the department meetings and continued to stay abreast of each department through monthly reports and direct contact with the directors.

In an effort to stay above reproach and maintain fiscal accountability and responsibility, the year began with the desire to complete the application to join with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). In order to accomplish this, the four Departments of the Bible Fellowship Church (Board of Missions, Church Extension Ministries, Pinebrook Bible Conference, and Victory Valley Camp)

needed to have complete and comprehensive financial statements that were officially reviewed by a non-related Accounting Firm. The Executive Board selected the firm of Buckno Lisicky & Company to perform the official review under the guidelines of ECFA. What initially appeared to be a straightforward accounting process became much more complex as we needed to research original documents that over the years were located in varying places! In seeking to be correct with our findings, we needed to provide an accurate trail of the BFC's financial dealings over the past 40+ years. This, combined with our desire to clarify and simplify our dealings with the IRS, required us to reexamine all of our assets. We did not fully complete our application, but did make progress towards that goal.

In doing this more comprehensive review, we realized that the condition of Pinebrook Bible Conference's facilities needed to be improved if it were to remain a viable ministry of and to the Bible Fellowship Church. In constantly reviewing its financial situation, it became apparent that unless some changes were made, the prospects for Pinebrook were poor, and it would continue to need financial assistance from the BFC Conference beyond its ability to raise funds. This led the Executive Board to make several recommendations concerning Pinebrook Bible Conference. These were presented to the 128th BFC Conference, and, after a lengthy discussion on the floor, at the request of the Pinebrook Board, the Executive Board agreed to reconsider each one. This was accomplished throughout the summer months. We hired Neil Fichthorn, a Christian Camping Consultant, to advise us throughout the process. We also requested and received valuable input from the members of BFC Conference. The complete reconsideration and the conclusions have been published at our <http://info.bfc.org> website. At the combined Pinebrook Board and Executive Board meeting in September, we reviewed the data together. At that meeting, it was noted that the financial status was still dire, and an infusion of funds was required. It was also at that meeting that Fellowship Homes, Inc. came forward with an offer to purchase the Crawford property, and lease it back to Pinebrook, so that there could be an infusion of cash with no disruption of ministry. The Executive Board accepted this offer and on November 1, 2011, the transfer of property and money was completed. One of the original recommendations of the Executive Board was that a change in leadership at Pinebrook Bible Conference be made to bring about a new direction for the ministry. Accordingly the contract of the current Director, Daniel P. Allen, was not renewed for 2012. A severance package was given in appreciation for his ministry at Pinebrook, and his duties and responsibilities were completed on November 8, 2011. A search was begun for an Interim Director who would be able to act more as a Chief Operations Officer than as a Ministry Director. Nate Brosius, who previously served at Pinebrook, was selected and began serving on December 15th as the Interim Director. Please pray for Pinebrook as we continue to monitor the viability of this venue for a family camp and conference center for the Bible Fellowship Church.

During the year, the Executive Board dealt with several church situations that required counsel and our input. Several of our churches are struggling with financial difficulties and have requested reprieves concerning the repayment of their loans

payable to the Bible Fellowship Church. These were granted on a case by case basis. We are grateful to Church Extension Ministries for their willingness to assist our Long Neck, Delaware church and supply an Interim Pastor, Mark Morrison, as it rebuilds its Congregation. One of our churches requested our involvement and input concerning several doctrinal issues. Another church brought to us a proposal for a merger with one of our smaller churches. As a result of these situations, and others brought to us by the Church Health Committee, the Executive Board established an Ad Hoc Committee to develop formal guidelines concerning the care of declining churches. The committee's report will be presented to the 129th BFC Conference for further review and direction.

The Executive Board has continued to refine its Core Values and has begun the process to develop a vision for the Bible Fellowship Church for the near future. The status of that process will be presented at the 129th BFC Conference. We believe that the completion of this process will provide the direction that we need as a Denomination and help us to sharpen our focus as a church and align our departments with that vision. In keeping with our stated focus of 'Making Disciples of Jesus Christ' we have invited Dr. Gene Getz to be our guest at this year's conference. His primary emphasis will be on discipleship, but he has also written much about leadership within the church and will have more to share on that topic.

The Executive Director continues to care for the day to day operations of the Bible Fellowship Church. He is grateful for the assistance of Don Kuntzman who handles many of the daily financial functions (such as payroll and payables), and Carolyn Bloomfield who gracefully answers the phone at the 'unofficial' office of the Executive Board (in the Board of Missions office at 1011 Brookside Road, Wescoesville, PA). Lisa Christensen and Ruth Richards cared for the correspondence at the 'official' office at 3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052 (Church Extension Ministries office), where all mail should be sent. The Executive Director has continued to visit the churches and represent the Bible Fellowship Church at official and some unofficial functions. We are reminded by the Apostle Paul that our Lord has given to the church various individuals in leadership positions, but all with the same intent, and that is 'to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.' (Eph 4:12-13-ESV)

The officers of the Executive Board are Randall A. Grossman, President; Robert A. Sloan, Jr., Vice President; Jay H. Fasnacht, Treasurer; and Ronald L. Kohl, Secretary. Charles Lavigna is the Health Insurance Coordinator. The Executive Board has retained:

The American Insurance Group as Health Insurance Administrators,
 Fitzpatrick, Lentz, and Bubba as our legal representatives,
 Buckno Licisky & Company as our Accounting Firm,
 Asset Planning Services as our Pension Fund administrators,
 Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company as the preferred church liability insurers,

and

American Bank of the Lehigh Valley as the depository of its funds.

Internally, L. James Roberts, Stephen J. Kauffman, and Robert H. Zentz serve as the Personnel Committee, while Dennis M. Cahill, Jay H. Fasnacht, and Charles A. Lavigna serve as the Finance Committee for the Executive Board.

The Executive Board wants to maintain a position of being above reproach in all of its dealings and has created a Conflict of Interest Policy which each member has signed. The written policy can be found at our <http://info.bfc.org> website, and would be worth considering for each local church board of elders.

The Executive Board recommends the approval of the following resolutions:

1. **Resolved**, that the 2012 revised Executive Board budget be presented for adoption by the 129th BFC Conference.
2. **Resolved**, that an assessment rate of two (2.0) percent be presented for adoption by the 129th BFC Conference for 2013 (based on assessable receipts for 2011).
3. **Resolved**, that the 2013 proposed Executive Board budget be presented for adoption by the 129th BFC Conference.

PENSION FUND (MRF) Update

2011 Review and Status (figures rounded for simplicity): The total of Ministers' Retirement Fund (MRF) annuity payments to beneficiaries in 2011 was \$170,600 (compared to \$186,300 in 2010 and \$196,000 in 2009): see Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. This is the fifth year that the total disbursements have declined. There are 6 future beneficiaries of the MRF, the youngest of which will begin receiving benefits at age 65 in the year 2013. There were two widow beneficiaries who went home to the Lord in 2011. Based on the current mortality assumptions, the final year of MRF payments to beneficiaries is projected to be 2035. Between now and then, it is estimated that the MRF will distribute future benefits totaling nearly \$2,400,000.

Annual Funding: 2011 was the first year that the Executive Board funded the Pension Fund on a monthly "pay as you go" basis in an amount roughly equal to each month's payments to beneficiaries. Funding is supported by a portion of the BFC Conference Assessment. There should be no need in the future to issue any Pension Notes.

403(b) Plan: Refer to the 2009 Yearbook for details, or visit <http://info.bfc.org> where a copy can be downloaded. There are no changes in IRS requirements for 2012.

Planned Giving: The benefits of planned giving were clearly evident in 2008 by way of the receipt of the bequest of \$225,000. The Executive Board urges other members of the Bible Fellowship Church to consider including the MRF in their estate planning arrangements. The simplest and most tax efficient method would be to name

the MRF as a contingent or primary beneficiary (for married or singles, respectively) of a portion of an IRA or 403(b) account. This arrangement can be adjusted or revoked at any time, and does not involve changing one's Will. For more information, please contact the BFC Executive Director.

Administration: The Executive Board expresses appreciation to Pension Plan Administrator Rick Volpe, of Asset Planning Services, for his faithful service to the Pension Fund.

The Executive Board recommends the following resolutions to the 129th BFC Conference:

Whereas, the MRF annuity rate for 2012 is \$221 per year of service, and **Whereas**, cost-of-living adjustments no longer apply to MRF payments, be it **Resolved**, that the MRF annuity rate for calendar year 2013 be \$221 per year of service.

Resolution Relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for Retired or Disabled Ministers of this Conference for Calendar Year 2013

Whereas, the religious denomination known as The Bible Fellowship Church has and functions through Ministers of the Gospel who are duly ordained or licensed; and

Whereas, the practice of The Bible Fellowship Church is to provide a parsonage or a rental allowance as part of the gross compensation for each of its active ordained or licensed ministers; and

Whereas, pensions paid to retired and disabled ordained or licensed ministers of The Bible Fellowship Church are considered as deferred compensation and are paid to said retired and disabled ordained or licensed ministers in consideration of previous, active service; and

Whereas, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized that The Bible Fellowship Church is the appropriate organization to designate a housing/rental allowance for retired and disabled ordained or licensed ministers who are members of this Conference;

Resolved,

1. An amount equal to 100% of the pension payments received during the year of 2013 be and is hereby designated as a rental/housing allowance for each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister of The Bible Fellowship Church who is or was a member of the Bible Fellowship Church Minister's Retirement Fund.
2. This rental/housing allowance shall apply to each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister who has been granted the retired relationship or placed on disability leave by the Bible Fellowship Annual Conference and whose name and relationship to the conference is recorded in the Yearbook of the BFC

Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church and in other appropriate records maintained by the conference.

3. The pension payment to which this rental/housing allowance applies shall be the pension payment resulting from all service of such retired or disabled ordained or licensed minister from all employment by any local church, Annual Conference or institution of The Bible Fellowship Church or of any former denomination that is now a part of The Bible Fellowship Church, or from any other employer who employed the minister to perform services related to the ministry and who elected to make contributions to the pension funds of The Bible Fellowship Church for such retired minister's pension.

Note: The rental/housing allowance which may be excluded from a minister's gross income is limited to the lesser of (1) the amount of the rental/housing allowance designated by the minister's employer or other appropriate body, (2) the amount actually expended by the minister to provide his or her housing, or (3) the legally-determined fair rental value of the parsonage or other housing provided. As specified in Rev. Rul. 71-290 C.B. 92, "the only amount that will qualify for exclusion under section 107(2) of the Code as a 'rental allowance' is an amount equal to the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances such as a garage, plus the cost of utilities."

Bible Fellowship Church Executive Board: Randall A. Grossman, President; David T. Allen, Executive Director; Dennis M. Cahill, Carl C. Cassel, Robert T. Evans, Jay H. Fasnacht, Ronald L. Kohl, Charles A. Lavigna, Stephen J. Kauffman, L. James Roberts, Robert A. Sloan, Jr., David A. Thomann, Robert H. Zentz.

Revised 2012 Budget	2012 ExecBrd Budget	PROPOSED Revised 2012 Budget	increase (decrease)
Anticipated Receipts			
Assessment from Churches (2%)	339,586.00	338,385.00	(1,201.00)
Department Contribution	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
Brotherhood Contribution	7,500.00	7,500.00	-
Investment Interest	7,000.00	7,000.00	-
Mortgage Interest	5,600.00	9,500.00	3,900.00
Installment Payment on Sale of Real Estate		100,000.00	100,000.00
Communications Reimbursements	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Miscellaneous/General Contributions	2,614.00	3,000.00	386.00
Other	1,500.00		(1,500.00)
Total Anticipated Receipts	378,800.00	480,385.00	101,585.00
Anticipated Expenditures			
Minister's Retirement Fund	170,400.00	171,214.00	814.00
Board of Communications	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
Beneficiary Fund	500.00	500.00	-
Ministerial Convention	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Annual Conference			-
Conference Facilitation	8,000.00	8,000.00	-
Conference Expense	7,500.00	7,500.00	-
Committee Expenses			-
Chaplaincy Expenses	1,200.00	1,500.00	300.00
Committee Mtg Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
Conference Pastor Salary	26,000.00	26,000.00	-
Conference Pastor Expenses/Benefits	20,000.00	21,550.00	1,350.00
Executive Director Salary	75,000.00	75,000.00	-
Taxes & Benefits	23,000.00	23,000.00	-
Rent & Office Expense	4,500.00	4,500.00	-
Dues & Subscriptions	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Legal, Insurance, & Accounting	7,000.00	7,000.00	-
Miscellaneous Board Expense	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Advances to Pinebrook		100,000.00	100,000.00
Executive Board Expense	7,000.00	6,121.00	(879.00)
	378,800.00	480,385.00	101,585.00

2013 Budget (2011 Assessable Receipts)

	2013 ExecBrd	Revised 2012 ExecBrd	increase
	Budget	Budget	(decrease)
Anticipated Receipts			
Assessment from Churches (2%)	\$347,500.00	\$338,385.00	\$9,115.00
Department Contribution	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
Brotherhood Contribution	10,000.00	7,500.00	2,500.00
Investment Interest	7,000.00	7,000.00	-
Mortgage Interest	9,500.00	9,500.00	-
Installment Payment on Sale of Real Estate	100,000.00	100,000.00	-
Communications Reimbursements	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Miscellaneous/General Contributions	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
Other	2,000.00		2,000.00
Total Anticipated Receipts	\$494,000.00	\$480,385.00	\$13,615.00
Anticipated Expenditures			
Minister's Retirement Fund	\$185,579.00	\$171,214.00	\$14,365.00
Board of Communications	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
Beneficiary Fund	500.00	500.00	-
Ministerial Convention	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Annual Conference			-
Conference Facilitation	8,000.00	8,000.00	-
Conference Expense	7,500.00	7,500.00	-
Committee Expenses			-
Chaplaincy Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
Committee Mtg Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
Conference Pastor Salary	26,000.00	26,000.00	-
Conference Pastor Expenses/Benefits	21,550.00	21,550.00	-
Executive Director Salary	75,000.00	75,000.00	-
Taxes & Benefits	23,000.00	23,000.00	-
Rent & Office Expense	4,500.00	4,500.00	-
Dues & Subscriptions	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Legal, Insurance, & Accounting	7,000.00	7,000.00	-
Miscellaneous Board Expense	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Advances to Pinebrook	100,000.00	100,000.00	-
Executive Board Expense	5,371.00	6,121.00	(750.00)
	\$494,000.00	\$480,385.00	\$13,615.00

Bible Fellowship Church
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2011

	<u>Dec 31, 11</u>	<u>Dec 31, 10</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
100 · EB American Bank		
1000 · American Bank - Checking	149,155.52	159,261.33
1005 · American Bank - Payroll Account	29,144.56	8,000.00
Total 100 · EB American Bank	<u>178,300.08</u>	<u>167,261.33</u>
101 · Citizens Bank - Health Ins.		
1010 · Citizens Bank Chk - Health Ins	3,684.62	3,442.19
1011 · Citizens Bank MM - Health Ins	31,195.31	42,362.36
1012 · Citizens Bank CD - Health Ins	43,084.25	43,046.68
Total 101 · Citizens Bank - Health Ins.	<u>77,964.18</u>	<u>88,851.23</u>
1020 · Susquehanna Bank - ChEd	0.00	23,181.10
1030 · Sovereign Bank - Y&YA	28,812.77	4,989.19
1040 · Wachova Bank - Historical	0.00	5,120.87
1050 · Lafayette Bank - PEF	1,390.00	1,188.00
1055 · Brokerage Accounts - PEF		
1056 · Verizon Common Stock	4,793.00	4,413.00
1057 · Davis Funds	6,040.00	15,371.00
1058 · Vanguard Bond Funds	77,801.00	73,511.00
1059 · Vanguard Stock Funds	95,309.00	94,288.00
Total 1055 · Brokerage Accounts - PEF	<u>183,943.00</u>	<u>187,583.00</u>
1075 · First Niagara Bank - Pensions		
1076 · Fidelity Money Market	21,435.87	32,549.65
1075 · First Niagara Bank - Pensions - Other	11,055.10	13,746.89
Total 1075 · First Niagara Bank - Pensions	<u>32,490.97</u>	<u>46,296.54</u>
Total Checking/Savings	502,901.00	524,471.26
Accounts Receivable		
1100 · A/R - Church Assessments	-300.92	-4,714.90
1120 · A/R Medical Insurance	-40.56	-48.13
1130 · A/R Payroll	17,031.79	-5,000.00
1200 · Pinebrook Line of Credit	170,483.32	80,000.00
1250 · A/R Fellowship Homes, Inc	192,304.00	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>379,477.63</u>	<u>70,236.97</u>
Other Current Assets		
12000 · Undeposited Funds	11,079.66	4,941.92
1300 · Pre-Paid Expenses	0.00	1,500.00
1360 · PrePaid Expense - Pensions	0.00	16,637.91
Total Other Current Assets	<u>11,079.66</u>	<u>23,079.83</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>893,458.29</u>	<u>617,788.06</u>

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	Dec 31, 11	Dec 31, 10
Fixed Assets		
1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook		
1401 · PBC Buildings & Equipment	1,781,535.32	1,998,785.32
1405 · PBC Accumulated Depreciation	-1,282,771.00	-1,282,313.00
1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook - Other	52,232.68	109,982.68
Total 1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook	550,997.00	826,455.00
1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley		
1451 · VV Buildings & Equipment	427,087.99	427,087.99
1455 · VV Accumulated Depreciation	-209,779.00	-201,399.00
1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley - Other	149,197.01	149,197.01
Total 1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley	366,506.00	374,886.00
1500 · Real Estate - Thompson, CT		
1501 · Thmpsn Buildings	100,645.00	100,645.00
1505 · Thmpsn Accumulated Depreciation	-45,290.00	-42,774.00
1500 · Real Estate - Thompson, CT - Other	31,782.00	31,782.00
Total 1500 · Real Estate - Thompson, CT	87,137.00	89,653.00
1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ		
1511 · CpMay Buildings	43,040.00	43,040.00
1515 · CpMay Accumulated Depreciation	-17,329.00	-16,807.00
1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ - Other	1,879.99	1,879.99
Total 1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ	27,590.99	28,112.99
1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA		
1521 · Adms Ctny Buildings	163,800.00	163,800.00
1525 · Adms Accumulated Depreciation	-12,285.00	-8,190.00
1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA - Other	70,200.00	70,200.00
Total 1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA	221,715.00	225,810.00
1530 · Real Estate - Brooklyn, NY		
1531 · Brooklyn Parsonage	200,000.00	200,000.00
1535 · Brklyn Accumulated Depreciation	-55,000.00	-50,000.00
1530 · Real Estate - Brooklyn, NY - Other	7,750.00	7,750.00
Total 1530 · Real Estate - Brooklyn, NY	152,750.00	157,750.00
Total Fixed Assets	1,406,695.99	1,702,666.99
Other Assets		
1635 · Mortgage Rec - ChExtn	200,000.00	200,000.00
1645 · Note Rec. - Toms River, NJ	31,943.45	35,123.15
1650 · Note Rec. - Cottrell Corners	40,000.00	40,000.00
1670 · Note Rec. - Long Neck, DE	175,000.00	175,000.00
1680 · Note Rec. - Beraca, Phila	56,888.65	59,889.15
1690 · Note Rec. - ChExtn Parsonage	0.00	2,987.31
1695 · Note Rec. - Employee(s)	0.00	18,300.00
1699 · Bad Debt Reserve	-50,000.00	-50,000.00
Total Other Assets	453,832.10	481,299.61
TOTAL ASSETS	2,753,986.38	2,801,754.66

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Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2011

	<u>Dec 31, 11</u>	<u>Dec 31, 10</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
2100 · PrePaid Assessment	1,640.00	0.00
2250 · Due to BFC Church(s)	0.00	9,150.00
2260 · PrePayment BOM to Pensions	0.00	13,392.60
2310 · Payroll Due From (to) ChExtn	5,040.39	0.00
2320 · Payroll Due From (to) BofMiss	-2,198.70	0.00
2330 · Payroll Due From (to) Pinebrook	0.01	0.00
2340 · Payroll Due From (to) VV	1,650.20	0.00
2375 · Deferred Gain on Sale of R.E.	67,815.00	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>73,946.90</u>	<u>22,542.60</u>
Total Current Liabilities	73,946.90	22,542.60
Long Term Liabilities		
2501 · Bnk Mortgage Owed - Thompson	23,492.98	30,441.95
2520 · ChExtn Loan Owed - Adams Co	45,000.00	45,000.00
2530 · Bnk Mortgage Owed - Brooklyn	110,971.97	115,252.65
2560 · ChExtn Loan Owed - Cape May	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>189,464.95</u>	<u>200,694.60</u>
Total Liabilities	263,411.85	223,237.20
Equity		
3000 · General Equity	908,523.23	915,350.76
3200 · Unrestricted Net Assets	36,420.36	20,557.65
3201 · Unrestricted Assets		
3100 · Board Designated-Church Assist	11,648.05	11,648.05
3125 · Board Designated-Historical Soc	5,000.00	0.00
3150 · Board Designated-SpecialProject	8,570.00	10,750.00
3260 · Board Designated-Pensions	19,942.45	28,045.85
Total 3201 · Unrestricted Assets	<u>45,160.50</u>	<u>50,443.90</u>
3300 · Temporarily Restricted Funds		
3310 · Pinebrook Education Foundation	3,662.00	9,578.00
3330 · Christian Education	24,270.15	23,181.00
Total 3300 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	<u>27,932.15</u>	<u>32,759.00</u>
3400 · Permanently Restricted Funds		
3410 · Pinebrook Education Foundation	79,537.00	72,601.00
Total 3400 · Permanently Restricted Funds	<u>79,537.00</u>	<u>72,601.00</u>
3600 · Real Estate		
3601 · Principal Due - Thompson, CT	-46,229.25	-46,967.63
3610 · Principal Due - Cape May, NJ	-10,145.90	-10,145.90
3620 · Principal Due - Adams Co., PA	-150,000.00	-150,000.00
3630 · Principal Due - Brooklyn, NY	-54,498.72	-54,498.72
3660 · Cape May, NJ	-10,000.00	-10,000.00
3701 · Thompson, CT	71,752.39	71,752.39
3720 · Adams Co, PA	39,000.00	39,000.00
3730 · Brooklyn, NY	30,222.92	30,222.92
3600 · Real Estate - Other	1,600,559.38	1,600,559.38
Total 3600 · Real Estate	<u>1,470,660.82</u>	<u>1,469,922.44</u>
Net Income	<u>-77,659.53</u>	<u>16,882.71</u>
Total Equity	<u>2,490,574.53</u>	<u>2,578,517.46</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>2,753,986.38</u>	<u>2,801,754.66</u>

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Bible Fellowship Church
Statement of Revenues & Expenses
 January through December 2011

Ordinary Income/Expense	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 10</u>
Income		
4000 · Church Assessments	336,677.19	314,555.67
4100 · Department Assessments	7,500.00	7,500.00
4150 · Brotherhood Dividends Received	13,588.00	9,312.00
4175 · General Contributions	172.23	3,655.00
4200 · General Interest Income	4,897.39	1,971.61
4201 · Revenues from Sub-Committees		
4210 · Communications Com. Revenues	5,203.55	13,814.58
4220 · Historical Committee Revenues	44.00	626.76
4230 · Christian Ed Committee Revenues	1,267.48	1,811.28
4240 · Youth & Young Adult Revenues	120,269.50	118,578.56
4400 · Pensions - From ExecBrd	172,800.00	159,600.00
4410 · Pensions - From Churches	0.00	900.00
4420 · Pensions - From BOM	21,402.72	30,405.29
4430 · Pensions - Miscellaneous Income	1.45	30.82
4450 · PEF Investment Income	4,612.00	20,535.00
4460 · PEF Contributions Received	2,450.00	3,150.00
Total 4201 · Revenues from Sub-Committees	<u>328,050.70</u>	<u>349,452.29</u>
4300 · Medical Insurance Fees	459,560.13	454,241.27
4301 · Medical Insurance Interest	63.94	245.75
4500 · Current Note Interest	3,429.68	7,522.40
4501 · Bank Mortgage - Thompson CT	6,948.97	9,238.00
4502 · Current Note - Thompson	738.38	0.00
4526 · Current Note - Newark	0.00	0.00
4532 · Bank Mortgage - Brooklyn	4,280.68	8,181.10
4560 · Current Mort Int-ChExtnParnsage	5,721.06	0.00
4600 · Income from Sale of Real Estate	1,939.00	49,335.64
4700 · Bequests	0.00	42,676.00
4800 · Honorarium Income	1,610.00	960.00
4900 · Holmes Settlement	5,500.00	4,950.00
4950 · Miscellaneous Inc	639.57	2,451.80
Total Income	<u>1,181,316.92</u>	<u>1,266,248.53</u>
Gross Profit	1,181,316.92	1,266,248.53

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	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 10</u>
Expense		
5010 · Executive Director Salary	74,759.44	68,750.79
5015 · Executive Director Taxes/Bene	26,226.52	21,189.31
5020 · Conference Pastor Salary	26,525.38	44,200.00
5025 · Conference Pastor Other	20,422.57	700.00
5050 · Executive Board Expenses		
5051 · Payroll Fees	1,444.30	0.00
5060 · Executive Board Rent/Utilities	3,000.00	2,500.00
5070 · Executive Board Office Supplies	869.15	3,013.77
5080 · Executive Board Insurance/Acctg	8,169.00	350.00
5450 · Pastoral Assistance	0.00	3,000.00
5650 · Churches Bank Mortgage Interest	0.00	6,526.75
5050 · Executive Board Expenses - Other	6,311.25	2,753.78
Total 5050 · Executive Board Expenses	<u>19,793.70</u>	<u>18,144.30</u>
5100 · Annual Conference Costs	8,200.00	9,106.43
5110 · Annual Conference Arrangements	7,404.23	4,624.75
5200 · BFC Committee Expenses		
5115 · Annual Conference Agenda Comm	0.00	120.74
5120 · Annual Conference Study Comm	912.16	146.70
5207 · Ministerial Convention Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00
5215 · Committee To Exam Church Minute	0.00	110.96
5220 · Ministerial Credentials Comm	3,231.40	975.79
5225 · Ministerial Candidate Comm	1,070.40	1,513.83
5230 · Ministerial Relations Comm	142.80	28.08
5235 · Statistical Committee	220.04	152.67
5240 · Church Health Committee	410.81	355.23
5243 · Nominating Committee	0.00	96.93
5200 · BFC Committee Expenses - Other	0.00	349.37
Total 5200 · BFC Committee Expenses	<u>6,987.61</u>	<u>4,850.30</u>
5201 · Expenses of Sub-Committees		
5203 · Christian Education	563.88	182.54
5204 · Youth & Young Adults	96,445.92	116,021.20
5205 · Historical Committee	774.90	781.57
5210 · Communications	31,779.21	28,724.79
5410 · Pensions Payments - Pastors	170,597.48	186,320.38
5420 · Pensions Payments - Missionary	32,002.17	30,774.54
5430 · Pensions - Admin Expenses	552.00	818.00
5460 · PEF Scholarships Awarded	10,500.00	16,000.00
Total 5201 · Expenses of Sub-Committees	<u>343,215.56</u>	<u>379,623.02</u>
5245 · Beneficiary Society	500.00	500.00
5300 · Medical Insurance Prem	458,361.35	434,783.70
5301 · Medical Insurance Admin	12,142.20	12,000.00
5400 · Chaplaincy Expenses	1,494.89	1,195.23
5500 · Ministerial Pensions	172,800.00	159,600.00
5600 · Real Estate Expense	265.00	0.00
5900 · Holmes Settlement Exp	5,500.00	4,950.00
5950 · Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	1,333.99
Total Expense	<u>1,184,598.45</u>	<u>1,165,551.82</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-3,281.53	100,696.71

