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Directory of Boards & Committees
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Directory of Other Committees
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(Self-appointed & Ratified by Exec.Brd.)

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Secretary - Stephen J. DelDuco
Treasurer - David E. Brandt
Advisor - Ronald C. Mahurin

Table of Ordained Ministers

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Allen, David T.	2000	2003	2010
Arcieri, James R.	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
Bickings, Richard F.	2010	2013	
Boone, Clifford B.	1989	1992	2002
Brandt, David E.	2006	2009	2006
Brush, R. Jerome	1988	1992	1991
Cahill, Dennis M.	1986	1984	1986
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 D.	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
Gonzalez, Miguel A.	2010	2013	
Grossman, Randall A.	1981	1983	1990
Gundrum, David E.	1986	1988	2000

Harris, Richard D.	1976	1978	1988
Heller, LeRoy S.	1955	1958	1995
Hunter, Justin L.	2010	2013	
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
Kuntzman, Donald E.	2003	2006	1996
Lauterback, Stanley P.	2010	2013	
Long, Keith M.	2010	2013	
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
Morrison, Thomas H.	2005	2008	2012
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
Ravis, Richard B.	1990	1985	2001
Reed, Calvin T.	1982	1984	1983
Ritter, Ralph E.	1991	1994	2000
Roberts, Michael D.	2008	2011	2012
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
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
Ruhl, Jeffery L. (Trans. For Christ)	1997	2000	2012
Susek, Jacob J. (FellCmy)	1994	1983	2011

Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Bomgardner, Clyde D., Jr.	1997	2000	2012
Commerford, Robert S.	1984	1986	2008
Cooper, Brian H.	1996	1998	2008
Curcio, Louis S.	2002	2004	2012
Dowling, Willis I.	1999	1983	2009
Dunn, William J.	1999	2002	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
Clark, Gerald D.	2002	2006	2013
Denlinger, Ronald K.	1994	1997	2013
Dommell, Albert J.	1982	1984	2013
Jones, David H.	1978	1983	2013
Kramer, Robert B.	2006	1993	2013
Ramos, Elliot H.	1998	2001	2013

Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Francis, Kurt P.	2008	1990	2012

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
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

Plows, Keith E.	1966	1968	2000
Reichenbach, R. C.	1937	1941	1982
Reitz, Roger L.	1972	1974	2011
Riggall, John H.	1945	1948	1982
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
Vandegriff, John C., Jr.	1974	1972	2013
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
Harding, W. Neil, Jr.	1983	1993	2013
Lea, Herbert K.	1980	1982	1994
McCreary, J. Mark	1993	1996	2009
Tait, Jonathan P.	1994	1996	2009
Tannous, Michael J.	2001	2004	2011

Conference Reporter

R. Edward Snyder-Ritter

Throughout Scripture, God communicated to His people "at various times and in various ways" (Heb. 1:1). On many occasions, He sent visions which gave the recipient a glimpse of God, a divine command, a call to action, a rebuke, a message, or an insight into the future. In 2013, few members of the BFC, if any, would claim to have been given the type of vision recorded in Scripture. Yet many seek from Scripture, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, a vision of a different type: the application of God's Word to particular circumstances. It is with this goal that the 130th BFC Conference convened on Monday, April 22, 2013 at Pinebrook Bible Conference.

"A 20/20 Vision" was the theme of the 130th BFC Conference, whose pastors and delegates were asked to seek a clear vision for the year 2020. Conference Moderator Randall A. Grossman, called Conference to order on Monday evening by reading from the Preamble of the Faith and Order, reminding the assembled pastors and delegates of the seriousness of their task. He prayed that God would lead throughout the coming days.

Conference joined in singing praise to God led by Aaron J. Susek, who was assisted at various times during Conference by James Arcieri, Mark E. Barninger, Mark Evans, and Richard B. Ravis. Pastor Susek included frequent Scripture readings, focusing Conference's attention on praise and corporate repentance.

Robert A. Sloan, Jr. delivered Monday's keynote address on the subject of "Seeing Clearly." The message examined several inevitable changes the church in America will face as the Baby Boomer generation ages and younger generations take the lead. All were instructed to have eyes open to the opportunities given by God in the midst of change.

It was a joy to end Conference's first day by receiving a new Particular Church into Conference. David E. Gundrum, Director of Church Extension Ministries, introduced Grace Fellowship Church of Steelton, PA, a diverse body of believers dedicated to being the voice of Christ in its community without regard to race or background. Pastor Gundrum introduced David A. Smith, pastor of the church, who spoke with much excitement and gratitude about Grace Fellowship's history and entry into the BFC.

Two members, Sam Sellers and Jayonn Folks, also spoke briefly, praising the Lord for Grace Fellowship's solid Reformed teaching and commitment to diversity. The many representatives of the church who attended were given a standing ovation in celebration of this occasion.

Pastor Daniel G. Ziegler, former Director of Church Extension Ministries, offered prayer to close the formal meeting, but the celebration of God's grace continued with a time of reception and greeting. Information about this exciting work of God can be found on the church's website at www.graceinhbg.org.

David L. Manney opened the second session of conference in prayer, followed

by more praise in song. David A. Thomann spoke on "Seeing Biblically." Drawing from the first four chapters of Nehemiah, Pastor Thomann called all to recognize that biblical vision requires passion, prayer, a plan, and protection. Passion and prayer are both evident in Nehemiah's response to the news from Jerusalem in chapter one, a plan in his quick response in chapter two, and the need for protection in the physical, emotional, and financial attacks in chapter four.

The remainder of Tuesday morning was taken up with hearing reports, appointments, and other conference business. Thanks be to God that all was accomplished smoothly, to His honor and glory.

Considerable time during Tuesday afternoon's session was devoted to Dr. Philip G. Monroe, a psychologist and expert on issues relating to abuse, who discussed the legal and moral responsibilities of church leaders related to allegations of sexual abuse and how to minister to both abused individuals and abusers in the church. Dr. Monroe emphasized the importance of having individual plans for each church. More information about Dr. Monroe, resources to help facing this difficult issue, and the slide show presented at Conference can be found at wisecounsel.wordpress.com.

After some additional business, Executive Director David T. Allen introduced the vision points presented by the Executive Board as the core of the 20/20 Vision.

1. The BFC will have 75 Churches.
2. The BFC will have 2 Camps serving the Bible Fellowship Church.
3. The BFC will average 12,000 worshipers weekly.
4. The BFC will have 95% of its churches in a healthy condition.
5. The BFC will have a Training Center/Denominational Headquarters.
6. The BFC will have an Executive Board of which 1/3rd of the members are under 50 years old.
7. The BFC will be able to provide financial grants to church plants.
8. The BFC will be able to provide financial support for the development of pastoral leadership (i.e., Pastoral Internships).
9. The BFC will provide a Denominational Children's Ministry Director.
10. The BFC will provide a Denominational Pastor to Youth.
11. The BFC will provide a Denominational Pastor to Seniors within our churches.
12. The BFC will provide a Financial Development Office/ Director.
13. The BFC will have financial reserves for emergencies, contingencies, grants, etc.
14. The BFC will provide increased funding for the Pinebrook Educational Foundation.
15. The BFC Executive Board will have evaluated and determined whether to combine the current Board of Missions & Church Extension Ministries into one single Department of Outreach Ministries
16. The BFC Executive Board will have evaluated and determined whether to combine Pinebrook Bible Conference and Victory Valley Camp into one single Department of Camping Ministries with two physical locations.

The points were discussed and adopted by Conference, and the Executive Board

was strongly encouraged to provide additional resources to help pastors and elders enact the vision in their local churches.

Conference reconvened Tuesday evening as Conference Pastor Ronald C. Mahurin presented his report. Dana E. Weller, Director of the Board of Missions, and David E. Gundrum, Director of Church Extension Ministries, gave their reports and introduced 19 missionary families and four church planters, respectively, to the body. May God bless their work on behalf of His kingdom.

With great joy, attention shifted to a service of ordination for Richard F. Bickings, Miguel A. Gonzalez, Justin L. Hunter, Stanley P. Lauterback and Keith M. Long. Ronald C. Mahurin spoke on "Seeing Practically." Pastor Mahurin listed many ways an elder should treat his pastor – including coworker, brother, friend, and servant – in order to empower the pastor. He also gave bits of personal advice to the five ordinands.

The five candidates were charged by Keith E. Plows to remember four things when preaching the Word: be serious, be relevant, be patient, and be informed. The day ended in celebration to God for the men whom He has called to full time serve to His Church.

The final day of the 130th BFC Conference began with Robert T. Evans preaching on "Seeing Ecclesiastically" from John 4. Touching on various points in the chapter, Evans showed that Christians must lay aside their preoccupation with temporal matters, renew their dedication to the supreme task, stop relying on their own reasoning, open their eyes, and be willing to be used by God.

Wednesday afternoon's session saw longtime BFC pastor and servant Carl C. Cassel speak on the subject of "Seeing Wisely," reminding us that we need to have wisdom from God through Christ in order to accomplish anything.

Two study committees were formed to suggest updates to the Biblical Principles for Living. One committee was tasked with studying issues related to human sexuality and the family while the other was charged to delve into issues related to immigration.

After undertaking additional business, the 130th BFC Conference concluded with prayer. It is the hope of all at Conference that decisions made would bring honor to God. May the "20/20 Vision" discussed over these three days be pursued until our vision is perfectly in agreement with the vision and image of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Memoriam:
Robert L. Draper



Missionary…church planter…pastor with a shepherd's heart. All those descriptions accurately describe Robert Lee Draper, who was promoted to glory on June 20, 2012, after a long and fruitful ministry that spanned six decades.

Born in Flint, Michigan in 1927, Draper graduated from Gordon College and later from Gordon Divinity School before marrying the former Lois Gustafson in 1950. After pastoring churches in New Hampshire and Massachusetts – during which the Drapers were blessed with three children (Jonathan, Christine and David), in1958, Draper began his ministry with Christian Service Brigade as a staff representative in the northeastern region. In this capacity, he visited many churches, many of them Bible Fellowship Churches which had the Brigade program, and directed summer Brigade camps in Maine, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan.

After thirteen years with Christian Service Brigade, Draper wanted to return to his pastoral ministry. He contacted the BFC because he had become acquainted with them through his visits for Brigade. Shortly thereafter, he was approached by Dan Ziegler, then head of the BFC's Church Extension Department, and was asked if he would consider being a church planter. Bob and Lois prayerfully considered this and felt that the Lord was leading in that direction. He was ordained in 1973.

After accepting the call of the Board of Church Extension as organizing pastor of the Howell, NJ, Community Bible Fellowship Church, Pastor Draper oversaw a growing church. "The congregation grew wholesomely, with many persons professing faith in Christ and confessing Him in baptism. The church became self-supporting within four years," Dan Ziegler recalled.

After the Howell church was organized, Draper was challenged to plant another church, this time in the Danbury, CT, area. For another six years, Bob and Lois labored to bring the Gateway Bible Fellowship Church into being – the first BFC church in New England. "I believe Bob was the first and only BFC pastor to ever form two new churches from raw start to full formation," Ziegler noted.

In 1983, the Drapers joined Africa Inland Mission, and under the oversight of the Bible Fellowship Board of Missions, served in Kenya. They spent seven years at the Ukamba Bible College in Machakos, and three years at the Pwani Bible Institute in Mombasa.

The Drapers officially retired in 1993 and moved to the family cottage on the grounds of the Rumney Bible Conference in Rumney, NH, but Draper quickly became involved in a Baptist church there, serving as a deacon and teacher. The Drapers also returned to Kenya for a year of teaching as a replacement for a teacher who was on furlough.

During that time, the Drapers also traveled once a month for five years from New Hampshire to Holmes, NY, to serve and encourage the ministry at the Bible Fellowship Church there.

Finally, in August, 2011, the Drapers moved to North Abington Twp., PA to be with their son David. Despite a series of serious health issues, he remained faithful until his homegoing one month after he and Lois celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

In Memoriam:
Arlington L. Seifert



A chapter in the Bible Fellowship Church's rich history came to a close on August 28, 2012 when Arlington L. Seifert – known popularly by his initials, A.L. – entered into his eternal rest at age 91.

Seifert, a native of Hellertown, PA and a son of Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church in Bethlehem, obeyed the Lord's call to enter ministry after a number of experiences in secular employment and faithful service in the U.S. Navy. After graduating from what is now Cairn University, he was ordained to ministry in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church in 1953. By then, he had already served as leader of the mission church in Roxborough, PA, starting in 1948, and he was already well into his pastorate at Grace BFC in Harrisburg.

Following Seifert's ordination, he also served at Bethany BFC in Hatfield, PA for six years, prior to being called to pastor Bethel BFC in Allentown in 1960.

Seifert served at Bethel in the midst of sweeping changes in doctrine and church government, which were reflected in a name change from "Mennonite Brethren in Christ" to "Bible Fellowship Church." During those years, he served on the Committee to Study Articles of Faith. He was elected District Superintendent of Annual Conference and served in that capacity until 1970.

Seifert was also directly involved in the purchase and development of Pinebrook Bible Conference in 1968, negotiating with the Crawford family for its purchase and then serving as Pinebrook's director for six years. For part of that time, he also filled the pastorate at Berean BFC in Stroudsburg. After leaving Pinebrook, he and his wife Ruth, to whom he was married for 62 years until her death in 2009, owned and operated Buena Vista Retreat and Conference Center in Newfoundland, PA for 15 years.

In his later years, Pastor Seifert was instrumental in re-establishing the use of an abandoned church building in Mt. Pocono, PA., serving as founding pastor of Pocono Mountain BFC.

A.L. and Ruth Seifert made an effective pastoral team. "Over the years, they labored in six congregations, seeing increases in attendances and offerings," remembered his children, Dale Seifert and Darlene (Seifert) Salsbery. "While not married to statistics, Dad knew that healthy flocks show steady increases. He loved the Word, believing a pastor's main duty was studying it, looking for Christ in every

passage, and then gladly teaching and preaching it."

Those he served remember Pastor Seifert as a man of integrity who truly studied God's Word, gave godly and practical advice, and empathized with his people in times of joy and sorrow. In an early report of Seifert's work, the Director of Church Extension Ministries said he was "very diligent and systematic in his work." As his brethren learned the same respect for him and his work, Seifert was presented with opportunities to serve in many capacities among Bible Fellowship Church people.

"In recent years, Dad would say that he was grateful for the opportunity to have served our Lord in the pastorate," his children explained. "Ever the pastor, he continued to pray with and for many of the pastors and missionaries, especially those serving in familiar places. He was satisfied that he had given his best and grateful that the Lord had been pleased to use him, imperfect as he was."

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First Meeting

Monday Evening, April 22, 2013, 7:00 P.M.

Randall A. Grossman, Moderator of the 130th BFC Conference, called the 130th BFC Conference to order at 7:00 P.M. The Moderator welcomed the members of Conference and then led in prayer.

Musical worship was led by Aaron J. Susek (keyboard), along with James R. Arcieri (bass), Mark E. Barninger (percussion), and Richard B. Ravis (guitar), directing the conference in singing *All Creatures of Our God and King*, *Crown Him With Many Crowns*, *Thy Will Be Done*, *In Christ Alone* and *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*. Revelation 1:4-6 served as a call to worship while an abridgement of Psalm 51 was read as a corporate prayer of repentance.

Introducing the Conference theme of "The Bible Fellowship Church: A 20/20 Vision," Robert A. Sloan, Jr. brought the keynote address, speaking on the subject of "Seeing Clearly." Using Numbers 13 as a backdrop, he reminded us that while our mission hasn't changed – that we are still called to reach the lost with the gospel – vision is needed as we inquire of God for the present and the future, beseeching a God who knows the end from before the beginning.

Reception of a New Particular Church: Grace Fellowship Church, Steelton, Pennsylvania

Conference Moderator Randall A. Grossman welcomed a large contingent from Grace Fellowship Mission Church before introducing Secretary Ronald L. Kohl for the reading of the motion to receive Grace Fellowship Mission Church as a Particular Church.

Whereas, the elders currently serving at Grace Fellowship Mission Church of Steelton, Pennsylvania meet the qualifications for an elder in the Bible Fellowship Church, and

Whereas, more than twenty persons are committed participants in Grace Fellowship Mission Church, and

Whereas, Grace Fellowship Mission Church has demonstrated that it can offer an adequate salary package for a pastor and is able to financially maintain its ministry outreach and financial costs, and

Whereas, the Board of Church Extension Ministries has assessed the Grace Fellowship Mission Church of Steelton, Pennsylvania, and is of the opinion that it meets the qualifications of a Particular Church as specified in Article 18 of the Articles of Faith of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Grace Fellowship Church of Steelton, Pennsylvania be recognized as a Particular Church and that its delegate be received into membership of the 130th Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The motion passed unanimously.

Church Extension Ministries Director David E. Gundrum explained the timeline of Grace Fellowship's interest in becoming a Particular Church in the Bible Fellowship Church. He then introduced Grace Fellowship Church's pastor, David A. Smith, who warmly greeted the conference, tracing Grace Fellowship's journey to becoming a Bible Fellowship Church.

A slide presentation included Grace Fellowship's mission statement, its commitment to Reformed theology, its history as it transitioned from an independent church to a Bible Fellowship Church, and its move in January, 2013 from Harrisburg to Steelton. David A. Smith then introduced two members of Grace Fellowship, Sam Sellers and Jayonn Folks, who offered brief remarks expressing gratitude and thanksgiving for the ministry and Grace Fellowship's reception as a Particular Church in the BFC.

BFC Pastor Carl K. Spackman was introduced as Grace Fellowship Church's delegate to the 130th BFC Conference.

Grace Fellowship's contingent was greeted by conference with a standing ovation.

The service was closed in prayer by Daniel G. Ziegler, former Director of Church Extension Ministries, at 8:45 P.M. A reception followed in Pinebrook Bible Conference's Dining Hall.



Pastor Robert Sloan addresses the Conference with his message "Seeing Clearly"

Second Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 9:00 A.M.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. David L. Manney opened in prayer, bringing to the throne of grace Sandy Vivona, the wife of Allan R. Vivona, who is scheduled to undergo emergency surgery tomorrow.

Aaron J. Susek (piano) led in a prayer of confession and then guided the conference in musical worship with the assistance of James R. Arcieri (mandolin, keyboards), Mark E. Barninger (percussion), Mark Evans (guitar) and Richard R. Ravis (guitar). Hymns included *Come, Thou Fount*, *And Can It Be*, *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*, and *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*. Conference also gladly affirmed the truths found in "The Apostles' Creed."

Continuing on the Conference theme of "The Bible Fellowship Church: A 20/20 Vision," David A. Thomann presented a devotional on the subject of "Seeing Biblically." Relying upon the example of Nehemiah's commitment to rebuild the protective wall around Jerusalem, the speaker related four ingredients of a biblical vision: (1) A vision needs passion; (2) A vision needs prayer (including praise, confession, claiming God's promises, supplication); (3) A vision needs a plan; (4) A vision needs protection. He concluded, "Men, may it always be said that our vision was accomplished with the help of our God."

Resolved, that the tables with the green tablecloths constitute the Conference Bar for the 130th BFC Conference.