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	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 10</u>
Other Income/Expense		
Other Expense		
6000 · Depreciation Expense		
6140 · Pinebrook Depreciation	53,865.00	57,969.00
6145 · Victory Valley Depreciation	8,380.00	8,381.00
6150 · Thompson Depreciation	2,516.00	2,516.00
6151 · Cape May Depreciation	522.00	2,801.00
6152 · Adams County Depreciation	4,095.00	4,095.00
6153 · Brooklyn Depreciation	5,000.00	5,000.00
6159 · ChExtn Parsonage Depreciation	0.00	3,052.00
Total 6000 · Depreciation Expense	<u>74,378.00</u>	<u>83,814.00</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>74,378.00</u>	<u>83,814.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-74,378.00</u>	<u>-83,814.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-77,659.53</u></u>	<u><u>16,882.71</u></u>

	ExecBrd	ChExtn	BOM	Pinebrook	Valley	Victory	Totals
December 31, 2011							
ASSETS							
Current Assets							
Cash	\$ 213,388	\$ 160,926	\$ 237,954	\$ 9,639	\$ 65,578	\$ 687,485	
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 43,084				\$ 16,615	\$ 59,699	
Money Market/Investments	\$ 188,833	\$ 339,653	\$ 1,300,203		\$ 1,727	\$ 1,830,416	
Restricted Investments	\$ 72,601	\$ 20,000				\$ 92,601	
Accounts Receivable	\$ 379,478		\$ 702			\$ 380,180	
Pre-Paid Expenses	\$ 27,718			\$ 5,534		\$ 33,252	
Total Current Assets	\$ 925,102	\$ 520,579	\$ 1,538,859	\$ 15,173	\$ 83,920	\$ 3,083,633	
Fixed Assets							
Real Estate - Pinebrook	\$ 661,013					\$ 661,013	
Real Estate - Victory Valley	\$ 515,703					\$ 515,703	
Real Estate - Thompson, CT	\$ 87,137					\$ 87,137	
Real Estate - Cape May, NJ (Appraised Tax Value)	\$ 41,265					\$ 41,265	
Real Estate - Adams County, PA	\$ 221,715					\$ 221,715	
Real Estate - Brooklyn, NY house	\$ 152,750					\$ 152,750	
Other Assets		\$ 24,190	\$ 550			\$ 24,740	
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 1,679,583	\$ 24,190	\$ 550	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,704,323	
Other Assets							
Notes Receivable - Employees						\$ 0	
Notes Receivable - Church/Department	\$ 250,124	\$ 65,000	\$ 50,696			\$ 365,820	
Mortgage - ChExtn Parsonage	\$ 200,000					\$ 200,000	

Combined Statement of Revenues					
December 31, 2011	ExecBrd	Brd Missions	ChExtension	Pinebrook	Victory Valley Totals
Revenues					
Contributions					
Churches	\$344,177	\$113,587	\$517,075	\$27,453	\$32,630
Individuals	\$13,760	\$22,887	\$231,403	\$68,753	\$24,136
Designated Gifts/Bequests	\$5,500	\$49,369	\$21,255	\$15,602	\$42,399
Other Revenues					
Retreats/Conferences				\$992,981	\$141,165
Program Fees	\$133,848		\$3,594	\$21,089	\$11,349
Rentals	\$11,230	\$3,000		\$28,686	\$96,507
Program and Food Sales		\$4,074		\$58,743	\$5,487
Investment Income	\$5,721	\$120,630	\$16,225		\$142,576
Interest and Dividends	\$9,129	\$1,484	\$1,745	\$19	\$181
Unrealized Gains (Loss)		\$(30,544)	\$(13,092)		\$(43,636)
Gains on Sale of Assets	\$1,939				\$1,939
Medical/Pensions - Pass Thru	\$653,763				\$653,763
Other Income	\$2,250	\$3,120	\$250	\$4,845	\$1,872
Total Income	\$1,181,317	\$287,607	\$778,455	\$1,218,171	\$355,726
					\$3,821,276

Expenses	ExecBrd	Brd Missions Ch	Extension	Pinebrook	Victory Valley	Totals
Salaries/Benefits	\$351,084	\$154,380	\$75,300	\$424,075	\$118,462	\$1,123,301
Program Costs	\$580,785	\$52,828	\$564,778	\$308,540	\$23,786	\$1,530,717
Conference/Committees	\$22,592	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$55,345	\$2,500	\$85,437
Marketing/Communications	\$31,779	\$7,511	\$6,360	\$15,596	\$5,954	\$67,200
Office/Admin	\$15,625	\$11,322	\$59,350	\$16,369	\$11,216	\$113,882
Rents/Real Estate Taxes	\$3,265	\$21,868	\$1,200	\$29,293	\$6,755	\$62,381
Bldgs/Maintenance				\$87,858	\$73,463	\$161,321
Pension Contributions	\$172,800	\$34,795				\$207,595
Insurances	\$1,169	\$17,508	\$30,884	\$41,402	\$15,558	\$106,521
Designated	\$5,500		\$14,846		\$47,560	\$67,906
Interest/Other Expenses			\$4,688	\$14,332	\$982	\$20,002
Depreciation	\$74,378		\$6,110			\$80,488
Food Services		\$580		\$202,834	\$36,798	\$240,212
Total Expenses	\$1,258,977	\$303,292	\$766,016	\$1,195,644	\$343,034	\$3,866,963
Gain/(Loss)	\$(77,660)	\$(15,685)	\$12,439	\$22,527	\$12,692	\$(45,687)

Report of the Board of Missions

*I will praise you among all the people;
I will fulfill my vows in the presence of those who worship you.
The poor will eat and be satisfied.
All who seek the LORD will praise him.
Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy.
The whole earth will acknowledge the LORD and return to him.
People from every nation will bow down before him.
For the LORD is king! He rules all the nations.*

Psalm 22:25-28 (NLT)

Even in the Old Testament, we see God's desire is for every tribe, tongue and nation to worship before His throne. This scene is repeated in Revelation, as John the Revelator gives us a glimpse into worship around the Throne of God that encompasses people from every tribe, tongue and nation. To that end, the BFC Board of Missions continues to support the missionary work of the BFC around the globe. Currently there are 84 missionary family units serving in 34 countries around the world. The sun literally does not set on the BFC missionary family. This group of servants works on planting churches with indigenous leadership and trains those leaders. They also serve as house parents, teach children, fly and fix airplanes, administrate and provide leadership for entire missions organizations, support various missionaries in many ways including building, cleaning, caring for children, provide counsel for them, author text books to be used by many, etc.. God is using these servants as they offer their gifts to expand and strengthen His Kingdom. There is always room for more servants in God's harvest fields. Maybe God isn't calling you to a position in a country far away; it may be to serve missionaries and others here in the States. We need to continue to follow Jesus' command from Luke 10:2 and ask the Lord of the Harvest to supply more workers for His harvest field. He rules all nations and has His harvest ready. Where is your place in that harvest?

The Board of Missions

The Board of Missions (BOM) meets bi-monthly to conduct the business matters that concern our missionary family. Budget and financial matters are reviewed and discussed. Folks that are seeking to become BFC missionaries are interviewed and assessed. BFC missionaries home on furlough are often interviewed to understand the progress they have made and the challenges they and their ministry face. The BOM Director always provides an update concerning missionaries who are:

- candidates and their status with their sending board and support raising efforts,
- set to leave for the field and when their commissioning date is,
- coming back to the states as scheduled or who have reasons to come back

earlier than planned,

- especially experiencing difficult times in their family and or their ministry.

Each meeting always includes a time of prayer for the missionary families, and for those missionary families facing real challenges; a period of open discussion is held to share ideas which may be helpful. A BOM Sub-Committee oversees requests for and distribution of funds to BFC missionary families from the Buttress Fund. This fund exists as a result of contributions given by generous contributors to the Board of Missions in order to provide assistance to missionaries for personal support, emergency needs, and particular project initiatives.

The Board of Missions Staff

Below is a summary of the services offered by the Board of Missions (BOM) staff:

1. Missionary Care, Including Field Visits

We are available and willing to meet with those considering missionary service and with our missionaries who need advice or counsel regarding their ministry. Visits to fields of ministry are undertaken to assist and encourage our missionaries as needs and opportunities arise. Part of this missionary care includes communicating with over 40 mission sending boards under which the BFC s over 160 adult missionaries serve. This communication includes being an advocate for each of the BFC missionaries.

2. Seminars

The BOM offers a host of informational resources to BFC churches:

- **Design Your Impact Workshop** is a five-hour seminar that enables church leaders to discover their congregation's key characteristics and resources (their DNA) and move toward identifying a strategic missions focus that can unleash a powerful, new, global dynamic from their church.
- **Knowing God's Will Seminars** are conducted each year on a denominational level at a fall Retreat Within a Retreat (RWR) held at Pinebrook. This information is also useful as a weekend course for a youth group in a local church setting.
- **P.O.M. (Parents of Missionary) Retreats** is a weekend retreat seminar that is designed to keep the parents of our missionaries on track with the ministry of their sons and daughters (and grandchildren) overseas.
- **Culture Link Seminars** is a program that prepares your short-term missionary teams to be fully prepared for ministry. This is a necessary seminar for any church serious about getting the most from a cross-cultural experience.
- **Speaker Resource** is our office personnel being available for mission emphasis in local congregations. This includes all stated public worship services, Sunday School, mission conferences, and special events. The office also provides a complete listing on our website (see #3) of our missionaries that are currently available for your missionary event needs.
- **Mentoring Services** are available to assist a church's board of elders and

missions committee in developing a comprehensive, long range, and balanced outreach plan that uses every member in God's global cause.

- **Short-term Planning Advice and Assistance** is designed to help you and your church partner with your missionaries. Chris Merrick (Missions Projects Coordinator) and Nelson Randolph (Short-Term Partnership Coordinator) will assist with short-term missions trip and project planning.

3. Prayer Calendar

This publication provides current prayer information for your congregation. The new format is an attractive, readable prayer aid offered to churches at a reduced rate. Nearly 1900 are sent out each month.

4. Board of Missions Website

The BOM website is quickly becoming a focal point of information for everyone interested in missions in the BFC. This site continues to grow with useful information for the church leadership and anyone seeking God's direction for possible service through the Board of Missions. Personal support needs and biographical information are continually updated and available 24 hours a day. There are also helpful links for planning short-term or career missions involvement. You may log onto the site at www.bfcbom.org.

5. Email Subscriber Lists

- **Daily Prayer** is a daily e-mail that allows subscribers to view the Prayer Calendar request for the day, in addition to receiving up-to-the-minute news and prayer requests from the field.
- **Friday Prayer** is an in-depth prayer document produced each Friday and sent by e-mail. This communication, designed for missionary-to-missionary contact, is also available to a select group of other prayer partners.
- **Tanzania Project Prayer Guide** is a monthly guide to promote the Tanzania Project.
- **Let's Fish** is a newsletter, produced each Wednesday, and is designed to keep those interested in short-term missionary trips and possible career missionary involvement on the cutting edge. It is an outlet for the exchange of ideas, as well as prayer and ministry opportunities. This document enjoys a readership from ages fourteen years through adult, and includes pastors, missionaries, youth leaders, mission chair persons, laymen, and students. There is a readership of nearly 250 each week. A full archive is available on the BOM website.

6. May Missionary Rally

This annual gathering of missionaries and Bible Fellowship churches provides a world-wide panorama of missions, both local and overseas. It is an opportunity for networking and interaction among individuals as they endeavor to draw attention to God's heart for the world in their churches. A children's program for Kindergarten through 12th grade has become a successful part of this day.

This year's rally will be held May 11th, 2012 at Cedar Crest BFC in Allentown

7. Missionary In-Residence at Pinebrook Bible Conference Summer Family Camp

The BOM provides a missionary family for each of the weeks of family camp to promote missions in the BFC Denomination. Each week the campers have opportunity to interact with a missionary from the BFC at a very personal level. Additionally, the missionaries have opportunity to present their ministries during public meetings.

8. Office Activities

The office remains the hub for donor and church information and financial processing. We compile and maintain all the necessary information to keep individuals and churches abreast of the financial needs of the entire missionary family. Receipting of financial donations is meticulously recorded for both the donor's and the missionary's records. Every month, checks are sent by the BOM to the sending boards for the amount of monies received for each BFC missionary serving under that particular board. Addresses and birthdays for the missionary families are kept up to date and extensive planning is undertaken for the annual Missions Rally.

9. Tanzania Project Fund Raising banquets

This year, along with the leadership of the Tanzania Project, the Board of Missions hosted two banquets in November, one in Allentown and one in Lancaster, in order to raise funds to assist with special projects that our missionary teams in Tanzania will be working on in the villages where they live. These banquets also served as a means to promote the work in Tanzania and featured a mini-concert, an update from project director John LoRusso and a chance to meet two new team members who expect to join the Matumbi team in 2013.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry!

Respectfully submitted by

Kevin Kirkpatrick, Board Member

Department - Board of Missions: Ralph M. Soper, Chairman; Dana E. Weller, Director; Daniel G. Oswald, Financial Secretary; Robert W. Davies Secretary; Donald S. Faust, Sue Figard, Kevin Kirkpatrick, Donald Kuntzman, Thomas P. Shorb, Kim Stengele, Craig Tress, Philip E. Yerrington

Missionary Units as of December 31, 2011
General Statistical Report on December 31, 2011

1. Number of Sending Boards under which our missionaries are working 42
2. Number of countries in which our missionaries are working 34
3. Number of Missionaries:

	Family Units	Couples	Singles	T o t a l Adults
Active Missionaries	86	68	18	154
Leave of Absence	2	1	1	3
Appointees	5	2	3	7
Active Applicants	5	1	3	5
Totals	98	72	25	169

4. Geographical Areas where our missionaries are assigned and their number

Area	Families	Adults	Countries
USA	34	64	United States of America
North America	4	8	Canada, Mexico (excluding U.S.)
Central America	4	7	Costa Rica, Guadeloupe, Panama
Caribbean	1	2	Bonaire
South America	1	2	Bolivia
Europe	18	34	Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Northern Ireland, Serbia, Spanish Canary Islands, UK
Africa	11	17	Cameroon, Kenya, Morocco, Tanzania, Togo, Zambia, Sudan (1 to be assigned)
Asia	10	16	India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Thailand, Ukraine
Southeast Asia & Pacific	3	4	Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia

Our Missionary Family

Sam & Melissa Adams	Pennsylvania - director of staff and volunteer development at CMTS
Keith & Carol Anderson	Texas - executive director Evangelical Mission Ministries
William Aukamp	South Dakota - evangelism, discipleship, church planting
Totoram & Felica Baran	Bonaire - evangelism & discipleship
Byron & Lisa Barnshaw	Pennsylvania - web developer Christar
Bruce & Heather Beal	Mexico - Bible translation

Emily Behnke	Tanzania - appointee Tanzania Project
Glenn & Leah Ruth Blausen	North Carolina - warehouse manager JAARS
Jay & Hannah Breish	Vermont - administration at The Fold
Scott & Stacy Bose	Panama – director, Crossroads Christian Academy
Amanda Brennan	Tanzania - appointee Tanzania Project
Billy Crompton	Thailand - director sports outreach
Sanjay & Karen Dalavai	Pennsylvania - Children’s camping ministry in India
Lynette Dallman	Pennsylvania - area coordinator Operation Christmas Child
Larry & Michele Davies	Czech Republic - church planting
Francisco & Eliane deSouza	Pennsylvania - missionary care FIM
Ron & Joan Denlinger	Pennsylvania - ministry transition
Bill & Lois Early	Pennsylvania - northeast representative for Trans World Radio
John & Karen Elias	England – UK field director, evangelism, assisting churches in outreach to Muslims and church planting
Jaroslav & Natalija Elijas	Serbia - evangelism, discipleship, church planting, relief work and radio ministry
Rick Erb	Ukraine - training Russian nationals in church planting
Scott & Robin Evans	Pennsylvania - campus ministry, CCO staff director for Central PA
Theresa Faust	Malaysia - ministering to physically and mentally impaired persons and their families
Ondrej & Milina Franka	Serbia - evangelism, discipleship, church planting, relief work and radio ministry
Connie Hartman	Austria - evangelism, discipleship, Bible studies, music
James & Lynne Head	North Carolina - Pastoral care coordinator for World Team North and South American fields
Scott & Sue Hoffman	Pennsylvania - director of finance and administration Push the Rock
John & Kathy Hoover	Pennsylvania - ministry in nursing homes. evangelism
Marc & Elizabeth Hoyle	France - architectural design ministries
Walter & Susan Johnston	Pennsylvania – collegiate ministry to international students
David & Kristy Kelly	Togo - WOL ministry
Michael & Jayne Kauffman	Pennsylvania – Appointees - Sports Ministry
Cheryl Kline	Pennsylvania - educational leave
Paul & Kathryn Kline	Greece - church planting and evangelism
Kimberly Knaub	Tanzania - Tanzania Project
Brian & Carol Ann Lawrence	Canada - church planting and evangelism among the Kurds
Frank & Sandy Lenahan	New York - church planting and evangelism
John & Nancy LoRusso	Tanzania - Tanzania Project

Becky Masessa	Tanzania - Tanzania Project
Kyle & Jenny Merkey	North Carolina - Kyle - aircraft maintenance JAARS, Jenny teaching
Chris & Beckie Merrick	Pennsylvania - missionary partnership coordinator
Barry & Lesa Miller	Morocco - house parents at Children's Haven and Christian school
Craig & Karena Miller	Spanish Canary Islands - church planting, and discipleship
Dennis & Nancy Mitchell	Pennsylvania – collegiate outreach
Sandy Mitchell	Cameroon - accounting, teaching, women's ministries
Phil & Jan Morrison	Kenya - induction coordinator for the eastern region (Kenya and Tanzania), Director of the Multi-Church Pastor Institute Jan-Induction coordinator for Eastern Region AIM
Duane & Joetta Moyer	Guadeloupe - Director of Ministries for World Team in Haiti and South East Caribbean
Jerry & Carolyn Moyer	France - Field Director World Team France
Tony & Joanna Murrin	Bolivia - missionary aviation, evangelism and discipleship
Mike & Trudy Newell	Georgia - evangelism and discipleship to Hindus
John & Judy Nicely	Illinois - director of international personnel TEAM
Bill & Shirley Novak	Asia - community outreach
Tim & Michelle Obarow	Ohio - mission aviation production manager
Jeff & Emmy Ort	Montana - director, Big Sky Bible Camp
Tom & Becky Pollock	Minnesota - evangelism, discipleship, church ministries among native Americans
Jason Raines	Tanzania -Tanzania Project
Nelson & Robyn Randolph	Pennsylvania - short-term partnership coordinator
Art & Vicki Reyes	Mexico - evangelism, discipleship and church planting
Norm & Amanda Reynolds	South Western US - working with native Americans
David & Becky Riddell	France - international director World Team.
Laura Robison	Sudan, Appointee – Bible translation
Randy & Amina Ruth	Kazakhstan - church planting and friendship evangelism
Amy Sandt	Philippines - community outreach, teaching
David & Denise Schlonecker Jr	Pennsylvania - director overseas ministry for Push the Rock
Kimberly Schlonecker	Pennsylvania - office manager, Push the Rock
Dan & Jackie Scott	Thailand - outreach to unreached peoples
Mark & Jocelyn Scott	New Jersey - campus ministries
Nathan & Cindy Sefiane	Morocco - maintenance, teaching and house parents at Children's Haven
Ted & Grete Shelling	Austria - counseling, international student evangelism/discipleship and Bible studies
David & Sherry Shelly	Ohio, - facilities manager and safety coordinator
Patti Sherman	Florida - office administration

Gary & Karen Shogren	Costa Rica - Bible college professor
Nathan & Erica Shorb	France - church planting
Efthemes & Irene	
Sioukiouroglou	Greece - outreach to Muslim refugees and church planting
Bob & Donna Sloma	Maine – Director Blue Berry camp and retreat center
John & Faith Solt	Zambia - missionary aviation
Lillian Solt	Costa Rica - medical missions, evangelism and counseling
Jeremiah & Briane Stokes	Indonesia - ministry to tribal peoples
John & Laura Studenroth	Pennsylvania - evangelism among college professionals
Scott & Jennifer Tibbetts	Thailand -dorm parents
Emily Wagner	Germany - teacher, Black Forest Academy
Rick & Donna Warner	Home Assignments
Colby & Theresa Weinhofer	Japan - church planting
Dana & Lanette Weller	Pennsylvania - director, BFC Board of Missions
Scott & Joanna Widman	Northern Ireland - camping ministries
Oliver & Linda Williams	Texas - finance department home office
Mark & Cathy Wimble	Thailand - church planting
Barry & Candy Wingo	Mexico - evangelism, translation, church planting
Carrie Ziegenfuss	Tanzania - Tanzania Project
Ondra & Melissa Zikanovi	Czech Republic - church planting, discipleship
Rebecca Zurbrick	Transition to Italy - evangelism outreach

Candidates and Commissionings

The local church continues to produce world bound missionaries. This year the Board of Missions processed a number of new applications and approved candidates: Laura Beth Robison, Norm & Amanda Reynolds, Emily Wagner

Individuals Ending Their Active Missionary Service

Sarolta Solymosi went home to be with her Lord July 9, 2011 ending her earthly service

Annual Reports From Missionaries

Annual activity reports from missionaries will be sent out by the missionaries themselves. These reports for 2011 will be sent out in early 2012.

Dates To Mark On Your Calendar Of Events:

Friday, May 11th 2012 Conference-Wide Missionary Rally 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
at Cedar Crest BFC



Missionaries to India Sanjay & Keren Dalavai greet the BFC Conference



Missionaries at the May Missionary Rally held at Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church

Report of the Board of Church Extension

*ACTS 1:8 – “You shall be My witnesses”
24:5 - “for we have found this man a real pest...”*

2012 – A Year of Witness!

In 2012, Church Extension's theme is 2012 - A YEAR OF WITNESS! As more and more of America falls into the category of the “unchurched” and paganism runs rampant, along with a growing antagonism to the Gospel, the Church must be bold witnesses for the Gospel of the Kingdom and the King, Jesus Christ. We have been silent too long and too distracted by our own little kingdoms. NOW is the time for the Gospel to be boldly proclaimed throughout our land and throughout the ministry target sites of the BFC Mission Churches and the Particular BFC Churches. In 2012 we are including the focus of this theme in both The Antiochan and our monthly prayer calendar, The Extension Call, as well as bringing attention to the theme at our Church Planters’ Roundtables and Training Days. In addition, we will also share testimonies of people coming to Christ through this witnessing challenge. We want to be pests for the Gospel and encourage the entire BFC to be pests with us. May the Lord add to His body in 2012.

The BFC Corps of Church Planters

The Bible Fellowship Church has a very gifted corps of church planters to serve the denomination. Please consider partnering with one of these men and commit your prayers and financial gifts to their ministry.

Mark E. Barninger – East/West Hanover Township, PA

Mission Church Freedom Bible Fellowship Church Pastor: Mark Barninger
Meets at: Holiday Inn 604 Station Road, Grantville, PA 17028
Contact Info: barninger@freedombfc.com or 717-579-4414
Website: www.freedombfc.com

Miguel Gonzalez – Assistant Church Planter - Reading, PA

La Roca de Reading (The Rock of Reading)
Contact Info: miguelgon0527@gmail.com or 757-508-3716

Elliot H. Ramos – South Allentown, PA

Mission Church El Faro (Lighthouse) Bible Fellowship Church
Meets at: 641 South Genesee Street, Allentown, PA 18103
Contact Info: pastorelliot@elfarobfc.org or 484-951-1848
Website: www.elfarobfc.org

Carlos G. Rodriguez – Reading, PA

Mission Church La Roca de Reading (The Rock of Reading)

Meets at Grace BFC in Reading 1128 Hampden Blvd., Reading, PA 19604

Contact Info: rogoldcya@hotmail.com or 610-780-4103

Aaron J. Susek – Adams County, PA

Mission Church Bible Fellowship Church of Adams County Pastor: Aaron Susek

Meets at: 895 Coleman Rd. Gettysburg, PA 17325

Contact Info: aaronsusek@gmail.com or 717-476-2340

Website: www.bfcac.net

Scott R. Wright – Lower Providence Township, PA

Mission Church Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church

Meets at: The Hampton Inn – off Rt. 422 in Oaks, PA

Contact Info: swright@redeemberbfc.org or 267-664-2255

Website: www.redeemberbfc.org

Ron Smith – Greater Townsend, DE

Mission Church

Meets at: a home in Townsend until they launch

Contact Info: ronandkathysmith@verizon.net or 302-545-9049

David Smith – Harrisburg, PA

Mission Church Grace Fellowship

Meets at: Progress Fire Co. Hall 3440 Maple St., Harrisburg, PA 17109

Contact Info: faithalone2save@aol.com or 717-756-0206

Website: www.graceinhb.org

Keith Strunk – Cape May County, NJ

Mission Church Cape Community Church

Meets at: 1159 Rt.9 South Cape May Courthouse, NJ 08210

Contact Info: strunk.kas@gmail.com or 609-465-2338

Website: www.capecommunitychurch.org

Freddy Chi – Villa Magna, Mexico

Mission Church

Meets at: In a building in the town of Villa Magna, Mexico

Contact Info: freddychi62@gmail.com or contact the Church Extension office

REVIEW OF 2011 IN CHURCH EXTENSION

1. The BFC Mission Churches recorded 64 people making professions of faith and the Mission Churches held 35 baptisms.
2. Financial giving from BFC churches decreased slightly, for the first time in ten years.
3. We increased our donor list and donor giving, along with several outside churches

now supporting BFC Church Planters.

4. Two Training Days were held for our men including guest presenters on evangelism and other church planting topics.
5. Numerous new contacts were made, and door-to-door surveys took place in the Mission Churches' target sites and in Delaware, Cape May NJ, Lancaster PA, and Lower Providence PA. Gospel tracts were distributed and a number of bulk mailings were facilitated by the office, reaching several thousand people.
6. Church Extension, with the assistance of several churches, made renovations and maintenance repairs on the BFC properties we occupy in Allentown PA, Cape May NJ, and Adams County PA. The costs for these jobs were paid for by the Mission Churches, BFC Churches and Church Extension.
7. In DELMARVA we continue a presence in Milford, DE with a weekly Bible study held by Ray Bertolet and under the outreach umbrella of the Camden, DE BFC. Milford is no longer a target for church planting. We are assisting Ron Smith, and the Newark, DE Church with their vision to plant in the Greater Townsend, DE area. The Board of Church Extension officially called Ron Smith and opened the Greater Townsend Mission Church in Sept 2011. Our Aquila & Priscilla Team in DELMARVA, Harry & Sandra Workman, continued their assistance at New Life BFC and assist with the study in Milford. We hope to publicly launch the Greater Townsend Mission Church in the Spring of 2012. Church Extension was asked by the Ministerial Relations Committee to oversee the Long Neck, DE BFC and attempt to revive the church. The Board of Church Extension approved a plan to assist Long Neck which includes having Assistant Director Mark Morrison serve as Interim Pastor. We are also discussing the possibility of the Sussex County Bible Church connecting with the BFC.
8. Neil & Lisa Christensen serve as an Aquila & Priscilla Team to the El Faro Mission Church in Allentown. Jason & Joanne Engelhart serve alongside Carlos Rodriguez at the La Roca Mission Church. Doug & Kashie Boyd assist at the Cape May Mission Church. Russ & Nell Ruch serve as an Aquila & Priscilla Team at the Hellertown, PA BFC. Tommy & Kelly Gambrill serve as an Aquila & Priscilla Team at the Woodbury Heights, NJ BFC. This year Pastor Carl & Helen Spackman were approved as an Aquila & Priscilla Team to the Grace Fellowship Mission Church in Harrisburg, PA.
9. Ray Bertolet continues to hold a Bible study in Milford, DE and is serving part-time as Interim Pastor at the Camden, DE BFC. He also assisted with work projects at several of the Mission Churches and will be assisting Ron Smith as Ron plants in Greater Townsend.
10. Grace Fellowship Church, Harrisburg PA is looking to move into the city of Harrisburg and grow a multi-cultural church in the city. The church is pastored by David Smith, and Ed Suthers and Jonathan Folks serve as elders. The Mission Church has grown this past year and has made the Board of Church Extension aware that they plan on graduating in 2013.
11. The Hellertown, PA BFC and Woodbury Heights, NJ BFC both graduated this past year at BFC Conference.

12. Pastor Mark Morrison continues to serve full-time as Assistant Director. He is serving as Interim Pastor at the Long Neck, DE BFC, and coaching the team at the El Faro Mission Church in Allentown, PA along with Keith Strunk at the Cape May, NJ Mission Church. Brother Morrison still needs to raise his full support and we ask that you consider supporting our brother Mark.
13. Five ministry and work teams were sent out to assist our plants in DELMARVA, Cape May NJ, Allentown PA, Reading PA, Adams County PA, and Long Neck DE. Cedar Crest BFC again assisted the El Faro Mission Church with its “Light in the Park” outreach.
14. The Cape May County Mission Church has experienced continued growth this past year with several new families being assimilated into the church. Keith Strunk was called to serve as Church Planter in Cape May. Under Keith’s leadership, along with the Cape May Transitional Leadership Team (TLT), the ministry is developing.
15. Aaron Susek serves as Church Planter at the Adams County Mission Church. The Mission continues to experience gradual growth. Aaron is very active networking in the community. The Gospel Community Groups continue with more and more people being part of this small group ministry. The outside of the church building was renovated and looks inviting. The Mission Church took on a large percentage of support for Aaron this year.
16. Administrative Assistant Ruth Richards took over for Lisa Christensen in November, who left for a new job. We are thankful for Lisa’s years of service to Church Extension. Ruth now works with the active volunteer force that assists with numerous mailings. Ruth Richards formerly served as our Administrative Assistant and is a very capable asset to the administration of the Mission.
17. We praise God for blessing our two major fund raising projects: Summer Ten and Christmas Gift Month. A total of over \$135,000 came in through these fundraisers. Praise God for our faithful donors. The Board’s Development Committee has done a fine job of looking into ways that Church Extension can promote giving to Church Extension. This past year we held a “Donor Thank You Banquet” at the Emmaus BFC and it was well attended and well organized. The DC Committee is now looking into establishing a “legacy society.”
18. The East/West Hanover Township, PA Mission Church, under the leadership of Pastor Mark Barninger, continues to meet at the Holiday Inn in West Hanover Township. The Mission is diligently looking for its own 24/7 facilities in order to be more visible in the community and move off the plateau they have been on this past year. The Mission Church delayed its plans for graduation until 2013.
19. Our Director, along with the Board’s Vision and Strategy Committee, has formulated a new forward plan, Fresh Wind. It will shortly be available.
20. A number of meetings were held with five prospective church planters.
21. Thirty-two churches were visited this year by the Church Extension staff. We presented our Mission and Vision.
22. Our Hispanic Church Plants in Reading (La Roca) and in Allentown (El Faro), under the leadership of Pastor Carlos Rodriguez (Reading) and Pastor Elliot

Ramos (Allentown), actively reach Hispanic people in the cities with the Gospel. La Roca continued to develop in 2011 with a focus on discipleship and spiritual growth. A well-attended AWANA program was started under the leadership of Miguel Gonzalez, Assistant Church Planter. La Roca would like to take an active role in the development of a Hispanic church plant in Lancaster, PA. A Hispanic Church Planting Resource Team (CPRT) was formed in 2011. The Team is made up of people from the BFC Capital Region churches. The Team will be presenting a report with recommendations to the Regional churches for their approval to plant a BFC Hispanic church in the city of Lancaster, PA. El Faro, in Allentown, was very active this year with a variety of ministries: Light in the Park outreach, its mercy ministry, and training and identifying leaders. El Faro may move into new and more visible facilities in 2012 and Church Extension may seek to disengage from El Faro at the end of 2012. Pray for El Faro to grow so it can formally graduate from Church Extension.

23. Miguel Gonzalez is now an Assistant Church Planter at the La Roca Mission Church and ministers alongside Pastor Rodriguez. Miguel and his wife Jessica are very active with the youth and families of the church and now lead a new AWANA program. Miguel is chairing the Hispanic CPRT in Lancaster, PA.
24. Daughter Church Planting. This year God sent out two new church planters, Scott Wright from the Harleysville, PA BFC and Ron Smith from the Newark, DE BFC, to plant daughter churches. Meetings with the Capital Region of churches are continuing regarding a daughter church plant in Lancaster, PA and the Coopersburg, PA BFC along with the Lehigh Valley, PA Region is discussing daughter church planting. The first international BFC Mission Church was opened by the Board of Church Extension in Villa Magna, Mexico. The Villa Magna Mission Church is a daughter church plant from the La Roca Merida, Mexico BFC. Pastor Marcos Ramirez trained Freddy Chi and La Roca sent Freddy out to plant in Villa Magna. Freddy is now going through the credentialing process of the BFC.
25. I chaired the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting this past year. The Committee continues its focus on Hispanic church planting and desire to work with all ethnic people groups and assimilate them into the BFC. A Merida Task Force is working with the church in Merida, Mexico. The Committee is assisting Merida with planting daughter churches, like in the town of Villa Magna. Each year the Committee facilitates the translation of BFC materials into Spanish. The Articles of Faith, Biblical Principles for Living, and the MCC credentialing questionnaires and Open Book Test have been translated into Spanish. Work is now moving ahead on the Order section of the Faith & Order. I also served again this past year on the Ministerial Candidate Committee and have enjoyed working with the new men coming into the BFC.

PROJECTIONS FOR 2012 IN CHURCH EXTENSION

1. The DELMARVA Project

Camden, DE BFC - Ray Bertolet will continue his interim position as Pastor of the Camden, DE, BFC and assist Church Extension with various projects.

Long Neck DE – We will assist the Long Neck, DE church until it is able to elect elders and call a Pastor. Mark Morrison will act as Interim Pastor. We will also pursue a connection with the Sussex County Bible Church. I am looking into reaching the many Hispanics in the area and possibly holding Hispanic services in the afternoon at the church. We will need to locate a Hispanic man for this work. Greater Townsend – We will continue to assist the Newark, DE BFC with its efforts to plant a daughter church in the Greater Townsend target site. We will help Ron Smith with his church-planting needs and launching the church plant in 2012.

2. **Hispanic Church Planting**

La Roca - Reading, PA Church Plant – I will continue to coach Carlos and Miguel and assist them with the Mission's growth in terms of monitoring the facility needs, facilitating the program, and the development of the Mission toward graduation. I will assist Miguel with his efforts to encourage the Capital Region to launch a Hispanic church plant in 2012.

El Faro - Allentown, PA Church Plant – This year we will seek to determine God's will for the future of El Faro and its connection to Church Extension. If the Mission Church moves to a new location, we will assist in the move.

Merida, Mexico – The Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting will assist Pastor Ramirez and Freddy Chi with the church plant in Villa Magna. We will also work with the Merida church and their vision for establishing a Church Planting Training Center at the Merida Church.

Capital Region, PA – If the Capital Region of churches approves a plan to establish a Hispanic church in the city of Lancaster PA, Church Extension will assist the Capital Region and bring the La Roca Mission Church in Reading alongside to participate in the church planting efforts.

Hispanic Church Planting Unit – I will form a Hispanic Steering Committee to look into the formulation of a Hispanic division that will function under Church Extension.

3. **Daughter Church Planting**

Capitol Region – As mentioned above.

Newark, DE – In process.

Metro Region – I will try to continue discussions with the Metro Region about a church plant in South Amboy, NJ.

Harleysville/BucksMont Region – In process.

Lehigh Valley Region – Tim Zuck is dialoguing with the pastors of the Lehigh Valley about a regional daughter church plant. I will monitor these discussions to see how Church Extension can assist. I will also be meeting with the Coopersburg, PA BFC to assist them with their church planting vision.

4. **Connectional Projects**

Sussex County Bible Church, DE – I will continue discussing connection with this church.

5. **Recruitment**

Hispanic - We need to look for more Hispanic men to be called to plant Hispanic churches with the BFC.

6. **Church Planting Academy** - I will discuss with the Vision and Strategy Committee how Church Extension might establish a Church Planters' school.

7. **Graduation Preparations**

I will be assisting Mark Barninger and the East/West Hanover Township, PA Mission Church, along with David Smith and the Harrisburg, PA Mission Church with their plans for graduation in 2013.

8. **Facility Needs**

Two plants are searching for new meeting places if they continue their current growth rate. I will be assisting the Harrisburg, PA and East/West Hanover Township, PA Mission Churches with counsel and with the financial considerations.

9. **1 Development**

The Development Committee will be working on establishing a legacy society for faithful donors in 2012. We will continue to work with the Mennonite Foundation in seeking ways to increase our invested funds. I continue to seek a retired individual with investment expertise to assist me with donor follow-up and communication.

I find it a great and awesome privilege to serve such a gracious and almighty God and be part of extending His Kingdom through evangelistic church planting.

The struggles that many of our churches are facing will continue to affect Church Extension. Church Extension consistently is looking for ways to strengthen our local churches. Church Extension and I remain committed to God's plan for building His kingdom through evangelistic church planting. I made this statement last year and will do so again: all our churches must be unified in their doctrinal commitments to the Articles of Faith, engaged in trust and love for each other, and mobilized to accomplish our vision of being an expanding fellowship of churches through the planting of new churches.

Pray for Church Extension. Pray for God to give us His wisdom and power to reach people with the Gospel and plant churches. Pray for our team: Mark Morrison - Assistant Director, Ray Bertolet - Assistant Church Planter, Ruth Richards - Administrative Assistant, Carol Snyder - Special Projects Assistant, and our Aquila & Priscilla Teams and volunteers. Pray for your church planters and their families who serve the BFC; and finally, pray for me as I direct this vital Mission.

In His Love & Service, Respectfully Submitted,
David E. Gundrum, Director of Church Extension

Resources for Churches & Regions Seeking to Plant and for Prospective Church Planters

Churches/Regions (please see our web site for all our publications www.churchplantingbfc.org)

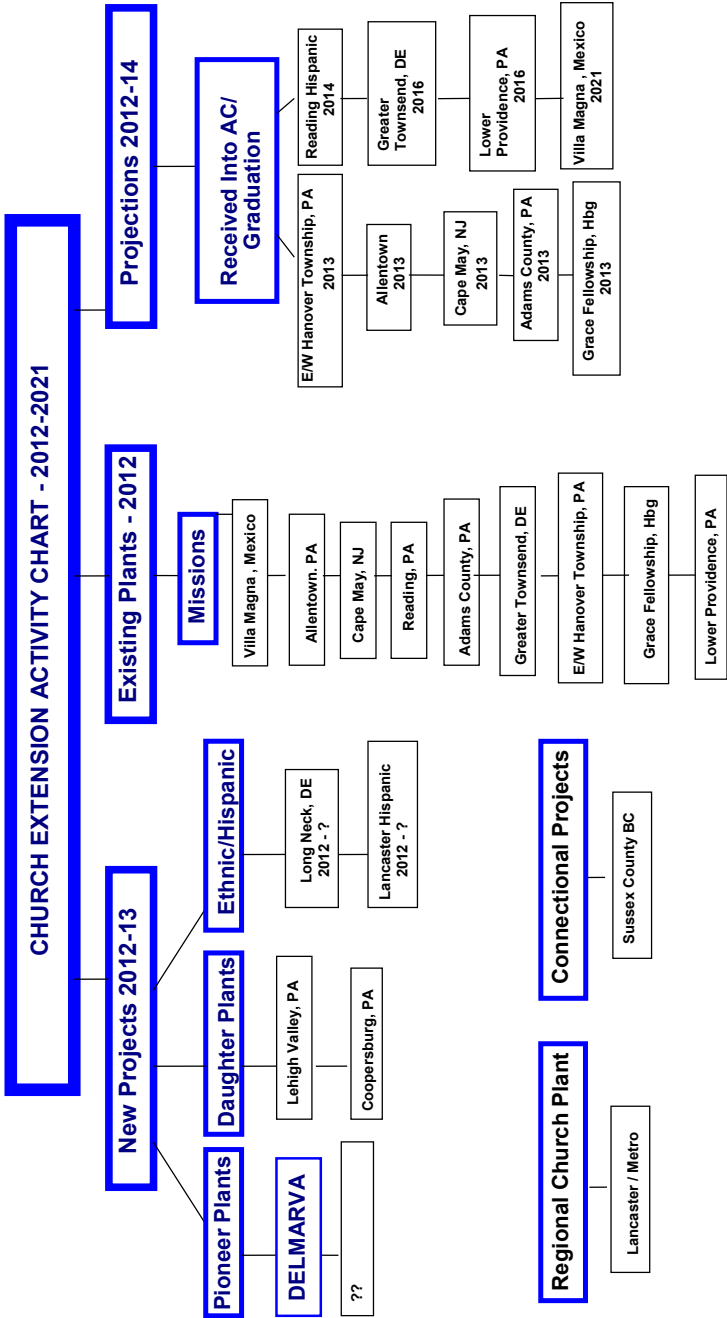
1. Churches Planting Churches – A guide designed to walk your church through the process of planting a daughter church.
2. The Dynamic Daughter Church Planting Handbook (DCPI) – The biblical basis for planting a daughter church. Answers to common questions: (e.g. Can we afford to plant a daughter church? What size do we need to be to daughter? What is in it for us as a mother church? Won't a daughter church destroy the fellowship in the mother church?) The six-step process for planting a daughter congregation.
3. Demographic Workbook – A tool to assist you with understanding your ministry target area. It includes educational, ecclesiastical, community and population surveys.
4. Visitation Follow-up Training – A helpful seminar to assist the church with encouraging and training visitation teams.
5. First Impressions – What do your guests say about your church after they visit. We have materials that will help you make positive first impressions with your guests.
6. Community Surveying Manual – A guide for conducting community surveys in your ministry target areas in order to produce a needs assessment, along with making contacts.

Prospective Planters

1. DCPI Pre-Assessment and the BFC Comprehensive Assessment – The DCPI booklet is an inductive and introductory assessment for those looking into church planting. The BFC Assessment is a complete assessment process to determine whether a man has the gifts, abilities and competencies to plant churches.
2. BFC Church Planting Guide & DCPI Handbook – The BFC plan and approach to church planting. A complete systematic process for the Planter and his Team to move from the initial Identification Stage to the Graduation Stage.
3. Church Planter's Toolkit – The Church Planter's Toolkit includes 12 audio CD's, as well as detailed checklists and action planning worksheets to form a comprehensive package for church planters and their teams.

Addendum – Church Extension Activity Chart (see next page)

Department - Board of Church Extension: David E. Gundrum, Director; Richard E. Taylor, Chairman; Jim Arcieri, Robert W. Davies, Kenneth D. Keeler, Alfred G. Roberts. William G. Schlonecker, Clyde W. Snyder, Carl K. Spackman, James Stapleton, Robert H. Zentz.



Report of the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting

The Ethnic Committee met numerous times during 2011 to plan, assist and promote BFC ethnic church planting.

The El Faro Mission Church, continued its ministry in Allentown under Pastor Elliot Ramos' direction. A community outreach, Light in the Park, was held over the summer in partnership with the Cedar Crest BFC. Many people in the community attended. Men are being trained to be leaders. The Transitional Leadership Team (TLT) investigated relocating the ministry to a more visible location but the plan did not materialize. Pray that the Lord will lead in the future of El Faro.

The La Roca Hispanic Church in Reading, PA under the direction of Pastor Carlos Rodriguez continues to grow and reach many Hispanics in the city with the gospel. A number of salvations were recorded along with baptisms taking place throughout the year. Pastor Miguel Gonzales was called by Church Extension this past year to be the Assistant Pastor/Church Planter and has been active with youth and families. Miguel is also working with a Church Planting Resource Team (CPRT); made up of members from the BFC churches in the Capital Region. The CPRT is investigating a Hispanic church plant in the city of Lancaster.

This past year the Ethnic Committee assisted financially with the Lancaster project and continued its financial support for Elliot Ramos and Miguel Gonzalez. The Committee also sent Miguel Gonzalez to visit the Merida, Mexico BFC.

The Ethnic Committee continues its partnership with the La Roca BFC in Merida, Mexico. The Merida Church is doing well and has launched a daughter church plant in the neighboring town of Villa Magna, Mexico. Church Extension officially opened the BFC's first international Mission Church in Villa Magna (La Roca – Villa Magna) and recognized Freddy Chi as the church planter at the Mission Church. Freddy is now completing his tests for credentials with the BFC. We continue to look for ways to assist Pastor Marcos and the Merida BFC with its vision to plant more daughter churches in the Yucatan area. The Ethnic Committee and the Ministerial Candidate Committee are working together to develop a plan for qualifying men from other countries with BFC credentials. Director Gundrum has not been making trips to Merida but he has monthly coaching sessions with Marcos via Skype to discuss the church planting vision of the church and assist with coaching Brother Chi as he plants in Villa Magna.

Note: In an effort to keep Pastor Marcos informed and “in the loop” with the BFC, we still have a project called “Merida is not Alone” in place. This plan is designed to give a monthly call to Pastor Marcos from our BFC Pastors. Pastor Elliot Ramos is the coordinator. If you would like to be placed on the pastor's call list, please contact Brother Ramos.

The Ethnic Committee's translation team of Miguel Gonzalez and David Schlonecker has worked on translating more BFC materials and the Ministerial Candidate Committee's forms into Spanish. Both the Articles of Faith and the BPLs are available in Spanish and can be purchased through the Board of Communications. The Committee continues to look into a translation service.

The Ethnic Committee encourages the BFC churches to reach out to the increasing number of ethnic people groups in their target areas, particularly the Hispanic people groups who are now located near almost all our churches. It has been encouraging to see several BFC churches starting their own ESL programs.

The committee would like to encourage all the BFC Churches to reach out to the expanding number of ethnic people groups in their ministry target sites. We want to thank the BFC churches for their support. In 2011, we received financial support from a number of BFC churches for ethnic church planting. In order to further assist the planting of BFC churches among ethnic people groups we encourage ALL the BFC Churches to increase their support for ethnic church planting in 2012. If your church has not budgeted funds for ethnic church planting, please do so.

Send your contributions for ethnic church planting to the Board of Missions, designated for Ethnic Church Planting.

Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting: David E. Gundrum, Chairman; Donald S. Faust, Secretary; Miguel Gonzalez, Elliot H. Ramos, Alfred G. Roberts, Carlos G. Rodriguez, David K. Schlonecker, Dana E. Weller, Philip E. Yerrington.

Report of Pinebrook Bible Conference

A wise man once wrote:

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
 a time to be born, and a time to die;
 a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
 a time to kill, and a time to heal;
 a time to break down, and a time to build up;
 a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
 a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
 a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
 a time to seek, and a time to lose;
 a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
 a time to tear, and a time to sew;
 a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
 a time to love, and a time to hate;
 a time for war, and a time for peace.
 (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 ESV)*

Of course that ‘wise man’ was Solomon, and what he wrote is a part of God’s Word. It reminds us of the ebb and flow of life, and the fact that change is a necessary fact of life. The BFC has maintained Pinebrook Bible Conference since 1968 and is committed to continuing a family camp/conference ministry into the future. During 2011 some things stayed the same, and some things changed. The year began with several weeks of the BFC Board of Youth & Young Adults conducting ‘Sno-Glo’ as almost 1,000 teens were challenged to make their lives count for Jesus Christ. Throughout the winter months, retreat groups from the BFC churches and other churches were cared for, catered to, and as a result, many lives were changed to the glory of God. In the spring, Pinebrook hosted the BFC Conference, as well as a Ladies ‘Refresh Her,’ among other retreat groups. During the summer months, a children’s day camp was inaugurated to provide a Christian environment for children who lived in the local community. The Summer Bible Conference program included exceptional music and special speakers, such as: Dr. George Murray, Dr. Ron Blue; Dr. Stanley Toussaint; Rev. David Epstein; Dr. Andy Giesman; Dr. Donald Hubbard & Rev. John Goadstone; Dr. Wendell Calder & Dr. Todd Magnum. In the fall, the Senior Saints Retreat was led by speakers Lynn Warner & Brooke Solberg. To some, 2011 appeared to be the same old thing, but to others, it was all brand new. So what changed? The ministry of Pinebrook was continuing, but the financing necessary to maintain Pinebrook was not as forthcoming as it had been in the past. Higher expenses + less revenues = a problem to be solved!

In the spring, the BFC Executive Board presented to both the Pinebrook Board and the BFC Conference several areas that needed change at Pinebrook. Since there was not total agreement on some of the items, the Pinebrook Board asked the BFC Executive Board to reconsider some of those changes. They agreed. What those changes would entail was a question that was not resolved until a joint meeting of the Pinebrook Board

and BFC Executive Board in September. At that meeting it was decided that in order to raise cash, the Crawford property would need to be sold, and there would need to be some personnel changes. The lack of retreat groups in November and December required an infusion of cash that was provided by the sale of the Crawford property. In November, the BFC Executive Board decided to replace the Director with a person who had different skills and abilities. The Pinebrook Board thanks Daniel P. Allen for his many years of service to Pinebrook both as a member of the Pinebrook Board and as Director. In December, the BFC Executive Board appointed Nate Brosius to be the Interim Director at Pinebrook Bible Conference.

The Pinebrook Board thanks the many staff members who assisted Pinebrook throughout 2011: Matt Allen (Director of Food Services), Vonnie Allen (Dining Hall Manager), Jeremy Beichler (Director of Grounds & Facilities), Heather Devenezia (Registrar), Nate Heater (Maintenance), Jeremy Kellerman (Grounds, Life Guard, Paintball), Ann Lee (Bookstore & Office), Steve Rau (Director of Programming & Conference Host), Mike Stettler (Marketing Consultant), John Vandegriff (Director of Development & Marketing, Assistant to Director), Ruthie Vandegriff (Accounting). Although not on 'staff,' the Pinebrook Board also thanks the Ruch family who continue to supply plants and flowers from the Didden Greenhouses in Hatfield, PA, and especially Nell Ruch for her work in the Children's Garden and flower beds.

Many volunteers have come to help Pinebrook minister to retreat groups. The RWR (Retreat Within a Retreat) folks come for a weekend to serve others and still receive a spiritual blessing in their service. Pinebrook could not function without their loving service.

Change happens, and when it does, it makes life different. Without change, we would all continue to age until we come to our human end. At 79 years old, Pinebrook is showing its age. With change, however, there is hope for a bright future. Pinebrook is going through a period of change, and yet the change should enable Pinebrook to continue to be a ministry to and of the BFC for many years to come. If you want to see the changes being made, check out the website (www.pbc.org) for information concerning ministry opportunities, retreat possibilities, and the BFC Summer Family Bible Conference.

The Pinebrook Board continues to give leadership, counsel, advice, and service to Pinebrook Bible Conference. They are still working through the new paradigm of BFC leadership and recognize that change will provide a new perspective and create a new future for Pinebrook. One thing that should not change is your support of Pinebrook through your prayers, assistance, and financial investment.

Department - Pinebrook Bible Conference Board: Alva C. Cassel, Chairman; Charles Cole, Vice Chairman; Charles Bomgardner, Secretary; Carl Ackerman, Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr., Wayne Chadwell, Brian H. Cooper, LeRoy O. Herb, Gary Karch, Gerald Schlonecker, Hans R. Waldvogel, Robert Zentz. Kermit K. Gehman, Honorary Member.

Report of Victory Valley Camp

This last year was a year of God's abundant blessings being poured over Victory Valley Camp. God blessed through Victory Valley's programs, facilities, finances, and most importantly through the spreading of His Word.

God blessed the 2011 summer camp program abundantly. Lowering the price for a week of camp to \$299 was received very well with a 17% increase in campers over 2010. Isaiah 55:11 says "so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." God's Word was shared with more children and it did not return empty. Children made confessions of faith every single week of summer camp in 2011! Praise the Lord for His work in the hearts of the children that attended Victory Valley.

The summer program consisted of Overnight Cabin Camp, Outpost Adventure Camp, and Valley Day Camp. In all of these programs, children learned that they did not have to fear because God is in control. God used 64 summer missionaries throughout the summer to share this message with the children and provide godly role-models for them to follow.

The four 2012 Winter Blast weekends (formerly known as Winter Weekends and Sno Valley) were also greatly used by God. Children from many BFC churches came and heard about the importance of "Fishing For Men". Even without snow for most of the weekends, the campers had a blast enjoying things like a fishing festival and treasure hunt all while learning how they can follow Jesus' call to His disciples to be fishers of men.

Victory Valley Camp continues to improve and upgrade facilities each year. Another cabin was winterized allowing for increased capacity in programs such as Winter Blast and winter rentals. The dining hall windows were also replaced. Despite the destructive storms in the fall (14 inches of snow in October and a hurricane), God protected His camp. The camp was without power for 5 days in a row twice during these storms and many trees and branches fell, but there was no damage to buildings!

God has continued to bless Victory Valley Camp financially for several years. Even with filling the position of a full time program director, Victory Valley Camp operated for a third year with a positive bottom line. The faithful gifts of BFC churches and supporters continues to provide Victory Valley with the funds necessary to ensure that hundreds of children hear God's Word each year through this ministry.