The roll of the BFC Conference was established as follows:

Allentown, PA (Cedar Crest)	Clifford B. Boone, Ronald C. Erb, Glenn R. Felty, W. Scott Kappes (Probationer), Jonathan H. King (Probationer), Charles Bloomfield, Ronald Sprankle, Nelson K. Randolph
Bethlehem, PA	Timothy D. Gibson (Probationer), Richard F. Bickings, Jr.*, Mark R. Culton (Probationer), Jason L. Hoy (Probationer), Wayne Batten, Shawn T. Van Doren
Blandon, PA	Alan G. Miller, Jordan K. Eyster (Probationer), Mark T. Creyer
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	(Vacant), Wayne M. Chadwell
Coopersburg, PA	Matthew R. Lynskey (Probationer), Thomas P. Shorb, Mark R. Evans, Richard T. Paashaus, Gary A. Sterner, David R. Vinson
Denville, NJ	Richard D. Harris, John Crouch
Emmaus, PA	David N. Schoen, Joshua D. Edwards, David K. Schlonecker (Probationer), Scott A. Hoffman, Alan H. Russell

Ephrata, PA	(Vacant), William F. Early
Finesville, NJ	Byron Widger, Bert R. Roling
Fleetwood, PA	R. Jerome Brush, David Rothenberger
Graterford, PA	Mark R. Orton, Robert Gaugler
Harleysville, PA	Andrew T. Crossgrove, Michael W. Walker (Probationer), Alfred G. Roberts
Harrisburg, PA	Joshua P. Miller, Steven J. DelDuco, Richard W. Prensner
Hatfield, PA	Howard N. Wells, S. Lester Moyer
Hellertown, PA	Timothy M. Zuck, John J. Hanner
Howell, NJ	Eric R. North, Alan R. Heinlein
Kutztown, PA	Allan R. Vivona, Nick Tempe
Lagrangeville, NY	James A. Wickstead, Charles Webb
Lancaster, PA	David A. Thomann, Keith M. Long*, Gregory A. Uhrich, Neil J. Franklin, Jr., Steven R. Groff, Sr.
Las Cruces, NM	Joshua M. Allen (Probationer)
Lebanon, PA	Calvin T. Reed, David E. Brandt, LeRoy S. Heller, Jack S. Herb Jr.
Lehighton, PA	Robert A. Johnson, II, Bruce A. Kellerman
Long Neck, DE	Andrew W. Barnes (Probationer)
Maple Glen, PA	Louis Prontnicki, Keith Howland
Merida, MEXICO	Marcos G. Ramirez
Mt. Carmel, PA	Philip G. Norris, Bryan L. Snyder
Mt. Pocono, PA	Timothy J. Bertolet, Nelson Rae
Nazareth, PA	Carl J. Fischer, Jr., Henry U. Sandt
Newark, DE	William G. Schlonecker, Robert C. Kaatz
Newark, NJ	Delbert R. Baker, II, Thomas J. Boose Jr.
Old Bridge, NJ	Thomas H. Morrison, Herb Mitchell
Oley, PA	Arthur J. Simpson Jr., James Gresh
Paradise, PA	David J. Peters, L. Donald Miller
Philadelphia, PA	Justin L. Hunter*, Bud Burroughs
Piscataway, NJ	Dennis M. Cahill, Richard B. Ravis, J. Richard Vroman
Quakertown, PA	Ronald L. Kohl, Michael D. Roberts, L. James Roberts
Reading, PA (Grace)	Randall A. Grossman, Ronald W. Reed, Glenn D. Ruoss
Red Hill, PA	James R. Arcieri, William E. Blair
Royersford, PA	Andrew T. Gysi (Probationer), Michael W. Gangwer
Shamokin, PA	Ferdie R. Madara, Richard Nye
Sinking Spring, PA	Robert A. Sloan, Jr., Stanley P. Lauterback*, S. Wayne Rissmiller, Sean Fox, Paul Harvey, Donald D. McKinney
Spring City, PA	Kevin W. Clineff, Douglas Wynne
Steelton, PA	David A. Smith (Probationer), Carl K. Spackman
Stroudsburg, PA	Davis E. Duggins, Robert D. Carroll
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 M. Dorst

Wallingford, PA	Richard E. Taylor, Mark A. Bickel, Timothy S. Cowen, Steven L. Piasecki
Walnutport, PA	(Vacant)
Whitehall, PA (Bethany)	Timothy J. Schmoyer, Aaron D. Smith (Probationer), Michael L. Helfrich
Whitehall, PA (Fell Comm)	Philip E. Yerrington, Richard J. Drosnock
Woodbury Heights, NJ	Daniel L. Williams, Harry A. 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 A. Gonzalez*, Church Extension; David E. Gundrum, Church Extension; Donald E. Kuntzman, Board of Missions; Ronald C. Mahurin, Conference Pastor; Mark L. Morrison, Church Extension; Carlos G. Rodriguez, Church Extension; Ronald B. Smith (Probationer), Church Extension; Keith A. Strunk (Probationer), Church Extension; Aaron J. Susek, Church Extension; Dana E. Weller, Board of 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, Richard A. Moyer, Jeffrey L. Ruhl, 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, 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, Austin G. Shelley, Gene W. Smith, Ralph M. Soper, Carl K. Spackman, Dean A. Stortz, John C. Vandegriff, Jr., David J. Watkins, David R. Way, Harold C. Weaber, Daniel G. Ziegler, Paul G. Zimmerman

Ordained Ministers Between Calls

Jonathon W. Arnold, Gerald D. Clark, Ronald K. Denlinger, Albert J. Dommel, David H. Jones, Robert B. Kramer, Elliot H. Ramos

Additional Lay Members of BFC Executive Board

Robert T. Evans, Jay H. Fastnacht, Stephen J. Kauffman, Charles A. Lavigna, Hans R. Waldvogel.

* pending approval of ordination.

Report of the Committee on Agenda and Program

Resolved, that the report be accepted and that the agenda be approved as a guide for the deliberations of the 130th BFC Conference.

Report of the Committee on Arrangements: (see page 35)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Nathan Brosius, Director of Operations at Pinebrook Bible Conference, provided a welcome from the Conference Host.

The Secretary of the 130th BFC Conference made the following appointments: David E. Brandt, Assistant Secretary; Donald E. Kuntzman and Timothy H. Schmoyer, Assistants to the Secretary.

Resolved, that the appointments be ratified.

The Moderator appointed the following:

Tellers: Leroy S. Heller (Chairman), Charles E. Cole, Kevin D. Derr, Jordan K. Eyster, Robert A. Johnson II, Mark L. Morrison, Hans R. Waldvogel, Howard N. Wells.
Resolutions: Aaron J. Susek (Chairman), Jason L. Hoy, Miguel Gonzalez.
Examination of Minutes of BFC Conference (130th): Philip G. Norris (Chairman), Daniel P. Allen, Steven J. DelDuco, Joshua P. Miller, Ralph E. Ritter.
Parliamentarian: Timothy J. Schmoyer.
Timekeeper: Ronald C. Erb.

Resolved, that the appointments be ratified.

The following were introduced as new members of the BFC Conference:

Richard Prensner, Grace Bible Fellowship, Harrisburg, PA; Paul Harvey, Sinking Spring, PA; Nelson Randolph, Cedar Crest BFC, Allentown, PA; Sean Fox, Calvary BFC, Sinking Spring, PA; Mark Creyer, Trinity BFC, Blandon, PA; David K. Schlonecker, Emmaus, PA; Scott Hoffman, Emmaus, PA; James D. Gresh, Oley, PA.

Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee: (see page 117)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Clifford B. Boone introduced physician and author Dr. Scott Stoll, who will speak at this year's Ministerial Convention on Oct. 2-3, 2013 (on the theme "A Glorious Temple – Caring For Our Bodies"). Dr. Stoll addressed the conference with an introductory message focusing on the health of our physical bodies and developing lifestyles that honor God.

Report of the Nominating Committee:

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

The following were elected:

Church Health Committee:

Clyde W. Snyder (3 years)

Ministerial Credentials Committee:

Dennis M. Cahill (3 years)

LeRoy S. Heller (3 years)

Committee on Nominations:

Robert W. Davies (3 years)

Roxy Schlonecker (3 years)

Conference Judicatory:

Calvin T. Reed (3 years)

Appellate Judicatory:

Randall A. Grossman (3 years)

R. Scott Wright (3 years)

Ministerial Relations Committee:

Ronald W. Reed (3 years)

Officials for BFC Conference

Moderator of 131st BFC Conference

William G. Schlonecker (1 year)

Vice-Moderator of 131st BFC Conference

Clifford B. Boone (1 year)

Secretary of 131st BFC Conference:

Ronald L. Kohl (1 year)

Richard T. Paashaus prayed for God's leading in the upcoming elections.

Report of the BFC Executive Board: (see page 37)

Executive Director David T. Allen addressed the Conference, expressing thanks for all who have aided him in the ministry to which God has called him. He offered a reminder of the BFC-related websites, which provide aid to pastors, churches and all who have an interest in the Bible Fellowship Church. He also offered short reviews of the ministries of the BFC Departments: Board of Missions, Church Extension Ministries, Pinebrook Bible Conference and Victory Valley Camp.

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the BFC Conference ratify the appointment of Ronald C. Mahurin as Conference Pastor for a three year term effective May 1, 2013.

Resolved, that the BFC Conference ratify the appointment of David T. Allen as BFC Executive Director for a three year term effective May 1, 2013.

Resolved, that the 2013 revised Executive Board budget be adopted by the 130th BFC Conference.

Resolved, that an assessment rate of two (2.0) percent be approved by the 130th BFC Conference for 2014 (based on assessable receipts for 2012).

Resolved, that the 2014 proposed Executive Board budget be adopted by the 130th BFC Conference.

Pension Fund

The Executive Board recommends the following resolutions to BFC Conference:

Whereas, the MRF annuity rate for 2013 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 2014 be $221 per year of service.

Resolution Relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for Retired or Disabled Ministers of this Conference for Calendar Year 2014:

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,

An amount equal to 100% of the pension payments received during the year of 2014 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.

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 BFC Conference and whose name and relationship to the conference is recorded in the Yearbook of BFC Conference and in other appropriate records maintained by the conference.

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 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 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 Ministerial Candidate Committee: (see page 91)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

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

The following men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee were introduced to the BFC Conference:

Ben Armstrong, Mt. Joy, PA; Andrew Barnes, Long Neck, DE; Dick Bickings, Bethlehem, PA; Beau Coffman, Fleetwood, PA; Mark Culton, Bethlehem, PA; Stephen Diaz, Allentown, PA; Joshua Dupiche, Philadelphia, PA; Josh Gibson, Northumberland, PA; Tim Gibson, Nazareth, PA; Jacob Grogan, Sellersville, PA; Andrew Gysi, Royersford, PA; John Hanner, Allentown, PA; Jason Hoy, Coplay, PA; W. Scott Kappes, Catasauqua, PA; Jonathan King, Allentown, PA; Joel Klase, Hatfield, PA; John LoRusso, Harleysville, PA; Matt Lynskey, Coopersburg, PA; Charles Shearer, Tannersville, PA; Aaron Smith, Whitehall, PA; David Smith, Harrisburg, PA; R. Edward Snyder-Ritter, Brooklyn, NY; Keith Strunk, Cape May Court House, NJ; R. Daniel Wagner, Denver, PA; and Mike Walker, Harleysville, PA.

Resolved, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M. as Bruce A. Kellerman led in prayer.



Executive Director David Allen explains the Vision Points of the BFC 20/20 Vision

Third Meeting

Tuesday Afternoon, April 23, 2013, 1:30 P.M.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M., Dennis W. Spinney opened in prayer.

Resolved, that the Minutes of the First Meeting be approved.

Dr. Phillip G. Monroe, Professor of Counseling and Psychology at Biblical Theological Seminary in Hatfield, PA addressed the subject of abuse in the church and guiding principles which may protect churches and assist them in dealing with situations involving abuse.

Several proactive actions were suggested as means for making the church a safer place and a place of healing: educating the whole church, starting with Scripture; networking, identifying others who can assist in cases of potential or real abuse; church leaders responding well to abuse; self-examination as leaders, examining our own propensity for sinning; expanding the church's ministry of spiritual care to victims, offenders, family members and congregations; developing a prevention plan. Two websites were recommended as resources: www.netgrace.org and www.peaceandsafety.com.

The presentation ended with the singing of "It Is Well With My Soul."

Report of the Ministerial Credentials Committee: (see page 93)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended ordination for Richard F. Bickings, Miguel A. Gonzalez, Justin L. Hunter, Stanley P. Lauterback and Keith M. Long 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 Richard F. Bickings, Miguel A. Gonzalez, Justin L. Hunter, Stanley P. Lauterback and Keith M. Long be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The Ministerial Credentials Committee Makes The Following Additional Recommendations:

1. **Resolved**, that an Ordination Service be held at the 130th BFC Conference.

2. **Resolved**, that the Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church of Bethlehem, PA, the La Roca de Reading Bible Fellowship Church of Reading, PA, the Wissinoming Bible Fellowship Church of Philadelphia, PA, the Calvary Bible Fellowship Church of Sinking Spring, PA, and the Faith Bible Fellowship Church of Lancaster, PA, be encouraged to have a service in recognition of the ordinations of Richard F. Bickings, Miguel A. Gonzalez, Justin L. Hunter, Stanley P. Lauterback and Keith M. Long, respectively, and that they be encouraged to invite the Ministerial Credentials Committee to send representation to be present at each service.

Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee: (see page 104)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the recommended minimum salary for a BFC Pastor in the U.S. be $36,000 for 2013, and further,

Resolved, that in addition to his salary, the church 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%.

Report of the Church Health Committee: (see page 106)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

BFC Executive Director David T. Allen introduced 16 BFC Executive Board-approved "Vision Points" of the Bible Fellowship Church 20/20 Vision, which will provide direction for the Bible Fellowship Church as it continues to build a foundation for the future.

Resolved, that we adopt the following Vision Points of the BFC 20/20 Vision.

BFC Executive Board Vision Points

1. The BFC will have 75 Churches.
2. The BFC will have 2 Camps serving the Bible Fellowship Church.
3. The BFC will average 12,000 worshipers weekly.
4. The BFC will have 95% of its churches in a healthy condition.
5. The BFC will have a Training Center/Denominational Headquarters.
6. The BFC will have an Executive Board of which 1/3rd of the members are under 50 years old.
7. The BFC will be able to provide financial grants to church plants.
8. The BFC will be able to provide financial support for the development of pastoral leadership (i.e., Pastoral Internships).
9. The BFC will provide a Denominational Children's Ministry Director.

10. The BFC will provide a Denominational Pastor to Youth.
11. The BFC will provide a Denominational Pastor to Seniors within our churches.
12. The BFC will provide a Financial Development Office/Director.
13. The BFC will have financial reserves for emergencies, contingencies, grants, etc.
14. The BFC will provide increased funding for the Pinebrook Educational Foundation.
15. The BFC Executive Board will have evaluated and determined whether to combine the current Board of Missions & Church Extension Ministries into one single Department of Outreach Ministries.
16. The BFC Executive Board will have evaluated and determined whether to combine Pinebrook Bible Conference and Victory Valley Camp into one single Department of Camping Ministries with two physical locations.

Yes - 136; No - 26.

Resolved, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M. as Dana E. Weller led in prayer.



Pastor Randall Grossman moderates the 130th BFC Conference

Fourth Meeting

Tuesday Evening, April 23, 2013, 6:45 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 6:45 P.M. Andrew T. Crossgrove led the conference in an opening prayer.

Along with a call to worship derived from Hannah's prayer of thanksgiving in 1 Samuel 1, Aaron J. Susek and his fellow musicians led the Conference in a time of musical worship that included the hymns "Praise to the Lord," "Hail to the Lord's Anointed," "There is a Fountain," and "Be Thou My Vision."

Report of the Conference Pastor: (see page 82)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Byron Widger prayed for Ronald C. Mahurin and for his faithful service as Conference Pastor, especially remembering his ongoing health needs.

Report of the Board of Missions: (see page 59)

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. He highlighted the upcoming BFC Missions Rally on May 9, 2013 at Faith BFC, Lancaster, PA.

The following missionaries were introduced to the BFC Conference: Philip Morrison, Jason Raines, Chris & Beckie Merrick, Marc Hoyle, Eliane DeSouza, Gary & Karen Shogren, Craig Miller, Bill Early, Walt Johnston, Nelson Randolph, John Studenroth, Frank Lenahan, John LoRusso, Dave Manney, Scott Hoffman, Carl Fitzgerald, John Elias, Randy Ruth, and Daniel Allen.

Ralph M. Soper prayed with thanksgiving for our missionaries and for the ministry of missions in the Bible Fellowship Church.

Report of Church Extension Ministries: (see page 65)

David E. Gundrum provided an update on church planting within the BFC, focusing Conference's attention on both individual churches and regions that are engaged in church planting. He introduced Andrew Barnes, who has been helping to revitalize the ministry at New Life BFC in Long Neck, DE, and Stephen Diaz, who is being considered for ministry at the El Faro Mission Church in Allentown, PA.

Daniel L. Williams and Timothy M. Zuck, two men who have successfully brought Particular Churches into the BFC, were introduced as men who seek to plant new mission

churches in the Woolwich Twp., NJ, and Lehigh Valley, PA areas, respectively, with the support and assistance of several BFC churches.

Richard E. Taylor prayed for the ministry of Church Extension, for its church planting missionaries, and for God's leading in raising up new BFC mission churches.

The Conference took a short recess and then gathered for a service of ordination as Richard F. Bickings, Miguel A. Gonzalez, Justin L. Hunter, Stanley P. Lauterback and Keith M. Long were ordained to the Gospel ministry. As part of the service, Ronald C. Mahurin presented a message entitled "Seeing Practically."

The meeting was adjourned at the close of the ordination service.



Pastor David Smith addresses the Conference at the reception of the Steelton, PA Church.

Fifth Meeting

Wednesday Morning, April 24, 2013, 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 9:00 A.M. Marcos Ramirez opened the meeting in prayer in Spanish.

Aaron J. Susek and his musical worship team led in the singing of *Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace*, *The Solid Rock*, *Thy Will Be Done*, and *Lion of Judah*. The call to worship was adapted from 1 Peter 1. Conference engaged in an affirmation of faith from 2 Corinthians 5.

Robert T. Evans, an elder at Grace BFC, Wallingford, PA and a member of the BFC Executive Board, addressed the subject of "Seeing Ecclesiastically." His primary text was John 4, with an emphasis on John 4:35 – "…lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." He outlined five essential actions that we must take if we are going to embrace God's vision for this world: (1) We must lay aside our preoccupation with temporal issues; (2) We need to renew our dedication to the supreme test of sharing our faith; (3) We need to stop relying on natural reasoning; (4) We need to open our eyes and see the harvest; (5) We need to allow God to use us.

Report of the Registrar:

1. The following alternate delegates were seated for part or all of the 130th Conference.

Andrew N. Brimer, Bethlehem, PA; Donald Faust, Mt. Pocono, PA; Carl M. Fitzgerald, Piscataway, NJ; James Mortland, Fleetwood, PA; William J. Walters, Allentown, PA; Thomas L. Ward, LaGrangeville, NY

Resolved, that their seating be approved.

2. The following delegates requested to be excused from part or all of the 130th Conference:

Wayne Batten, John Crouch, Keith Howland, Richard Nye, Nelson Rae, Nelson K. Randolph, L. James Roberts Jr., David Rothenberger, Nick Tempe, Shawn T. Van Doren, J. Richard Vroman, Charles F. Webb.

Resolved, that these requests for excuses be granted.

3. The following licensed and ordained pastors requested to be excused from part or all of the 130th Conference. These requests were approved by the Ministerial Credentials Committee.

Joshua M. Allen, Jonathon W. Arnold, William C. Aukamp, Delbert R. Baker, Kenneth F. Barber, James T. Bigley, Clyde D. Bomgardner, R. Jerome Brush, Leonard E. Buck, Terris L. Byrd, G. Wayne Clapier, Gerald D. Clark, Robert S. Commerford, Louis S. Curcio, Ronald K. Denlinger, Raymond R. Dotts, Willis I. Dowling, William J. Dunn, Scott B. Evans, Richard J. Gehman, Richard J. Harris, James D. Head, Frank L. Herb, George E. Herb, John H. Herb, Roy A. Hertzog, Jason L. Hoy, Kenneth J. Hurst, Walter M. Johnston, Robert B. Kramer, David H. Jones, Carl T. Martin, Duane E. Moyer, Edward Moyer, Jerry L. Moyer, Eric R. North, Thomas A. Pollock, Elliot H. Ramos, Calvin T. Reed, R.C. Reichenbach, Roger L. Reitz, David W. Riddell, John H. Riggall, Carlos G. Rodriguez, Austin G. Shelly, Gene W. Smith, Jacob J. Susek, Allan R. Vivona, Harold C. Weaber, Colby A. Weinhofer, Dana E. Weller, Philip E. Yerrington, Paul G. Zimmerman.