God's Word has been shared faithfully for 56 years at Victory Valley Camp and every year, God has made sure that it has accomplished His purpose. Thank you for your prayers and support of God's ministry at Victory Valley Camp. For more information about what is happening right now at Victory Valley, please go to our

website at www.victoryvalleycamp.org

2012 Calendar of Events

March 23-25 Core Challenge

March 30-April 1 Prospective Jr. Staff Retreat

May 12 Open House

June 23 Summer Staff Dedication Banquet June 24-30 Cabin and
Outpost Adventure Camp, Valley Day Camp

July 1-7 Cabin and Outpost Adventure Camp, Valley Day Camp

July 8-14 Cabin and Outpost Adventure Camp, Valley Day Camp

July 15-21 Middle School Cabin and Outpost Adventure Camp, Valley
Day Camp

July 22-28 Venture Quest, Valley Day Camp

July 29- August 4 Cabin and Outpost Adventure Camp, Valley Day Camp

August 5-11 Cabin Camp and Outpost Adventure Camp and Valley Day

Camp

October 6 Golf Challenge

November 3 Fall Family Festival

November 23 Thanksgiving BFC Youth Rally

December 1 Friends of the Valley Banquet

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Manwiller, Director

Department - Victory Valley Camp: Timothy J. Bertolet, Chairman; Bruce Ellingson, Vice Chairman; Carolyn Cruise, Secretary; Timothy J. Schmoyer, Treasurer; Colin Bartholomew, Kevin Derr, Jason Englehart, James Ernst, Rachel Norris, Mark R. Orton

Report of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation met three times in 2011. The Foundation received gifts totaling \$2,450 in 2011. Significant Board actions are described below:

1. Approved Scholarship Grants totaling \$10,500 as follows:

The following were approved on February 10, 2011:

- a. \$500 to Edward Snyder-Ritter from the Berean Scholarship Fund. Edward attends The King's College.
- b. \$1,000 to Johannah Ziegler-Ritter from the Berean Scholarship Fund. Johannah attends Nyack College.

The following were approved on June 21, 2011:

- a. \$1,000 to Kelvin Scott from the Walker Student Aid Fund. Kelvin attends Eastern University.
- b. \$1,000 to Emily DelDuco from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Emily attends Geneva College.
- c. \$500 to Nina Gundrum from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Nina attends Grove City College.
- d. \$500 to Krista Lenahan from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Krista attends Lancaster Bible College.
- e. \$1,000 to Rachel Scott from the Temporarily restricted General Scholarship Fund. Rachel attends Wheaton College.

The following were approved on September 20, 2011:

- a. \$1,000 to Steven DelDuco from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Steven attends Grove City College.
- b. \$1,000 to Carlos Rodriguez from the Reichenbach Scholarship Fund. Carlos attends Lancaster Bible College.
- c. \$1,000 to Lydia Boone from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Lydia attends Covenant College.
- d. \$1,000 to Sarah Boone from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Sarah attends Covenant College.

e. \$1,000 to Nathan Miller from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Nathan attends Geneva College.

2. Presented Jack Sullivan and Karen Stull to the Executive Board for approval as nominees to serve on the Board of Pinebrook Educational Foundation for a three-year term ending 2015.

3. The IRS has revoked the Foundation's Tax Exempt Status. The IRS's action is academic because the Foundation is a ministry of the BFC Denomination and does not require an independent status with the IRS.

The Foundation originally obtained its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) because the Denomination EIN was, for a period of time, inactive in IRS's records. The Denomination's EIN is again active in the IRS's records. The BFC Denomination is a confirmed 501(c)(3) organization. Receipts issued to donors will include a notation that the Foundation is a ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Jay H. Fasnacht, Secretary

Pinebrook Education Foundation Board: Raymond R. Dotts, Chairman; Jay H. Fasnacht, Secretary; Stephen C. Cassel, Judith Rychnovsky, Karen Stull, Jack Sullivan.

Report of the Christian Education Committee

*For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.
And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more,
with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent,
and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ,
to the glory and praise of God.*

(Philippians 1:8-11 ESV)

As of the date of this report, our committee has met two times since our previous report (to the 128th annual meeting of the BFC Conference). Another competent and highly motivated Adult Curriculum writer has been found, for which we praise God. Our writer of Children's Curriculum has also continued with her work. Curriculum has now been drafted for the first seven articles of faith, and is available for anyone to review on our interactive website: <http://bested.ning.com>

We are very pleased that in addition to our own ten committee members, sixteen additional members of the BFC at large have joined our interactive website as an "Advisory Council" to help guide us in our work. Any member of the BFC is invited to join our ranks by simply writing to our chairman at chaplain_john@verizon.net and requesting an online invitation.

The Exec.Brd of the BFC has assigned a new duty to our committee: "It shall promote the cause of Christian post-secondary education on both the undergraduate and graduate levels. This may be done in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to, providing information about Christian institutions and encouraging members and other participants of our churches to attend them."

As a result of requests like these, our committee voted at our last meeting to form several subcommittees to help expedite our work:

- 1) a curriculum writing subcommittee;
- 2) a post-secondary education subcommittee; and
- 3) a "BFC Creativity" subcommittee.

More recently the Nominating Committee of the BFC has requested our committee to "consider ways and means by which ministry to women in the local church could be supported and strengthened. We would love to see the Christian Ed Committee make a concerted effort to develop ministries of encouragement, teaching, and fellowship in the local churches. Could your committee provide Evaluation? Resources? Encouragement? Corporate gatherings for the ladies?"

Pray for our committee to have much wisdom from the Lord as we seek to honor

Him with these challenges.

Christian Education Committee: John C. Studenroth, Chairman; J. Richard Vroman, Secretary; Davis E. Duggins, Treasurer; Mark E. Barninger; Timothy J. Bertolet; Richard Mastronardo; Rachel Norris; David J. Peters; Michael D. Roberts; Thomas J. Sorg.



Conference Pastor Ronald Mahurin greets the delegates of the BFC Conference

Report of the Church Health Committee

The Committee met four times in 2011 to consider the health of our particular churches. When we observed growth and development and the strengthening of local ministries, we praised God together and sent words of encouragement and affirmation to the particular churches. When we became aware of decline and difficulties, we offered our support and resources. This year we have seen encouraging signs of growth, evidence of the stabilization of some ministries, and the evidence of great struggle in some churches as well.

In June each BFC pastor was contacted by the Church Health Committee with an offer to meet with them as needed and to provide input or means to evaluate their ministries. Each year it has been our goal to give priority to four of our churches that appear to be in the greatest need. In 2011 we had extensive interaction and provided significant input to four such churches that are facing the impact of major decline or that have had difficulties in the area of leadership. We have ongoing interaction with the pastors of these fellowships and will continue to give input and pray with them. In addition, we met with the pastors of several stable churches to review their status, encourage them in their work, and give feedback as necessary. It is our desire to encourage healthy, stable churches as well as to bring help to churches in need.

One major concern facing our committee and the BFC involves declining churches. Clear requirements have been stated for the establishment of a particular church including the number of lay elders, their need to be self-sustaining, and being led by a qualified BFC pastor. Difficulties arise when a declining church no longer has adequate lay eldership, is no longer financially viable, or no longer has a qualified pastor. Who has responsibility and oversight of such “churches?” An ad-hoc committee has been formed to consider such situations and to make recommendations to the Church Health Committee as well as other appropriate BFC boards and committees. We will seek to accomplish this task in 2012 and report back to the Conference.

We began the Conference year lacking one layman on our Committee. John W. Sullivan has willingly stepped in to fulfill his term and has already been a big help to the team. We are also very grateful for the ongoing input of our Executive Director, David T. Allen, who meets with us on a regular basis.

It is our desire to be of assistance to our brothers in ministry and to the local churches that have special needs. If our prayers, listening ears, counsel, and resources can be of help to you in 2012, please contact one of us and we will respond.

Church Health Committee: Carl K. Spackman, Chairman; Richard T. Paashaus, Secretary; Byron T. Widger, Vice-Chairman; David N. Schoen, Clyde W. Snyder, Jason L. Hoy, Ronald E. Miller, John W. Sullivan.

Report of the Committee on Communications

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable
if there be any excellence,
if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

Philippians 4:8

The Committee on Communications met several times this year with the purpose of making sure communications continue via the written and printed word (BFC OneVoice, Fellowship News, booklets) as well as the internet (bfc.org) and email (yahoo groups). We strive to fulfill the mandate outlined by the Apostle Paul in his command to the Church at Philippi especially when it comes to “excellence”. Our work is done to bring glory and honor to God, but, at the same time, to be done first-rate. Although one can always improve, we believe our publications are on the right path. Suggestions on how we can improve are always humbly accepted.

Introduced at the 128th BFC Conference was the new look (bulletin insert) Fellowship News as well as the quarterly publication, BFC OneVoice. Both have been received with acclaim. Preprinted Fellowship News color-head, will be available for pick-up during the conference. A charge will be added if we have to ship these to you. The number of bulletin inserts ($8\frac{1}{2} \times 11 \div 2$ -up \times 12 months times the number of bulletins printed) should be updated by you at the Communications Table. The amount of BFC OneVoice sent to a church is determined by the number of members (small, minimum or large) - roughly half a churches membership as reported in the Yearbook. Additional copies will be sent ten extra copies at \$50 for the year.

Because of the vast changes to the Faith & Order made with the inauguration of the BFC Exec.Brd., the 2006 F&O is woefully out-of-date. It is the recommendation of this committee, that a sub-committee to review the existing F&O and prepare an updated one for the 130th BFC Conference, be determined by the moderator and announced at the 129th BFC Conference. The present two-man committee, under the auspices of Committee on Communication, that has been working with, maintaining and updating the F&O since the new format was installed, in 1996, recommends that we no longer use the binder-concept with yearly updated inserts. Rather, with the advancement of digital printing, whereby the amount of books printed is not a financial consideration, new and updated F&O would be available every year in hard copy (soft cover) and, as has been the case, on the website.

The Committee is excited with some excellent websites and weekly emails being sent out by some of our churches. The Committee is aware of three in particular (Bethlehem, Emmaus, Los Cruces) whose weekly informational emails are top-of-

the-line. The Committee would like to see more of these. Communication from church to congregants is very important. Although our message never changes, the methods in which to communicate that message does change. Tip-of-the-hat to those who are using the social networks and the internet for this purpose.

We wish to thank those who volunteer, some of which receive a small stipend, to complete the tasks of Committee on Communications. Carolyn Ritter - Fellowship News; Ralph E. Ritter - BFC OneVoice, Donald E. Kuntzman - Webpage & E-groups; Roy A. Hertzog - E-Groups; Byron Barnshaw - design.

Of course this board continues to print the Yearbook, booklets (Articles of Faith and Biblical Principles for Living in both English and Spanish and a number of helpful reports from past Annual Conferences), as well as other supplies. The location of the warehouse where these supplies are housed will change. However, all orders should be either done online (www.bfc.org - store) or sent to the denominational address: 3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA, 18052.

The Board of Communications wishes to remind the BFC Conference that we have an excellent and almost instantaneous way of communicating via the Yahoo-Groups. Denomination-wide prayer requests, announcements and important information from Departments is disseminated via this means. We believe that it is imperative that each pastor and delegate, church secretary and administrative assistant be involved by receiving these emails. Donald E. Kuntzman (don@bfcvom.org) is the one who oversees this vital ministry. He is assisted by Roy A. Hertzog (rahertzog@verizon.net). If you have not been receiving these emails, please email brother Kuntzman.

It is important that communication continue between us, therefore the following emails, addresses, and phone numbers are provided.

Bills and orders should be sent to the following address:

BFC Committee on Communications, 3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA

Donald E. Kuntzman, don@bfcvom.org

Fellowship News—church information, news, and questions about editorial policy:

Carolyn Ritter, bfc.fellowship.news@gmail.com

BFC OneVoice – articles for publications and questions about editorial policy, distribution:

Ralph E. Ritter, bfc.onevoice@gmail.com

Webservant

Donald E. Kuntzman, PO Box 3555, Allentown, PA 18106-0555; don@bfcvom.org

The Board presents the following for your prayerful consideration:

Resolved, that the cost of the 2012 Yearbook be \$ 9.00 per copy.

Committee on Communications: Daniel P. Allen, Chairman; Allan R. Vivona, Secretary; Donald E. Kuntzman, Business Manager & Webservant; Byron Barnshaw, Ralph E. Ritter, Clyde W. Snyder.

Report of the Historical Committee

If one were to rank reports which create controversy and generate discussion at the Bible Fellowship Church Conference, the report of the Historical Committee would most likely be near the bottom of that ranking. We could stir things up by suggesting that Quakertown, not Zionsville, was the first church. We could light a fire by suggesting that our founders did not set out to start a church. We could create a buzz by offering that our preachers were not always models of pastoral propriety. But, other reports will probably rise higher on the excitement list regardless and some will press on to the reports of more pressing matters and issues.

You have probably heard about those who ignore history. They are doomed to repeat it, say some. An organization cannot learn if it has no memory, others add. Heroes and their exploits are forgotten, observers note. For those who see no significance in history, these discussions are irrelevant.

But it is all true. History learns from the past. History listens to the present. History leads for the future. History helps us put it all together. Because of that, the Historical Committee will continue the work of uncovering significant historical materials and interpreting them. We will seek to make what we learn available to others. We will apply lessons learned from the past to situations faced today.

We have resources available to those who wish to use our history as a springboard to the future. We have a number of materials in print. We recommend that those who would like to dig into our past read Dr. Harold Shelly's book, *The Bible Fellowship Church*. Our on line library at www.BFCHistory.org contains hundreds of files that provide resources for those seeking to learn about our past. Included in the resources are the minutes of past conferences, reports of our various study committees, a library of papers presented at the Historical Society, individual church histories, and various data files such as pastoral assignments.

The Historical Society met this year on October 29, 2011, at Bethany Bible Fellowship Church in Whitehall, Pennsylvania, to hear Richard Gehman make two presentations of significance. In the first, he surveyed the background of Christianity in Germany and followed those roots to the Mennonites of eastern Pennsylvania. In the second, he presented how this Germanic heritage played out in his own family through his father, Pastor Rudy Gehman.

On Saturday, October 27, 2012, the Historical Society and those interested in our past have been invited to Hatfield to hear presentations concerning our background of non-resistance / pacificism and the history of church buildings in our denomination.

Historical Committee: Jill Davidson, Chairperson; Richard Taylor, Archivist & Secretary; Carl Cassel, Ronald Hoyle, Ronald Kohl, Harold Shelly.

Report of the Board of Youth & Young Adults

The Board of Youth and Young Adults met four (4) times to conduct its business and three (3) committees met as needed. Our events and young adults committees were especially active this year.

Events Committee:

This committee is charged with the Sno-Glo retreats that are held on three weekends each January. This year, our key speakers were Josh Kappes (two weekends) and Michael Howard Jr. (one weekend). Both speakers received excellent evaluations. Liberty Worship Band provided the musical worship for all three weekends. Although as a board we thought that the retreat was really good again this year, we have noticed that there is still a downward trend in attendance. We will continue to investigate and discuss this and would appreciate any input.

With great assistance from Victory Valley Camp, we reinstated an old tradition on Black Friday with the first Thanksgiving Youth Rally in several years. The event was well-planned and those who attended enjoyed themselves; we trust that strong word-of-mouth will lead to increased attendance in 2012.

Young Adult Committee:

Our young adults committee has been especially active and has branched out to explore missions possibilities, starting with a first-ever BFC-wide missions trip to Mexico this July, where a team of 10 from eight BFC churches will work alongside BFC missionaries Art & Vicki Reyes.

In addition, our young adults held coffeehouses, a “Day of Fun” at Victory Valley Camp in April and our annual BFC Young Adults retreat at Pinebrook, with Mark Barninger as our speaker. This year’s young adult retreat is scheduled for June 8-10, with Dan Williams speaking.

We encourage our pastors and delegates to keep their respective churches’ young adults up-to-date on our activities. Facebook has been a primary means of communication, and we are especially thankful to sub-committee members Rachel Norris, Mark Bickel and Lisa Kellerman for their involvement.

Board of Youth and Young Adults: Ronald L. Kohl, Chairman; Mark R. Evans, Vice Chairman; Jonathan H. King, Secretary; Aaron J. Susek, Treasurer; Lisa F. Kellerman, Robert B. Kramer, Dorothy L. Ruch, Steve DelDuco, Beth Wiegand.

Study Committee Report - Biblical Principles for Living and Declarations of Particular Issues

In 1993, at the 110th Annual Conference, the preparation began of what were entitled, The Biblical Principles for Living. At that conference, the following was approved:

Whereas, the Bible Fellowship Church's present STANDARDS OF WORSHIP AND LIFE do not address some very key areas of life, and

Whereas, the Bible Fellowship Church's present STANDARDS OF WORSHIP AND LIFE are not transcultural, and

Whereas, the BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR LIVING are intended to reflect a more comprehensive listing of life issues and a more accurate presentation of the biblical standards, therefore be it

Resolved, that the 110th Annual Conference direct the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee to continue its work on the production of BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR LIVING, and further

Resolved, that the 110th Annual Conference direct the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee to present these Principles to the 111th Annual Conference for consideration of adoption into our FAITH & ORDER, and further

Resolved, that any points of departure from the positions of our present STANDARDS OF WORSHIP AND LIFE be identified and that exegetical evidences be presented for any such proposed changes.

In 2004, the 121st Annual Conference completed the work of preparation. Final approval of these statements included the assignment to review these statements each seven years.

Resolved, that every seven years the Chairman of Annual Conference appoint a Biblical Principles For Living Review Committee and further,

Resolved, that the Review Committee review the existing list of Biblical Principles For Living for any needed updates and consider the need for the production of new Principles.

At the 128th Bible Fellowship Conference, a committee was appointed to make that review.

The following are the recommendations of this committee to the 129th Bible Fellowship Conference:

Resolved: that the BFC Conference appoint a committee to consider whether Article 20, The Lord’s Day, and Article 23, Civil Government should be included among the “Articles of Faith” or listed with the “Biblical Principles for Living.”

Resolved: that the BFC Conference appoint a committee to re-examine its statements on Marriage and Singleness (103-3.1) and The Family (103-4):

1. Do our current statements offer adequate response to attempts to redefine the family?
2. What positions should we hold with regard to civil unions and same sex marriages?

Resolved: that the BFC Conference appoint a committee to review its statement on Homosexuality (154) by considering the following questions:

1. Is homosexual behavior the result of genetic pre-disposition, sinful behavior or both?
2. Is there a difference between experiencing homosexual temptation and indulging homosexual lust? Is someone who experiences sexual attraction to a person of the same sex to be considered a homosexual?
3. What should be the response of the church to active or non-active homosexuals who become part of a congregation?

Resolved: that the BFC Conference appoint a committee to review its statement on Stewardship (104-1) by considering the following questions:

1. What should be the church’s position with regard to climate change, its causes and cures?
2. Are current environmental concerns consistent with the biblical concept of human stewardship of the earth and its resources?
3. Should the church express environmental concerns? If so, to what extent?

Resolved: that the BFC Conference appoint a committee to re-examine its statements (Holiness (102-1) and Marriage and Singleness (103-3)) in light of changing sexual mores and biblical calls to sexual purity.

Resolved: that the BFC Conference appoint a committee to study the matter of immigration:

1. What ought to be the attitude of the church to immigrants in general?
2. How should the church respond to the presence of undocumented immigrants?

Resolved: that the BFC Conference appoint a committee to study the issue of gambling and, if it deems necessary and appropriate, to prepare a statement.

Resolved: that the BFC Conference appoint a committee to consider the matter of addictive behaviors and, if it deems necessary and appropriate, to prepare statements. Examples of addictive behaviors include but are not limited to pornography, other sexual addictions, computer gaming, gluttony, eating disorders, and gambling.

Resolved: that the BFC Conference appoint a committee to prepare a statement that will offer guidance to churches in ministering to sexual predators or those convicted of sexual crimes.

Resolved: that the BFC Conference appoint a committee to consider the growing marginalization of Christian culture and churches.

1. What should be the response of churches to the growth of secularism and materialism?
2. What should be the response of churches if anti-biblical or anti-church initiatives are proposed by local, state or national government?

Study Committee to Review the Biblical Principles for Living: Richard E. Taylor, Timothy M. Zuck, Harold P. Shelly.

Study Committee Report - Kingdom of God

The Kingdom of God Study Committee met at the Kutztown Bible Fellowship Church on the following dates: May 17, 2011, July 28, 2011, February 23, 2012.

This year we devoted ourselves to the task of writing a proposed article for submission to the 129th BFC Conference. We relied on our papers presented previously on February 17, 2011 at our Fellowship Manor seminar entitled: “A Fresh Look at the Kingdom of God.”

The study papers previously presented can be found online at:

<http://www.bfchistory.org/2011kingdomstudies.htm>

One can find video recordings of the presentation at the following address:

<http://whitehallbfc.org/kingdom/>

The following article with Scriptural support was unanimously approved by the committee for submission to the 129th BFC Conference:

Article 27 – The Kingdom of God:

27-1 God is the almighty Sovereign who reigns eternally over all His creation.¹ His kingdom triumphs forever according to His will. Even the sinful rebellion of mankind cannot defeat Him, but instead serves and glorifies Him.²

27-2 God’s plan, demonstrated throughout human history, has been to reveal His kingship on earth by delegating kingly dominion to human beings as His image bearers.³ Through Adam’s fall the exercise of this dominion has been corrupted, and man needs redemption in order to glorify God and reign in accordance with His will. As the Last Adam, Jesus in His humanity manifests the proper vice-regency of the kingdom of God for the purpose of redemption and restoration, which will ultimately usher in the glorious kingdom for which creation was destined.⁴ Thus, the kingdom of God is advanced in Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, ascension, and His present reign.⁵ Acknowledging this reign, Christians confess Christ as Lord and willingly submit to His rulership in their personal lives and welcome His authority over all creation.⁶

27-3 The millennial reign of Christ is a further advancement of the kingdom whereby Jesus, through His second coming, brings His inaugurated kingdom to earth and makes it visible. During this reign, Christ will fulfill kingdom promises as He establishes righteousness, justice and peace throughout all creation.⁷ At the start of this period, saints will be resurrected bodily to join in the reign with Christ. Satan will be bound and his deceitful activities suspended. Nevertheless an undercurrent of human sinful resistance will continue through the millennium, though held in check as Christ rules with a rod of iron. At the end of this millennial reign, Satan will be released to lead a rebellion against God’s people and the Lord Jesus. In a climactic manifestation of His kingship, Christ will defeat the rebellion.⁸

27-4 When Christ has subdued all enemies, including death, He will present the kingdom to His Father.⁹ The triune God will preside over a new heaven and a new earth, and the people of God will dwell with Him forever.¹⁰ All prophecies of Scripture will have been fulfilled. God's eternal kingship, having been established and vindicated by the royal exercise of the Son's authority, will at that time be present and manifest in full glory over all creation forever and ever.

¹ The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all (Psa. 103:19). His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation" (Dan. 4:34).

² The LORD works out everything for his own ends – even the wicked for a day of disaster (Prov. 16:4). Surely the wrath of men brings you praise, and with the remainder of wrath you arm yourself" (Psa. 76:10).

³ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground" (Gen. 1:26).

⁴ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ (Rom 5:17). The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God (Rom. 8:19-21).

⁵ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone (Heb. 2:9). For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet'" (Acts 2:34-35). But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom" (Heb. 1:8).

⁶ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved (Rom. 10:9-10). Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven (Matt. 6:10).

⁷ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. ... On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS (Rev. 19:11,16). He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore (Isa. 2:4). With righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked (Isa. 11:4).

⁸ He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ... When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth – Gog and Magog – to gather them for battle ... But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever (Rev. 20:2-4, 7-10).

⁹ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery (Psa. 2:8-9). Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death (1 Cor. 15:24-26).

¹⁰ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away (Rev. 21:1). No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever (Rev. 22:3-5).

The Committee presents the following:

Resolved, that the article on the Kingdom of God be adopted as first reading and further,

Resolved, that the article Kingdom of God replace Article 27 The Millennium in the Articles of Faith of the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Study Committee on the Kingdom of God: Calvin T. Reed, Chairman; Timothy J. Bertolet, Secretary; Davis E. Duggins, Robert C. Katatz, Richard B. Ravis, John C. Studenroth.

Study Committee Report - Article 21 / Sabbath

Introduction

The study committee met several times over the course of the last year to address the following Resolution of the 2011 BFC Conference (Yearbook, p. 46):

“**Whereas**, Article 21 (the Lord’s Day) appears to promote a Sabbatarian understanding of how believers should observe the Lord’s Day, and

Whereas, it appears many members of the Bible Fellowship Church, including pastors and elders, do not hold to a Sabbatarian view of the Lord’s Day, and

Whereas, some men desiring to serve with the Bible Fellowship Church are unable to submit conscientiously to Article 21 in its present form, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the One Hundred and Twenty Eighth Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church appoint a study committee to re-examine Article 21 of the F&O concerning the Lord’s Day and report to BFC Conference in 2012.”

Article 21 of the BFC Faith & Order currently reads as follows:

Article 21 – The Lord’s Day

21-1 The first day of the week has been recognized by the Church as the Lord’s Day since apostolic times. We believe, therefore, that it ought to be observed by all believers, voluntarily and in love, as a continuation of the sabbath principle, a day of remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord from the dead and a day of worship of God, rest from physical toil, service for the Master, and fellowship of the saints. Christians should engage only in duties of necessity and mercy on the Lord’s Day.

Throughout the past year, the Committee engaged in rigorous and respectful debate, shared and reviewed articles, books and passages related to the assigned topic and discussed the ways in which the Committee might move forward as a result of our work together.

The Committee arrived at a revision to Article 21 based on our biblical findings. The proposed article reads:

Article 21 – The Lord’s Day

21-1 The first day of the week has been recognized by the Church as the Lord’s Day since apostolic times. We believe, therefore, that it ought to be observed by all believers, voluntarily and in love, as a day set apart as holy to the Lord for the corporate worship of God, remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord from the dead, and fellowship and mutual encouragement of the saints.

The Committee is asking the BFC Conference to adopt a revised Article 21. There is biblical warrant that would justify this change and openness in the revision of the Article. Also, the revised Article 21 has been worded in such a way as to show respect for the viewpoint reflected by the current Article. The proposed change would also allow for pastors, leaders and laypeople to serve within the denomination who do

not embrace a strict Sabbatarian view of the Lord's Day as a required biblical tenet. Additionally, the biblical concept of "rest" is adequately dealt with in the Biblical Principles for Living (BPLs) and therefore did not have to remain an explicit statement within Article 21.

Altering the Article is consistent with the evidence of Scripture and allows for a biblically-based diversity within the denomination. This is born out primarily due to the fact that the Epistles themselves are expressly open to Christian liberty on this specific issue. Paul states that we are to "let no one pass judgment...with regard to a Sabbath" (Col. 2:16). Also, we are encouraged to understand that "one person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind" (Rom. 14:5). In the end, we determined that the New Testament evidence calls for Christian liberty on this issue. It is because of this that the Committee ultimately brings forth this proposal.

The Biblical Case

Paul, writing to the Romans concerning Christian liberty, says that "one person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind" (Rom. 14:5). Certainly in Paul's day, as well as today, there are Christians who do not keep the Sabbath. However, Paul's reaction to this fact is not a lament that some Christian would violate the Fourth Commandment. His response is at the end of verse five: "Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind." Dependence on the Spirit rather than on the "letter of the Law" is a legitimate guide in the Christian life on this issue. The Apostle Paul left it up to the individual to decide whether to honor one day above another.

Additionally, in Galatians Paul argues against the legitimacy of Christians being compelled to honor special days and times: "Now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again? You observe days and months and seasons and years. I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain" (Gal. 4:9-11). Furthermore, Paul criticizes Peter in this same epistle for wanting to force the Gentile believers to live like Jews (Gal. 2:14). He goes on in that section to state that he "died to the law so that he might live to God" (Gal 2:19). It is the natural reading of the text to envision the Galatian readers as understanding Paul's comments regarding these time periods to include the Jewish Sabbath.

Also, when writing to the Colossian church, Paul states unambiguously, "no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day - things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ" (Col. 2:16-17). The clear teaching here is that the Sabbath is a matter of Christian Liberty. According to Paul, no one is to judge if we observe or if we do not observe the Sabbath.