The following were elected:

Executive Board:

Dennis M. Cahill (3 years)

Steven J. DelDuco (3 years)

Steven J. Kauffman (3 years)

L. James Roberts, Jr. (3 years)

Committee on Church Health:

Clyde D. Bomgardner (3 years)

Committee on Nominations:

David E. Brandt (3 years)

Conference Judicatory:

Clyde W. Snyder (3 years)

Appellate Judicatory:

Robert C. Kaatz (3 years)

Richard G. Matthews (3 years)

Ministerial Relations Committee:

Randall A. Grossman (3 years)

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Second Meeting be approved.

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Third Meeting be approved.

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting be approved as amended.

Report of Pinebrook Bible Conference: (see page page 76)

Charles E. Cole, chairman of the Pinebrook Bible Conference Board, presented the report of Pinebrook Bible Conference, providing updates on the makeup of the Pinebrook Board, 2013 summer ministry plans and ongoing improvement projects. He thanked the many churches and individuals who have provided help and support for Pinebrook.

Executive Director David T. Allen thanked the Lord for the ministry of the late Kermit Gehman, a longtime Pinebrook Bible Conference Board member and financial supporter. He indicated that Pinebrook will dedicate a building in Kermit Gehman's honor.

Mark E. Barninger prayed for the ministry of Pinebrook and thanked the Lord for Kermit Gehman's longtime commitment to Pinebrook.

Report of Victory Valley Camp: (see page page 77)

Director Douglas J. Manwiller shared an update on the ministry of Victory Valley, including facilities improvements and ministry victories, both among campers and summer missionaries.

Timothy J. Schmoyer led the Conference in prayer, thanking God for Victory Valley's ongoing ministry and praying for its needs.

Legislation to be Considered at Second Reading:

An update was provided by Secretary Ronald L. Kohl on the pending approval of the Boards of Elders for Articles of Faith # 21 (The Lord's Day) and # 27 (The Kingdom), both of which passed at First Reading at the 129th BFC Conference. Two-thirds of the churches need to vote positively for each piece of legislation to be brought to Conference for approval at Second Reading. As of the 130th BFC Conference, only 41 churches have voted. Churches that have not yet voted are reminded that they must vote so both Articles of Faith may be considered at Second Reading at the 131st BFC Conference.

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 adopted at Second Reading:

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

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 147; No - 1.

The following was elected:

Ministerial Candidate Committee:

Timothy J. Bertolet (3 years)

Proposed Legislation for 130th BFC Conference

407-3 Offerings. Delete (3) “BFC Homes, Inc.- yearly, by April 1 to BFC Homes, Inc.” Renumber (4) (5) (6) (7).
[FIRST READING]

501-5 Retirement from the Ministry. Delete 501-5.1 “Any minister of the BFC may retire at any time under the provisions of the Minister’s Annuity Fund.” Renumber 501-5.2.
[FIRST READING]

508-3 Reports of Boards and Committees to BFC Conference. Delete (2) "Each board and committee shall have its financial records audited by an auditor(s) chosen by the board or committee prior to preparing its report for BFC Conference, and the name of the auditor(s) shall be included in the report to BFC Conference." Delete (3). "The report of each board and committee made to BFC Conference shall include a statement of its treasurer indicating the total amount of cash on hand and the depository where this fund is maintained." Renumber (4) (5) (6).
[FIRST READING]

510 Appointments by the Conference Moderator. Replace 510-1.1 Committee on Agenda and Program and 510-1.2 Committee on Arrangements with:
510-1:1 Committee on Agenda and Arrangements.

Composition: The Committee shall have seven members, two of whom shall be members of the Executive Board and three of whom shall be the BFC Executive Director, the Moderator, and the Vice-Moderator; the remaining shall be at-large members.

Duties:

(1) It shall establish and oversee a program for the succeeding BFC Conference designed to bring spiritual blessing and challenge to the members of BFC Conference.
(2) It shall receive from any Particular Church or agency requests for time in the agenda of BFC Conference. Such requests must be in writing and in the hands of the Committee at least six weeks prior to the beginning of BFC Conference.
(3) It shall establish the proposed order of business and program for the succeeding BFC Conference and shall establish the times of the meetings of BFC Conference.
(4) It shall circulate the proposed agenda at least two weeks prior to BFC Conference.
(5) It shall make provision for the meetings and accompanying hospitality for BFC Conference.
(6) It shall appoint a committee on resolutions, a timekeeper and tellers for meetings of BFC Conference. Guidelines for these appointments shall be provided by the committee.
(7) It shall recommend to BFC Conference the place and dates of the succeeding BFC Conference.
(8) It shall establish the collection point and deadline for reports for the succeeding BFC Conference.

Renumber 501-1.3 to 510-1.2.

[FIRST READING]

Amend 502-7. Replace "Committee on Arrangements" with "Committee on Agenda and Arrangements." Delete the last sentence "The length of the Conference shall be determined by the Committee on Agenda and Program."
[FIRST READING]

Amend 508-3 (1). Replace "Committee on Arrangements" with "Committee on Agenda and Arrangements."
[FIRST READING]

Delete 510-1.4 Committee on Statistics.
[FIRST READING]

Delete 510 - 2.3 Committee on Resolutions, 510 - 2.5 Tellers, and 510 - 2.6 Timekeeper.

Renumber 510 - 2.4 to 510-2.2.
[FIRST READING]

511-1.7 (2) Christian Education Committee
Delete duty (5) "It shall submit financial statements to the BFC Executive Board on a quarterly basis."
Renumber duty (6).
[FIRST READING]

511-1.7 (4) Historical Committee

Composition and Election

(1) It shall be composed of the archivist and eight persons (ministers, elders, or laypersons) elected by its own members subject to the ratification of the Executive Board.
(2) They shall be elected for a term of three years in classes as follows:
Class I Three persons
Class II Three persons
Class III Two persons
(3) Organization: The Committee shall elect annually by and from its membership a chairman and a secretary.

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 maintain a website of relevant materials and information for research and reference.
(4) It shall encourage each Particular Church and mission to maintain a file of important documents relating to the historical development of the local fellowship, and it shall encourage each church or mission to appoint a local archivist to maintain this file.
(5) It shall appoint an archivist, who shall be responsible for the maintenance and oversight of the archives.
(6) It shall assist the archivist in the collection of relevant historical materials.
(7) It shall determine policy and procedure by which the archivist can maintain and supplement the historical material of the denomination.
(8) It shall oversee a Bible Fellowship Church Historical Society made up of those who purchase annual memberships or receive honorary or gift memberships.
(9) It shall appoint a coordinator and a treasurer for the Historical Society.
(10) It shall make an annual report to the Executive Board of the Bible Fellowship Church.
[FIRST READING]

511-3 Church Health Committee.
Add to duty (1) the following sentence: "It shall oversee the compilation of an annual BFC statistical report of the churches which will assist them in this work."
[FIRST READING]

512-3 Board of Missions. Replace 512-3.2 Composition, and 512-3.3 Election with:
512-3.2 Composition and Election

(1) The Board of Missions shall be composed of the Director of Missions, the Financial Secretary, and selected ministers and members of BFC Churches.
(2) The Director shall be appointed by the BFC Executive Board.
(3) The Financial Secretary shall be selected by the Board of Missions in consultation with and subject to ratification of the BFC Executive Board.
(4) The Board of Missions will select members to serve on the board who have a heart for missions and can provide valuable assistance to the board. The number of members will be determined by the Director after consultation with the BFC Executive Board. Members will be presented to the BFC Executive Board for ratification to a three-year term of office before beginning service on the board. All members must be members in good standing of a BFC church.
(5) The Chairman and Vice Chairman (who both must be either ordained ministers or elders), Secretary, and Treasurer of the Board of Missions shall be elected annually by and from the Board of Missions at its organizational meeting. The Director is not eligible to serve in these offices. The Officers of the Board and the Director shall comprise the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions.

[FIRST READING]

Replace 600 Bylaws for Denominational Organization with

600 Regionalization.

600-1 Purpose

The purpose of regionalization is to strengthen the corporate testimony of the BFC through the development of groups of sister churches within geographic regions. Regional groups are not legislative bodies, but gatherings of sister churches for fellowship, prayer, and joint endeavors.

600-2 Organization

The Executive Board shall organize all of the BFC churches and missions into regions, subject to the approval of BFC Conference, and shall list the regions each year in the Yearbook. This organization shall take place as often as necessary.

600-3 Duties

(1) The pastors of each region shall endeavor to meet for prayer and fellowship on a regular basis.

(2) The churches of each region shall endeavor to work together on projects of common interest for the purpose of worship, fellowship, discipleship, evangelism, diaconal service, missions and evangelistic church planting.
[FIRST READING]

800 Amendment to the Faith & Order. Add 801-5 "The amendment will be declared to be in effect when approved by two-thirds majority of those voting on a second reading of the amendment at any one of the three succeeding BFC Conferences."
[FIRST READING]

800 Amendments to the Faith & Order. Omit 805 Amendments to the Appendix. "Amendments to the Appendix of the Faith & Order shall be by two-thirds majority vote of those voting at one reading of BFC Conference."
[FIRST READING]

The following guidelines for the Historical Society of the Bible Fellowship Church will be placed in the reference section:

Historical Society of the Bible Fellowship Church

I. Purpose

The Historical Society of the Bible Fellowship Church shall promote interest in the history and heritage of the Bible Fellowship Church.

II. Membership

The membership will include those who subscribe through the payment of an annual fee to be determined by the Historical Committee of the BFC. The Historical Committee may give complimentary memberships as it determines.

III. Leadership

A. The Historical Society will exist under the leadership and oversight of the Historical Committee.
B. The Historical Committee shall appoint a Coordinator of the Historical Society from its membership. The Coordinator will be responsible to direct the activities of the Historical Society. The Coordinator shall report on the activity of the Historical Society to the Historical Committee.
C. The Historical Committee shall appoint a treasurer of the society from its membership. The treasurer shall collect dues and disburse funds as directed by the Historical Committee. He shall deposit the funds received for the Historical Society in a bank approved by the Historical Committee. He shall make an annual report of the receipts and disbursements of the Historical Society to the Historical

Committee.

IV. Activity

A. The Historical Society shall hold at least one meeting annually, at which presentations relevant to the history and heritage of the Bible Fellowship Church shall be offered.

B. The Historical Society shall periodically publish materials of historical interest to the membership.

[FIRST READING]

Resolved, that the meeting be adjourned. James A. Wickstead closed the meeting in prayer at 12:20 P.M.



Pastor David A. Thomann speaks on the subject, "Seeing Biblically"

Sixth Meeting

Wednesday afternoon, April 24, 2013, 1:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 1:30 P.M. as Henry U. Sandt, Jr. opened the meeting in prayer.

An offering was taken for the Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund. William Early prayed for the offering; $1800 was collected.

Carl C. Cassel, who received a standing ovation as an expression of thanksgiving to the Lord for his 57 years of active ministry in the BFC after Moderator Randall A. Grossman provided a list of many of those ministries; preached on the subject of "Seeing Wisely." Using Proverbs 2 as his text, the speaker reminded Conference that for wisdom, we must go to God, for he is the source of all wisdom, and if we seek wisdom "like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures," "wisdom will come into our heart, and knowledge will be pleasant for to your soul."

At the 130th Bible Fellowship Church Conference, Pastor Carl C. Cassel delivered the last of several messages, but not before Conference Moderator Randall C. Grossman reviewed a partial listing of Brother Cassel's ministries in the Bible Fellowship Church – a fitting tribute, given that Pastor Cassel has declined to allow his name to stand for re-election to the BFC Executive Board, thus effectively retiring from formal leadership in the BFC.

The 1956 Yearbook reads as follows: "Resolved, that Carl C. Cassel be seated in the Conference Bar, having been stationed to serve as pastor at Coopersburg."

Brother Cassel has attended most of the ensuing 57 Conferences, serving on the following BFC boards and committees: Menno Youth Committee (five years), Victory Valley Camp (16 years – most of them as Chairman), Ministerial Candidate Committee (37 years – most of them as Chairman), Board of Directors/Executive Board (48 years), Conference Judicatory (29 years), Historical Committee (10 years).

He has also served on the following study committees: Church Government, Pulpit Supply, Church Extension Legislation, Doctrine, Strategic Planning, Intercultural Ministries, Baptism and Church Membership, Women in the Office of Deacon, Sabbath.

He has also served in the following offices: Vice-Chairman of Annual Conference (20 times), Chairman of Annual Conference (three times – 1975, 1979, 1994).

All of this, of course, is in addition to Brother Cassel's true calling: as a pastor to the flocks entrusted by God to his care.

Not surprisingly, the pastors and delegates of BFC Conference gave Brother Cassel a standing ovation, praising the Lord for this brother's long and faithful ministry to God and the Bible Fellowship Church.

The following was elected:

Ministerial Candidate Committee:

Joshua P. Miller (1 year)

Report of the Study Committee on the Biblical Principles for Living: (see page 112)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved : That the Moderator of the 130th BFC Conference appoint two study committees to study the following issues and review pertinent statements of the Biblical Principles for Living after completing their study.

1. Committee to Study Human Sexuality and Marriage

   a. What is the biblical definition of family?
   b. What is the biblical position on civil unions and same sex marriages?
   c. Does the biblical teaching about the creation of human beings as male and female (Genesis 1:27) allow for sexual identity that is different than a person's sexual physiology?
   d. What does the Bible teach about seeking sexual self-gratification (examples: pornography, erotic literature, or masturbation)?

2. Committee to Study Immigration

   a. What does the Bible teach about the Church's attitude toward immigrants?
   b. What does the Bible teach about the Church's response to the presence of undocumented immigrants in the United States?

The following appointments were made to study committees:

Human sexuality and marriage

Daniel P. Allen (convener), Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jordan K. Eyster, John Hanner, Joshua P. Miller, Aaron J. Susek, Timothy M. Zuck.

Immigration

John C. Elias (convener), David E. Gundrum, Miguel Gonzalez, Cali Magallanes, Michael D. Roberts, Dana E. Weller.

Resolved, that the appointments be ratified.

Report of the Conference Judicatory: (see page 110)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that we received the petition from the Board of Elders of Faith Bible Fellowship Church, York, PA.

The Ministerial Credentials committee then presented a response to the petition brought to the 130th BFC Conference by Faith Bible Fellowship Church of York, PA. The Conference paused to ask the Lord for wisdom. William G. Schlonecker prayed for God's guidance in providing a resolution that honors God, preserves truth and demonstrates God's grace. Discussion took place concerning the request of the York congregation. Following a short break, Philip G. Norris again beseeched the Lord for wisdom, and the following action was taken.

Resolved, Pastor Ken Keeler has been summoned by the Ministerial Credentials Committee to stand trial concerning his convictions on Article of Faith #13, "Repentance," and

Whereas, the Book of Discipline states that "original jurisdiction over ministers belongs to the Ministerial Credentials Committee" (302-2), and

Whereas, it is understood that a body has the right to interpret the legislation it enforces, and

Whereas, after appeal to the Conference Judicatory at the direction of the last BFC Conference, the Ministerial Credentials Committee was instructed to summon Pastor Keeler to trail because it holds original jurisdiction over him, and

Whereas, the Conference Judicatory has stated that "the Ministerial Credentials Committee has the authority to interpret the Articles of Faith of the Bible Fellowship Church," and

Whereas, the York congregation has petitioned the BFC Conference to interpret Article 13, "Repentance," before the Ministerial Credentials Committee has completed its trial, and

Whereas, Pastor Keeler has a right to appeal the decision of the Ministerial Credentials Committee to the Conference Judicatory if he is unsatisfied with its ruling, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Conference deny the request of the York congregation because it is out of order (this is a matter between the pastor and the Ministerial Credentials Committee, not between the church and Conference), and further

Resolved, that Conference instruct Pastor Keeler to stand trial before the Ministerial Credentials Committee for any and all charges they bring against him.

Yes – 131; No – 25.

This resolution is the answer of the 130th BFC Conference to the petition of the York congregation. Thomas P. Shorb led in prayer, asking God that his grace and truth would reign in these matters. Roger L. Shambough, delegate to Faith BFC, York, PA, expressed his gratitude for BFC Conference's compassion and concern and then led the conference in prayer.

Committee on Arrangements:

Resolved, that the 131st BFC Conference be April 28-30, 2014 at Pinebrook Bible Conference.

Resolved, that committee reports for 131st BFC Conference be sent in digital format to the BFC Executive Board by Feb. 15, 2014. bfcexecbrd@aol.com.

Committee on Communications:

Whereas, the New International Version of the Bible gives a thought-for-thought translation and

Whereas, the English Standard Version of the Bible gives a word-for-word translation,

therefore, be it

Resolved, that all Scripture references in the Faith and Order be from the English Standard Version of the Bible.

Report of the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting: (see 113)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Beneficiary Society: (see page 119)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Committee on Examination of BFC Conference Minutes, 129th BFC Conference (see page 107)

Resolved, that the report be adopted.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches: (see page 109)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Committee on Statistics: (see page 123)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following resolutions:

Whereas, Robert L. Draper and A.L. Seifert, having lived lives filled with faith in Jesus Christ and service to His Church, have found rest from their labors and have joined the saints eternal in the presence 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 kingdom through their gifts and fervent efforts, and be it further

Resolved, that we labor on, similarly devoting ourselves to the Body of Christ and its mission, eagerly awaiting our participation with Robert L. Draper and A.L. Seifert in the glorious inheritance secured for us in Christ.

Whereas, John C. Vandegriff has retired from his position of ministry, and

Whereas, Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr., David J. Peters, Louis S. Curcio, Elliot H. Ramos, Gerald D. Clark, Robert B. Kramer, and Matthew R. Lynskey have resigned from their positions of ministry, therefore be it

Resolved, that we give thanks to the Lord for the efforts and faithful service they have given to their particular churches and ministries and pray for God's blessing and gracious leading in their future endeavors.

Whereas, the following pastorates were established according to the Rules of our Faith & Order: Church Extension – Andrew W. Barnes; Board of Missions – John R. LoRusso; Harleysville, PA – Michael W. Walker; Bethlehem, PA – Timothy D. Gibson; Paradise, PA – David J. Peters; Quakertown, PA – Michael D. Roberts; Old Bridge, NJ – Thomas H.

Morrison; Whitehall, PA – Aaron D. Smith; Royersford, PA – Andrew T. Gysi; Emmaus, PA – David K. Schlonecker; Coopersburg, PA – Matthew R. Lynskey; Bethlehem, PA – Mark R. Culton; Harrisburg, PA – William C. Verdon II, 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 gifted and passionate pastors for our churches in Camden, DE; Carmel, NY; Clinton Corners, NY; Toms River, NJ; Ephrata, PA; Walnutport, PA and be it further

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

Whereas, Richard F. Bickings, Miguel A. Gonzalez, Justin L. Hunter, Stanley P. Lauterback, and Keith M. Long were ordained at the 130th 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, the congregation of Grace Fellowship Church, Steelton, PA, has labored joyfully with much endurance in establishing a healthy and dynamic Church of Christ, be it

Resolved, that we continue to celebrate with them the faithfulness of Jesus Christ in building His Church, pursue deeper unity and fellowship with them, and uphold in our own Churches their example of commitment to the call of Christ's kingdom.

Whereas, our missionary families and some of our mission Churches are laboring faithfully while separated from the close fellowship we enjoy as Churches at home, be it

Resolved, that we pray consistently for Christ's Spirit to supply them with deep strength and encouragement and that we renew our commitment to maintain the bonds of unity and fellowship in our shared endeavors.

Whereas, Robert A. Sloan, Jr., David A. Thomann, Ronald C. Mahurin, Robert T. Evans, and Carl C. Cassel have refreshed and challenged the Conference in examining our vision as a denomination, 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 and pursue healthy churches for the advancement of the Gospel and the glory of our God.

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 130th 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, Ronald C. Mahurin has modeled for us great care and diligence in the face of serious affliction and is pressing on in the work assigned to him, be it

Resolved, that we pray to the God of all life and comfort to sustain him in his work and lead him in deeper appreciation and effectiveness in proclaiming Christ's own sufferings on our behalf.

Whereas, Aaron J. Susek has willingly served the 130th BFC Conference as Worship Leader along with several others, be it

Resolved, that we give thanks to the Lord for endowing His Church with gifted musicians and for aiding our expressions of adoration, confession, and faith 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 cheerfully and sacrificially served the members of the 130th BFC Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, that we extend our earnest gratitude for their wonderful ministry to those attending the 130th BFC Conference.

Whereas, the Executive Board has worked commendably and with much personal sacrifice 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 give thanks to God for equipping these men to lead and extend appreciation to our brothers for their love of our Churches, their exciting vision for our growth, and their joy-filled leadership among us.

Whereas, the 130th Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church has approved the vision points of the BFC 20/20 Vision, therefore be it

Resolved, that we as one unified body rejoice in being the embodiment of David Brainerd's words: "Oh, how sweet it is to be spent and worn out for God," being always mindful that "neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow" (1 Cor. 3:7).

Whereas, the BFC Conference Secretary, Ronald L. Kohl, his Assistant, David E. Brandt, and Assistants to the Secretary, Donald E. Kuntzman and Timothy J. Schmoyer, 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 given $50 for his labors.

Whereas, Head Page, Daniel L. Williams, and Pages Lyle M. Sweet, Joel B. Klase, R. Daniel Wagner, Beau E. Coffman, Joshua P. Gibson, Jacob Grogan, W. Scott Kappes, Stephen J. Morton, Benjamin A. Armstrong, and Jules Hull have diligently and joyfully served the 130th BFC Conference, enabling it to function well, 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 130th BFC Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, that the members of the BFC Conference show their appreciation for Brother Grossman with a standing ovation.

Whereas, on the basis of the reports, testimonies, and proceedings of this 130th Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, we believe that Christ's Spirit is actively advancing His cause in and through us,

Resolved, that we, press on in the challenging work before us with joy and humility, and be it further

Resolved, that we continue to encourage one another, building up the saints in faith, hope and love, as we see His great day approaching.

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, Thomas P. Shorb, Randall A. Grossman, William G. Schlonecker.

Committee on Arrangements: Ronald L. Kohl (Chairman); David T. Allen, Thomas P. Shorb, Randall A. Grossman, William G. Schlonecker.

Committee on Statistics: Carl K. Spackman (Chairman); Richard T. Paashaus, Byron Widger, David N. Schoen, Clyde W. Snyder, Jason L. Hoy, Ronald E. Miller, John W. Sullivan.

Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches: Ralph M. Soper (Chairman), Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Mark R. Orton, David J. Peters, Allen R. Vivona, Howard N. Wells.

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.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

The 130th BFC Conference was adjourned at 5:20 P.M. Vice-Moderator Clifford B. Boone closed the proceedings in prayer.



BFC Executive Board member Robert T. Evans speaks on the subject "Seeing Ecclesiastically."



Pastor Carl C. Cassel, in his final action as a member of the BFC Executive Board, addresses the subject "Seeing Wisely."

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Report of the Committee on Arrangements

The Committee on Arrangements for the 130th BFC Conference met twice during the Conference year in an ongoing effort to fulfill its purpose of reviewing the mechanics and efficiency of each conference while also seeking to provide hospitality for all who attend. This is always a work in progress, and the Committee eagerly welcomes any suggestions that may help it to accomplish its objectives.

While the 128th and 129th BFC Conferences featured outstanding guest speakers (Daniel Henderson and Gene Getz, respectively), the Committee determined not to turn to an outside speaker this year and will instead trust in God's illuminating Word as He works through some of our own pastors.

This year's Conference will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2013, and will continue through Wednesday, April 24. We ask that all who will attend be in prayer for a time of growth, fellowship and camaraderie in the Lord.

The Committee continues to see attendance at BFC Conference, the only official gathering of the Bible Fellowship Church's leadership, as vital to the ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church. We contend that attendance and participation are mandatory and urge that pastors and delegates set aside the necessary time to attend each session. We understand that emergencies sometimes arise but continue to believe that full attendance at BFC Conference is profitable and necessary. With that in mind, we ask that churches continue to strive to have a delegate or alternate delegate in attendance for each meeting.

For the third straight year, BFC Conference may be viewed via the computer through live streaming. This is a wonderful asset, allowing missionaries and others who are interested in the proceedings to view around the globe. Pinebrook will once again provide free internet service throughout Conference.

Orientation materials have been placed in the front of the Report Book that is distributed to each pastor and delegate. We ask that you take time to familiarize yourself ahead of time, both with the orientation materials and with all the contents of the Report Book.

Daniel L. Williams will serve as the Overseer of the Pages and as Head Page. Daniel presently serves as Pastor at New Beginnings BFC in Woodbury Heights, NJ. Davis E. Duggins will once again serve as Registrar.

Understanding that the public reading of the minutes of each session has appeared to have lost its value, takes considerable time and doesn't appear to move the proceedings

along in any great meaningful way, the committee has resolved that the minutes will no longer be read out loud throughout BFC Conference.

However, the decision has been made to expand the committee that examines the minutes from three to five members. Up-to-date minutes throughout the 130th BFC Conference will be published in paper form and will also be posted on the Internet, and the final copy of conference minutes will be displayed on the BFC website as well as in the Yearbook. We hope that these changes will be of benefit to our pastors and delegates.

Recommendations:

Resolved, that the 131st BFC Conference be April 28-30, 2014.

Resolved, that committee reports for 131st BFC Conference be sent in digital format to the BFC Executive Board by Feb. 15, 2014. <bfcexecbrd@aol.com>

Committee on Arrangements for 130th BFC Conference: Ronald L. Kohl, Chairman; Thomas P. Shorb, Secretary; Davis E. Duggins, David T. Allen, Nathan Brosius, Randall A. Grossman, Moderator of 130th BFC Conference; Daniel L. Williams, Overseer of Pages.



Members of the 130th Conference engaged in heartfelt worship.

Report of the Executive Board

The Executive Board of the Bible Fellowship Church continued to provide leadership and logistical support for the Bible Fellowship Church throughout 2012. We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the grace extended to our Denomination, Departments, and Churches. We must never forget that we are a part of Christ's church and that we are responsible to build His kingdom, not ours. In accepting that stewardship, we want to be diligent and recognize that we cannot be passive or silent, but must press on and speak the truth. The Apostle Paul led by example as he exclaimed to the church of Philippi that "one thing I do; forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained." (Phil 3:13-16, ESV). We want to be straining forward, and pressing on!

We began two years ago with an emphasis on prayer, recognizing that anything that we do that is not begun and bathed in prayer will not succeed. Last year, we focused on our mission, Making Disciples of Jesus Christ, and encouraged each other to evaluate our plan and process for making disciples. Now we want to strain forward and press on! With that in mind, the BFC Executive Board offers a vision for the Bible Fellowship Church for the future. We are calling it our '20/20 Vision.' Although it is not as audacious as some might prefer, it does give us direction that we believe is achievable by the year 2020. We have written several 'Vision Points' that we believe should be accomplished, first as an Executive Board, then as Departments, BFC Committees, and particular churches. We are presenting the Vision Points that have been approved by and for the Executive Board (see later) and Vision Points that are being and have been presented to each Department for their consideration (copies of those Vision Points will be provided at BFC Conference). We are asking the BFC Conference to adopt those Vision Points. Each BFC Conference Committee will then be visited this coming year and the Vision Points relating to their respective committee will be presented to them for consideration. When that task is completed, at the 131st BFC Conference, those Vision Points will be presented for adoption by the BFC Conference. Over the next three years, each BFC church will be challenged to accomplish its part of the BFC 20/20 Vision as well as develop a clear vision for each one of them to accomplish. We believe that the completion of this process will provide the foundation to build the Bible Fellowship Church for future generations and will give us a clear direction that we need as a Denomination in order to help us accomplish our God given mission - Making Disciples of Jesus Christ.

We continue to be grateful for the men that God has provided to lead our Departments. These leaders stay in contact with the Executive Director and have met on several

occasions as they shared their visions, concerns, and challenges of their respective departments.

Dana E. Weller - Director, Board of Missions
David E. Gundrum - Director, Church Extension Ministries
Nathan Brosius - Director of Operations, Pinebrook Bible Conference
Douglas Manwiller - Director, Victory Valley Camp

Although a report is given to the Executive Board at each meeting concerning the status of each Department, the Executive Board met separately with each of the Department Directors in the past year just to stay in touch and pray specifically for them and the Department they lead. 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 through direct contact with the Directors. We are blessed to see the evidence of cooperation between the various Departments. We remain grateful to Church Extension Ministries for their willingness to assist our Long Neck, Delaware church by supplying an Interim Pastor, Mark Morrison, during a rebuilding process. The Long Neck congregation is delighted with their call of a church planter which demonstrates that the church is making great advances.

The Executive Director continues to care for the day to day operations of the Bible Fellowship Church. It is always good and pleasant when those in an office (or in a family, or in a church, etc.) work together in unity (Ps 133:1). We are grateful for the men and women who serve behind the scenes to accomplish the work of the Bible Fellowship Church. These include: Don Kuntzman who handles many of the daily financial functions (such as payroll and payables), 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, Wescosville, PA), and Ruth Richards who cares for the correspondence at the 'official' office at 3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052 (Church Extension Ministries' office), the mailing address for all BFC mail to be sent. Each of them has responsibilities to fulfill for their respective Departments, but they cheerfully give their voices and efforts to the Bible Fellowship Church as members of a larger team.

Here are a couple of tasks that were accomplished during the year. At the beginning of the year, all of the payrolls of the Departments were rolled into one so that each person receiving a paycheck would recognize that he/she is serving and representing the Bible Fellowship Church. During the summer, the number of paychecks swells to close to 200 with the inclusion of the summer missionaries serving at our two camps. The Executive Board gladly assisted two church plants in securing properties to be used to house these newer congregations. The Grantville/Dauphin church plant now has the oldest church

building in the BFC, one built in the early 1800's. The building is in excellent condition and is already being used by this church plant. Grace Fellowship of Harrisburg has acquired a former VFW building in Steelton, PA, and is continuing to convert it into a facility that will enable the congregation to reach out into this needy community south of Harrisburg.

Our three websites, www.bfc.org, http://info.bfc.org, and www.mizpahgrovemedia.com continue to provide information about and to the Bible Fellowship Church. We have received inquiries and responses from around the world concerning our Articles of Faith, have seen as many as 600 people using our website at one time, and have provided connections to our particular churches through our 'Find A Church' tab. The info.bfc.org website has information specifically for pastors and church leaders, but it requires both a username and password to access it. In it, however, are forms and policies for your use. We will continue to develop these and provide more information and data as the year unfolds.

During the year, the Executive Board dealt with several situations that required legal counsel and input. One area of concern, for example, is the need for every church within the BFC to stay current with the mandatory reporting laws for suspected child abuse. In order to continue to raise this awareness, we've asked Dr. Philip Monroe from Biblical Seminary to address BFC Conference and provide the direction so that we can do the right thing when/if this issue should develop within our churches. Ignorance may be bliss, but it might hurt as well, and we need to ensure that we have done all that we could for the protection and safety of the children entrusted to our care.

The Executive Director has now visited each one of the particular churches and several of the mission churches at least once during his first term in office. He has been privileged to meet with many of the boards of elders and has enjoyed the spirit of cooperation and oneness exhibited by the leadership of the individual churches. On occasion, he has been asked to offer advice and/or opinion concerning his observations and has been willing to share with the church. Other times, he has wished that he could say, 'what are you doing?' but has so far not asked that question. With the adoption of the BFC 20/20 Vision, the next visit will include a more concise prodding of the question, 'What are you doing to fulfill the BFC 20/20 Vision aspects that relate to your church?'

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 Lisicky & Company as our Accounting Firm,
AD Computer as our payroll processing 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 Hans R. Waldvogel 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.

We continue our desire to stay above reproach in maintaining fiscal accountability and responsibility. We are still in the process of rising to the standards of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). From a 'compilation' to a 'review' and now to an 'audit' of the BFC Executive Board and all of its Departments, we are moving towards full acceptance by ECFA. What started with just the Executive Board meeting this high standard has expanded to include all of the Departments. This has added to the degree of complexity and comprehensiveness needed to receive full accreditation by ECFA. It necessitates an audit, as together our operating revenue place us at ECFA's highest level of examination. It is important that we maintain the highest level of integrity as it relates to the stewardship of our finances, and we will continue to pursue and complete the tasks of accepting this high standard. We continue to work with the firm of Buckno Lisicky & Company to perform this examination under the guidelines of ECFA.

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 adoption by each local church board of elders.

The Executive Board recommends the approval of the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the BFC Conference ratify the appointment of Ronald C. Mahurin as Conference Pastor for a three year term effective May 1, 2013.

Resolved, that the BFC Conference ratify the appointment of David T. Allen as BFC Executive Director for a three year term effective May 1, 2013.

Resolved, that the 2013 revised Executive Board budget be adopted by the 130th BFC Conference.

Resolved, that an assessment rate of two (2.0) percent be adopted by the 130th BFC Conference for 2014 (based on assessable receipts for 2012).

Resolved, that the 2014 proposed Executive Board budget be adopted by the 130th BFC Conference.

In addition to our own report, several committees and funds report directly to the Executive Board. These reports, written and financial, have been accepted by the Executive Board. They include: Christian Education Committee, Communications Committee, Historical Committee, Pensions Fund, and the Pinebrook Educational Foundation.

Pension Fund

2012 Review and Status: The total of Ministers' Retirement Fund (MRF) annuity payments to beneficiaries in 2012 was $158,400 (compared to $170,600 in 2011 and $186,300 in 2010). This is the sixth year that the total disbursements have declined. Five new beneficiaries begin receiving benefits in 2013, and the final beneficiary will begin to receive benefits in 2014. There were three beneficiaries who went home to the Lord in 2012. 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 $2,250,000.

Annual Funding: 2012 was the second year that the Executive Board funded the Board of Pensions 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 Conference-wide assessments.

403(b) Plan: Refer to the 2009 Yearbook for details. No changes in IRS requirements for 2013.

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 express its appreciation to Rick Volpe, Pension Plan Administrator, and Kristen Barker of Asset Planning Services for their faithful service to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board recommends the following resolutions to BFC Conference:

Whereas, the MRF annuity rate for 2013 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 2014 be $221 per year of service.

Resolution Relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for Retired or Disabled Ministers of this Conference for Calendar Year 2014:

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 2014 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 BFC Conference and whose name and relationship to the conference is recorded in the Yearbook of BFC Conference 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 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 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."

As previously stated, the BFC Executive Board has approved several Vision Points that impact the Bible Fellowship Church. The goal would be to see them achieved by the 137th BFC Conference in April, 2020. They can be altered, edited, changed, abridged, discarded, or accomplished, but they provide direction for the Bible Fellowship Church as we continue to build a foundation for the future.

Resolved, that we adopt the following Vision Points of the BFC 20/20 Vision.

BFC Executive Board Vision Points

1. BFC will have 75 Churches
2. BFC will have 2 Camps serving the Bible Fellowship Church
3. BFC will average 12,000 Worshipers weekly

4. BFC will have 95% of its churches in a healthy condition
5. BFC will have a Training Center/Denominational Headquarters
6. BFC will have an Executive Board of which 1/3rd of the members are under 50 yrs old
7. BFC will be able to provide financial grants to church plants
8. BFC will be able to provide financial support for the development of pastoral leadership (i.e., Pastoral Internships)
9. BFC will provide a Denominational Children's Ministry Director
10. BFC will provide a Denominational Pastor to Youth
11. BFC will provide a Denominational Pastor to Seniors within our churches

12. BFC will provide a Financial Development Office/Director
13. BFC will have financial reserves for emergencies/contingencies/grants/etc.
14. BFC will provide increased funding for Pinebrook Educational Foundation
15. BFC Executive Board will have evaluated and determined whether to combine the current BOM & ChExtn into one single Department of Outreach Ministries
16. BFC Executive Board will have evaluated and determined whether to combine Pinebrook Bible Conference and Victory Valley Camp into one single Department of Camping Ministries with two physical locations

The Executive Board brings the following legislation for approval at the 130th BFC Conference.

Proposed Legislation for 130th BFC Conference (2013)

1. 403 **Congregational Meetings**. Add the following sentence to the end of paragraph 403-1.1 "At least two weeks beforehand, every congregational meeting (regular or special) shall be announced at the public worship services, or otherwise communicated to all members."

2. 407-3 **Offerings**. Delete (3) "BFC Homes, Inc.-yearly, by April 1 to BFC Homes, Inc." Renumber (4) (5) (6) (7).

3. 501-5 **Retirement from the Ministry**. Delete 501-5.1 "Any minister of the BFC may retire at any time under the provisions of the Minister's Annuity Fund." Renumber 501-5.2.

4. 508-3 **Reports of Boards and Committees to BFC Conference**. Delete (2) "Each board and committee shall have its financial records audited by an auditor(s) chosen by the board or committee prior to preparing its report for BFC Conference, and the name of the auditor(s) shall be included in the report to BFC Conference." Delete (3). "The report of each board and committee made to BFC Conference shall include a statement of its treasurer indicating the total amount of cash on hand and the depository where this fund is maintained." Renumber (4) (5) (6).

5. 510 **Appointments by the Conference Moderator.** Replace 510-1.1 Committee on Agenda and Program and 510-1.2 Committee on Arrangements with:

510-1:1 Committee on Agenda and Arrangements.

Composition: The Committee shall here five members, two of whom shall be members of the Executive Board and one of whom shall be the BFC Executive Director.

Duties:

(1) It shall establish and oversee a program for the succeeding BFC Conference designed to bring spiritual blessing and challenge to the members of BFC Conference.

(2) It shall receive from any Particular Church or agency requests for time in the agenda of BFC Conference. Such requests must be in writing and in the hands of the Committee at least six weeks prior to the beginning of BFC Conference.
(3) It shall establish the proposed order of business and program for the succeeding BFC Conference and shall establish the times of the meetings of BFC Conference.
(4) It shall circulate the proposed agenda at least two weeks prior to BFC Conference.
(5) It shall make provision for the meetings and accompanying hospitality for BFC Conference.
(6) It shall appoint a committee on resolutions, a timekeeper and tellers for meetings of BFC Conference. Guidelines for these appointments shall be provided by the committee.
(7) It shall recommend to BFC Conference the place and dates of the succeeding BFC Conference.
(8) It shall establish the collection point and deadline for reports for the succeeding BFC Conference.

Renumber 510-1.3 to 510-1.2

6. Amend 502-7. Replace "**Committee on Arrangements**" with "Committee on Agenda and Arrangements". Delete the last sentence "The length of the Conference shall be determined by the Committee on Agenda and Program."

7. Amend 508-3 (1). Replace "**Committee on Arrangements**" with "Committee on Agenda and Arrangements."

8. Delete 510-1.4 **Committee on Statistics**.

9. Delete 510 - 2.3 Committee on Resolutions, 510 - 2.5 Tellers, and 510 - 2.6 Timekeeper.

Renumber 510 - 2.4 to 510-2.2

10. 511-1.7 (2) **Christian Education Committee**

Delete duty (5) "It shall submit financial statements to the BFC Executive Board on a quarterly basis."

Renumber duty (6).