Consider also the Jerusalem Council as recorded in Acts 15. The purpose of the Council was to answer the very question we are asking now, namely what role does

the Torah have on the Gentile followers of Jesus? Judaizers were troubling the church in Antioch, casting doubt on the salvation of Gentiles who had not been circumcised according to the custom of Moses (v. 1). In fact, these Judaizers were so bold that they actually said, “unless you are circumcised...you cannot be saved”! While at first glance we may be tempted to see only the issue of circumcision here, verse 5 broadens the issue. “The Pharisees who had believed stood up saying ‘It is necessary to circumcise them, and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses.’” So the issue really is broader than just the idea of circumcision. The issue is, ‘How much of Moses must we observe in order to follow Jesus?’ The answer of the Council is this: “It is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles, but that we write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood” (vs. 19-20). Later, they say “The Holy Spirit and us [have laid upon you] no greater burden than these essentials” (v. 28). When given the opportunity to add Jewish practice into the Christian life, the Council mentions only three things, and the Sabbath was not included as one of them.

Having considered the biblical case for freedom, let us now consider the historical case for these proposed changes.

The Historical Case

It might be asked, “Will this not change who we are as a Conference of churches? We have always shared this observance. Will not a change negatively impact our solidarity?” This is, of course, a valid question that some will no doubt have.

To address this, let us look at the previous rendition of the very Article in question. The 1927 Articles of Faith of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ state:

“We believe the Lord’s Day to be of divine origin. The Jewish Sabbath was obligatory upon those living under the Law of Moses until the time of its consummation. We recognize the first day of the week as being the Lord’s Day under the present dispensation, the observance of which we hold obligatory and sacredly binding upon the followers of the Lord Jesus in commemoration of the glorious victory achieved through His resurrection from the dead on that eventful day; it also having been duly and persistently observed by the Apostolic Church, and also being the day upon which the Holy Ghost was poured out on the disciples (John 20:1, 19; Acts 20:7).”

It is noteworthy that the 1927 version of Article 21 saw the Lord’s Day as a separate and distinct day and did not equate it with the Sabbath or the Sabbath principle. It is also important to note that the earlier rendition of the Article did not seek to impose a mandated “rest from physical toil,” nor did it express a prohibition of all activities except for “duties of necessity and mercy.”

While some would not be entirely comfortable with the earlier Article’s wording, it is important to observe that the previous version of Article 21 did not prevent us from experiencing deep camaraderie while it was in place. The BFC shares a 155-year history of both solidarity and a “striving together for the faith of the Gospel,” despite

no emphasis on Sunday rest.

Having stated the biblical and historical case, let us examine the particular changes being proffered and the rationale for those changes.

Rationale for Word Changes

Drop “as a continuation of the Sabbath principle”

While there are certainly principles within the Sabbath (and the Sabbath concept) that can and do benefit the Christian, the use of this phrase in our current article is without any definition or parameters. The use of such a vague phrase brings confusion and inconsistency rather than clarity and consistency to this important conversation.

Additionally, based on the texts mentioned above, we are convinced that the Sabbath itself is not a requirement to which members of the New Covenant community are bound. By way of reminder “no one is to act as your judge in regard to ... festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day” (Colossians 2:16). To explicitly state in our Articles of Faith that the Sabbath is to be continued (at least in principle) contradicts the Spirit’s command to not judge each other on this matter.

We find the following alternative more helpful than the current reading to express that, although we are not bound to “keep the Sabbath,” it is nevertheless important to “not forsake the assembling of ourselves together” (Heb 10:25).

Add “as a day set apart as holy to the Lord”

There is no doubt that Sunday has been a unique day to Christians beginning in the days of the apostles and continuing until today. Jesus defeated death, sin, and Satan on Sunday. The Holy Spirit’s permanent indwelling of all believers began on Pentecost, a Sunday. Sunday is the day God began to create and in Christ each of us is a new creation.

The corporate gathering of the saints is a set apart experience. While, early on, the believers gathered daily (Acts 2:46, 5:42), it seems that they gradually began to set aside one day of seven to gather for regular worship (1 Cor. 16:2). This appears to have been the first day of the week (Sunday). Even if we do not grant that the New Testament-era Christians landed on Sunday as their primary day of worship, it has certainly been the Christian practice for many centuries and continues to this day. Sunday has clearly been established as the normative day for the gathering of God’s people. We believe it is acceptable for the denomination to make Sunday its chosen day to seek corporate worship as a matter of both necessity and convenience.

Change “worship of God” to “corporate worship of God”

Adding “corporate” clarifies that the Lord’s Day is also the day we worship as a gathered body. The use of the term “corporate” ensures that we are stressing that worship is an important part of the body life of God’s people. It emphasizes that worship cannot be seen as only a private and personal activity.

Move “a day of corporate worship of God” to the front of the list

We felt that the primary way in which Sunday is “set apart as holy to the Lord” is in the fact that God’s people gather together to praise Him. Moving this to the front emphasizes its preeminence.

Drop “rest from physical toil”

Biblical rest is important in the life of the believer, and the life of the church. However, we believe that the subject of rest is adequately addressed in the Biblical Principles of Living, article 104-2. This article illustrates the balance we need to have between work and rest. In removing the phrase “rest from physical toil” from the Articles of Faith, the Church does not assign which day is to be the day of rest for all of God’s people. Paul is comfortable teaching that each individual needs to live according to their convictions in regard to honoring one day above another (Rom. 14:5). The BPLs seem to provide the necessary freedom on this matter while still stressing the importance of adequate rest in the life of the believer.

Drop “service for the Master”

We have the concern that this phrase unintentionally teaches that ministry done on a Sunday carries more significance than ministry done on another day of the week. The current article reads: “We believe, therefore, that [Sunday] ought to be observed by all believers ... as ... a day of ... service for the Master.” We do not see anywhere in Scripture where service should be limited to one day over another. We do not want to ignore the importance of ministry, just as we do not want to ignore the importance of rest. However, like the idea of rest, we do not see the Scriptures calling Christians to serve the Master on one particular day over another.

Change “fellowship of the saints” to “fellowship and mutual encouragement of the saints”

Adding “mutual encouragement” helps define and strengthen what is meant by “fellowship.” The “one another” commands in the New Testament are difficult to practice if we are not gathering together. A large part of assembling is that we give and receive encouragement through the relational interactions which we experience within the church body. This is why the author of Hebrews tells us to “not forsake our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near” (Heb 10:25). Assembling is for fellowship and for mutually encouraging each other in our common faith.

Drop “Christians should engage only in duties of necessity and mercy on the Lord’s Day”

As we stated previously, we are not convinced there is any New Testament data to enforce a continuation of the Sabbath-keeping requirements of the Old Covenant now that the New Covenant has been inaugurated. This sentence should be dropped from Article 21 because it binds the Christian with restrictions and duties for a specific day that cannot be supported by the New Testament.

Conclusion

We have proposed these changes because of the conviction that the New Testament does not command, or even hint at, a Sunday observance of the Sabbath. Rest on Sunday cannot be found in any gospel or letter. Additionally, there is no evidence in Acts that the first Christians rested on Sunday. In all the letters, the apostles are teaching new Christians how to live in a way that will honor their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Still, the authors of the New Testament do not bring up the Sabbath as a practice Christians are bound to observe. There is no lack of opportunity had they wanted to do so, but the imposition of the Sabbath requirement is not found. In the light of that apostolic silence, where the Scriptures speak, let us speak, and let us be silent where they are silent. Let us be willing to impose whatever God's holy Word imposes, but likewise, let us be careful not to impose where the Word of God does not impose. Where the Scriptures specifically grant freedom, let us not speak against that freedom.

Current and Proposed Articles

PROPOSED NEW ARTICLE 21	<u>CURRENT ARTICLE 21</u>
<p>Article 21 – The Lord’s Day</p> <p>21-1 The first day of the week has been recognized by the Church as the Lord’s Day since apostolic times¹. We believe, therefore, that it ought to be observed by all believers, voluntarily and in love², as a day set apart as holy to the Lord for the corporate worship of God³, remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord from the dead, and fellowship and mutual encouragement of the saints.⁴</p> <p>¹ Mark 16:9; John 20:1, 19; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2 ² Rom. 14:5; Gal 5:13 ³ Heb. 10:23-25 ⁴ Acts 2:42; Eph. 5:15-21; Col. 3:16</p>	<p>Article 21 – The Lord’s Day</p> <p>21-1 The first day of the week has been recognized by the Church as the Lord’s Day since apostolic times¹. We believe, therefore, that it ought to be observed by all believers, voluntarily and in love, as a continuation of the sabbath principle², a day of remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord from the dead and a day of worship of God, rest from physical toil, service for the Master, and fellowship of the saints. Christians should engage only in duties of necessity and mercy on the Lord’s Day.</p> <p>¹ Mark 16:9; John 20:1, 19; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2 ² Gen. 2:2,3; Mark 2:27,28</p>

PROPOSED NEW ARTICLE 21 - EDITS SHOWN

Represents Deletions

Represents Additions

Article 21 – The Lord’s Day

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all believers, voluntarily and in love², as a continuation of the sabbath principle as a day set apart as holy to the Lord for a day of the corporate worship of God³, a day of remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord from the dead, rest from physical toil, service for the Master, and fellowship and mutual encouragement of the saints⁴.

Christians should engage only in duties of necessity and mercy on the Lord's Day.

1 Mark 16:9; John 20:1, 19; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2

2 Gen. 2:2,3; Mark 2:27,28

2 Romans 14:5; Gal. 5:13

3 Hebrews 10:23-25

4 Acts 2:42; Eph. 5:15-21; Col 3:16

Study Committee on Article 21/Sabbath: Steven J. DelDuco, Tony Feliciano, Carl C. Cassel, Timothy J. Schmoyer, Aaron J. Susek, Daniel L. Williams.

Sabbath Study Committee - Article 21/Sabbath Report Of The Minority

Respectfully submitted by Carl C. Cassel and Aaron J. Susek

It has been a sincere joy and privilege to work together with our brothers in searching the Scriptures concerning the question of the Sabbath. Sincerely, there is some sadness to see our time together come to a close. We have genuinely grown in our understanding of and deep appreciation for God's intentions with the Sabbath. And it is in part because of that searching and growth that we respectfully differ with the majority on the question of whether the BFC should retain its present understanding of the Sabbath in relation to the Lord's Day.

Upon a thorough investigation of the Scriptures as well as careful interaction with numerous commentaries and theological arguments, we feel the Sabbath is not only an extremely valuable sign-gift given by God to His people, but also an important means of corporately reflecting both the holiness of God and the good news of His new creation in Jesus Christ. So in what follows, we will be arguing from Scripture the reasons we feel our denomination should cherish its present perspective.

We did also feel the present article could be somewhat restated so as to present a more balanced presentation of the Lord's Day. It seems to us the present article overstates the case for Sabbath observance, and in so doing gives the impression Sabbath-resting is the most important aspect of Lord's Day observance. Since this is an article that presents the Lord's Day in its fuller sense, we felt this more balanced approach was in order. So, seeking to preserve as much of the original language and intent as possible, we propose slight changes to the present article in effort to prioritize worship of God and present Sabbath-resting alongside the other components in equal fashion.

In this report, we will first present our proposed rewording. We will then unfold the Biblical case for the Sabbath's enduring importance. And lastly, we will offer some concluding thoughts and practical implications. And it needs be said, we are deliberately choosing not to interact directly with the majority on the issues below (mainly because we did not have their report at the time of writing). We are advocating our positions on a broader level and interacting more with potential, though somewhat hypothetical opposition (as responsibly as possible).

1) PROPOSED CHANGES

CURRENT ARTICLE 21 – Article 21 – The Lord's Day

21-1 The first day of the week has been recognized by the Church as the Lord's Day since apostolic times¹. We believe, therefore, that it ought to be observed by all believers, voluntarily and in love, as a continuation of the sabbath principle², a day of remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord from the dead and a day of worship of God, rest from physical toil, service for the Master, and fellowship of the saints.

Christians should engage only in duties of necessity and mercy on the Lord's Day.

¹ Mark 16:9; John 20:1,19; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2

² Gen. 2:2,3; Mark 2:27,28

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2) A BROAD SURVEY OF THE SABBATH THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURES

• The Origin of the Sabbath

To gain a proper understanding of the Sabbath, due weight has to be given to Genesis 2:1-4. In our discussions as a committee, we quickly realized part of the problem with handling the Sabbath stems from larger questions about how we should rightly handle the Old Testament law. But as we (the minority) see it, the fourth commandment is not at all where the discussion should start.

Opening statements belong to Genesis 2:3 wherein God blesses the seventh day and makes it holy. The two verbs here are *barak* and *qadash*, both intensive Piel forms, which means they carry constitutive force. In other words, the seventh day is here being set apart as a sacred reflection of God's own holiness. In this garden sanctuary, both space and time are being arranged with elements that manifest the holiness of its sovereign. Men and women are created as His image in space, and in the structure of time, one day in seven is embossed with the beauty of the divine holiness.

We have to consider as well what it means that God rested on this seventh day. The narrative seems deliberate in portraying God's creation project as one without toil or resistance such that rest hardly seems a necessity. Furthermore we do not imagine the seventh day was a personal day, one for taking time away from sovereignly managing the affairs of creation.¹ As many commentators will point out, this is more likely a royal resting – God assuming His reign in creation. Isaiah 66:1-2 perhaps draws this out. There, heaven and earth are described as God's kingly dwelling, and the immediate question asked is "Where will my resting place be?" Or note 2 Chronicles 6:18 and 41 with its reference to the temple as God's royal house of rest.² If this seventh day is in fact a royal resting on the heels of transforming the chaotic abyss into a life-nurturing paradise, then it seems just as other gods "built temples as a sign of their victory over

¹ Jesus, Himself, draws out the complexity of the issue when He says, "my Father has been working until now" (John 5:17).

² See also the way "rest" is used to describe Israel's conquest of the promised land - Deut. 3:1-20; 12:8-10; 1 Kings 8:56, etc.

the wild forces of chaos...God institutes the Sabbath rest instead.”³ And here again, just as man is called to safeguard creation in the glorious reign of God, the seventh day serves as witness within the structure of time that the Lord is creation’s sovereign ruler.

The writer of Hebrews would have us see there is also an eschatological tone to the rest mentioned (cf. Hebrews 4:4-5,10). On the seventh day, God is not just taking a day off, but is entering the consummate rest held out for all creation to enjoy at some future point (note there is no mention of day or night for day seven as in days one through six). So this sequence of six days work and one day rest is in some way emblematic of creation’s own larger movement from work-begun to work-consummated (more on that in the New Testament sections below).

It is safely assumed that God’s priest/kings - the men and women called to image God to the creation - would be expected in their actions to honor the blessedness of the seventh day, preserve its holiness, and give witness on it that life is not something we feverishly produce and secure for ourselves but is a gracious gift given from the hands of the Creator King. More than assumption though, the text itself actually leads to this understanding. In the Old Testament, the Piel form of *qadash* refers most often to the setting apart of items or men and women for cultic use. Occasionally it is used in reference to days (Sabbaths or other festival days), and in every such instance the days are clearly set apart for men and women to observe, even when they are described as days “holy to the Lord.”⁴ So, quoting Claus Westerman, G.K. Beale says “one should have an ‘exegetical instinct’ that not only is the seventh day solemn to God, but also the day ‘must in some way or other signify something related to people,’ because of the ‘fact that the verb to sanctify expresses a cultic idea [elsewhere in the OT] and cannot be referred to a day destined [only] for God himself.”⁵ On these grounds a large number of recent commentators understand Genesis 2:3 to be presenting the seventh day not just as one which God observes in rest, but also as the first of the weekly Sabbaths that those created in His image are expected to keep.⁶

This comes through most notably in the impetus behind the fourth commandment. In Exodus 20:8-11, we note that Israel is called to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy, not simply in imitation of God who rested on the seventh day, but even more because He blessed the day and made it holy. In essence, why

³ Bruce Walte, *Genesis: A Commentary* (Grand Rapids, Zondervan), 68

⁴ See for instance, Exodus 31:14-15

⁵ G.K. Beale, *A New Testament Biblical Theology* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011) 779, quoting Claus Westermann, *Genesis 1-11*, trans. John J. Scullion (London: SPCK, 1984), 170

⁶ Brueggemann, *Genesis 35-36*; Westermann, *Genesis 1-11*, 169-72; Nahum M. Sarna, *Genesis: Chapters 117*, NICOT (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990), 143; Mathews, *Genesis 1-11:26*, 180; John E. Hartley, *Genesis*, NIBC (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2000), 50-51; Waltke, *Genesis*, 67, 73; John H. Walton, *Genesis*, NIVAC (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001), 157-61; Wenham, *Genesis 1-15*, 36.

should Israel rest on the Sabbath? Precisely because the Sabbath is already a blessed and holy day. The day does not become holy for Israel at Sinai. It was blessed for all humanity (cf. Mark 2:27) and constituted as a representation of God’s holiness before all creation on the seventh day of the creation week. And since such is already the case, Israel is called to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy by their actions.

More will be said on Israel in relation to the Sabbath below. Suffice it to note at this point that Sabbath-resting first happens at creation. Before sin, before the need for redemption, before the Mosaic law, men and women in their capacity as God’s representative rulers were expected to honor the holiness bestowed on the seventh day and receive the blessing God had given it. In so doing, they shared in God’s act of signifying in the structure of time His own holiness and lordship over creation. They served as priests mediating the beauty of holiness to the creation and gathering back the creation in praise and participation in God’s kingdom reign and promised future.

• Israel’s Sabbath

As we transition to consider the Sabbath within God’s covenant with Israel, it is striking to note, first of all, how much creation language permeates the opening scenes of Israel’s story. From their introduction, “The people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them” (1:7) - to the plague narratives - the seeming re-introduction of chaos into the created order - to their redemption (or re-creation) through the separation of the sea,⁷ we find noticeable similarities. The comparisons are most striking, though, when we get to the tabernacle narrative. There we read instructions broken up into seven units with the heading, “And God said to Moses.”⁸ The first six describe the setting and furnishings of the tabernacle; the seventh provides directive for keeping the Lord’s Sabbaths. Or we notice the ordination of the priests and the consecration of the altar, which each take seven days (29:35-37). Or when work on the tabernacle is completed, we hear echoes of Genesis 2. Moshe Weinfeld highlights the parallels:

1) Gen. 1:31 [“And God saw all that He had made, (kāl ’ašer ’ašah), and found it (wēhinēh) very good”]; Exod. 39:43 [“And when Moses saw that they had performed all the tasks (kāl hamēlā’kāh)—as the LORD had commanded, so they had done (wēhinēh ’ašū ’ōtāh)”].

2) Gen. 2:1 [“The heaven and the earth were completed (wayēkūlū) and all (wēkāl) their array”]; Exod. 39:32 [“Thus was completed all (watēkēl kāl) the work of the Tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting”].

3) Gen. 2:2 [“God finished the work which He had been doing (wayēkāl ’elōhīm... mēla’kēto ’ašer ’āšāh)”]; Exod. 40:33 [“When Moses had finished the work (wayēkāl mōšeh ’et hamēlā’kāh)”].

⁷ See Isaiah 51:9-10 for an interesting connection between the parting of the Red Sea and the parting of the seas in creation (Rahab there most likely refers to an Ancient Near Eastern god associated with the chaotic sea)

⁸ 25:1, 30:11, 30:17, 30:22, 30:34, 31:1, and 31:12

4) Gen. 2:3 [“And God blessed...(wayēbārek)”]; Exod. 39:43 (“And Moses blessed (wayēbārek) them”).

5) Gen. 2:3 [“And sanctified it (wayēqadaš)”]; Exod. 40:9 [“...and to sanctify (wēqidašētā) it and all its furnishings”].⁹

This tabernacle project consumes two-thirds of the narrative in Exodus. It does so in two installments, separated by an episode of rebellion and false worship (the golden calf). And important for our discussion is the fact these installments are connected to the intervening episode by way of Sabbath mandates. The blueprint passages end in chapter 31 with a description of the Sabbath and a solemn admonition to keep it. The construction narrative resumes on the heels of the golden calf debacle and is precluded in 35:1 with regulations regarding the Sabbath. Peter Enns, in his commentary on Exodus, concludes, “This is hardly an accident...the references to the Sabbath are intended to connect the building of the tabernacle to creation. Building the tabernacle, in other words, is an act of re-creation, culminating in the Sabbath command – a new seventh day, as it were.”¹⁰ The point of this brief survey of creation themes in Exodus is to highlight that even as we come to consider the Sabbath commandment in Israel’s law, there is a much broader picture that must remain in view. The law is given in the context of a new beginning: a new humanity with God’s promised blessings of fruitfulness¹¹ and authority to rule and subdue,¹² commissioned as instruments of God’s gracious blessing to all the nations,¹² en route to a new Eden¹³ complete with its garden-like sanctuary wherein God resides with them.¹⁴ And along the way, God’s glory journeys with them in this mobile version not only of the future temple in Jerusalem but also the original garden sanctuary. In the chaotic wilderness, space and time are once again marked with the beauty of the divine holiness.

The law then, more than just moral code or arbitrary directives of God, re-establishes this new humanity as the image of God before the nations. This comes

⁹ Moshe Weinfeld, “Sabbath, Temple and the Enthronement of the Lord—The Problem of the Sitz im Leben of Genesis 1:1-2:3,” in *Mélanges bibliques et orientaux en l’honneur de M. Henrie Cazelles*, ed. A. Caquot and M. Delcor, (Kevelaer: Butzon & Bercker, 1981) 503; quoted by Jeff Morrow in his article, “Creation as Temple Building and Work as Liturgy in Genesis 1-3” (<http://www.ocabs.org/journal/index.php/jocabs/article/viewFile/43/18>)

¹⁰ Peter Enns, *Exodus*, NIAC (Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 2000), 507

¹¹ Gen 26:4, 35:11, 48:1-22, Exod 1:7 12 cf. Num 33: 50-53

¹² Gen 12:1-13, Exod 19:6

¹³ cf. Exod 3:8 and Lev 26:3-12

¹⁴ The narrative surrounding Solomon’s temple also draws heavy on creation themes. It takes seven years to complete, and the seventh year is called a Sabbath (Lev. 25:3-7). Solomon’s dedication speech is broken into seven petitions (1 Kings 8:31-53). The temple is often described with Garden-like imagery (i.e. 1 Kings 6:18, 29). see also Gregory K. Beale, “Eden, the Temple, and the Church’s Mission in the New Creation”: *J. Ev. Theol. Soc.* 48/1 (March 2005) 5-31

across clearly in the preamble (of sorts) to the covenant in Exodus 19:3-6.

The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” (emphasis added)

The law derives from the holy character of God and, when it is observed faithfully, constitutes His people as reflections of that holiness who radiate its beauty and righteousness out to the rest of creation. This is important when thinking about matters related to the law. When we ask whether or not certain portions of the law are still binding today, what we need to be asking is, are those portions still current expressions of God’s holiness? The question is not so much whether certain laws are binding for salvation or maintaining covenant relationship with God. It is more, should those laws continue to be observed as a way of imaging God to the nations? Or more specific for our discussion, is Sabbath-keeping still a way of corporately manifesting God’s holiness and supreme authority in creation? Is it still intended as a sign, in the structure of time, that life is not defined by what our hands might produce, but rather by the purposes of the creator-God who graciously gives (and redeems) it?

Sabbath discussions can often feel a bit clouded by two things. The first is, dare we say, a Pauline view of law-keeping in relation to Christ’s redemption. Clearly, Paul sees a change in the function of Israel’s law, especially those that uniquely identified Israel as God’s people, such as circumcision and perhaps even their way of Sabbath-keeping. And yes, our covenant membership now is through faith in the true lawkeeper – Jesus Christ. But that doesn’t immediately negate the aspect of law-keeping as a way of representing God’s character to those to whom we are sent on mission. The other concern that tends to cloud the discussion is an overemphasis on the individual, personal benefits of Sabbath-keeping (“our bodies need rest”). Yes, Jesus says the Sabbath is made for man, and yes, our bodies need rest. But we cannot miss the aspect of Sabbath-resting as a practice of corporate representation of God’s holiness, grace, and Lordship. We have to deal with the fact that when we leave resting up to the conscience of the individual, we are also dropping a corporate witness to the beauty and character of God. But before continuing that New Testament discussion, we need to first fill out the role of Sabbath-keeping in Israel.

Being post-fall and pre-Christ, Israel is given ceremonial practices that uniquely distinguish and maintain it as God’s holy people among the nations. They have a multi-part cultus which incorporates numerous sacrifices and burnt offerings, upon which we cannot fully elaborate here. But it should be observed that in Numbers 28 and 29, these sacrifices and offerings are arranged according to various days and seasons in the Hebrew calendar. There are ones assigned to the first days of the month

(which also is the new moon¹⁵), others for their Sabbaths, and still others for various feasts throughout the year. The point to be made here is simply that in this stage of redemptive history, in the corporate life of Israel, the Sabbath day becomes one for performing certain obligations of their unique cultus. As such, the day becomes a sign throughout its generations that Yahweh is the one who sanctifies them and sets them apart (Exodus 31:13).

The Sabbath in Israel takes on a relation to the land they are given from God and is also meant to secure a certain social/creational justice in that land. To accomplish this, the day is developed into a fuller Sabbatical system of months and years and extended seasons. So during the Sabbath year, for instance, the land is to receive rest. And during that rest, the poor among Israel are fed from the fields. Not only the poor, but also the beasts of the land are fed (Exod 23:10-11). The Jubilee year (after seven weeks of seven years) was marked for restoring the land to the tribes and families to which it was originally apportioned. Even the actual Sabbath day itself carries tones of justice when it is described as a day of refreshment for personal servants, sojourners, and the working animals (Exod 23:12).

Again, what we are trying to point out is that Sabbath develops as it is incorporated into this new stage in the life of God's holy people. Or as Geerhardos Vos stresses, "It must be remembered that the Sabbath, though a world-aged observance, has passed through the various phases of development of redemption, remaining the same in essence but modified as to its form, as the new state of affairs at each point (epoch) might require.¹⁶ This might explain in part why in Exodus, the Sabbath command derives from God sanctifying the day at creation, while in Deuteronomy's version of the Ten Commandments, as Israel stands poised to enjoy God's covenant blessings in His land of promise, the day is associated with God's act of redeeming them out of Egypt.

• Jesus and the Sabbath

Turning to the New Testament, a noticeable thing about Sabbath in the gospels is the level of attention it garners. It receives more treatment from Jesus than any other command in Israel's law. So in all the words and teaching spent clarifying the Sabbath, if Jesus' intention was in any way to annul the institution, certainly we should find at least some indication. But that is not at all the case. In all the conflicts with Jesus and His actions on the Sabbath, His defense is never, "that part of the law is no longer binding." When He is questioned about His disciples' activity on the Sabbath, we don't read, "My people have been freed from such external observances now that I have arrived."