11. 511-1.7 (4) '**Historical Committee**

Composition and Election

(1) It shall be composed of the archivist and eight persons (ministers, elders, or laypersons) elected by its own members subject to the ratification of the Executive Board.
(2) They shall be elected for a term of three years in classes as follows:
Class I Three persons
Class Il Three persons
Class Ill Two persons
(3) Organization: The Committee shall elect annually by and from its membership a chairman and a secretary.

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 maintain a website of relevant materials and information for research and reference
(4) It shall encourage each Particular Church and mission to maintain a file of important documents relating to the historical development of the local fellowship.
(5) It shall appoint an archivist, who shall be responsible for the maintenance and oversight of the archives.
(6) It shall assist the archivist in the collection of relevant historical materials.
(7) It shall determine policy and procedure by which the archivist can maintain and supplement the historical material.of the denomination.
(8) It shall oversee a Bible Fellowship Church Historical Society made up of those who purchase annual memberships or receive honorary or gift memberships.
(9) It shall appoint a coordinator and a treasurer for the Historical Society.
(10) It shall make an annual report to the Executive Board of the Bible Fellowship Church.

12. 511-3 **Church Health Committee**.

Add to duty (1) the following sentence "It shall oversee the compilation of an annual BFC statistical report of the churches which will assist them in this work."

13. 512-3 **Board of Missions**. Replace 512-3.2 Composition, and 512-3.3 Election with:

512-3.2 Composition and Election.

(1) The Board of Missions shall be composed of the Director of Missions, the Financial Secretary, and selected ministers and members of BFC Churches.
(2) The Director shall be appointed by the BFC Executive Board.
(3) The Financial Secretary shall be selected by the Board of Missions in consultation with and subject to ratification of the BFC Executive Board.
(4) The Board of Missions will select members to serve on the board who have a heart for missions and can provide valuable assistance to the board. The number of members will be determined by the Director after consultation with the BFC Executive Board. Members will be presented to the BFC Executive Board for ratification to a three year term of office before beginning service on the board. All members must be members in good standing of a BFC.
(5) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman (who both must be either ordained ministers or elders), Secretary, and Treasurer of the Board of Missions shall be elected annually by and from the Board of Missions at its organizational meeting. The Director is not eligible to serve in these offices. The Officers of the Board and the Director shall comprise the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions.

14. Replace 600 Bylaws For **Denominational Organization** with

600 Regionalization.

600-1 **Purpose**

The purpose of regionalization is to strengthen the corporate testimony of the BFC through the development of groups of sister churches within geographic regions. Regional groups are not legislative bodies, but gatherings of sister churches for fellowship, prayer, and joint endeavors.

600-2 **Organization**

The Executive Board shall organize all of the BFC churches and missions into regions, subject to the approval of BFC Conference, and shall list the regions each year in the **Yearbook**. This organization shall take place as often as necessary.

600-3 **Duties**

(1) The pastors of each region shall endeavor to meet for prayer and fellowship on a regular basis.
(2) The churches of each region shall endeavor to work together on projects of common interests for the purpose of worship, fellôwship, discipleship, evangelism, deaconal service, and missions.

15. **800 Amendment to the Faith & Order**. Add 801-5 "The amendment will be declared to be in effect when approved by two-thirds majority of those voting on a second reading of the amendment at any one of the three succeeding BFC Conferences."

16. **800 Amendments to the Faith & Order**. Omit 805 Amendments to the Appendix. "Amendments to the Appendix of the Faith & Order shall be by two-thirds majority vote of those voting at one reading of BFC Conference."

17. The following guidelines for the Historical Society at the Bible Fellowship Church will be

placed in the Appendix:

Historical Society of the Bible Fellowship Church

I. **Purpose**

The Historical Society of the Bible Fellowship Church shall promote interest in the history and heritage of the Bible Fellowship Church.

II. **Membership**

The membership will include those who subscribe through the payment of an annual fee to be determined by the Historical Committee of the BFC. The Historical Committee may give complimentary memberships as it determines.

III.. **Leadership** .,

A. The Historical Society will exist under the leadership and oversight of the Historical Committee.
B. The Historical Committee shall appoint a Coordinator of the Historical Society

from its membership. The Coordinator will be responsible to direct the activities of the Historical Society. The Coordinator shall report on the activity of the Historical Society to the Historical Committee.

C. The Historical Committee shall appoint a treasurer of the society from its membership. The treasurer shall collect dues and disburse funds as directed by the Historical Committee. He shall deposit the funds received for the Historical Society in a bank approved by the Historical Committee. He shall make an annual report of the receipts and disbursements of the Historical Society to the Historical Committee.

IV. **Activity**

A. The Historical Society shall hold at least one meeting annually at which presentations relevant to the history and heritage of the Bible Fellowship Church shall be offered.

B. The Historical Society shall periodically publish materials of historical interest to the membership.

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, Hans R. Waldvogel.



Conference Pastor Ronald Mahurin

Report of the Executive Board - Balance Sheet

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ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
100 · ExecBrd American Bank		
1000 · American Bank - Checking	$121,279.18	$149,155.52
1005 · American Bank - Payroll Account	$25,242.38	$29,144.56
Total 100 · ExecBrd American Bank	$146,521.56	$178,300.08
101 · Citizens Bank - Health Ins.		
1010 · Citizens Bank Chk - Health Ins	$2,755.73	$3,684.62
1011 · Citizens Bank MM - Health Ins	$22,456.03	$31,195.31
1012 · Citizens Bank CD - Health Ins	$43,105.76	$43,084.25
Total 101 · Citizens Bank - Health Ins.	$68,317.52	$77,964.18
1030 · Sovereign Bank - Y&YA	$17,341.57	$28,812.77
1050 · Lafayette Bank - PinebrookEdFoundation	$13,917.00	$1,390.00
1055 · Brokerage Accounts - PEF		
1056 · Verizon Common Stock	$5,020.00	$4,793.00
1057 · Davis Funds	$0.00	$6,040.00
1058 · Vanguard Bond Funds	$81,914.00	$77,801.00
1059 · Vanguard Stock Funds	$110,924.00	$95,309.00
Total 1055 · Brokerage Accounts - PEF	$197,858.00	$183,943.00
1075 · Pension Fund Accounts		
1076 · Fidelity Money Market	$11,056.87	$11,055.10
1075 · First Niagara Bank	$20,746.90	$4,492.67
Total 1075 · Pension Fund Accounts	$31,803.77	$15,547.77
Total Checking/Savings/Funds	$475,759.42	$485,957.80
Accounts Receivable		
1100 · A/R - Church Assessments	-$1,442.77	-$300.92
1110 · A/R Communications Publications	-$17.00	$0.00
1120 · A/R Medical Insurance	$0.00	-$40.56
1130 · A/R Payroll	$18,895.96	$17,031.79
1140 · A/R Workers Comp. Ins.	$24,077.00	$0.00
1200 · Pinebrook Line of Credit	$298,489.25	$170,483.32
1250 · A/R Fellowship Homes, Inc	$92,304.00	$192,304.00
Total Accounts Receivable	$432,306.44	$379,477.63
Other Current Assets		
12000 · Undeposited Funds	$8,791.00	$11,079.66
1360 · PrePaid Expense - Pensions	$16,943.20	$16,943.20
Total Other Current Assets	$25,734.20	$28,022.86
Total Current Assets	$933,800.06	$893,458.29
Fixed Assets		
1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook Bible Conference		
1401 · PBC Buildings & Equipment	$1,701,535.32	$1,701,535.32
1405 · PBC Accumulated Depreciation	-$1,303,323.00	-$1,253,985.00
1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook - Land	$52,232.68	$52,232.68
Total 1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook	$450,445.00	$499,783.00
1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley Camp		
1451 · VV Builldings & Equipment	$427,087.99	$427,087.99
1455 · VV Accumulated Depreciation	-$218,160.00	-$209,779.00

1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley - Land	$149,197.01	$149,197.01
Total 1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley	$358,125.00	$366,506.00
1500 · Real Estate - Thompson, CT		
1501 · Thmpsn Buildings	$100,645.00	$100,645.00
1505 · Thmpsn Accumulated Depreciation	-$47,806.00	-$45,290.00
1500 · Real Estate - Thompson, CT - Land	$31,782.00	$31,782.00
Total 1500 · Real Estate - Thompson, CT	$84,621.00	$87,137.00
1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ		
1511 · CpMay Buildings	$43,040.00	$43,040.00
1515 · CpMay Accumulated Depreciation	-$22,408.00	-$19,607.00
1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ - Land	$1,879.99	$1,879.99
Total 1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ	$22,511.99	$25,312.99
1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA		
1521 · Adms Ctny Buildings	$163,800.00	$163,800.00
1525 · Adms Accumulated Depreciation	-$16,380.00	-$12,285.00
1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA - Land	$70,200.00	$70,200.00
Total 1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA	$217,620.00	$221,715.00
1530 · Real Estate - Brooklyn, NY		
1531 · Brooklyn Parsonage	$200,000.00	$200,000.00
1535 · Brklyn Accumulated Depreciation	-$60,000.00	-$55,000.00
1530 · Real Estate - Brooklyn, NY - Land	$7,750.00	$7,750.00
Total 1530 · Real Estate - Brooklyn, NY	$147,750.00	$152,750.00
1550 · Real Estate - Dauphin, PA		
1551 · Dauphin Buildings	$81,000.00	$0.00
1555 · Dphn Accumulated Depreciation	-$2,025.00	$0.00
1550 · Real Estate - Dauphin, PA - Land	$27,000.00	$0.00
Total 1550 · Real Estate - Dauphin, PA	$105,975.00	$0.00
Total Fixed Assets	$1,387,047.99	$1,353,203.99
Other Assets		
1635 · Mortgage Receivable - ChExtn Parsonage	$200,000.00	$200,000.00
1645 · Note Receivable - Toms River, NJ	$29,180.44	$31,943.45
1650 · Note Receivable - Cottrell Corners NJ	$40,000.00	$40,000.00
1670 · Note Receivable - Long Neck, DE	$175,000.00	$175,000.00
1680 · Note Receivable - Beraca, Phila	$53,988.65	$56,888.65
1699 · Bad Debt Reserve	-$50,000.00	-$50,000.00
Total Other Assets	$448,169.09	$453,832.10
TOTAL ASSETS	$2,769,017.14	$2,700,494.38

LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
2100 · PrePaid Assessment	$23,716.00	$1,640.00
2150 · Due to Accountants	$4,574.00	$0.00
2270 · PrePaid Insurance	-$88.75	$0.00
2310 · Payroll Due To (From) ChExtn	-$3,974.85	$5,040.39
2320 · Payroll Due To (From) BofMiss	-$3,765.07	-$2,198.70
2330 · Payroll DueTo (From) Pinebrook	-$7,866.15	$0.01
2340 · Payroll Due To (From) VV	$581.42	$1,650.20
2360 · Insurance Due From Church Ext.	$1,578.50	$0.00
2361 · Insurance Due From Pinebrook BC	$10,488.00	$0.00
2362 · Insurance Due From Victory Vall	$2,007.25	$0.00
2375 · Deferred Gain on Sale of R.E.	$8,811.00	$20,631.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	$36,061.35	$26,762.90
Total Current Liabilities	$36,061.35	$26,762.90
Long Term Liabilities		
2501 · Bank Mortgage Owed - Thompson CT	$15,873.13	$23,492.98
2520 · ChExtn Loan Owed - Adams County	$0.00	$45,000.00
2530 · Bank Mortgage Owed - Brooklyn NY	$106,516.77	$110,971.97
2550 · Bank Mortgage Owed - Dauphin	$37,655.55	$0.00
2551 · ChExtn Loan Owed - Dauphin	$29,600.00	$0.00
2560 · ChExtn Loan Owed - Cape May NJ	$10,000.00	$10,000.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	$199,645.45	$189,464.95
Total Liabilities	$235,706.80	$216,227.85
Equity		
3000 · General Equity	$693,240.59	$924,571.52
3201 · Unrestricted Assets, but Board Designated		
3100 · Church Assistance	$11,648.05	$11,648.05
3125 · Historical Committee	$5,000.00	$5,000.00
3150 · Special Projects	$8,034.76	$10,750.00
3210 · Pinebrook Educational Foundation	$108,398.00	$0.00
3260 · Pensions Fund	$28,045.85	$28,045.85
Total 3201 · Unrestricted Assets	$161,126.66	$55,443.90
3300 · Tempoarily Restricted Funds		
3310 · Pinebrook Educational Foundation	$9,809.00	$3,662.00
3330 · Christian Education	$23,425.01	$23,884.60
Total 3300 · Tempoarily Restricted Funds	$33,234.01	$27,546.60
3400 · Permanently Restricted Funds		
3410 · Pinebrook Educational Foundation	$93,568.00	$79,537.00
Total 3400 · Permanently Restricted Funds	$93,568.00	$79,537.00
3600 · Real Estate Equity		
3601 · Principal Due BFC - Thompson, CT	-$46,229.25	-$46,229.25
3610 · Principal Due BFC - Cape May, NJ	-$10,145.90	-$10,145.90
3620 · Principal Due BFC - Adams Co., PA	-$150,000.00	-$150,000.00
3630 · Principal Due BFC - Brooklyn, NY	-$54,498.72	-$54,498.72
3660 · Principal Due ChExtn - Cape May	-$10,000.00	-$10,000.00
3701 · Real Estate Equity - Thompson, CT	$71,752.39	$71,752.39
3720 · Real Estate Equity - Adams Co, PA	$84,000.00	$39,000.00
3730 · Real Estate Equity - Brooklyn, NY	$30,222.92	$30,222.92
3750 · Real Estate Equity - Dauphin, PA	$40,000.00	$0.00
3600 · Real Estate Equity - All Other Properties	$1,599,821.00	$1,599,821.00
Total 3600 · Real Estate Equity	$1,554,922.44	$1,469,922.44
Net Income	-$2,781.36	-$72,754.93
Total Equity	$2,533,310.34	$2,484,266.53
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	$2,769,017.14	$2,700,494.38

Executive Board 2012 Profit & Loss

	Jan - Dec 12	Jan - Dec 11
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000 · Church Assessments Received	$347,211	$336,677
4100 · Department Asessments	$10,000	$7,500
4150 · Brotherhood Insurance Dividends Received	$14,110	$13,588
4175 · General Contributions	$0	$172
4176 · Bequests Received	$20,065	$0
4200 · General Interest Income	$3,439	$4,897
4201 · Revenues from Sub-Committees		
4210 · Communications Committee Revenues	$4,833	$5,204
4220 · Historical Committee Revenues	$123	$44
4230 · Christian Education Committee Revenues	$2,596	$1,267
4240 · Youth & Young Adult Revenues	$99,568	$120,270
4400 · Pensions - From ExecBrd	$172,800	$172,800
4420 · Pensions - From BOM	$34,102	$34,795
4430 · Pensions - Interest Income	$2	$1
4450 · PEF Investment Income	$20,442	$4,612
4460 · PEF Contributions Received	$14,250	$2,450
Total 4201 · Revenues from Sub-Committees	$348,715	$341,443
4300 · Medical Insurance Fees	$377,899	$459,560
4301 · Medical Insurance Interest	$37	$64
4500 · Mortgages & Notes Paid		
4501 · Bank Mortgage Paid - Thompson CT	$7,620	$8,947
4502 · BFC Note Paid - Thompson CT	$0	$738
4532 · Bank Mortgage Paid - Brooklyn NY	$4,455	$7,693
4535 · Bank Mortgage Paid - Dauphin	$744	$0
4500 · Mortgages & Notes Paid - Other	$0	$3,430
Total 4500 · Mortgages & Notes Paid	$12,820	$20,808
4560 · Current Mortgage Interest Rec'd	$9,500	$5,721
4600 · Income from Sale of Real Estate	$11,820	$590
4800 · Honorarium Income	$1,200	$1,610
4900 · Holmes Settlement	$6,225	$5,500
4925 · Grants Reducing Debt (ChExtn)	$30,000	$0
4950 · Miscellaneous Inc	$435	$640
Total Income	$1,193,477	$1,198,771
Gross Profit	$1,193,477	$1,198,771
Expense		
5010 · Executive Director Salary	$74,796	$74,759
5015 · Executive Director Taxes/Benefits	$25,812	$26,227
5020 · Conference Pastor Salary	$25,959	$26,525
5025 · Conference Pastor Benefits/Expenses	$21,500	$20,423
5050 · Executive Board Expenses		
5051 · Payroll Processing	$2,505	$1,444
5060 · Executive Board Rent/Utilities	$3,000	$3,000
5070 · Executive Board Office Supplies	$778	$869
5080 · Executive Board Insurance/Acctg	$6,116	$8,169
5650 · Churches Bank Mortgage Interest	$0	$5,410
5050 · Executive Board Expenses - Other	$7,117	$6,311
Total 5050 · Executive Board Expenses	$19,516	$25,204
5100 · Annual Conference Costs	$9,910	$8,200
5110 · Annual Conference Arrangements	$6,688	$7,404
5176 · Bequest Disbursements	$20,065	$0
5200 · BFC Committee Expenses		
5120 · Annual Conference Study Committees	$252	$912
5207 · Ministerial Convention Contribution	$1,000	$1,000
5215 · Committee To Exam Church Minutes	$167	$0
5220 · Ministerial Credentials Committee	$1,421	$3,231
5225 · Ministerial Candidate Committee	$655	$1,070
5230 · Ministerial Relations Committee	$148	$143
5235 · Statistical Committee	$164	$220
5240 · Church Health Committee	$593	$411
5241 · Ad Hoc Committee-Church Health	$194	$0
5242 · Conference Judicatory	$602	$0
5243 · Nominating Committee	$129	$0
Total 5200 · BFC Committee Expenses	$5,325	$6,988

5201 · Expenses of Sub-Committees		
5203 · Christian Education	$2,596	$564
5204 · Youth & Young Adults	$111,039	$96,446
5205 · Historical Committee	$650	$775
5210 · Communications	$25,127	$31,779
5410 · Pensions Payments - Pastors	$155,994	$170,597
5420 · Pensions Payments - Missionary	$34,102	$32,002
5430 · Pensions - Admin Expenses	$552	$552
5460 · PEF Scholarships Awarded	$8,250	$10,500
Total 5201 · Expenses of Sub-Committees	$338,310	$343,216
5245 · Beneficiary Society	$500	$500
5300 · Medical Insurance Premiums	$375,432	$458,361
5301 · Medical Insurance Administration	$12,110	$12,142
5400 · Military Chaplaincy Expenses	$2,237	$1,495
5500 · Ministerial Pensions	$172,800	$172,800
5600 · Real Estate Expense	$3,046	$265
5700 · Advances to Pinebrook	$1,766	$0
5900 · Holmes Settlement Exp	$6,225	$5,500
5950 · Miscellaneous Expenses	$105	$2,193
Total Expense	$1,122,102	$1,192,201
Net Ordinary Income	**$71,375**	**$6,569**
Other Income/Expense		
Other Expense -		
6000 · Depreciation Expense		
6140 · Pinebrook Depreciation	$49,338	$56,532
6145 · Victory Valley Depreciation	$8,381	$8,380
6150 · Thompson Depreciation	$2,516	$2,516
6151 · Cape May Depreciation	$2,801	$2,801
6152 · Adams County Depreciation	$4,095	$4,095
6153 · Brooklyn Depreciation	$5,000	$5,000
6154 · Dauphin Depreciation	$2,025	$0
Total 6000 · Depreciation Expense	$74,156	$79,324
Total Other Expense	$74,156	$79,324
Net Other Income	-$74,156	-$79,324
Net Income	-$2,781	-$72,755



BFC Executive Board Treasurer Jay Fasnacht explains some financial particulars

2013 Executive Board Budget - Revised

Revised 2013 Budget
(based on 2011 Assessable Receipts)