What we find Him doing is asserting Himself as the correct interpreter of the Sabbath

¹⁵ The Hebrew word *chodesh* can literally be translated either beginning of the month or new moon. See for instance the ESV's translation of the word in Numbers 10:10 and 1 Chronicles 23:31

¹⁶ Vos, *Biblical Theology* (Edinburgh/Carlisle: The Banner of Truth Trust), 139

command. In the Second Temple period, Sabbath observance grew considerably in its level of importance. Rising nearly to the significance of circumcision and the dietary restrictions, stringent Sabbath-keeping became a “characteristic marker of Jewish identity.”¹⁷ The Pharisees and scribes fulfilled the role of safeguarding this Jewish identity by fencing in the law with tighter and tighter regulations. But in so doing, they fenced off the Sabbath from certain of its primary intentions, such as reflecting God’s holiness in mercy. Throughout the gospel narratives Jesus chides these misguided interpreters again and again for neglecting social concerns on the Sabbath, as if to say the correct view of Sabbath takes into full consideration its redemptive context and intention of being a day for bringing God’s mercy to bear on those in need.¹⁸

For the question at hand, we simply assert that Jesus can in no way be claimed as an advocate for the notion that Sabbath is no longer a defining feature of the people called to represent God’s holiness. In fact, given (1) there is so much treatment on the Sabbath in the gospels, (2) Jesus’ is claiming Himself to be the correct interpreter of the Scriptures in relation to the Sabbath, and (3), there is no hint of abrogation in any of Christ’s teaching on the Sabbath, there is every reason to conclude that the gospel writers understood Sabbath-keeping as an enduring, even central mark in the life and identity of Christ’s followers, that Sabbath was indeed part of Christ’s reign as Lord (cf. Luke 6:5).

• Paul and the Sabbath

So, what about Paul? If you are one to see Sabbath as no longer binding, Paul is your go-to guy. If you are one with a view of Scripture that sees Sabbath as an enduring institution, certain of his passages are difficult to reconcile. How can one practice Sabbath when Paul appears to reprimand the Galatians for observing days, months, seasons, and years (Gal 4:9-11)? Or why should a denomination expect Sabbath observance of its people when he says, “One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind” (Rom 14:5), or, these things are “a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance is Christ” (Col 2:17)?

However, it has to be pointed out there are certain problems with which both sides of the debate have to wrestle. If Galatians is meant to assert we are in some way wrong (“enslaved”) to observe the Sabbath day, then is it permissible for us to celebrate the Lord’s Day or observe the seasons of Advent or Lent (since the admonition, read plainly, concerns days, months and seasons in a broad sense)? If we have to grant liberty when it comes to resting on a particular day (via Romans 14), should we not grant similar liberty with regards to worshipping on a particular day? Once we mandate one or the other, we seemingly are violating a plain sense reading of Romans

¹⁷ Joel B. Green, *The Gospel of Luke*, NICNT (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997), 252

¹⁸ For instance, Luke 6:1-11, which should be viewed in the line of unfolding drama originating back in 4:18-19, wherein Jesus confirms he is here to proclaim good news to essentially those in need of mercy.

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But perhaps what Paul is doing in these passages is a bit more nuanced than simply tossing aside this central institution. Consider Colossians 2: “No one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day - things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ” (v. 16-17). A search of the phrase “festival, new moon, and Sabbath day” would reveal it appears seven times in the Old Testament¹⁹. And in every instance, save perhaps one, the phrase is directly related to the system of sacrifices. For instance:

“Behold, I am about to build a house for the name of the LORD my God and dedicate it to him for the burning of incense of sweet spices before him, and for the regular arrangement of the showbread, and for burnt offerings morning and evening, on the Sabbaths and the new moons and the appointed feasts of the LORD our God, as ordained forever for Israel (2 Chron. 2:4).”

A fair question to ask could be, is the shadow in view here the days and festivals themselves or the sacrifices associated with those days at every point of mention in the Old Testament? Could it be more that Paul is concerned here with those modifications added to Israel’s Sabbath in Numbers 28 and 29 (see above)? It is a valid question especially considering the passage begins by saying, “No one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink.” This is curious because there were no drink regulations in Israel’s law. No one was, as it were, judging another for what they drank. However, there likely was judging going on in relation to ceremonial laws which mandated presenting food and drink offerings in keeping with the Jewish cultus.

In the midst of Ezekiel’s prophecy concerning Israel’s future temple, we read,

“It shall be the prince’s duty to furnish the burnt offerings, grain offerings, and drink offerings, at the feasts, the new moons, and the Sabbaths, all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel: he shall provide the sin offerings, grain offerings, burnt offerings, and peace offerings, to make atonement on behalf of the house of Israel (Ezek 45:17).”

Here is an instance where food and drink offerings appear alongside the sacrifices of the feasts, new moons, and Sabbaths. Interestingly, as this passage peers forward in redemptive history, it looks to the prince to furnish these offerings and so make atonement on behalf of the house of Israel. So when Paul says in Colossians 2 that we have been forgiven all of our trespasses and have our record of debt nailed to the cross and then goes on to say in the next two verses that no one should pass judgment on us with regards to food and drink, feasts, new moons, and Sabbaths as these are shadows of which Christ is the substance, it is more than reasonable to read Paul as saying Christ is the true prince who fulfills the system of offerings and sacrifices by making atonement in his own flesh. Or, in keeping with Hebrews 10:1, the law – more specifically, the sacrificial system of the law – was but shadow of the good things to

¹⁹ 1 Chron 23:30-31; 2 Chron 2:4, 8:12-13, 31:2-3; Neh 10:32-33; Hos 2:11; Ezek 45:17

come in Christ.

All this to say, it seems to us, more careful investigation is needed before one uses Colossians 2 to suggest the Sabbath is done away with in Christ.

Similar questions could be asked of the Galatians passage. When Paul reproves them for observing “days and months and seasons and years,” is he doing away with the Sabbath or is he repealing the Sabbatical system added as Israel stood poised to enter the promised land? Or to put it another way, could he be repealing those aspects of the Sabbath that related to the unique circumstances of old covenant Israel? If one understands the main problem in Galatians is that of the Judaizers seeking to make gentile Christians look more Jewish, claiming converts are not officially welcomed into God’s family without the markers of Jewish identity, then the notion Paul is doing away with the modified aspects of Sabbath-keeping under the old covenant makes good sense.

Paul is tireless in his effort to demonstrate that participation in God’s family is not about wearing Israel’s identity markers (i.e. circumcision), but is all about placing faith in the True Seed of Abraham who grants covenant blessings to those marked by His death. Thus he dispenses harsh words towards those who rely more on the old markers for justification and compels them towards a view of justification that trusts Christ alone, without supplement. And it must be noted Paul is more severe in how he handles this than he is at times elsewhere. For instance, he here cynically wishes those who encourage circumcision would go the full way and emasculate themselves (5:12), yet in Acts, he has Timothy circumcised (Acts 16:3).

The point in all this is to suggest Paul clearly views Christ as having fulfilled certain aspects of Jewish life, even certain aspects of the Sabbath. Jesus is our final atoning sacrifice, which means the Sabbath is no longer a day for performing certain sanctifying ceremonies. Jesus is the true heir to the promises of Abraham, the one through whom even Israel’s land promises find fulfillment.²⁰ And so Jesus rightly fulfills those aspects of the old Sabbatical system related to those promises. In light of this, Paul distills the Sabbath, removing those aspects of Israel’s observance that are fulfilled in Christ. His intent is not necessarily to throw away the Sabbath out of hand. More so, the sense here is that after Christ’s death and resurrection, the Sabbath is now what it was before Israel, before sin and the fall. The added necessities, shadows and types have all dissolved into the promised reality, and we are left once again with the Sabbath as sign of God’s holiness, authority, and consummate rest. Or to again quote Vos, “From all this [the the typology of future developments of redemption] we have been released by the work of Christ, but not from the Sabbath as instituted at Creation.”²¹

We are urging those wrestling with the question of Sabbath’s enduring validity to not simply begin and end with Paul. Doing so, one might easily notice

²⁰ Rom 4:13, cf. Matt 28:18

²¹ Geerhardus Vos, *Biblical Theology*, 143

the word Sabbath in a negative context and hastily assume Paul supports a non-Sabbatarian viewpoint. Rather, when one aims to see how the full counsel of Scripture unfolds the question of Sabbath and view Paul in relation, then the passages above can comfortably be understood to advance the viewpoint of Sabbath being advocated here. Furthermore, the questions raised such as the legitimacy of setting aside a particular day for worship or celebrating advent together in this perspective reach much more satisfying conclusions.

We realize we are pushing readers beyond a plain, surface reading of Paul. And we understand the importance of needing good reason to do that. One could fairly ask at this point, do we have any New Testament evidence of the Church approaching Sabbath the way we are here understanding Paul? In other words, do we ever observe a New Covenant community resting together one day in seven in observance of the Sabbath, all the while avoiding sacrifices and other modifications placed on the Sabbath in the old covenant? As it is, the book of Hebrews provides us just such an example.

- An Early Church Case Study (Hebrews 3-4)

Before diving in, it is important to clarify that we are not suggesting Hebrews directly addresses the question of the Sabbath's enduring validity. Rather, we intend to show it indirectly affirms our understanding of Paul and the New Testament via example. It is an interesting and somewhat complicated passage, so we will tread carefully.

Throughout the passage, a particular intent of the writer is to clarify the identity of his audience. So in the opening verses, he stresses the continuity of the Church with Old Covenant Israel, saying "Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant... Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope (3:5-6)."

So why must we hold fast? Because part of sharing Israel's identity involves sharing a similar wilderness experience. Just as Israel, upon redemption from Egypt, set out towards what God held in store for them, so the Church upon redemption from sin's grip and guilt journeys towards that which He promises them.²² And this time of journey ("today") is one in which the deceitfulness of sin, the threat of hardening and unbelief are very real dangers. It is a present experience with comparison in the Israelite's experience in the wilderness – their own hardening and lack of faith in God's promise.

The next question: what is this hope in which we boast? Or to phrase the question using other passages throughout the book, what is the inheritance held in promise for us who hold fast (cf. 6:12) as the Day approaches (10:24)? Exegeting Psalm 95 to fit

²² Certain commentators see this as a controlling theme throughout the book. Note the stress of "striving" throughout (i.e. 6:10-12, 10:24-25), the reoccurring idea of journeymen in chapters 11 and 12, and most notably, chapter 13 where it states in verse 14, "For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come."

the context of his readers, the writer refers to this hope as God's rest. Where other passages throughout describe it as our promised inheritance or the enduring city yet to come (13:14), it is here referred to as God's rest.

By referencing Psalm 95, he makes the point that it is actually the same rest that was held out for the Israelites. The land of Canaan in fact was not their enduring city (11:8-10). The rest God secured for Israel through Joshua in fact was a mere type of the greater, consummate rest that remained in store for Israel (4:8). And this same "rest" is the hope in which the present-day Church boasts as it, like Israel of old, journeys through sin and temptation-ridden lands with no enduring resting place (cf. 13:14).

What is important to our discussion (strikingly so) is that the writer also equates God's rest in Psalm 95 with the Sabbath rest God entered in Genesis 2. In this way, Genesis 2:2 is used to clarify and explain the origin and nature of the rest referred to throughout our passage. God's rest is at the same time the rest He entered at creation and the rest His persevering Church strives toward. Again, the rest that awaited in Canaan for the wilderness generation is in this passage clarified as a type or shadow of the consummation rest that awaited Israel (4:8) and awaits the wilderness Church "as long as it is called 'today'" (v.13).²³

It needs mentioning at this point that the writer of Hebrews certainly has an already/not yet perspective on eschatology. For instance, in 12:22, believers have already come to the heavenly city even though in 13:14 they have not yet attained to that enduring city that is yet to come. Or in 6:5 we are said to presently taste the powers of the age to come. And many see that tension at play here in this passage, perhaps when he says in 4:3, "We who have believed enter that rest."²⁴ Some would go so far as to suggest those who have put their faith in Christ have already entered that rest, such that there is in fact no greater rest yet to come. Here they might cite verse 10

²³ As an aside, this perhaps creates some interesting questions about a greater promised "rest" held out for God's people at creation, even before the fall. We would direct interested readers to the commentators and Old Testament theologians for development of that theme. We find a quote by Richard Gaffin to be a good summary view towards the question: "On the sixth day, God contemplated his finished creation in its vast splendor and saw that it was 'very good' (Gen. 1:31). But he did not yet see the "very best." That was because even before he created, God had decreed that 'the best of all possible worlds' was not to be at the beginning, but rather at the end of history. That, too, was why he made Adam and Eve to be his image bearers—to give them the privilege and responsibility, unique among his creatures, of working for their Creator-Lord and so to bring the creation to its intended consummation." (<http://www.newhopefairfax.org/files/Gaffin%20Sign%20of%20Hope.pdf>)

²⁴ Though we are inclined to think he is here simply defining who it is who gets to enter that rest. In other words, we read him to say, we who have believed are the ones who enter that rest.

of chapter four where he says, “Whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his,” and insist the works mentioned here are dead works from which we rest by faith in Jesus Christ. But there are several fatal problems in this interpretation. First of all, the writer is comparing our works here with the work of God in creation. This interpretation forces a jarring incongruity between God’s good work in creation and the negative “working” of works-righteousness. It also over-spiritualizes rest where the writer seems to talk rest in the sense of locality (as is the case throughout the book with regards to our promised hope).

Even more than all this, the works the writer has in mind here are most certainly the works he mentions in 10:23, when after a similar call to “hold fast” (v.22), he implores them towards love and good “works”. Or note chapter six, wherein he encourages his readers to remain sure of “better things” to come on the grounds that “God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.” (v.10). Essentially, we feel the rest from work in view in 4:10 is akin to that of Revelation 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”

The view that would insist the rest of God is already attained in full wrongly forces an over-realized eschatology on this passage and in so doing noticeably distorts the narrative arc of the passage. A more consistent interpretation reads 4:10 in the light of its surrounding verses which together serve as a summary statement:

“So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest (4:9-11)”

Leaving that point and working back to the broader view of the passage, we find a very important twist of sorts to the writer’s terminology in this summary statement. In 4:9, where we might expect the writer to continue with the terms “my rest” or “God’s rest;” he instead uses the term “Sabbathrest” (sabbatismos). This rest of God to which the wilderness Church is striving is called Sabbathrest. We could perhaps go so far as to say our future enjoyment of the consummation is here being described as a sort of Sabbath-keeping.

The writer is actually coining a term (sabbatismos). And it is important to note, whenever the word Sabbath is used in Scripture, it always refers to the weekly Sabbath observance. So as the writer links the Sabbath with God’s rest in coining this term, he is revealing to us his own theology of the Sabbath - that there is surely a connection between the final rest of God and the weekly remembrance of the Sabbath.

In light of this, we can say two things about the writer’s Sabbath theology: First, in drawing the connection between Sabbath resting and the rest God enters in Genesis 2:2 (in almost identical fashion as Exodus 20:8-11), he understands Sabbath-keeping as having its origin in the creation week. In other words, as was argued above,

Sabbath-keeping is understood as a creation ordinance before it is ever one of ten commandments given to Israel. And second, in connecting weekly Sabbath resting with the consummate rest of God held in store for those who “hold fast,” he views the weekly Sabbath as a God-given sign, “a continuing reminder that human beings are not caught up in a meaningless flow of days, one after the other without end. History has a beginning and an ending. We are heading toward final judgment and the consummation of all things.”²⁵

So to conclude this look at Hebrews 3-4, we again admit weekly Sabbath-resting is not the emphasis in this passage. The writer has little to no interest in directly addressing the question we are looking into. His concern is more the eschatological Sabbath-rest to which he admonishes the church to strive and persevere. What we observe, though, is an example of a New Testament author, one who undoubtedly understands that the New Covenant abolishes certain practices of the old, continuing to observe the Sabbath as a sign - one which transcends Sinai, endures as long as it is “today,” and aides us in our attempts to “hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.” As such, we have here an example not only of what we understand Paul to be advocating, but one that shows us in practice the full view of the Sabbath being argued for in this paper.

3) CONCLUSION

What we have tried to show is that since the advent of Creation, the Sabbath has been a day holy to the Lord. It has been an enduring mark of God’s people throughout redemption’s unfolding narrative and a most important sign accompanying them on their journey from creation to new creation. It aims the structure and routine of our lives toward the beauty of God’s holiness, defines that life as blessing fashioned and sustained not by human productivity but the gracious working of God, provides means of witnessing to God’s holy character before all creation, and marks us as servants of the new creation He unveiled in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Scripture presents it not just as an enduring mandate, but also a blessed sign-gift given to the church to aid in Her mission-filled journey of faith in Christ. As such, we have come to treasure the Sabbath’s value, much the way we do the Lord’s Supper and His gracious mark of baptism.

There are undoubtedly certain questions left unanswered. For instance, we did not here address the change from Saturday to Sunday, (1) because we felt that was beyond the scope of our inquiry, (2) because there is no disagreement between the majority and the minority that the first day of the week, post-resurrection, is the one now holy unto the Lord, but also (3) because it seems that it is more of an historical (vs. biblical) argument as Article 21 would indicate. We might surmise the day changed because Christ entered God’s consummate rest (resurrection) as a first fruits on the first day of the week and in so doing also inaugurated the new creation to which the Sabbath points as a promissory sign. But again, there is no chapter and verse in

²⁵ Richard B. Gaffin, Jr. (<http://www.newhopefairfax.org/files/Gaffin%20Sign%20of%20Hope.pdf>), 2

explicit support. We would remind our readers at this point that our intent was not to give an exhaustive explanation of Sabbath theology and practice. Our task was to test the legitimacy of our doctrinal position against the evidence in God's Word.

We understand there are good and godly individuals who will disagree with our understanding of Scripture on this matter, and we are sympathetic to the concern raised by some that they would remain unable to minister among us on account of this disagreement. Truth be told, we might very well wish permission could be granted for ministers and elders to express reservation on this point of faith. But since we've come to view this as a rich and meaningful sign-command marking God's people throughout the ages, we cannot endorse changing our identity and belief simply because there are different perspectives on the issue.

So on the basis of Scriptural convictions, we encourage Conference to preserve and cherish our present position on the Sabbath in relation to the Lord's Day. We humbly propose the wording changes mentioned above to bring clarification and balance to the statement. We find the preamble to the Articles of Faith well expresses our concluding sentiments having gained a renewed appreciation for the Lord's Sabbath. "Although these standards have been acknowledged to be of lesser importance than the inspired words of the Scriptures, they cannot be neglected without resulting in serious impairment of the life of the church." We do feel this is more than mere debate on matters of doctrine. There are rich practical implications to be gained. Our present position imbues the work and rest of our men and women with a Godward orientation. It holds before our membership a glorious sign of our gospel hope and assurance. And it encourages our corporate witness to God's creative glory and His mercy in redemption before a world starved for glory, life, and hope. We urge all toward prayerful consideration of the matter and trust the Lord of the Church to graciously guide and preserve us as we press on in faithful obedience and service to His glory and kingdom's advance.

Report of the Beneficiary Society

*Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.
Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.
Ps 111:2-3*

The Beneficiary Society continued to gratefully minister to the needs of the brethren and their families throughout 2011.

Several events have marked this past year. In April the members of the Society showed their sincere appreciation to R.C. Reichenbach with a standing ovation for his many years of service. In October 2011 the membership adopted revisions to the By-Laws and an increase in dues to \$100 for 2012.

Assistance was given to the following throughout 2011:

Elizabeth Bartron a continued quarterly allowance,
Rev. James Head on the passing of his son, and
The families of Thelma Smock and Esther Cassel.

The above were done in accordance with the rules of the Society.

The officers of the Society are concerned with the management of the assets and have arranged for a review of these assets in the coming year.

To follow is the complete and revised copy of the legislation for the Beneficiary Society.

Beneficiary Society: Philip Norris, Chairman; Donald Kuntzman, Secretary; LeRoy S. Heller, Treasurer

701-1 Beneficiary Society

701-1.1 Preamble - The Beneficiary Society of the Bible Fellowship Church is a mutual aid society of the ordained and/or licensed ministers engaged in the ministries of the BFC.

We seek to aid one another in the time of death or when disability may cause one of our brethren to be laid aside. This aid is not only for the minister but extends to his family as well. We suggest that every minister and his wife read the rules and regulations and become aware of their responsibilities and benefits.

701-1.2 Organization

(1) The Beneficiary Society shall meet at least once a year to transact business relative to the Society. This meeting shall be held at the time of BFC Conference.

(2) The secretary's annual report and the financial report shall be submitted at this meeting.

(3) At this annual meeting officers shall be elected by and from the members of the Society. They shall be elected for terms of three years. These terms shall be staggered so normally one officer is elected each year. The elected officers shall be privileged to organize as chairman, secretary and treasurer.

(4) The accounts of the secretary and treasurer shall be submitted for review by the BFC Executive Board prior to BFC Conference.

(5) The officers of the Beneficiary Society shall be authorized to invest the funds of the Beneficiary Society according to the BFC investment policy.

(6) The officers shall be authorized to conduct all necessary business of the Society throughout the year.

(7) All three officers' names shall be on record at the financial institutions chosen by the officers. The secretary is authorized to carry out investments and arrange with financial institutions for financial transactions when benefits for members of the society are necessary. If the secretary is unable to carry out his duties, the two remaining officers together are authorized to engage in financial transactions with the financial institutions. Benefits for members are paid by check, signed by two officers.

701-1.3 Rules and Regulations

Membership - On becoming licensed as a probationer in the ministry of the BFC, one shall become a member of the Beneficiary Society beginning at the succeeding Annual Conference and shall be responsible to pay into the fund. Every probationer/ordained man licensed or ordained by the BFC must be a member of the Beneficiary Society of the BFC, except those excluded in the next paragraph.

Only active and retired ministers of the BFC can continue to be part of the Society. Ministers of the BFC who are working with other Christian ministries and inactive ministers are not members of the Beneficiary Society and are not eligible for benefits from the fund

Dues - The dues of all members of the Beneficiary Society shall be set at the annual meeting and shall be paid at BFC Conference. Dues may be paid in two installments: ½ due at BFC Conference and the remaining ½ due by November 1. If dues are not paid within thirty days after the due date, the pastor and his family are disqualified from being eligible to receive benefits until all unpaid dues are paid.

Ministers receiving Ministers' Retirement Fund benefits, ministers on disability, and ministers who have retired at age 65 or later are members of the Society but are exempt from dues. Members who continue on active service are exempt from dues after they have paid dues for forty years. Ministers over age 65 who choose to continue to serve as pastors or under ministries of the BFC must pay dues until they

reach the age of 72 or have paid dues for forty years. Ministers who retire before age 65 are required to pay dues until age 65.

Benefits

Each member of the Society is eligible for death benefits for himself, his wife and his children. Each child is included until he or she reaches the age of nineteen. If a pastor-member of the Beneficiary Society is called home to be with the Lord, his children are included until their nineteenth birthday. The widow of a deceased member shall not be eligible if she remarries. If a minister marries after he retires, his wife is not eligible for benefits.

These benefits, as recommended by the officers of the Society, are determined by the members of the Society at their annual meeting. Benefits are subject to annual review.

A member must pay into the Beneficiary Society Fund for at least 10 years to receive full benefits. If a member pays into the fund less than 10 years the benefits are as follows:

1-4 years – 1/4 of the prescribed benefits

5-9 years – 1/2 of the prescribed benefits

Aid Grants

(1) Widows - Widows of deceased ministers who have complied with the provisions of the Beneficiary Society (membership, dues) shall receive aid grants beginning at the time of the death of the husband and continuing until she is 65 years of age or until the time of her death or remarriage.

Widows of ministers who were retired at the time of marriage shall not be eligible to receive aid grants.

These aid grants, as recommended by the officers of the Society, are determined by the members of the Society at their annual meeting. Aid grants are subject to annual review.

(2) Ministers - A minister who, because of physical illness or disability, finds it necessary to leave the active ministry under the terms of a leave of absence and who has complied with the provisions of the Beneficiary Society (membership, dues) shall receive aid grants beginning at the time of the severance from the active ministry and continuing until he reaches the age of 65 years, or until the time of his death or severance from membership in a Bible Fellowship Church.

These aid grants, as recommended by the officers of the Society, are determined by the members of the Society at their annual meeting. Aid grants are subject to annual review.

A minister shall be eligible for disability benefits from the Beneficiary Society if he has fulfilled a full-time ministry in the BFC for ten years, is permanently disabled

and is otherwise unemployed. Appeals of exception can be made to the officers of the Beneficiary Society.

Miscellaneous Rules. The term of office for officers elected or appointed to this Society shall be for the term designated by our rules for that office or until successors are elected.

Once a member leaves the active ministry of the BFC (except for retirement or disability under the Conference rules and regulations), he is no longer a member of the society. This is a mutual aid society and there are no refunds.

If a man has paid into the Beneficiary Society Fund for 30 or more years and leaves the ministry of the BFC to labor in a full-time ministry with some other Christian organization, he may, if he desires, continue as a member of the Society by making the regular yearly payments to the fund.

**Beneficiary Society
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2011**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1000 - Cash & Cash Equivalents	
1001 - American Bank - Checking	7,956.06
1003 - ING Savings	8,468.62
Total 1000 - Cash & Cash Equivalents	<u>16,424.68</u>

1050 - Wells Fargo Investment Accts.	
1051 - Wells Fargo Securities	169,603.83
1052 - Wells Fargo Cash	4,703.93
Total 1050 - Wells Fargo Investment Accts.	<u>174,307.76</u>

Total Checking/Savings 190,732.44

Total Current Assets 190,732.44

TOTAL ASSETS 190,732.44

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

3000 - Previous Year Balance	181,023.43
Net Income	9,709.01
Total Equity	190,732.44

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 190,732.44

All financial statements were reviewed by Jay Reinhard, and the funds are held in the financial institutions listed above.

Profit & Loss
January through December 2011

Income	
4100 - Dues Income	5,100.00
4110 - Other Receipts	500.00
4200 - Investment Income	
4210 - Checking Account Interest	1.51
4220 - Savings Account Interest	36.40
4230 - Investment Account Interest	10,681.69
Total 4200 - Investment Income	<u>10,719.60</u>
4300 - Investment Inc/Dec Market Value	- 798.62
4350 - Unrealized Gains/Loss	7,350.04
Total Income	<u>22,871.02</u>
Expense	
5100 - Board Expenses	349.41
5160 - Benefits Paid	12,812.60
Total Expense	<u>13,162.01</u>
Net Income	<u>9,709.01</u>

Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee

The annual Ministerial Convention was held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 24-26, 2011 at Pinebrook Bible Conference. The Convention theme was, “Preparing the Message and the Man.” Something quite new for this Convention was the addition of Monday as an extra day of practical “boot camp” training on the LOGOS software package. Tuesday and Wednesday were a more “traditional” format. The common factor was the speaker, Morris Proctor, who did a very good job both training and teaching. The feedback from our surveys indicated that there was a very strong and good response to the theme and to the teaching.

The Convention included the business portion, which was conducted after dinner on Tuesday. At the business meeting, Mark L. Morrison and Steven J. DelDuco were elected to serve, as Alan G. Miller and Daniel L. Williams came off the Committee. In March 2012 we received and regretfully accepted the resignation of Kurt P. Francis from the Committee.

The Committee is constituted as follows:

2011 Committee

Alan G. Miller, Chairman
Mark A. Bickel, Vice Chairman
Robert B. Kramer, Secretary
David E. Brandt, Treasurer
Kurt P. Francis
Daniel L. Williams
Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor

2012 Committee

Mark A. Bickel, Chairman
David E. Brandt, Treasurer
Robert B. Kramer, Secretary
Steven J. DelDuco
Mark L. Morrison
Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor

The 2012 Ministerial Convention is scheduled for October 2-3, 2012, to be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference. The focus will be on preparation and development of leaders and leadership. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Carl K. Spackman, and we will have a wonderful assortment of speakers from churches and ministries of the BFC.