	Approved 2013 Budget	Revised 2013 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
Anticipated Receipts			
Assessment from Churches (2%)	$ 347,500	$ 352,948	$5,448.00
Department Contribution	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$0.00
Brotherhood Contribution	$ 10,000	$ 10,050	$50.00
Investment Interest	$ 7,000	$ 7,000	$0.00
Mortgage Interest	$ 9,500	$ 9,500	$0.00
Installment Payment on Sale of RE	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$0.00
Communications Reimbursements	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$0.00
Miscellaneous/General Contributions	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$0.00
Other	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$0.00
Total Anticpated Receipts	$ 494,000	$ 499,498	$5,498.00
Anticipated Expenses			
Minister's Retirement Fund	$ 185,579	$ 172,800	($12,779.00)
Board of Communications	$ 20,000	$ 25,000	$5,000.00
Beneficiary Fund	$ 500	$ 500	$0.00
Ministerial Convention	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$0.00
Annual Conference			$0.00
Conference Facilitation	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	$0.00
Conference Expense	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$0.00
Committee Expenses			$0.00
Chaplaincy Expenses	$ 1,500	$ 2,250	$750.00
Committee Mtg Expenses	$ 4,000	$ 4,500	$500.00
Conference Pastor Salary	$ 26,000	$ 26,000	$0.00
Conference Pastor Expenses/Benefits	$ 21,550	$ 22,500	$950.00
Executive Director Salary	$ 75,000	$ 78,000	$3,000.00
Taxes & Benefits	$ 23,000	$ 23,000	$0.00
Rent & Office Expense	$ 4,500	$ 4,500	$0.00
Dues & Subscriptions	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$0.00
Legal & Accounting	$ 7,000	$ 15,000	$8,000.00
Advances to Pinebrook	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$0.00
Reserved	$ 0	$ 0	$0.00
Miscellaneous Board Expense	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$0.00
Executive Board Expense	$ 5,371	$ 5,448	$77.00
	$ 494,000	$ 499,498	$5,498.00

Medical Insurance Fees	$ 362,000
Medical Insurance Premiums	$ 350,000
Medical Insurance Administration	$ 12,000

2014 Executive Board Budget

2014 Budget (based on 2012 Assessable Receipts)

	Revised 2013 Budget	Proposed Budget	Increase (Decrease)
Anticipated Receipts			
Assessment from Churches (2%)	$ 352,948	$ 368,000	$ 15,052
Department Contribution	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 0
Brotherhood Contribution	$ 10,050	$ 10,000	-$ 50
Investment Interest	$ 7,000	$ 3,550	-$ 3,450
Mortgage Interest	$ 9,500	$ 9,500	$ 0
Installment Payment on Sale of RE	$ 100,000	$ 0	-$ 100,000
Communications Reimbursements	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ 0
Miscellaneous/General Contributions	$ 3,000	$ 0	-$ 3,000
Other	$ 2,000	$ 0	-$ 2,000
Total Anticpated Receipts	$ 499,498	$ 406,050	-$ 93,448
Anticipated Expenses			
Minister's Retirement Fund	$ 172,800	$ 172,800	$ 0
Board of Communications	$ 25,000	$ 20,000	-$ 5,000
Beneficiary Fund	$ 500	$ 500	$ 0
Ministerial Convention	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 0
Annual Conference			$ 0
Conference Facilitation	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	$ 0
Conference Expense	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$ 0
Committee Expenses			$ 0
Chaplaincy Expenses	$ 2,250	$ 1,500	-$ 750
Committee Mtg Expenses	$ 4,500	$ 4,000	-$ 500
Conference Pastor Salary	$ 26,000	$ 26,000	$ 0
Conference Pastor Expenses/Benefits	$ 22,500	$ 22,500	$ 0
Executive Director Salary	$ 78,000	$ 78,000	$ 0
Taxes & Benefits	$ 23,000	$ 23,000	$ 0
Rent & Office Expense	$ 4,500	$ 4,500	$ 0
Dues & Subscriptions	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 0
Legal & Accounting	$ 15,000	$ 18,000	$ 3,000
Advances to Pinebrook	$ 100,000	$ 0	-$ 100,000
Reserved	$ 0	$ 10,250	$ 10,250
Miscellaneous Board Expense	$ 2,500	$ 2,000	$ 0
Executive Board Expense	$ 5,448	$ 5,500	$ 52
	$ 499,498	$ 406,050	-$ 92,948

2012 Combined Balance Sheet

2012	ExecBrd	BOM	ChExtn	PBC	VV	Totals
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
Cash & Cash Equivalents	$277,903	$98,022	$171,727	$27,925	$48,408	$623,985
Investments	$197,858	$1,323,340	$373,174		$18,385	$1,912,757
Restricted Investments						
Prepaid Expenses						
Other Receivables	$448,539			$67		$448,606
Current Maturies of Notes Receivable	$9,500	$28,407				$37,907
Total Current Assets	$933,800	$1,449,769	$544,901	$27,992	$66,793	$3,023,255
Property And Equipment						
Land	$340,041					$340,041
Buildings	$2,717,108					$2,717,108
Other Fixed Assets			$37,996			$37,996
Less Accumulated Depreciation	($1,670,101)		($19,599)			($1,689,700)
Property And Equipment, Net	$1,387,048	$0	$18,397	$0	$0	$1,405,445
Other Assets						
Notes Receivable	$298,169	$113,628	$49,600			$461,397
Mortgages Receivable	$200,000					$200,000
Bad Debt Reserve	($50,000)					($50,000)
Total Notes Receivable, Net	$448,169	$113,628	$49,600	$0	$0	$611,397
TOTAL ASSETS	**$2,769,017**	**$1,563,397**	**$612,898**	**$27,992**	**$66,793**	**$5,040,097**

2012			ExecBrd	BOM	ChExtn	PBC	VV	Totals
LIABILITIES								
	Current Liabilities							
		Accounts Payable	$4,574		$1,172	$315	$1,578	$7,639
		Current Maturities of Long Term Debt				$28,407		$28,407
		Advances and Deposits	$23,716			$35,233	$6,506	$65,455
		Other Current Liabilities	($1,040)	$404,592	$1,285			$404,837
		Deferred Income	$8,811			$41,323		$50,134
	Total Current Liabilities		$36,061	$404,592	$2,457	$105,278	$8,084	$556,472
	Long-Term Debt, less Current Maturities		$199,645			$403,581		$603,226
	Total Liabilities		$235,706	$404,592	$2,457	$508,859	$8,084	$1,159,698
EQUITY								
	Unrestricted Net Assets		$2,409,290	$1,181,626	$579,429	($427,133)	$64,603	$3,807,815
	Temporarily Restricted Funds		$33,234		$10,220		$13,612	$57,066
	Restricted Funds		$93,568		$20,000			$113,568
	Net Income		($2,781)	($22,821)	$792	($53,734)	($19,506)	($98,050)
	Total Equity		$2,533,311	$1,158,805	$610,441	($480,867)	$58,709	$3,880,399
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY			**$2,769,017**	**$1,563,397**	**$612,898**	**$27,992**	**$66,793**	**$5,040,097**

2012 Combined Statement of Revenues & Expenses

	ExecBrd	BOM	ChExtn	PBC	VV	Totals
REVENUES						
Contributions						
Churches	$347,211	$112,817	$533,504	$28,664	$32,965	$1,055,161
Individuals		$16,037	$243,306	$112,462	$79,184	$450,989
Other Gifts and Bequests	$20,065	$10,183		$5,761	$1,575	$37,584
Total Contributions	$367,276	$139,037	$776,810	$146,887	$113,724	$1,543,734
Other Revenues						
Retreats and Conferences				$904,930	$159,808	$1,064,738
Program Fees	$358,715	$3,216				$361,931
Rental Income		$3,000		$19,826	$65,610	$88,436
Program Sales		$3,403		$58,622	$13,488	$75,513
Interest and Dividends	$27,087	$30,423	$14,106	$11	$483	$72,110
Net Realized and Unrealized						$0
Gains on Investments	$12,820	$90,845	$24,552			$128,217
Gain on Sale of Property	$11,820					$11,820
Medical Insurance Contributions	$377,899					$377,899
Other Income	$7,860		$100	$8,547		$16,507
Total Other Revenues	$796,201	$130,887	$38,758	$991,936	$239,389	$2,197,171
Net Assets Released from Restrictions and Other Transfers	$30,000	$0	$1,500			$31,500
Total Revenues	**$1,193,477**	**$269,924**	**$817,068**	**$1,138,823**	**$353,113**	**$3,772,405**
EXPENSES						
Salaries/Benefits/Payroll Taxes	$320,867	$161,356	$126,832	$335,362	$127,469	$1,071,886
Program Expenses	$315,920	$9,356	$562,118	$66,494	$81,039	$1,034,927
Program Food Expenses				$302,333	$48,665	$350,998
Conference and Meetings	$21,923	$3,094	$16,622	$1,080	$491	$43,210
Marketing/Communications	$25,127	$10,725	$18,331	$7,235	$7,355	$68,773
Office Expenses	$28,626	$8,060	$10,327	$37,210	$11,703	$95,926
Rents/Real Estate Taxes	$6,046	$23,020	$1,200	$40,536	$7,573	$78,375
Buildings and Grounds Maintenance		$300		$321,424	$55,706	$377,430
Insurance	$375,432	$3,177	$4,888	$45,859	$15,549	$444,905
Designated	$26,290	$72,864	-$48	$25,598	$16,992	$141,696
Depreciation	$74,156		$6,006			$80,162
Other Expenses	$1,871	$793	$70,000	$9,426	$77	$82,167
Total Expenses	**$1,196,258**	**$292,745**	**$816,276**	**$1,192,557**	**$372,619**	**$3,870,455**
Gain (Loss)	**-$2,781**	**-$22,821**	**$792**	**-$53,734**	**-$19,506**	**-$98,050**

Report of the Department of Missions

To write a report on the Board of Missions is to write a report on the Bible Fellowship Church's heart and passion to reach the world for Christ. One in every forty-five members of the BFC is serving under the direction of the Board of Missions. Add to that number former missionaries who served and are now retired or have returned home and the statistic is absolutely striking.

The passion for world evangelization goes far beyond these statistics. The financial partnership of churches and individuals is noteworthy and the participation of BFC people in short term cross-cultural ministries is large and continues to grow. God has given to His church a commission to go into the world and proclaim the gospel. He has also given to His church the vision that the fields are indeed ripe and ready for harvesting. The BFC has proven itself committed to that commission and vision.

As I write this in January, a missionary in Mexico celebrates the torch being passed from his leadership in a church to a national. Two girls announce full support and plan to leave for Tanzania. New applications sit on my desk from those excited to begin ministry. Several are in school with their sights set on serving.

With the new financial challenges facing our churches and the uncertainty of employment for individual donors, the challenges are great. The board and our individual missionaries must remain steadfast on the promise first stated by Paul to the church in Philippi – *"I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

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 who 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,
- are experiencing especially 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 who are 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.

Muslim Outreach Coordinator is a recent Board of Mission added position. John Elias is available to any BFC church desirous of developing a coordinated plan to reach the Muslim community in their city.

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) Retreat 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 Seminar 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 who 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 Ministry 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 mission trips 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 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. E-mail 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 provides 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 9th, 2013 at Faith Bible Fellowship Church in Lancaster.

7. 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.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry!

Department of Missions General Statistical Report

1. Number of Sending Boards under which our missionaries are working 42
2. Number of countries in which our missionaries are working 32
3. Number of Missionaries:

	Family Units	Couples	Singles	Total Adults
Active Missionaries	85	70	15	155
Leave of Absence	1	0	1	1
Appointees	4	2	2	6
Active Applicants	2	2	0	4
Totals	92	74	18	166

Area	Families	Adults	Countries
U.S.	41	77	United States
North America	4	8	Canada, Mexico (excluding U.S.)
Central America	4	7	Costa Rica, Guadeloupe, Panama
South America	2	4	Bolivia, Ecuador
Europe	16	32	Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Northern Ireland, Serbia, Spanish Canary Islands
Africa	13	19	Cameroon, Kenya, Morocco, Tanzania, Togo, Zambia, South Sudan
Asia	5	9	India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Thailand, Ukraine
Southeast Asia & Pacific	4	7	Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia

Sam & Melissa Adams	Pennsylvania - director of staff and volunteer development at CMTS
Dan & Vonnie Allen	Pennsylvania – executive director Follow Me Ministries
Keith & Carol Anderson	Texas - executive director Evangelical Mission Ministries
William Aukamp	South Dakota - evangelism, discipleship, church planting
Byron & Lisa Barnshaw	Pennsylvania – Byron, web developer at Christar Lisa - Short-term Ministries Caseworker
Bruce & Heather Beal	Mexico - Bible translation
Emily Behnke	Tanzania –Tanzania Project
Glen & Leah Ruth Blauser	North Carolina - warehouse manager JAARS
Jay & Hannah Breish	Vermont - administration at The Fold
Amanda Brennan	Tanzania –Tanzania Project
Scott & Stacy Bose	Panama – director, Crossroads Christian Academy
Billy & Annie Crompton	Thailand - director sports outreach

Sanjay & Karen Dalavai	Pennsylvania – Children's camping ministry in India
Lynette Dallmann	Pennsylvania - Mid-Atlantic Regional area coordinator for Operation Christmas Child
Larry & Michele Davies	Czech Republic - church planting
Francisco & Eliane deSouza	Pennsylvania - missionary care FIM
Bill & Lois Early	Pennsylvania - northeast representative for Trans World Radio
John & Karen Elias	Pennsylvania – BFC coordinator for Muslim outreach
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 – CCO staff director for Central Pennsylvania

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
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John & Kathy Hoover	New Hampshire - ministry in nursing homes, evangelism
Marc & Elizabeth Hoyle	France – camping, evangelism, and architectural design
Walter & Susan Johnston	Pennsylvania – collegiate ministry to international students
David & Kristy Kelly	France - WOL ministry
Michael & Jayne Kauffman	Pennsylvania – appointees - Sports Ministry
Cheryl Kline	Pennsylvania – leave of absence
Paul & Kathryn Kline	Greece - church planting and evangelism
Kimberly Knaub	Tanzania -Tanzania Project
K & R	Italy – church planting
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 & Jennny Merkey	North Carolina - Kyle - aircraft maintenance JAARS, Jenny teaching
Chris & Beckie Merrick	Pennsylvania - missionary partnership coordinator
Matt & Kristy Messick	Ecuador - applicants
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	S E 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 & Brianne 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, appointees - working with native Americans
David & Becky Riddell	France - international director World Team.
Laura Beth Robison	Sudan - 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 - ministry transition
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	Colorado – OMF home office
Emily Wagner	Germany - teacher, Black Forest Academy
Rick & Donna Warner	Texas – ministry transition
Colby & Theresa Weinhofer	Japan - church planting
Dana & Lanette Weller	Pennsylvania – executive director, BFC Board of Missions
Scott & Joanna Widman	Northern Ireland - camping ministries
Oliver & Linda Williams	Texas - finance department home office
Barry & Candy Wingo	Mexico - evangelism, translation, church planting
Carrie Ziegenfuss	Tanzania - Tanzania Project
Ondra & Melissa Zikanovi	Czech Republic - church planting, discipleship

Candidates and Commissionings

The local church continues to produce world-bound missionaries. This year the Board of Missions processed a number of new applications, approved the following candidates: Dan & Vonnie Allen, K. K., Brianne Raines, and commissioned: Laura Beth Robison.

Individuals Ending Their Active Missionary Service

Mark & Cathy Wimble, Matt & Sukey Lynskey

Annual Reports From Missionaries

Annual activity reports from missionaries will be sent out by the missionaries themselves. These reports for 2012 will be sent out in early 2013.

Dates To Mark On Your Calendar Of Events:

Thursday, May 9th

Conference-Wide Missionary Rally 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Faith BFC Lancaster, PA

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, Thomas P. Shorb, Kim Stengele, Craig Tress, Philip E. Yerrington.

Report of Church Extension Ministries

Visions of God - A Year of Vision

Ezekiel 1:1 ". . . I saw visions of God . . ."

This new year of 2013 will be a challenging one in terms of the Lord providing the resources for sending out possibly three to five new men to plant churches. As we look back on what the Lord accomplished through Church Extension in 2012, the review is nothing less than amazing. In looking ahead to the new challenges awaiting us, we will need to have a powerful view of God and His power.

This year our theme is Visions of God – A Year of Vision! The Lord came to Ezekiel to impress upon him the importance of the commissioning he was about to receive. The visions were also given to the prophet to fill his heart and mind with majestic and powerful thoughts of God. Whether we are called to carry out a great ministry for the Lord or asked to complete a simple task for His glory, we must have visions of God, who He is and the power He has available for the completion of the tasks assigned. We will not receive a visitation from God like Ezekiel did, but we can have visions of God through studying and meditating on His Word and through prayer. God has given all of us certain tasks to accomplish and whether it is being a godly parent, son and daughter, or carrying out the requirements of any task, we need to know that God is there for us in all His power.

When it comes to planting churches, our church planters need to have visions of God. They need to understand that the challenging ministry they embarked on is unique. Church planting calls for a high degree of sacrifice, resilience when it comes to the constant pressure of the attacks of the devil, and the diligence to press on in the face of disappointments and heartaches. Our men must have a high view of God and the power that is available to them through their mighty God.

When we call a church planter, we must also have a high view of God's power and might. We assess our church planters and look for the gifts, abilities and experiences that will predispose them to church planting. However, no matter how impressive the credentials of a man, we must keep our eyes on the Lord and not the man. We need a vision of God's power and to pray for that power to fill the church planter and bring the results from his ministry that the Lord ordains.

The challenges of the past year have been overcome through the presence and power of God in this church planting mission. We will now seek the Lord's will in this new year as we look to Him for His presence and power in this vital church planting ministry.

The 2013 BFC Corps of Church Planters

Your corps of church planters seems to be in constant ebb and flow as mission churches are established and others are graduated. Please take note of your present corps of planters and potential planters and seek to partner with one or more of these men, committing your prayers and financial gifts to their ministry.

Mark Barninger – Dauphin, PA Mission Church (new location) Freedom Bible Fellowship Church. Meets at: 409 Allegheny St., Dauphin, PA 17018. Contact Info:

pastor@freedombfc.com or 717-579-4414. Website: freedombfc.com

Miguel Gonzalez – Assistant Church Planter

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

_____– South Allentown, PA Mission Church Lighthouse Bible Fellowship Church (El Faro) Meets at: 641 South Genesee St., Allentown, PA 18103. Contact Info: 610-791-9995 Website: elfarobfc.org

Carlos Rodriguez – Reading, PA Hispanic Mission Church The Rock of Reading (La Roca de Reading). Meets at Grace BFC in Reading 1128 Hampden Blvd., Reading, PA 19604. Contact Info: rogoldcya@hotmail.com or 610-780-4103.

Aaron Susek – Adams County, PA Mission Church Bible Fellowship Church of Adams County. Meets at: 895 Coleman Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325. Contact Info: aaronsusek@gmail.com or 717-476-2340. Website: bfcac.net

Scott Wright – Lower Providence Township, PA Mission Church Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church. Meets at: Hampton Inn & Suites - Valley Forge/Oaks 100 Cresson Blvd., Oaks, PA 19460. Contact Info: info@redeemerbfc.org or 484-302-0124 Website: redeemerbfc.org.

Ron Smith – Greater Townsend, DE Mission Church (new location) theMission, a Bible Fellowship Church. Meets at: Townsend Fire Hall 107 Main St., Townsend, DE 19734. Contact Info: ronandkathysmith@verizon.net or 302-545-9049. Website: themissionbfc.org

David Smith – Steelton, PA Mission Church (new location) Grace Fellowship Church. Meets at: 747 North Front St., Steelton, PA 17113. Contact Info: pastordavid@graceinhbg.org or 717-982-6779. Website: graceinhbg.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: office@capecommunitychurch.org or 609-465-2338. Website: capecommunitychurch.org.