For the Committee

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert B. Kramer

Ministerial Convention Committee: Mark A. Bickel, Chairman; David E. Brandt, Treasurer; Robert B. Kramer, Secretary; Steven J. DelDuco; Mark L. Morrison; Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor

**Ministerial Convention
Financial Statement
December 31, 2011**

Beginning Balance January 2011	\$1,207.28
Income:	
BFC Administrative Budget	1,000.00
Camp Logos fees received from Pinebrook	1,601.00
Camp Logos & Min. Convention Fees	290.00
Total	<u>2,891.00</u>
Expenses:	
Honorarium - 9 Marks (2010)	500.00
Honorarium - Morris Proctor (2011)	1,000.00
Camp Logos (Seminar fee, travel)	2,180.93
A/V for Camp Logos (JR & Co.)	250.00
Reimbursements (Mileage)	79.53
Total	<u>4,010.46</u>
Ending Balance 2011	\$ 87.82
Funds on deposit with Citizens Bank.	

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2012 Statistical Report

Pastor's Activities

Church	Pastor	Ord	Prob.	Elders	Deac.	P. Visits	Bapt	Chd Ded	Wed.	Fun.
Allentown, PA C Crest	Boone	9	0	11	10	600	22	17	2	12
Bethlehem, PA		4	2	8	11		18	6	0	4
Blandon, PA	Miller, A.	1	1	7	6	147	5	11	3	3
Brooklyn, NY	Ritter	1	0	4	0	172	0	0	1	2
Camden, DE		2	0	3	2	542	0	0	0	0
Carmel, NY		0	0	2	2		0	2	0	0
Clinton Crns. NY	Clark	2	0	2	1	220	3	1	1	1
Coopersburg, PA	Shorb/Paashaus	8	0	10	13	1,027	14	6	10	10
Denville, NJ	Harris	1	0	2	1	100	0	0	1	4
Emmas, PA	Schoen	5	0	10	6	806	6	2	2	2
Ephrata PA	Kramer	1	1	8	9	194	5	3	4	5
Fellowship Comm. PA	Yerrington	2	0	3	4	1,644	0	0	0	2
Finesville, NJ	Widger	1	0	3	1	150	1	2	0	6
Fleetwood PA	Brush	1	0	6	6	41	0	2	5	3
Graterford PA	Orton	1	0	8	5	287	8	0	0	2
Harleysville PA	Crossgrove	2	1	7	4	150	1	4	3	1
Harrisburg PA	Miller, J	2	0	4	4	146	3	1	1	1
Hatfield PA	Wells	2	0	5	9		1	17	0	0
Hellertown PA	Zuck	1	0	3	1	124	1	4	0	2
Howell, NJ	North	1	0	4	1	50	5	0	1	1
Kutztown PA	Vivona	3	0	5	2	285	0	0	0	0
Lagrangeville, NY	Wickstead	1	0	2	1	75	0	0	2	5
Lancaster PA	Thomann	4	1	10	13	701	22	9	6	7
Las Cruces, NM	Allen, J.	0	1	3	0	82	0	0	0	0
Lebanon PA	Reed	5	0	11	6	2,319	11	4	3	22
Lehighton PA	Johnson	1	0	3	4	206	0	0	3	4
Longneck, DE	Morrison	1	0	0	2		0	0	0	0
Maple Glen PA	Pronitnicki	2	0	1	1	180	0	1	0	1
Merida, Mex.	Ramirez	1	0	1	3	80	3	1	0	0
Mt. Carmel PA	Norris	2	0	3	0	584	0	2	1	2
Mt. Pocono PA	Bertolet, T.	3	0	4	4	206	0	0	0	1
Nazareth PA	Fischer	2	1	8	8	427	2	2	1	4
Newark, DE	Schlonecker	2	0	10	10	350	11	5	6	6
Newark, NJ	Baker	2	0	2	1	264	0	0	0	3
Old Bridge, NJ	Peters	1	0	3	0	24	0	0	2	0
Oley PA	Simpson	2	0	7	11		16	4	0	0
Paradise PA		2	0	3	4	146	0	2	1	3
Philadelphia PA	Hunter	1	1	3	4	420	0	3	1	2
Piscataway, NJ	Cahill/Ravis	2	0	3	6	295	5	0	2	3
Quakertown PA	Kohl	5	0	9	8	603	4	5	3	3
Reading PA	Grossman	3	1	13	11	615	6	4	2	8
Red Hill PA	Arcieri	2	0	6	3		1	1	1	1
Royersford PA		1	0	4	5	110	0	3	0	0
Shamokin PA	Medera	4	0	7	0	110	0	0	0	6
Sinking Spring PA	Sloan	1	1	12	24		29	15	5	7
Spring City PA	Clineff	2	0	4	9	99	2	4	0	3
Stroudsburg PA	Duggins	3	0	4	5	187	0	2	0	3
Sunbury PA	Cole	3	0	10	12	2,462	4	1	2	13
Terre Hill PA	Kirkpatrick	1	1	4	4	270	1	2	0	4
Thompson, CT	Spinney	1	0	0	0	120	0	0	0	0
Toms River NJ		0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	1
Wallingford PA	Taylor	3	1	10	9	532	4	2	4	10
Walnutport PA										
Whitehall PA	Schmoyer	1	0	3	4	332	1	2	1	3
W'Bury Heights, NJ	Williams	1	0	4	7	190	5	4	4	5
York PA	Keeler	1	0	10	8	218	6	1	0	5
Zionsville PA		0	1	4	0	22	0	0	0	1
TOTALS		116	14	298	286	18,915	227	157	84	197
Allentown, PA, El Faro	Ramos	1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Gettysburg PA	Susek, A.	1	0	0	0	260	3	0	3	0
Cape May, NJ	Strunk	0	1	0	0	147	2	0	0	2
Grantville PA	Barninger	1	0	0	0	40	1	2	1	0
Harrisburg (GF) PA	Smith	1	2	2	1	10	8	0	2	0
Reading, PA, La Roca	Rodriguez	1	1	0	0	900	7	4	0	0
TOTALS		5	4	2	1	1,357	21	6	6	2
GRAND TOTALS		121	18	300	287	20,272	248	163	90	199

Membership

Church	2011			2012		
	Membership	Added	Subtracted	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Membership
Allentown, PA C Crest	592	33	18	15		607
Bethlehem, PA	516	9	54		45	471
Blandon, PA	150	3	2	1		151
Brooklyn, NY	22	0	1		1	21
Camden, DE	47	0	1		1	46
Carmel, NY	18	0	0			18
Clinton Crms. NY	28	7	0	7		35
Coopersburg, PA	382	27	28		1	381
Denville, NJ	28	0	0			28
Emmaus, PA	271	1	3		2	269
Ephrata PA	221	2	8		6	215
Fellowship Comm. PA	29	0	2		2	27
Finesville, NJ	37	0	1		1	36
Fleetwood PA	62	0	1		1	61
Graterford PA	63	15	1	14		77
Harleysville PA	169	8	4	4		173
Harrisburg PA	134	9	1	8		142
Hatfield PA	130	1	1			130
Hellertown PA	0	33		33		33
Howell, NJ	23	0	7		7	16
Kutztown PA	56	3	8		5	51
Lagrangeville, NY	25	1	0	1		26
Lancaster PA	422	30	20	10		432
Las Cruces, NM	17	6	1	5		22
Lebanon PA	204	9	1	8		212
Lehighton PA	52	3	4		1	51
Longneck, DE	44	0	24		24	20
Maple Glen PA	35	0	3		3	32
Merida, Mex.	77	4	9		5	72
Mt. Carmel PA	88	4	5		1	87
Mt. Pocono PA	76	8	18		10	66
Nazareth PA	150	4	13		9	141
Newark, DE	244	28	12	16		260
Newark, NJ	67	0	1		1	66
Old Bridge, NJ	20	0	0			20
Oley PA	224	15	4	11		235
Paradise PA	99	2	15		13	86
Philadelphia PA	35	0	1		1	34
Piscataway, NJ	142	4	28		24	118
Quakertown PA	223	3	6		3	220
Reading PA	333	9	26		17	316
Red Hill PA	104	4	1	3		107
Royersford PA	119	0	37		37	82
Shamokin PA	100	0	27		27	73
Sinking Spring PA	502	41	2	39		541
Spring City PA	111	0	22		22	89
Stroudsburg PA	101	3	2	1		102
Sunbury PA	276	3	6		3	273
Terre Hill PA	57	4	4			57
Thompson, CT	21	0	2		2	19
Toms River NJ	20	2	5		3	17
Wallingford PA	249	7	13		6	243
Walnutport PA	35					35
Whitehall PA	97	6	3	3		100
W'Bury Heights, NJ	46	15	0	15		61
York PA	163	3	19		16	147
Zionsville PA	48	0	2		2	46
TOTALS	7,604	369	477	194	302	7,496
Allentown, PA, El Faro	0					0
Gettysburg PA	0					0
Cape May, NJ	0					0
Grantville PA	0					0
Harrisburg (GF) PA	23	6	0	6		29
Reading, PA, La Roca	0					0
TOTALS	23	6	0	6	0	29
GRAND TOTALS	18	375	477	200	302	7,525

Enrollment/Attendance/Property/Offerings

Church	SS. Roll	AM	PM	Mid Week	Chs	Par.	T. Offerings	T. Income
Allentown, PA C Crest	400	796	250	200	1	0	1,296,210	1,936,332
Bethlehem, PA	289	462	200	161	1	1	868,488	877,312
Blandon, PA	131	192	100	88	1	0	335,446	361,127
Brooklyn, NY		24		8	0	1	24,234	37,443
Camden, DE	20	40	8	24	1	0	64,024	74,012
Carmel, NY	15	30	15		1	0	30,423	30,423
Clinton Crns. NY	44	61			1	0	137,800	137,805
Coopersburg, PA	263	454	129	322	3	1	860,925	903,111
Denville, NJ	20	45		8	1	1	50,146	50,146
Emmaus, PA	328	404	106	276	2	0	824,042	936,624
Ephrata PA	115	258		154	1	0	343,325	344,833
Fellowship Comm. PA	10	137	46	40	0	0	61,785	61,785
Finesville, NJ	11	39		7	1	1	85,280	85,280
Fleetwood PA	54	90		32	1	0	194,990	195,137
Graterford PA	64	105		30	2	2	260,932	268,150
Harleysville PA	102	200	88	135	1	2	465,725	466,956
Harrisburg PA	107	169	102	72	1	1	336,851	424,071
Hatfield PA		114			1	3	274,653	379,805
Hellertown PA		77		8	0	0	136,365	153,458
Howell, NJ		75		6	1	1	102,826	117,825
Kutztown PA	22	52		25	1	1	105,440	111,714
Lagrangeville, NY	24	43	5	8	1	1	121,323	121,327
Lancaster PA	338	571		281	2	0	978,249	1,216,522
Las Cruces, NM	25	28	21	9	0	0	86,834	86,954
Lebanon PA	216	275	179	126	1	1	500,487	525,208
Lehighton PA	60	83		16	1	1	72,439	87,983
Longneck, DE	10	36		4	1	0	61,414	72,589
Maple Glen PA	15	31		18	1	0	86,336	94,964
Merida, Mex.	60	130		40	1	0	24,216	24,216
Mt. Carmel PA	51	68	29		1	1	113,839	126,655
Mt. Pocono PA	30	66		12	1	0	198,031	235,641
Nazareth PA	105	149		67	1	1	231,014	250,415
Newark, DE		501			1	2	1,277,075	1,371,732
Newark, NJ	25	49	12	10	1	1	98,006	98,574
Old Bridge, NJ		38			1	1	57,947	79,883
Oley PA	250	400	225	150	2	1	633,208	775,143
Paradise PA	67	98			2		181,999	182,030
Philadelphia PA		30		15	1	1	62,625	66,783
Piscataway, NJ	55	151			0	0	319,672	354,589
Quakertown PA	176	263	83	224	1	1	498,354	612,898
Reading PA	178	240	75	75	1	1	516,930	548,072
Red Hill PA		106			1	0	167,379	167,379
Royersford PA	86	146		101	1	1	209,333	236,951
Shamokin PA	81	134	59		3	1	142,403	142,594
Sinking Spring PA	365	965	388	276	1	0	1,230,637	1,444,819
Spring City PA	44	94	8	56	1	1	122,159	122,159
Stroudsburg PA	50	147	112		1	1	235,273	237,844
Sunbury PA	169	286	132		1	1	458,948	624,742
Terre Hill PA	60	75	28	25	1	1	105,291	124,235
Thompson, CT	12	23			1	0	32,685	32,685
Toms River NJ	6	22		11	1	0	25,992	25,992
Wallingford PA	138	239			1	2	686,096	686,096
Walnutport PA		35					52,391	
Whitehall PA	63	151	0	60	1	0	273,906	273,906
W'Bury Heights, NJ	60	115		60	0	0	153,531	156,315
York PA	87	141	49	60	2	0	255,131	258,213
Zionsville PA	26	51	46	32	2	1	79,663	98,062
TOTALS	4,927	9,804	2,495	3,332	61	37	17,210,726	19,517,519
Allentown, PA, El Faro		45	10		1	1	28,581	28,581
Gettysburg PA	27	54	38		1	1	65,005	68,561
Cape May, NJ		44		12	2	1	35,379	43,496
Grantville PA		62		15	0	0	61,460	76,500
Harrisburg (GF) PA	16	63	0	18	0	0	59,131	59,131
Reading, PA, La Roca		123		45	0	0	61,872	61,901
TOTALS	43	391	48	90	4	3	311,428	338,170
GRAND TOTALS	4,970	10,195	2,543	3,422	65	40	17,522,154	19,855,689

Conference Disbursements

Church	BFC		Other		Victory			Total Conf. Disbursement
	Exec. Bd.	Missions	Missions	Chrch Ext	Ch. Ed	Valley	Pinebrook	
Allentown, PA C Crest	28,554	266,452	69,457	28,400	0	3,500	3,500	330,406
Bethlehem, PA	22,427	79,780	49,100	31,770	0	3,500	3,500	140,977
Blandon, PA	7,532	54,970	17,448	28,211	0	700	300	91,713
Brooklyn, NY	555	0	2,450	10	0	0	0	565
Camden, DE	1,120	3,164	1,549	17,700	0	0	200	22,184
Carmel, NY	824	2,600	1,200	100	0	100	100	3,724
Clinton Crms. NY	1,904	2,429	4,668	2,880	0	0	0	7,213
Coopersburg, PA	14,320	114,427	34,083	23,100	50	3,000	2,000	156,897
Denville, NJ	975	0	0	0	0	0	0	975
Emmaus, PA	17,632	127,942	37,103	3,000	0	0	0	148,574
Ephrata PA	9,008	55,850	0	7,019	0	0	0	71,877
Fellowship Comm. PA	1,204	4,000	0	2,000	0	0	0	7,204
Finesville, NJ	1,836	18,825	700	1,000	0	0	0	21,661
Fleetwood PA	3,084	9,338	241	3,610	0	500	100	16,632
Graterford PA	3,711	31,845	5,047	5,600	0	1,500	300	42,956
Harleysville PA	10,264	43,826	3,227	18,150	1,000	1,000	1,000	75,240
Harrisburg PA	5,940	20,680	2,886	17,000	0	900	500	45,020
Hatfield PA	6,716	17,435	8,400	3,000	300	1,000	1,000	29,451
Hellertown PA	0	15,041	0	24,220	0	0	0	39,261
Howell, NJ	1,836	0	500	0	0	0	250	2,086
Kutztown PA	1,860	11,265	1,750	1,800	50	150	250	15,375
Lagrangeville, NY	0	3,790	5,355	1,250	100	100	200	5,440
Lancaster PA	18,808	64,681	28,435	3,000	0	700	500	87,689
Las Cruces, NM	0	0	4,140	180	0	0	780	960
Lebanon PA	10,469	35,607	10,980	10,500	0	800	0	57,376
Lehighton PA	1,822	2,356	800	0	0	0	0	4,178
Longneck, DE	1,737	675	0	0	0	0	0	2,412
Maple Glen PA	2,032	8,500	8,366	1,400	0	0	0	11,932
Merida, Mex.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Carmel PA	2,348	22,992	700	300	0	50	50	25,740
Mt. Pocono PA	3,850	34,281	9,516	4,860	0	1,200	0	44,191
Nazareth PA	4,727	20,425	4,190	4,000	0	250	500	29,902
Newark, DE	14,108	17,810	163,460	17,100	300	2,700	1,100	53,118
Newark, NJ	940	20	500	400	0	0	0	1,360
Old Bridge, NJ	1,056	0	213	0	0	0	0	1,056
Oley PA	16,308	102,864	48,723	15,668	0	1,000	0	135,840
Paradise PA	3,445	31,779	2,160	1,608	0	250	250	37,332
Philadelphia PA	1,150	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,150
Piscataway, NJ	6,744	38,900	5,268	4,250	350	350	350	50,944
Quakertown PA	9,628	106,000	32,100	34,000	0	3,500	3,000	156,128
Reading PA	10,866	59,604	26,905	9,900	0	2,000	500	82,870
Red Hill PA	3,101	10,313	16,100	5,260	0	500	500	19,674
Royersford PA	7,151	23,357	13,060	2,000	0	200	200	32,908
Shamokin PA	2,848	8,000	11,800	200	0	200	200	11,448
Sinking Spring PA	25,580	54,864	83,101	21,150	0	0	1,000	102,594
Spring City PA	0	5,344	1,740	1,250	0	0	0	6,594
Stroudsburg PA	4,660	35,600	17,269	2,000	0	300	500	43,060
Sunbury PA	10,704	48,643	22,096	7,000	0	700	2,800	69,847
Terre Hill PA	2,104	21,842	15,000	1,500	0	350	350	26,146
Thompson, CT	439	1,000	1,100	500	0	0	0	1,939
Toms River NJ	1,000	870	0	250	0	0	0	2,120
Wallingford PA	11,112	52,428	43,404	16,950	100	500	500	81,590
Walnutport PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whitehall PA	2,596	11,508	2,905	5,130	0	1,000	2,000	22,234
W' Bury Heights, NJ	0	0	6,250	17,650	0	0	0	17,650
York PA	5,644	22,060	1,500	8,467	0	0	0	36,171
Zionsville PA	2,008	6,729	0	1,200	0	1,000	600	11,537
TOTALS	330,287	1,732,711	826,945	417,493	2,250	33,500	28,880	2,545,121
Allentown, PA, El Faro	0	0	0	2,400	0	0	0	2,400
Gettysburg PA	0	1,000	1,000	24,200	0	0	0	25,200
Cape May, NJ	0	0	780	1,200	0	0	0	1,200
Grantville PA	0	625	915	41,000	0	0	0	41,625
Harrisburg (GF) PA	0	1,325	600	0	0	0	0	1,325
Reading, PA, La Roca	0	450	0	29,614	0	0	0	30,064
TOTALS	0	3,400	3,295	98,414	0	0	0	101,814
GRAND TOTALS	330,287	1,736,111	830,240	515,907	2,250	33,500	28,880	2,646,935

Local Disbursements

Church	Pastor Salary	Pastor Benefits	Pastor Housing	Assist. Salary	Assist. Benefits	Assist. Housing	Christian Ed
Allentown, PA C Crest	42,927	23,655	32,000	287,301	48,765	82,440	45,000
Bethlehem, PA	0	0	0	120,698	69,798	49,970	34,766
Blandon, PA	38,000	29,088	28,300	30,130	6,740	0	11,507
Brooklyn, NY	8,875	1,300	0	250	0	0	588
Camden, DE	0	333	0	0	0	0	2,204
Carmel, NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	272
Clinton Crns. NY	34,400	12,502	15,600	0	0	0	681
Coopersburg, PA	84,443	69,030	20,600	18,254	33,013	30,000	35,830
Denville, NJ	28,000	4,100	5,000	0	0	0	0
Emmas, PA	59,110	32,205	0	97,500	53,219	0	55,041
Ephrata PA	41,576	24,710	30,450	0	3,520	0	0
Fellowship Comm. PA	33,600	0	0	1,800	8,220	0	3,138
Finesville, NJ	36,040	13,684	2,200	0	0	0	673
Fleetwood PA	55,000	18,233	0	20,756	0	0	6,656
Graterford PA	53,086	14,739	0	0	2,945	0	4,843
Harleysville PA	54,756	24,925	18,219	47,479	19,250	3,000	16,132
Harrisburg PA	23,469	6,866	15,000	39,000	3,185	24,000	11,638
Hatfield PA	47,569	18,653	12,000	42,524	18,691	0	12,565
Hellertown PA	15,200	2,829	10,800	0	0	0	2,269
Howell, NJ	23,500	10,700	3,000	0	0	0	0
Kutztown PA	31,000	23,048	11,707	0	0	0	243
Lagrangeville, NY	34,744	22,450	0	0	0	0	850
Lancaster PA	42,360	20,508	37,335	85,231	38,616	55,435	5,525
Las Cruces, NM	22,000	0	10,000	0	0	0	283
Lebanon PA	49,300	38,411	22,050	61,750	50,052	9,100	30,211
Lehighton PA	10,644	33,401	5,000	0	0	0	317
Longneck, DE	0	13,567	0	0	0	0	0
Maple Glen PA	29,000	8,672	14,000	0	0	0	972
Merida, Mex.	9,000	1,675	0	5,000	1,675	0	1,500
Mt. Carmel PA	28,500	27,381	0	0	0	0	2,053
Mt. Pocono PA	35,696	28,323	12,000	0	0	0	2,509
Nazareth PA	28,015	24,689	31,390	0	0	0	6,948
Newark, DE	51,182	41,495	24,000	91,208	70,965	51,600	43,116
Newark, NJ	26,865	16,931	7,596	0	0	0	2,764
Old Bridge, NJ	12,500	0	0	0	0	0	965
Oley PA	60,807	11,066	23,000	68,219	37,881	48,000	17,005
Paradise PA	35,798	7,022	0	20,915	0	0	2,384
Philadelphia PA	28,065	11,711	0	0	0	0	0
Piscataway, NJ	105,360	57,848	0	0	0	0	2,613
Quakertown PA	52,700	18,700	0	88,200	20,300	0	24,800
Reading PA	36,400	25,252	24,000	43,325	34,294	18,200	23,470
Red Hill PA	37,000	30,676	20,000	4,834	5,822	0	3,593
Royersford PA	19,615	12,530	14,583	30,077	1,649	0	3,063
Shamokin PA	39,492	14,146	0	0	0	0	2,756
Sinking Spring PA	72,396	11,548	18,000	337,823	75,155	60,000	42,913
Spring City PA	36,095	18,326	0	0	0	0	4,500
Stroudsburg PA	41,655	12,178	7,184	46,190	12,570	0	6,311
Sunbury PA	46,649	22,435	5,200	78,987	39,165	35,000	22,004
Terre Hill PA	31,000	1,810	0	0	0	0	8,000
Thompson, CT	0	200	7,000	0	0	0	497
Toms River NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallingford PA	61,206	21,020	0	73,800	38,034	12,000	10,961
Walnutport PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whitehall PA	24,000	19,312	18,000	0	0	0	8,415
W'Bury Heights, NJ	34,000	19,500	19,400	0	0	0	3,576
York PA	60,410	21,826	22,000	36,100	10,311	0	12,194
Zionsville PA	16,775	259	3,000	0	0	0	2,979
TOTALS	1,929,780	945,468	549,614	1,777,351	703,835	478,745	544,093
Allentown, PA, El Faro	34,900	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gettysburg PA	33,000	11,774	12,000	0	0	0	0
Cape May, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grantville PA	32,000	21,000	18,000	0	0	0	0
Harrisburg (GF) PA	7,200	0	8,000	0	0	0	0
Reading, PA, La Roca	16,304	2,208	0	12,590	0	0	5,244
TOTALS	123,404	34,982	38,000	12,590	0	0	5,244
GRAND TOTALS	2,176,588	1,015,432	625,614	1,802,531	703,835	478,745	554,581

Local Disbursements Continued/Totals

Church	Debt. Ser.	Total Debt	Benevolence	General Disb.	T. Gen Disb.	Total Disb.
Allentown, PA C Crest	257,710	896,397	42,000	627,909	1,489,707	1,889,570
Bethlehem, PA	0	0	23,901	353,842	652,975	843,052
Blandon, PA	0	0	6,637	98,267	248,669	357,830
Brooklyn, NY	7,682	0	1,065	19,760	39,520	42,535
Camden, DE	0	0	594	37,285	40,416	64,149
Carmel, NY	0	0	220	23,828	24,320	29,244
Clinton Crms. NY	16,856	0	9,899	23,716	113,654	125,535
Coopersburg, PA	166,730	0	19,135	455,734	932,769	1,123,749
Denville, NJ	0	0	0	14,917	52,017	52,992
Emmaus, PA	172,884	2,083,717	4,000	227,956	701,915	887,592
Ephrata PA	0	0	12,526	201,278	314,060	385,937
Fellowship Comm. PA	0	0	1,000	7,818	55,576	62,780
Finesville, NJ	0	0	1,681	14,444	68,722	91,083
Fleetwood PA	0	0	0	87,561	188,206	205,079
Graterford PA	20,513	121,516	0	96,397	192,523	240,526
Harleysville PA	42,979	0	15,980	146,670	389,390	467,857
Harrisburg PA	52,468	52,468	13,964	176,483	366,073	413,979
Hatfield PA	51,678	517,818	13,874	86,086	303,640	341,491
Hellertown PA	0	0	971	0	32,069	71,330
Howell, NJ	13,845	0	250	104,112	155,407	157,993
Kutztown PA	0	0	0	27,610	93,608	110,733
Lagrangeville, NY	0	0	4,366	32,373	94,783	105,578
Lancaster PA	261,172	1,471,926	34,999	501,009	1,082,190	1,198,314
Las Cruces, NM	0	0	167	43,577	76,027	81,127
Lebanon PA	0	0	7,509	146,386	414,769	483,125
Lehighton PA	0	0	2,047	30,285	81,694	86,672
Longneck, DE	25,935	0	50	27,449	67,001	69,413
Maple Glen PA	0	0	5,116	18,106	75,866	96,164
Merida, Mex.	0	0	0	5,365	24,215	24,215
Mt. Carmel PA	9,638	6,438	1,477	35,316	104,365	130,805
Mt. Pocono PA	0	0	2,789	62,821	144,138	197,845
Nazareth PA	0	0	8,940	95,562	195,544	229,636
Newark, DE	201,781	3,118,867	6,796	252,760	834,903	1,051,481
Newark, NJ	0	0	1,887	43,789	99,832	101,692
Old Bridge, NJ	34,459	340,000	578	35,035	83,537	84,806
Oley PA	78,007	413,055	16,570	322,305	682,860	867,423
Paradise PA	0	0	0	66,039	132,158	171,650
Philadelphia PA	5,985	56,600	0	20,095	65,856	67,006
Piscataway, NJ	0	0	7,268	110,117	283,206	339,418
Quakertown PA	0	0	17,200	163,700	385,600	573,828
Reading PA	0	0	18,820	177,398	401,159	510,934
Red Hill PA	0	0	2,000	40,253	144,178	179,952
Royersford PA	0	0	0	130,066	211,583	257,551
Shamokin PA	0	0	1,045	61,745	119,184	142,432
Sinking Spring PA	79,579	141,074	36,204	624,826	1,358,444	1,544,139
Spring City PA	8,400	0	0	52,917	120,238	128,572
Stroudsburg PA	0	0	1,495	53,448	181,031	241,360
Sunbury PA	0	0	1,500	276,778	527,718	619,661
Terre Hill PA	0	0	1,298	45,845	87,953	129,099
Thompson, CT	11,648	68,000	100	9,515	28,960	31,999
Toms River NJ	99,037	31,893	900	0	99,937	102,057
Wallingford PA	0	0	16,211	267,184	500,416	625,410
Walnutport PA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whitehall PA	21,578	731,650	3,327	54,998	149,630	174,769
W'Bury Heights, NJ	0	0	2,492	123,577	202,545	226,445
York PA	0	0	1,533	94,671	259,045	296,716
Zionsville PA	0	0	0	47,968	70,981	82,518
TOTALS	1,640,564	10,051,419	372,381	6,904,951	15,846,782	19,218,848
Allentown, PA, El Faro	0	0	0	0	34,900	37,300
Gettysburg PA	0	195,000	1,000	1,500	59,274	85,474
Cape May, NJ	0	0	0	38,042	38,042	40,022
Grantville PA	0	0	790	3,600	75,390	117,930
Harrisburg (GF) PA	0	0	0	13,686	28,886	30,811
Reading, PA, La Roca	0	0	2,324	19,037	57,707	87,771
TOTALS	0	195,000	4,114	75,865	294,199	399,308
GRAND TOTALS	1,640,564	10,246,419	376,495	6,980,816	16,355,201	19,618,156

Pastor's Statistical Information

The Annual Report of the Board of Elders to the Congregation shall be the source of information for this schedule. The report shall contain:

I. Officers:

- a. The number and names of all ordained pastors with BFC credentials who are members of your church, including retired pastors and ordained missionaries.
- b. The number of probationers of the BFC who are members of your congregation.
- c. The number of Elders and Deacons in your congregation.

II. Pastors' Activities:

- a. The number of visits made by the Senior Pastor.
- b. The number of visits made by other members of the pastoral staff.
- c. The number of people baptized.
- d. The number of children dedicated.
- e. The number of weddings.
- f. The number of funerals.

III. Membership:

- a. Received into Church fellowship
- b. Received by transfer from Bible Fellowship Churches
- c. Received by transfer from other churches
- d. Total increase
- e. Died
- f. Withdrawn
- g. Dropped
- h. Transferred to Bible Fellowship Churches
- i. Transferred to other churches
- j. Total decrease
- k. Net increase or decrease (NOT BOTH)
- l. Total membership

In compiling this membership report be sure you have begun with the figure for total membership shown in the previous yearbook.

IV. Enrollment:

- a. The number of people enrolled in your Sunday School.

V. Average Attendances: (Compute for the whole year)

- a. Sunday School Average Attendance
- b. Sunday Morning Worship Average Attendance
- c. Sunday Evening Service Average Attendance

VI. Church Property:

- a. The number of church buildings.
- b. The number of parsonages.

VII. Receipts:

- a. Total income
- b. Total offering

In most churches these two figures might be identical. Total income would include, above offerings, the following: Interest, Rent, Church Extension Appropriations, BUT NOT Sale of properties, loans from banks or loans from individuals.

VIII. Disbursements; Denominational Benevolences:

- a. The amount given to the BFC Administrative Budget.
- b. *The amount given to the Board of Missions of the BFC.
- c. *The amount given to Church Extension.
- d. The amount given to the BFC Homes, Inc.
- e. The amount given to Pinebrook Educational Foundation.
- f. The amount given to the BFC Board of Christian Education.
- g. The amount given to Victory Valley.
- h. The amount given to Pinebrook Bible Conference.

* The figures which you show for Missions and Church Extension must agree with the amounts which you sent to their respective treasurers. We'll assume that the Board Treasurers' reports are correct.

IX. Local Disbursements:

- a. Minister's Salary -- Calculated from January 1 through December 31, for the Senior Pastor.
- b. Minister's Supplemental Benefits -- This shall include:
Social Security, church-paid Minister's Retirement, car allowance, book and seminar reimbursements, etc.
- c. Parsonage Allowance.
- d. Health Insurance Premium.
- e. Administrative Assistants' Salaries -- For others on Pastoral Staff -- not for secretarial staff members or janitorial staff.
- f. Administrative Assistants' Benefits.
- g. Local Christian Education program -- This shall include Sunday School, Local Youth Fellowship, AWANA Clubs, VBS, etc.
- h. Debt Service.
- i. Local Benevolence.
- j. Other Missions.
- k. Women's Missionary Society.
- m. Annual Conference Delegate.

n. General Disbursements -- All other disbursements not already recorded.

The Pastor shall send a copy of the minutes of all Congregational meetings, which shall include the Board of Elders' Report of the Membership and Annual Financial Report to:

Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches
c/o Rev. Ralph M. Soper
6 Red Leaf Lane
Lancaster, PA 17602

to arrive no later than March 1, 2013 (as approved by the 114th Annual Conference).

The Delegate and Pastor shall certify the correctness of the minutes and reports and of the Pastor's Statistical Report prior to the mailing thereof, and shall include a statement of certification therewith.

The Pastor's Statistical Report shall be sent to:

Committee on Statistics
c/o Rev. David A. Thomann
151 Donerville Road
Lancaster, PA 17603

They are to arrive no later than March 1, 2013.

If the Pastor's Statistical Report is not in the hands of the Committee on Statistics by March 1, 2012, 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 page and please follow the instructions found above.

Schedule of Payments

BEFORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Beneficiary Society - \$100 per member

Payment should be sent to the Secretary of the Society or paid at Annual Conference:

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Conference Assessment - This replaces the Administrative Budget, Board of Communication fee and the Board of Pensions. Make check payable to Bible Fellowship Church and mail to:

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3000 Fellowship Drive
Whitehall, PA 18052

Church Extension - make checks payable to Board of Church Extension and send to:

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Missions - make checks payable to Board of Missions and send to:

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Victory Valley Camp - make check payable to Victory Valley and send to:

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Harleysville, PA 19438

Bible Fellowship Church Homes - make check payable to Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc., and mail to:

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1912

The 29th Annual Conference

Not all the conferences of our denomination are routine. But 1912 was. These were routine times. When the conference gathered, no large issues loomed on the agenda.

Of course, the work had been going on. The Executive Board reported they had sold the church building in Hereford which was “removed,” presumably torn down. The congregation had long been dormant. The denomination had each year assumed responsibility for the facility but was finally able to unload the property.



The New “Chapel” in Nazareth -1912

Those who had been buried there were moved to the Zionsville Cemetery. The Board also reported they had taken down and removed the church building at Erwinna. Work had begun in Erwinna under the initiative of C. H. Brunner in 1893. They had dedicated a building there in 1893. Erwinna was apparently part of the aggressive expansion that began in the mid-1890s that led our church to begin to move eastward toward and ultimately across the river into New Jersey. Erwinna was the outgrowth in eastern Bucks County of the congregation in Upper Black Eddy. That expansion led to Annandale, New Jersey, and later provided rich opportunities for women and men who eventually organized as the Gospel Workers

and Gospel Heralds. While some of the works seemed to thrive, Erwinna did not and the denomination had been left with the building. All was not lost. They knew how to pick the scraps off the bones. The pews, chairs, pulpit and altar railing were taken to the new building in Nazareth. The heater was taken to Lehighton. The rest was taken to the Easton Church.

A new building had been put up in Nazareth on the west side of South Broad Street. The construction was completed on January 15, 1912. They reported, “... A substantial brick structure, 28 x 44 feet, well arranged, was completed, including basement with cement floor, hot air heater and facilities for cooking (in case of

conventions), main auditorium, gallery, electric lights, cement platform and walks, etc., at a cost of some over \$4000 of which about \$2000 was donated by those not members of the church.”

Perhaps the most exciting part of the report of the Executive Board was the completion of a pavilion at Mizpah Grove. Only in its second year, this centerpiece ministry of our denomination was clearly coming together. The pavilion was 72 X 102 feet and had been completed in early spring. “200 loads of filling were used in the grading of the Auditorium which work was nearly all done by the Pastors.” 18 trees had been planted including “Carolina Poplars, a few Catalpa Speciosa, and a few Oriental plains.”



The New Pavilion - Mizpah Grove - 1912

Our 19 missionaries had sent reports from such faraway places as Chile, Argentine Republic, Venezuela and China. The reports were glowing. They were still sending offerings for the orphans in Hadjin, Turkey, though missionary Rose Lambert was stateside. “We have abundant reasons to praise the Lord for His help again during the past year. The lives of our Missionaries have been spared. ... This is remarkable when we take notice that since our first Missionary went forth in 1890, twenty-two years ago, only one died.”

As was their custom, the pastors and delegates met on the day before the conference began for the semi-annual Ministerial Convention. At the Ministerial Convention, they learned from each other and engaged in discussion that would help them to be more effective in ministry. The Chairman of the Annual Conference, H. B. Musselman, gave an address “largely on ‘Loyalty.’” Loyalty was a highly valued characteristic and often the topic of the Ministerial Convention. E. T. Shick spoke on “Characteristics which are the making of a successful pastor.” The articulate W. S. Hottel gave an essay entitled, “Our Church Paper,” which they agreed should be forwarded to the Gospel Banner for publication. “Throughout this Convention was

very instructive and edifying especially for the Ministry. The attendance was grand all day and we trust much good will be the result.”

On Thursday morning, the conference began when the doors of Bethel Church at 8th and Gordon in Allentown, Pennsylvania, were opened to receive the eager pastors and delegates. Early, they decided that the sessions should be called meetings. “Resolved, That we consider the word sessions denoting meetings of the Conference as un-parliamentary and will therefore use the word ‘meeting’ to denote the different meetings of the Conference.” No record indicates the level of controversy in this decision. They also determined that from then on, when a new church building was constructed, a picture would be put in the yearbook. They included a picture of new facilities at Nazareth and Easton and the new pavilion at Mizpah Grove in the 1912 Year Book.

Some disagreement must have led to a private meeting in the basement of the church. When they wanted to be free to express themselves and engage in disagreement, they became the committee of the whole or, as in this case, held a private meeting. They agreed to prepare new forms: application blanks, certificates of membership, pastors’ account books, secretary’s account book, death notices (for the pastor’s records, death notices (for the secretary), order books and rules and regulations. They



Beulah Chapel - Easton - 1912

They speak of “investigating the matter relative to the Contributions and Donations” after which new tables were compiled. No clues were given to describe “the matter.”

And so the meetings, not sessions, went on. The deaths of pastors Lewis B. Taylor and George A. Campbell were reported. G. F. Yost and J. T. Anderson became candidates for Ordination but asked to have their ordination postponed until they had “proven themselves efficient and loyal workers in the Gospel Herald Society with good moral character.”

The Sunday services, always a highlight of the conference, were held in the

auditorium of the YMCA on Center Square which had been rented for the purpose and provided “splendid accommodation.” On Sunday night, they held open air meetings on the square where you can be sure the Gospel was preached.

On Monday evening, they completed their work, said their good byes, and returned to their homes. Some pastors would preach at another church on the following Sunday. A pastoral poll had been taken by the church to determine who they wanted as their pastor. The Boundary And Stationing Committee met to consider the church’s request and, after considering what was good for denominational interests, they made the assignments. The pastors would go where they were assigned because they understood that was part of what was expected of them, and they would be loyal no matter what.

[Denominational business would continue in less than two weeks as the General Conference convened on October 23, 1912, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Every four years, the delegates of the various annual conferences would meet for the General Conference. They traveled from as far away as Everett, Washington, to attend. Since the number of delegates sent by a conference was determined by size, the Pennsylvania Conference was the largest of the delegations. You can read the minutes of this meeting at <http://www.bfchistory.org/gencon1912.htm>.]

Richard Taylor

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Allentown, PA Cedar Crest	9:45	8:30/11		
610.432.2200 610.435.4006 info@cedarcrestbfc.org Clifford B. Boone, Glenn R. Felty, Ronald C. Erb, Jonathan H. King, Scott Kappes	1151 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18103 www.CedarCrestBFC.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Allentown, PA El Faro (Lighthouse)		11:00		7:00
610.791.9995 610.791.3355 office@elfarobfc.org Elliot H. Ramos	641 S. Genesee Street, Allentown, PA 18103 www.elfarobfc.org			

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Bethlehem, PA Ebenezer	10:05	8:45/11:15		3:30/7:00
610.868.5501 610.868.6939 office@aplaceforyou.org Tim Gibson, Jason Hoy, Richard Bickings, Mark Culton	3100 Hecktown Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020 www.aplaceforyou.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Blandon, PA Trinity	10:45	9:00		7:00
610.926.4594 610.916.4777 trinitybfc@juno.com Alan Miller, Jordan Eyster	220 Main Street, PO Box 739, Blandon, PA 19510-0739 www.trinitybfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Brooklun, NY New Community	10:00	11:15		7:00
718.209.9469 office@nccbrooklyn.com Ralph E. Ritter	Knights of Columbus Building, 3915 Flatlands Avenue, Mailing PO Box 340022, Brooklyn, NY 11234 www.nccbrooklyn.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Camden, DE	9:45	11:00	6:00	7:00
302.697.0434 office@camdenbfc.org Raymond R. Bertolet (Interim)	201 E. Camden-Wyoming Avenue, Camden, NJ 19934 www.camdenbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Carmel, NY New Life Bible Church	9:30	11:00	7:00	9:00AM
845.225.4620 hwaldvog@ihmc.org	Location: 476 Farmers Mills Road, Carmel, NY 10512, Mail: PO Box 79, Holmes, NY 12531			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Cape May Court House, NJ BFC of Cape May County		10:30		
609.465.2338 609.465.2338 keith@capecommunitychurch.org Keith A. Strunk (Probationer)	1159 Route 9 South, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 www.capecommunitychurch.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Clinton Corners, NY Cornerstone	9:30	10:45		7:00
845.266.8057 cornerstonebfc@optimum.net David Way, Associate	1592 Hollow Road, Clinton Corners, NY 12514 www.cornerstonebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Coopersburg, PA Calvary	9:50	8:30/11:10		6:30
610.282.3161 610.282.9546 church@calvarybfc.org Thomas P. Shorb, Richard T. Paashaus, Mark R. Evans	6782 N. Main Street, Coopersburg, PA 18036 www.calvarybfc.org			

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Denville, NJ	9:30	11:00		6:30 Tues
973.625.1880 rdharris.1948@gmail.com Richard D. Harris	263 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ 07834 www.bfcdenville.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Emmaus, PA Bethel	9:45	8:30/10:45	6:00	10AM/7 PM
610.965.2682 610.965.4534 bethel@bethelbfc.org David N. Schoen, David K. Schlonecker, Joshua Edwards	418 Elm Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 www.bethelbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Ephrata, PA	9:15	8:00/10:30		3:00/7:00
717.733.2526 717.733.4122 ebfc@ephratabfc.org Robert B. Kramer	Location: 491 Peach Road, (Mailing) PO Box 299, Ephrata, PA 17522 www.ephratabfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Finesville, NJ Calvary	9:00 (Sept- May)	10:00		7:00
908.995.7678 byron@finesvillebfc.org Byron Widger	191 County Road 627, Philipsburg, NJ 08865 www.finesvillebfc.org			

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Fleetwood, PA Faith	11:00	9:30		7:00
610.944.7080 faithbfcfleetwood@gmail.com R. Jerry Brush, Beau Coffman	236 S. Richmond Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522 www.faithbfcfleetwood.com			

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Gettysburg, PA BFC of Adams County	9:30	10:45		
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Grantville, PA Freedom	9:30	10:00		6:45
717.579.4414 mbarninger@freedombfc.com Mark E. Barninger	Location: Holiday Inn (Grantville) 640 Station Road, Grantville, PA 17028, Mailing: PO Box 6814, Harrisburg, PA 17112 www.freedombfc.com			

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Graterford, PA Graterford Bible Fellowship Church		9:30		7:30
610.489.9389 610.489.9389 markgbfc@gmail.com Mark Orton, Danny Tomblin	693 Church Road, Rt 29, Graterford, PA 19426 www.graterford.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Harleysville, PA Faith	9:15	10:30		7:00
215.256.6026 office@faithbfc.org Andrew Crossgrove, Michael M. Walker	140 Harleysville Pike, Harleysville, PA 19438 www.faithbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Harrisburg, PA Grace Fellowship	9:15	10:30		7:00
717.756.0206 pastordave@graceinhbg.org David Smith	Location: Progress Fire Company, 3440 Maple Street, Harrisburg, Mailing: David Smith, 1402 Montfort Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111 www.graceinhbg.org			

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Harrisburg, PA Grace	9:30	10:45		6:30
717.652.5229 717.671.4760 church@gracebfc.com Joshua Miller, Steven J. DelDuco	1250 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112 www.gracebfc.com			

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Hatfield, PA Bethany	9:30	10:45	6:00	7:00
215.855.2449 215.855.8756 bethanyoffice@bethanybfc.org Howard N. Wells	75 W. Broad Street, Hatfield, PA 19440 www.bethnaybfc.org			

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Hellertown, PA Saucon Community	11:00	9:30		7:00
610.838.3111 Timothy M. Zuck	Location: Saucon Valley Community Center 323 Northampton Street, Hellertown, Mailing: PO Box 198, Hellertown, PA 18055 www.sauconbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Howell, NJ Community		10:30		
732.363.8941 communitybfc@optonline.net Eric R. North, Marc Sweet	3071 Lakewood Allenwood Road, Howell, NJ 07731 www.communitybfc.com			

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Kutztown, PA	9:00	10:00		7:00
610.914.2713 arvinkutz@verizon.net Allan R. Vivona, John C. Studenroth	15170 Kutztown Road, Kutztown, PA 19530 www.kutztownbfc.org			

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LaGrangeville, NY Valley	9:45	10AM Summer/ 11AM		7:00
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Lancaster, PA Faith		9:00/10:45		
717.285.1900 717.285.1913 office@faithbfc.com David A. Thomann, Gregory A. Uhrich, Keth Long	151 Donnerville Road, Lancaster, PA 17603 www.faithbfc.org			

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Las Cruces, NM Grace Bible	11:15	10:00		7:00
575.532.1234 pastorjosh@gracelasruces.org Joshua M. Allen	Location: 2801 Missouri Ave, St 15, Mailing: PO Box 7964, Las Cruces, NM 88006 www.gracelasruces.org			

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Lebanon, PA	9:30	10:45	7:00	7:30
717.273.4802 717.273.1568 lebbfc@verizon.net Calvin T. Reed, LeRoy S. Heller, David E. Brandt	1635 Mill Road, Lebanon, PA 17042 www.lebanonbfc.org			

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Lehighton, PA Salem	11:15	9:30		6:30
570.386.2578 570.386.2578 salembfc@ptd.net Robert A. Johnson, II	1105 Fredrick's Grove Road, Lehighton, PA 18235- 9718			

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Long Neck, DE New Life	9:00	10:00		6:30 Thurs
302.945.8145 Mark L. Morrison (Interim)	24771 Cannon Road, Long Neck, DE 19966 www.newlife-bfc.org			

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Lower Providence Township		10:00		
484.302.0124 info@redeemerbfc.org R. Scott Wright	Location: Hamton Inn (Oaks), 100 Cresson Blvd. Oaks, PA, Mailing: PO Box 170, Eagleville, PA 19408 www.redeemerbfc.org			

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Maple Glen, PA	9:15	10:30		7:00 Fri
215.646.1220 mgbfc@juno.com Louis Prontnicki	Location: 700 E. Welsh Road, Maple Glen, PA 19002, Mailing: 1814 Farmview Road, Maple Glen, PA 19002 www.mapleglenchurch.org			

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Merida Yucata, Mexico	10:45	9/12:00		7:30 Tues
(99-9) 1952093 ramcas94@hotmail.com Marcos Ramirez	Calle 42 #303A x 53 y 53C, Fraccionamiento Francisco de Montejo, Merida Yucata, Mexico			

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Mt. Carmel, PA Bethany	9:30	10:45	6:00	7:00
570.339.4693 570.339.4693 philnor9@aol.com Philip G. Norris	654 Wilburton Road, Mt. Carmel, PA 17851			

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Mt. Pocono, PA Pocono Mt.	9:30	10:45		6:30
570.839.6922 office@pmbfc.org Timothy J. Bertolet	Montanesca Lane, PO Box 300, Mt. Pocono, PA 18344 www.pmbfc.org			

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Nazareth, PA Grace	11:00	9:30		7:00
610.759.7036 gracebfcnaz@rcn.com Carl J. Fischer, Jr, Frank Podlasnski	100 E. Beil Avenue, Rose Inn & Beil Avenues, Nazareth, PA 18064 www.gracebfcnaz.org			

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Newark, DE	10:00	8:30/11:00	Small Groups	7:00
302.366.8539 302.366.8542 bfnewark@verizon.net William G. Schlonecker, Robert W. Green, Raymond L. Cole, Stephen J. Morton	808 Old Baltimore Pike, Newark, DE 19702 www.bfcnewarkde.org			

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Newark, NJ	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
973.373.3677 973.373.3171 newarkbiblefellowshipchurchnj@verizon.net Delbert R. Baker, II	30 Randolph Place, Newark, NJ 07108 www.newarkbiblefellowshipchurchnj.org			

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Old Bridge, NJ Grace Church of Old Bridge		11:00		7:30
732.588.5906 pastordavep@optimum.net	442 Cottrell Road, Matawan, NJ 07747 www.gracechurchob.org			

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Oley, PA New Life	9:30	8/10:45		
610.987.3192 610.987.6554 info@newlifebfc.org Arthur J. Simpson, Jim MacArthur, Ben Bailey	2960 W. Philadelphia Avenue, Oley, PA 19547-8915 www.newlifebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Paradise, PA	9:00	10:15		7:00
717.687.7577 office@pbfc.cc David J. Peters	3092 Lincoln Hwy. E., PO Box 217, Paradise, PA 17562 www.pbfc.cc			

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Philadelphia, Wissinoming, PA		10:30		7:00
215.743.3751 clapiergw@aol.com Justin L. Hunter	4414 Van Kirk Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135 www.mywbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Piscataway, NJ Christ Community	9:45	11:00		
732.393.9800 732.393.9444 church@christcommunitynj.com Dennis M. Cahill, Richard B. Ravis	Location: Timothy Christian School, 2008 Ethel Road, Piscataway, NJ, Mailing: 1347 Stelton Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854 www.Christcommunitynj.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Quakertown, PA Grace	9:00	10:10	6:30	7:00
215.536.6096 215.536.7335 grace@quakertownbfc.org Ronald L. Kohl, David J. Watkins, Michael D. Roberts	1811 Old Bethlehem Pike, Quakertown, PA 18951 www.quakertownbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Reading, PA Grace	11:00	9:30	6:30	7:00
610.375.2333 610.375.6002 gracebfcreading@verizon.net Randell A. Grossman, Timothy G. Clark, Matthew Lynsky	1128 Hampden Blvd., Reading, PA 19604 www.gracebfcreading.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Reading, PA La Roca de Reading		1:00PM		6:45
610.376.2468 gracebfcreading@verizon.net Carlos G. Rodrigues, Miguel Gonzalez	1128 Hampden Blvd., Reading, PA 19604			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Red Hill, PA Community		10:00		7:00
215.541.4880 communityredhill@verizon.net Jim Arcieri, Tom Phillips (Pastor Emeritus)	426 Main Street, PO Box 281, Red Hill, PA 18076 www.communityredhill.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Royersford, PA	9:00	10:15		7:00
610.948.9764 church.office@bfcroyersford.org Ralph M. Soper (Interim)	431 Lewis Road, Royersford, PA 19468 www.bfcroyersford.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Shamokin, PA Calvary	9:30	10:35	6:00	6:00 Sunday Evening
570.648.1466 570.648.1466 Ferdie Madara	35 S. Second Street, Shamokin, PA 17872 www.shamokinbfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Sinking Spring, PA Calvary	9:47/11:11	8:30/ 9:47/11:11		
610.678.5166 610.678.6727 cbfc@dejazzd.com Robert A. Sloan, Jr., Wayne Rissmiller, Stanley P. Lauterback, Matthew Noll, Errin Mulberry, Greg Carder, Jere Sollenberger	4891 Penn Avenue, Sinking Spring, PA 19608 www.cbfc.net			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Spring City, PA	9:30	10:45	6:00	7:15
610.948.9448 excitingfaith@gmail.com Kevin W. Clineff	25 Pennhurst Road, Spring City, PA 19475 www.myfaithbfc.org			

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Stroudsburg, PA Berean	9:15	10:30	6:00	
570.421.0617 570.420.8103 bereanbfc@verizon.net Davis Duggins, John Rosetti	1028 Valley View Drive, Stroudsburg, PA 18360 www.bereanbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Sunbury, PA Emmanuel	9:00	10:15	6:30	7:00
570.286.8313 570.286.8025 emmanuel.sunbury@verizon.net Charles E. Cole, Bert N. Brosius, Joshua P. Gibson	967 Mile Hill Road, Sunbury, PA 17801 www.emmanuelbfc.org			

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Terre Hill, PA	9:30	10:30	7:00 Sunday	7:00
717.445.4401 717.445.5490 terrehillbfc@gmail.com Kevin W. Kirkpatrick	Location: 407 W. Main Street, Terre Hill, PA, Mailing: PO Box 208, Terre Hill, PA 17581 www.terrehillbfc.org			

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Thompson, CT	9:00	10:00		7:00 Tues
860.923.9512 860.923.9512 thompsonbible@aol.com Dennis W. Spinney	400 Quinebaug Road (Route 131), PO Box 619, Quinebaug, CT 06262 www.thompsonbfc.org			

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Toms River, NJ Church of the Cross		10:30		7:30
732.505.8174 Allen Dorst (Interim)	1060 Church Road, Toms River, NJ 08755			

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Townsend, DE Mission				7PM Thurs
302.545.9049 ronandkathysmith@verizon.net Ronald B. Smith	4060 Dupont Parkway, Townsend, DE 19734 www.themissionbfc.org			

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Wallingford, PA Grace	10:45	9:00		
610.876.8725 610.876.8725 office@gracebfc.org Richard E. Taylor, Timothy S. Cowan, Mark A. Bickel	723 S. Providence Road, Wallingford, PA 19086-6940 www.gracebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Walnutport, PA Calvary		10:05		7:00
610.767.7447 officeadmin@nlbfc.org	233 Main Street, Walnutport, PA 18088 www.nlbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Whitehall, PA Bethany	9:00	10:30		7:00
610.434.8661 Timothy J. Schmoyer, Aaron D. Smith	3300 Seventh Street, Whitehall, PA 18052 www.whitehallbfc.org			

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Whitehall, PA Fellowship Community	9:00	10:00		6:30
610.769.3000, ext. 3002 pyerrington@fellowshipcommunity.com Phillip E. Yerrington	3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052			

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Woodbury Heights, NJ New Beginnings		10:30		7:00
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York, PA Faith	9:15	10:30		
717.846.7749 fatihbfc@comcast.net Kenneth D. Keeler, Dwight Rhine	675 Woodland View Drive, York, PA 17406 www.fatihbfcyork.com			

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Zionsville, PA	9:30	10:30		7:00
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