Freddy Chi – Villa Magna, Mexico Mission Church. Meets at: a building in the town of Villa Magna, Mexico. Contact Info: freddychi62@gmail.com or contact the Church Extension office.

REVIEW OF 2012 IN CHURCH EXTENSION

1. The BFC Mission Churches recorded 31 people making professions of faith and the Mission Churches held 22 baptisms.

2. Financial giving from BFC churches remained about the same as 2011 giving.

3. Our donor list and donor giving increased due mainly to the new men being called to ministry and the new individual and church supporters they brought with them to Church Extension.

4. Two Training Days were held for our men including guest presenters who spoke

on: Landmines to Church Planting, Networking and Community Outreach, The Laws Regarding Mandatory Reporting and Adequate Insurance Coverage.

5. Door-to-door surveys took place in several of your Mission Churches' target sites and potential sites: Delaware, Cape May NJ, Lancaster PA, and Woolwich Township NJ. A number of mass mailings were facilitated by the office, reaching several thousand people in various church planting target sites.

6. Several work teams and individuals from various churches assisted with renovations and maintenance repairs on the BFC properties in Allentown PA, Cape May NJ, Adams County PA, Dauphin PA, and Steelton PA. Most of the costs for these projects were paid for by the Mission Churches, BFC Churches and Church Extension.

7. In DELMARVA Ray Bertolet continued his Interim Pastor role at the Camden, DE BFC. He also serves as Property Committee Chairman and held on-site property evaluations of the properties under our care. He made recommendations and followed up on the needs. Ron Smith began meetings in the Greater Townsend, DE area at a site on Rt. 13 in Townsend, and has now relocated to the Townsend Fire Hall. Ron is still ministering bi-vocationally and plans on transitioning to more time with church planting in the next year. The church plant took the name "theMission" and has been adding more people to its Core Group Launch Team (CGLT) in order to publicly launch the church. Harry & Sandra Workman continue as our Aquila & Priscilla Team in DELMARVA. They assist at the New Life BFC and with other projects when called upon by Church Extension like community surveying, literature distribution and visitation. We took the responsibility of overseeing the Long Neck, DE BFC and worked at reviving the church that was devastated by the resignation of its elders. The Board of Church Extension approved a plan to assist Long Neck and sent Assistant Director Mark Morrison to serve as Interim Pastor. Things have gone very well this past year. Attendance has increased from eighteen to approximately forty. Members were taken in and baptisms held and the financial condition of the church is stable. At the end of 2012, the Board of Church Extension approved a Call to Andrew Barnes to go and pastor the New Life BFC. He began his duties in February of 2013.

8. In October of 2012, Pastor Elliot Ramos resigned as the church planter at the El Faro Mission Church in Allentown, PA. After serving for twelve years and believing that it was time to move on and allow another planter to come and further develop the church, Pastor Ramos moved to North Carolina to minister alongside his father in the church he serves. At the end of 2012, we began to look at a likely candidate for church planting at El Faro. At the time of this report the assessment and qualifying of the candidate was taking place.

9. We praise God for the Aquila & Priscilla Teams that serve the church plants. Neil & Lisa Christensen continue to serve as an Aquila & Priscilla Team to the El Faro Mission Church in Allentown and have been very involved with leading the church during this time of searching for a new pastor/church planter. Jason & Joanne Englehart serve with Carlos Rodriguez at the La Roca Mission Church. Doug & Kashie Boyd assist at the Cape May Mission Church. Russ & Nell Ruch retired from serving as an Aquila & Priscilla Team after serving in this role for many years at numerous church plants. They are now active back in their home church at the Hatfield, PA BFC. This year Pastor Carl & Helen Spackman continued as an A&P team at the Steelton, PA Mission Church

and Carl was recently elected as an Elder. As mentioned previously, Harry & Sandra Workman also serve as an A&P team in Delaware.

10. Ray Bertolet serves as our Assistant Church Planter and as mentioned previously in this report, he 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 is assisting Ron Smith as Ron plants in Greater Townsend.

11. Grace Fellowship Church, Harrisburg, under the leadership of Pastor David Smith, moved into the city of Steelton, PA, a multi-cultural target site, and purchased a building. They began services in the building at the end of 2012. This past year an Assessment Team was appointed by the Board of Church Extension to hold assessments of the Elder Candidates, Committed Participants and the finances of the Mission Church. All the assessments went well and the Board of Church Extension recommended that Grace Fellowship be received into BFC Conference in 2013. Lord willing, they will graduate from Church Extension June 30, 2013.

12. Pastor Mark Morrison continues to serve full-time as Assistant Director. He is serving as Interim Pastor at the Long Neck, DE BFC. He will disengage from New Life BFC in April of 2013. He coaches 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. Seven BFC ministry and work teams were sent out to assist your plants in DELMARVA, Cape May, NJ; Allentown, PA; Adams County, PA; Steelton, PA; Dauphin, PA and Long Neck, DE.

14. The Cape May County Mission Church changed its name to Cape Community Church. The Mission Church continues to grow under the leadership of Pastor Keith Strunk and his Team. The Chapel and Parsonage were painted this past year and renovations on all the buildings took place. Leaders have been identified and Keith is training these men. Wendell Yoder, an elder at the Sinking Spring, PA BFC, takes his Bluegrass musical group to assist with worship at the Cape May, NJ Mission Church and the New Life, DE BFC.

15. Aaron Susek serves as Church Planter at the Adams County Mission Church. The Mission Church was growing in 2012 and then later in the year it experienced the loss of several families and is now seeking to regroup and refresh the ministry vision. The outside of the church building received further renovations and looks good. There are still some renovations remaining. The Mission Church was challenged financially with the loss of the families and its progress toward graduation has been hampered. Pray that the Mission Church will get back on a growth track in 2013.

16. Administrative Assistant Ruth Richards has done a great job with making our systems compatible with the systems that the Executive Board implemented for the Departments. Ruth works with an active volunteer force that assists with numerous mailings. At the end of 2012 we received word that there may be the possibility of Church Extension needing to leave its office in Fellowship Community. The BFC Executive Director is seeking a place to organize a denominational office that would include Church Extension.

17. We praise God for blessing our two major fund raising projects: Summer Ten and Christmas Gift Month. A total of over $134,000 came in through these fundraisers. Praise God for our faithful donors. The Board's Development Committee began working on the formation of a Legacy Society, "The Antiochan Society." This Society should be launched in 2013.

18. The Dauphin, PA Mission Church, under the leadership of Mark Barninger, purchased facilities in Dauphin Borough in 2012. The Mission Church has experienced growth and is in the midst of renovating the buildings. Plans are being made for assessments in 2013 and graduation in 2014.

19. Our Director, along with the Board's Vision & Strategy Committee, is revising its forward plan, Fresh Wind, to be compatible with the vision plan that is being drafted by the Executive Board. We plan on presenting the plan to the BFC in 2013.

20. A number of meetings were held with three prospective church planters. Joshua Dupiche, a young man who was born in Haiti and lives with his wife in the Germantown/ Mt. Airy section of Philadelphia, began his assessment process this past year and is moving ahead toward a Call to plant in Philadelphia. This will be the first metro-urban church we planted in a long time.

21. Thirty-seven churches were visited this year by the Church Extension staff. We presented our Mission and Vision, shared in Missions Conferences and were a part of other meetings at the churches. We attended the Lancaster Bible College and the Cairn University Missions Conferences and participated in the CMTC Boot Camp as well as several web seminars through Exponential.

22. Our Hispanic Church Plants in Reading (La Roca), Allentown (El Faro), and Villa Magna, Mexico are actively reaching Hispanic people with the Gospel. La Roca continued to develop in 2012 with a focus on identifying leaders, discipleship and spiritual growth. The AWANA program under the leadership of Miguel Gonzalez, Assistant Church Planter, is an active ministry in the church. La Roca assisted the investigation into a Hispanic church plant in Lancaster, PA with Miguel chairing the CPRT (Church Planting Resource Team). Several outreaches were held over the summer and several families showed interest. The CPRT 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 needs a replacement for Brother Ramos. Since this past August, a search has taken place and we are close to qualifying a man. Pray for El Faro and its need for a church planter and to grow. Eduardo Venegas served as our Summer Church Planting Intern. He assisted at La Roca and also at the outreaches in Lancaster. He is back in Mexico but confirmed his desire to come to the U.S. and serve with the BFC. We began looking into the immigration process for him to come here and serve. The first international BFC Mission Church Plant is in Villa Magna, Mexico. The Villa Magna Mission Church is a daughter church plant from the La Roca de Merida, Mexico BFC. Pastor Marcos Ramirez trained Freddy Chi and sent him to plant. We held Skype meetings with Marcos and Freddy throughout the year. The Mission Church is doing well.

23. Miguel Gonzalez serves as Assistant Church Planter in the La Roca Mission

Church, Reading, PA.

This past year Miguel and his wife Jessica assisted Pastor Carlos, were very active with the youth and families of the church, led the AWANA program and chaired the Hispanic CPRT in Lancaster, PA, leading the outreaches in Lancaster over the summer.

24. Daughter Church Planting. Scott Wright from the Harleysville, PA BFC and Ron Smith from the Newark, DE BFC began their daughter church planting ministries in 2012. Both churches are moving toward public launches in 2013. Meetings will continue with the Capital Region regarding a daughter church plant in Lancaster, PA. The Coopersburg, PA BFC along with the Lehigh Valley, PA Region is discussing daughter church planting. I had some meetings with Tim Zuck and Tim Schmoyer regarding this regional plant. The Board of Church Extension opened a new Mission Church in Woolwich Township, NJ. The new Mission Church is near Swedesboro, NJ and is a daughter plant from the Wallingford, PA and Woodbury Heights, NJ BFC churches. Pastor Dan Williams is leading the CPRT and began meetings in 2013.

25. I, David E. Gundrum, chaired the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting this past year. The Committee transferred the oversight of its Hispanic Task Force (HTF) to Church Extension and the HTF is now a committee of Church Extension. It is chaired by Carlos Rodriguez and Miguel Gonzalez. The Committee began meeting in 2012 and is monitoring the current Hispanic ministries and seeking to expand Hispanic ministries of the BFC. The Committee will also facilitate 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. I also served again this past year on the Ministerial Candidate Committee and have enjoyed working with the new men coming into the BFC.

26. I hold monthly and some quarterly coaching sessions with the Church Planters. In 2012 Mark Morrison and I held three all-day Church Planter Assessments with potential Church Planters.

PROJECTIONS FOR 2013 IN CHURCH EXTENSION

1. The DELMARVA Project
   a. Camden, DE BFC – Ray Bertolet will continue his interim position as Pastor of the Camden, DE, BFC and assist Church Extension with various projects.
   b. Long Neck, DE – We will oversee the Long Neck, DE church until it is able to elect elders and be financially self-supporting. There is the potential for reaching the Hispanics in the area. There is also the possibility of beginning a Bible Institute in the church building.
   c. Greater Townsend, DE – 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.
   d. Projected New Site – Ray Bertolet is doing demographic work in the Easton/Cambridge, MD area to determine if a BFC church is needed there.
2. Hispanic Church Planting
   a. La Roca - Reading, PA Hispanic Church Plant – I will continue to coach

Carlos and Miguel and assist them with the Mission's growth and leadership development. I will assist Miguel and the Lancaster CPRT with their efforts to determine God's will for a Hispanic church plant in Lancaster.

b. El Faro - Allentown, PA Hispanic Church Plant – We need to confirm a new man to take over the church planting and pastoral duties.

c. Merida, Mexico – The HTF will assist Pastor Ramirez and Freddy Chi with the church plant in Villa Magna.

d. Hispanic Task Force – I will act as consultant to the Hispanic Task Force and assist them with their responsibilities.

3. Daughter Church Planting

a. Capitol Region – Possible Hispanic Church Plant.

b. Newark, DE – In process.

c. Harleysville/BucksMont Region – In process.

d. Lehigh Valley Region – I will monitor, with Tim Zuck, the progress of the discussions on planting a regional daughter church plant in the Lehigh Valley and see how Church Extension can assist.

e. Woolwich Township, NJ – I will assist and facilitate the development of this new daughter Mission Church and coach Pastor Dan Williams as he leads the CPRT.

4. Connectional Projects

None at the time of this reporting.

5. Recruitment

a. Hispanic – I, along with the HTF, will look for more Hispanic men to be called to plant Hispanic churches with the BFC.

b. Church Planters – I will continue to recruit and seek out qualified men to plant churches, as well as dialogue with current men in the BFC about church planting.

6. Church Planting Academy

No movement on this at the time of this reporting. In 2013, I will form a Steering Committee to discuss this.

7. Graduation Preparations

I will be assisting Mark Barninger and the Dauphin, PA Mission Church with their plans for graduation in 2014 and making the final plans for the graduation of the Steelton, PA Mission Church in 2013.

8. Facility Needs

I will encourage the BFC churches to send work teams to the Dauphin and Steelton, PA Mission Churches to help them complete their renovations. There are no property purchases pending at the time of this reporting.

9. Development

The Development Committee will be finalizing plans for launching "The Antiochan Society" in 2013. We will continue to work with the Mennonite Foundation in seeking ways to best invest our funds. I continue to seek a retired individual with investment

expertise to assist with donor follow-up and communication.

When I first was called to be the Director of Church Extension, I was not certain as to how the Lord would use me in this vital ministry of church planting for the Bible Fellowship Church. The Lord has been good to me over the years and blessed me with an ongoing corps of men who many times teach me more than I probably teach them. It is an awesome privilege to serve an almighty God and be a small part of Kingdom building.

The churches of the Bible Fellowship Church are a significant part of the backbone of this mission to evangelistically plant churches. A number of BFC churches have their struggles and yet they demonstrate not only an interest in Church Extension, but also a sacrificial commitment to support the Mission along with the other churches that make up the BFC. Church Extension will continue to look for ways that it can help strengthen the BFC churches and assist them. I remain committed to the vision and purpose of Church Extension. As each year goes by, my belief that evangelistic church planting is God's primary means for building His Kingdom continues to grow.

Pray for God to give us His wisdom and power to reach people with the Gospel and plant new BFC 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 Bible Fellowship Church; and finally, pray for me as I direct this vital Mission.

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

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

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 plant a daughter church? 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.

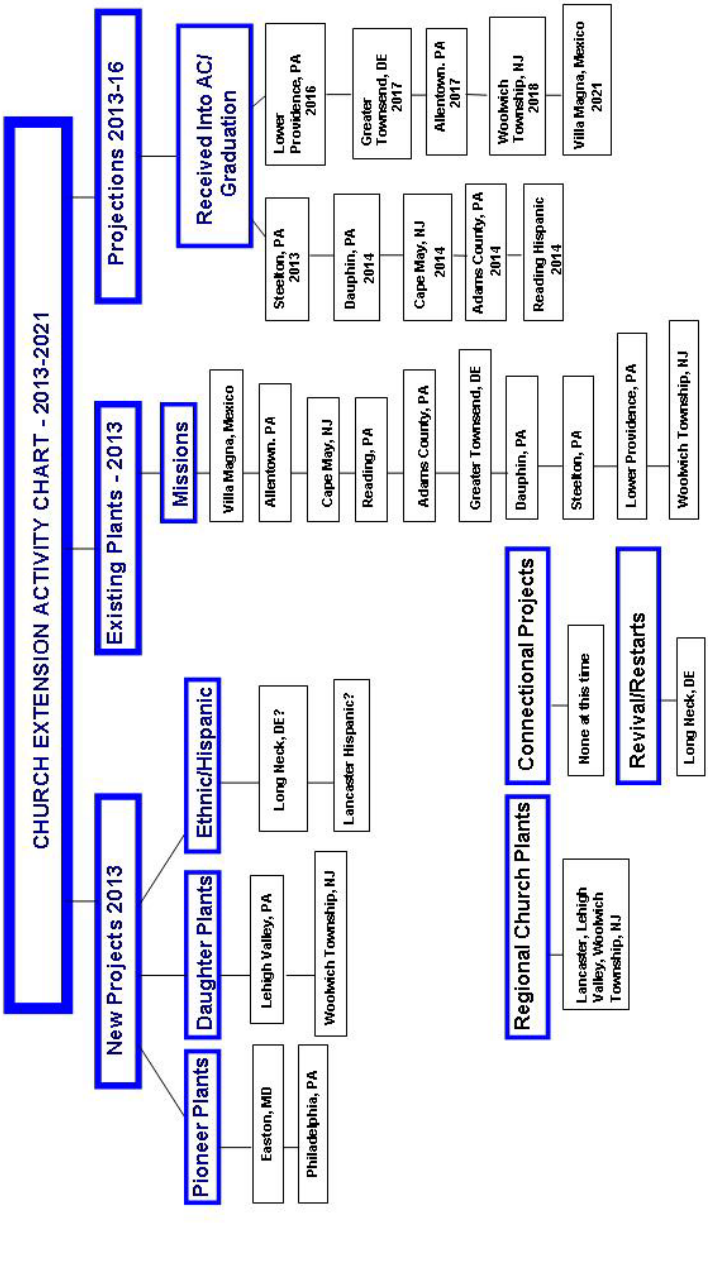
Prospective Planters

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 CDs, 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)


CHURCH EXTENSION ACTIVITY CHART - 2013-2021
New Projects 2013
Pioneer Plants
Easton, MD
Philadelphia, PA
Daughter Plants
Lehigh Valley, PA
Woolwich Township, NJ
Ethnic/Hispanic
Long Neck, DE?
Lancaster Hispanic?
Regional Church Plants
Lancaster, Lehigh Valley, Woolwich Township, NJ
Existing Plants - 2013
Missions
Villa Magna, Mexico
Allentown, PA
Cape May, NJ
Reading, PA
Adams County, PA
Greater Townsend, DE
Dauphin, PA
Steelton, PA
Lower Providence, PA
Woolwich Township, NJ
Connectional Projects
None at this time
Revival/Restarts
Long Neck, DE
Projections 2013-16
Received Into AC/ Graduation
Steelton, PA 2013
Dauphin, PA 2014
Cape May, NJ 2014
Adams County, PA 2014
Reading Hispanic 2014
Lower Providence, PA 2016
Greater Townsend, DE 2017
Allentown, PA 2017
Woolwich Township, NJ 2018
Villa Magna, Mexico 2021



Upper Susquehanna Region pastors - Top, Charles Cole, Joshua Gibson, Robert Cox,
Ferdie Madara, Bryan Snyder, Phil Norris
Bert Brosius, Alva Cassel, Hugh Coulbourne, Richard Nye, David Manney



South West Region - Marcos Ramirez

Report of
Pinebrook Bible Conference

Pinebrook has experienced great blessings from our Lord and Savior during the year of 2012.

The sum total of the year was a fervent pursuit of infrastructure improvements in respect to not only the physical facilities, but in spiritual, cultural, operational, programming and mission.

The restructuring and installation of several new members to the Pinebrook Board rendered a new approach in the operating relationship of the Administration and Board. A productive and mutual support base has produced a spiritually and fiscally productive and servant-based environment.

Our Summer Conference programming was carefully reviewed and updated as our first step in meeting the spiritual and overall guest-experience needs and desires in today's culture. We continue to forge ahead in providing the best possible Christian-based Family Bible Conference for Bible Fellowship Church constituents and the greater community of believers. Our mission is to provide the most advantageous venue for the development of disciples of Christ and to be a valued asset to the Bible Fellowship Church.

The physical infrastructural improvements of 2012 exceeded our expectations tenfold. Although these improvements go nearly unnoticed by the average guest or attendee, the accomplishments have successfully prevented or averted some potentially devastating scenarios for many years to come. The lion's share of this infrastructural miracle is due to the outpouring of numerous gracious supporters who came to the aid of Pinebrook through prayer, many hours of volunteerism, and financial contributions.

Pinebrook was blessed with an increase in guest attendance over the 2012 year. God was working throughout the year as we witnessed incredible stories of spiritual wins for Christ. The legacy of reaching souls at Pinebrook continues as we approach the eightieth year of ministry on these holy grounds.

Simultaneously, we are pleased that God provided Pinebrook with the ability to not only make improvements, but He has also seen fit to provide the resources to make significant reductions to the financial debt during the year.

Pinebrook's pursuit of infrastructure rebuilding in all aspects of the ministry is not a small task. Yet, we will continue to seek God's provision of wisdom and discernment so that each individual to whom God has entrusted His ministry may one day stand before the throne and hear the words of our Lord, "Well done my good and faithful servant."

All those who have a love for Pinebrook and its ministry reinforce a resounding plea for the continued prayer, support and engagement of this body in an effort to join the mission of developing disciples of Christ within the Bible Fellowship Church while ministering and promoting spiritual development to a world in need of Christ.

Nate Brosius, Director of Operations

Pinebrook Bible Conference Board: Charles Cole, Chairman; Chris Fellon, Vice Chairman; Charles Bomgardner, Secretary; Darian Allen; Mark Barninger; Patrick Carl; Gary Karch; Chris Merrick; Matthew Prinze.

Report of Victory Valley Camp

Once again, we praise the Lord for his goodness to the ministry of Victory Valley Camp. God continues to pour out his blessings on our programs to children.

The 2012 Summer Camp Program consisted of our 3 programs - Overnight Cabin Camp, Outpost Adventure Camp, and Valley Day Camp. The theme this year was "Under Construction – Building a Firm Foundation." The campers learned the importance of Jesus being our only Foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11). As God's word was shared each week, our mission "to interest and introduce individuals to the reality of a relationship with jesus christ and to encourage their continued growth through a christian camp environment" was accomplished. Multiple professions of faith were made each week during the summer. Additionally, we experienced an 11% increase in camper attendance over last year.

Victory Valley's Summer Missionary program continues to prove effective in training young people and sending them back to serve in the local church. This year, 73 people served, with at least 60 serving each week. Our Discipleship Program for Summer Missionaries focused on building our lives on things that are solid. This included Solid Theology, Solid Prayer Life, Solid Devotional Life, Solid Testimony, Solid Relationships and a Solid Witness.

The theme for Winter Blast 2013 was "Light of the World." The campers learned about the light that pierces the darkness! Although there was not much snow, the children enjoyed many activities highlighted with a glow in the dark meal followed by glow in the dark games.

This year we continued upgrading our facilities. Some of the improvements are a drop ceiling in the game room, new lights in Victory Hall, and a new porch for the Snak Shak. The entrance to the camp was paved. A pavilion at Outpost was constructed. All of these projects were accomplished through the generosity of many volunteers.

We at Victory Valley Camp want to thank all of you for your faithful support of your ministry. I look forward to your prayers and support this coming year.

2013 Calendar of Events

March 22-24 Prospective Jr. Staff Retreat
April 5-7 Core Challenge
April 19-21 Father Daughter Retreat
May 3-5 Mother Son Retreat
May 18 Open House
June 22 Summer Staff Dedication Banquet
June 23-29 Cabin and Outpost Adventure Camp, Valley Day Camp
June 30- July 6 Cabin and Outpost Adventure Camp, Valley Cay Camp
July 7-13 Cabin and Outpost Adventure Camp, Valley Day Camp
July 14-20 Middle School Cabin and Outpost Adventure Camp, Valley Day Camp
July 22-26 Valley Day Camp

July 28- August 3 Cabin and Outpost Adventure Camp, Valley Day Camp
August 4-10 Cabin Camp and Outpost Adventure Camp and Valley Day Camp
October 6 Fall Family Festival
November 29 Thanksgiving BFC Youth Rally
December 7 Friends of the Valley Banquet

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Manwiller, Director

Board of 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 Marks, Mark R. Orton



Conference Pastor Ronald C. Mahurin greets Victory Valley Camp director Doug Manwiller and program director Dan Faust.



Metro Region Pastors & Delegates - Top, Thomas Boose, Richard Ravis, Dennis Cahill
Bert Baker, Marc Sweet, Tom Morrison
Alan Heinlein, Ralph Ritter, Herb Mitchell, Richard Vroman, Ed Snyder-Ritter



Bucks-Mont Region Pastors - Top, Mark Orton, David Watkins, Tom Phillips
R. Scott Wright, Andrew Crossgrove, Ron Kohl, Kevin Clineff
Andrew Gysi, Howard Wells, Daniel Allen, James Arcieri

Report of the Communications Committee

"…pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ…that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak….
Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."
Colossians 4:3-4, 6

The Communications Committee met three times since the 129th BFC Conference. Regular reports were given by the various subcommittees and helpful suggestions were made. We are in the process of producing a complete edition of the Faith and Order in Spanish. It is also our intent to produce a revised edition of the By-Laws by BFC Conference 2014.

In establishing the revised format for the Faith and Order, we set forth the following:

Preamble

Part I: Articles of Faith

Part II: Biblical Principles for Living

Part III: By-Laws and Structure

Part IV: Amendments

Part V: Resources

Resources for Church Use
Resources of Denominational Use (including form for ordination & recognition of a particular church)

Because of the importance of communication continuing between us, we are repeating the following e-mails, addresses, and phone numbers of the following:

Bills and orders should be sent to the following address:
BFC Communications Committee, 3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052.
Donald E. Kuntzman, don@bfcbom.org
Fellowship News – church information, news, and questions regarding editorial policy:
Carolyn Ritter, bfc.fellowship.news@gmail.com
BFC One Voice – articles for publication and questions about editorial policy, distribution:
Ralph E. Ritter, bfc.onevoice@gmail.com
Web-servant:
Donald E. Kuntzman, PO Box 3555, Allentown, PA 18106-0555; don@bfcbom.org

The Committee presents the following for your prayerful consideration:

Whereas, the New International Version of the Bible gives a thought-for-thought translation and

Whereas, the English Standard Version of the Bible gives a word-for-word translation, therefore, be it

Resolved, that all Scripture references in the Faith and Order be from the English Standard Version of the Bible.

Communications Committee: Davis E. Duggins, Chairman; Allan R. Vivona, Secretary; Donald E. Kuntzman, Business Manager & Web-servant; Ralph E. Ritter, Editor BFC One Voice; Clyde W. Snyder, David T. Allen, Ronald L. Kohl.



Pastor Ronald L. Kohl at work in his first year as Conference Secretary.

Report of the Conference Pastor

"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win."

– 1 Corinthians 9:24

Are you an Activity Addict? After telling one of my personal life's stories, it is not unusual for someone to say: "You should write a book." To that I reply, "I have one started. The title is 'See Ronnie Run' and I have completed the first chapter." It reads like this: "See Ronnie run, run, run, run:

Run to appointments, activities, assignments...run!
Run to demands, decisions, deadlines...run!
Run to schedules, services, seminars...run!
Run to planning, programs, people...run!

Any of this sound familiar to you? Of course it does. Every leader I know is a busy person, and, as such, needs to heed the words and wisdom of a senior servant of Christ.

"Busyness rapes relationships. It substitutes shallow frenzy for deep friendship. It promises satisfying dreams but delivers hollow nightmares. It feeds the ego but starves the inner man. It fills a calendar, but fractures a family. It cultivates a program but plows under priorities."

Many a church boasts about its active program: "Something every night of the week for everybody." What a shame! With good intentions the local assembly can create the very atmosphere it was designed to curb. The One who instructed us to "be still and know that I am God" must hurt when He witnesses our frantic, compulsive, agitated motions. In place of a quiet, responsive spirit we offer Him an inner washing machine – churning with anxiety, clogged with too much activity, spilling over with resentment and impatience. Sometimes He must watch our convulsions with a heavy sigh."

As with any change needed in our lives, we must acknowledge our need to change. So how do you know when you are an Activity Addict? Consider this. You know you are an Activity Addict:

1. When going is more important to you than doing.
2. When doing is more important to you than being.
3. When what people think of you (your reputation) is more important to you than what God knows you to be (your character).
4. When programs and projects are more important to you than people.
5. When immediate pressures are more important to you than God given priorities.
6. When busyness robs you of being quiet before God and getting better acquainted with Him.

I think it is time to write the second chapter of my book. It will be titled, "Be Still Ron; Be Still, Be Still, Be Still."

"Be still (cease striving) and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." – Psalm 46:10

What will you write in the next chapter of your book of life?

As I travel across our Conference visiting our pastors and churches, it is gratifying to see several of our churches, who have been involved in a self-study for the past year or two, initiating changes, which the study revealed would be helpful in strengthening their local ministry and their worldwide outreach.

We give thanks to God for each of the men who were ordained to the gospel ministry and continue to urge you to pray to the Lord of the harvest to raise up many new pastors to minister in the Bible Fellowship Church.

Once again, our Sovereign God, the one who "gives and takes away," has called home His faithful servants: Robert Draper, Dorrit Kirkwood, Marjorie Phillips, Arlington Seifert, and Warren Shelly. The memory of their commitment to Christ and His Church, their exemplary lives and faithful service, is an ongoing blessing and challenge to all of us who loved them and appreciated their fellowship in the gospel.

Through the love gift of $2,412.00 deposited to the Darlene J. Mahurin Fund, we were able to financially assist 26 pastors and their families. These expressions of love were gratefully received and a great encouragement to those choice servants of Christ.

During the past 12 years it has been my absolute pleasure and joy to serve as your Conference Pastor. I am sincerely humbled and exceedingly grateful for the love and support I have received from our pastors and their wives; the Ministerial Relations Committee, the Executive Board, Members of Annual Conference, and local Elders.

I deeply sense the need of your prayerful support as I seek to serve the Lord through serving you. Thanks for the privilege!

Your co-laborer in Christ,

Ronald C. Mahurin, Conference Pastor

Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund

January 1, 2012 - Beginning Balance		$ 1,656.00
	Receipts	$ 2,412.00
	Families Assisted (26)	$ 3,205.00
December 31, 2012 - Ending Balance		$ 863.00

Report of the Historical Committee

Pre-millennial eschatology and historical preservation can only exist side-by-side in some oxymoronic relationship. Pre-millennial eschatology drives us to focus on the future, when we know that Jesus will return, calling us to invest our time, energy and resources in hope of that which is to be. Historical preservation drives us to focus on the past, where we commit our time, energy and resources for the memory of that which was. But does the hope of the return of Jesus mean that we abandon our history like some useless attic clutter? And does a focus on history lead to rear-view-mirror vision that does not look at what is coming?

History and hope are not mutually exclusive. The Bible is full of history and hope, for the stories of what was stand beside the prophecies of what is to be. Jesus taught that He will return, but He also taught us to keep at it until He does.

The "keep at it" part makes history relevant to those who expect Jesus to return. Those of us who are most eager about the future of our church and concerned that we keep at it do care about being a useful part of God's kingdom work and will keep looking back as we anticipate what is ahead. What can we learn about what works for us, how God has used us, and how He has uniquely shaped us as a denomination to do and be what He desires? Our history answers those questions.

The Historical Committee has made preservation a significant part of its task. To date, 3284 documents and items of historical significance have been catalogued and stored in the archives at Wallingford, PA. Some 1884 photographs have been collected and recorded, many of which have been scanned and preserved digitally. In recent years, collection of historical material has slowed down but will continue to be a significant part of the Committee's task in the future.

During the past year, the Committee has re-organized the administrative organization and procedures of the Historical Society by including the responsibilities of the Historical Society Executive Committee within the responsibilities of the Historical Committee. To accomplish that, the Committee voted to expand its membership from 6 members to 8. John English and Bruce Ellingson were appointed to the Committee. Longtime member Harold Shelly asked to be removed from the Committee. Andrew Geissinger was appointed to replace him.

The Historical Society held its annual meeting at Bethany Bible Fellowship Church in Hatfield, Pennsylvania on October 27, 2012. A paper prepared by Ronald Kohl and Jill Davidson, entitled "From Pacifists to Patriots," explored our roots in Mennonite pacifism and our transition to different views. Richard Taylor examined how church buildings

evolved through our history in a presentation entitled, "Simple Architectural Lines and Economic Necessity."

The next meeting of the Society will be held on October 26, 2013. Jill Davidson has been asked to present a survey of the history of the Women's Missionary Society. David Gundrum has agreed to review the history of Church Extension Ministries beginning in the 1950s.

A periodic publication prepared by the archivist with the input of others in the society encourages the collection of primary source stories and data that can be preserved for future reflection and study.

If you would like to become a member of the Historical Society, you will find information on the website of the Historical Committee (www.BFCHistory.org). If you have significant historical materials or photographs, please contact our archivist, Richard Taylor (retaylor@GraceBFC.org).

Historical Committee: Jill Davidson, Chairperson; Richard Taylor, Secretary and Archivist; John English, Treasurer, Historical Society; Carl Cassel, Bruce Ellingson, Andrew Geissinger, Ronald Hoyle, Ronald Kohl.



Dr. Scott Stoll speaks about this year's Ministerial Convention topic "A Glorious Temple – Caring For Our Bodies"

Report of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation met two times in 2012.

The Foundation received gifts totaling $14,250 in 2012.

Significant Board actions are described as follows:

Approved Scholarship Grants totaling $8,250 as follows on June 14, 2012:

a. $750 to Vincent Adelsberger from the Reichenbach Scholarship Fund. Vincent attends Cairn University and Sinking Spring BFC.
b. $750 to Olivia Bomgardner; $500 from the Pinebrook Junior College Scholarship Fund and $250 from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Olivia attends Cairn University and Lebanon BFC.
c. $750 to Jackie Busolits from the Ungerer Memorial Fund. Jackie attends Grove City College and Coopersburg BFC.
d. $750 to Rachel Carson: $350 from the Ungerer Memorial Fund and $400 from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Rachel attends Messiah College and Royersford BFC.
e. $750 to Rebecca Carson from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Rebecca attends Messiah College and Royersford BFC.
f. $750 to Kristen Clark from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Kristen attends Liberty University and Clinton Corners, (NY) BFC.
g. $750 to Hannah Wright from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Hannah attends Grove City College and Lower Providence BFC (Church Plant).
h. $500 to Emily DelDuco; $200 from the Weaver Memorial Fund and $300 from the Temporarily Restricted General Scholarship Fund. Emily attends Geneva College and Harrisburg BFC.
I. $750 to Steven DelDuco from the Temporarily Restricted General Scholarship Fund. Steven attends Grove City College and Harrisburg BFC.
j. $500 to Nina Gundrum from the Temporarily Restricted General Scholarship Fund. Nina attends Grove City College and Reading BFC.
k. $750 to Kelvin Scott from the Temporarily Restricted General Scholarship Fund. Kelvin attends Eastern University from Coopersburg BFC.
l. $500 to Johannah Ziegler-Ritter from the Temporarily Restricted General Scholarship Fund. Johannah attends Nyack College and Brooklyn (NY) BFC.

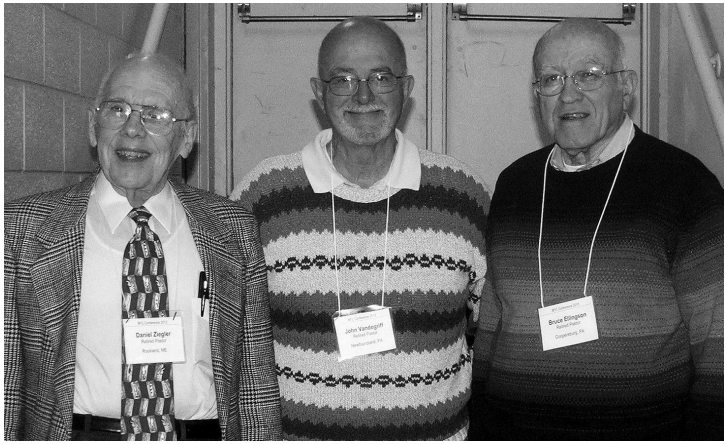
The Board awarded Scholarship Grants for substantially all available funds on June 14, 2012. Accordingly, due to the limited availability of funds for issuance of additional Scholarship Grants, the Board requested that its Chairman inform future applicants that granting of scholarships has been suspended until additional funds become available.

Presented Raymond R. Dotts and Jay H. Fasnacht to the Executive Board for approval to serve on the Board of Pinebrook Educational Foundation for a three-year term ending in 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay H. Fasnacht, Secretary

Pinebrook Educational Foundation Board – Raymond R. Dotts, Chairman; Jay H. Fasnacht, Secretary/Treasurer; Stephen C. Cassel, Judith Rychnovsky, Karen Stoll, John Sullivan.



Retired Pastors - L-R, Daniel Ziegler, John Vandegriff, Bruce Ellingson



Bucks-Mont Region Delegates - L-R, Joel Klase, William Blair, Alfred Roberts

Report of the Youth and Young Adults Committee

The Board of Youth and Young Adults met four (4) times to conduct its business, and three (3) committees met as needed.

Events Committee

This committee is charged with the Sno-Glo retreats that are held on three successive weekends each January. This year, our speakers were Kevin Skaer (middle school and combined weekends) and Matt Lynskey (high school weekend). Both speakers received excellent evaluations as each worked through Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Wes Checkeye and his worship band provided musical worship and received wonderful reviews. The board thought that the retreat went very well again this year, and attendance increased from the previous year. We seek to continue to improve our program in hopes that we will have an impact on more teens than the previous year. Any input is welcomed and appreciated by the board.

Leadership Committee

The leadership committee had a youth pastor or key leader breakfast at both the high school and combined Sno-Glos. At the breakfast the facilitator cover the topic of integrating teens into the larger body of Christ. After the facilitator shared he had the pastor or key leaders break into small groups and discuss the topic and questions about the topic. It was well received by the pastors and leaders.

Young Adult Committee

A first-ever BFC Young Adults short-term missions trip went off splendidly last summer as nine young adults from eight different churches served in San Jose del Cabo, Mexico, assisting longtime BFC missionaries Art & Vicky Reyes on work projects and VBS ministry. In addition, our young adults have remained active with coffee houses, a "Day of Fun" at Victory Valley Camp and our annual young adults retreat. We are examining the potential for moving our retreat to the New Jersey shore as a means of attracting young adults from more of our churches. We appreciate any assistance our pastors and delegates can give in publicizing upcoming events in each church.

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, Dorothy L. Ruch-Buck, Steve DelDuco, Mark Culton.



Lehigh Valley Region Pastors - Top L-R, David Shoen, Glenn Felty, Mark Evans
Richard Paashaus, Don Kuntzman, Tom Shorb, Josh Edwards, Phil Yerrington, Byron Widger
Cliff Boone, Matt Lynsky, Jon King, Dave Schlonecker, Al Dommel
Mark Culton, Tim Zuck, Ron Erb, Tim Gibson, Ronald C. Mahurin, Jason Hoy, Keith Plows,
Scott Kappes, Bryan McNally
Tim Schmoyer, Carl Fischer, Aaron Smith



Lehigh Valley Region Delegates
Top L-R, John Hanner, David Vinson, Ronald Sprankle, Alan Russell
Richard Drosnock, Charles Bloomfield, Bert Roling, Scott Hoffman
Nelson Randolph
Wayne Batten, Shaawn Van Doren, Kevin Derr, Michael Helfrich, Henry Sandt, Gary
Sterner

Report of the Christian Education Committee

"For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers."

(1 Thessalonians 2:11-13 ESV)

As of the date of this report, our full committee has not met since our previous report (to the 129th annual meeting of the BFC Conference). However our "Curriculum Subcommittee" (5 members) has continued to produce both adult and children's curriculum for more effectively teaching our BFC Articles of Faith, and our "Post-Secondary Education Subcommittee" (4 members) met one time to try to solidfy our thinking on, and develop strategies for, our subcommittee's specfic assignments. Our "BFC Communication & Creativity Subcommittee" has only one member so nothing was done to communicate with our growing Advisory Council or to follow up on new ideas or requests for our entire committee.

We are very pleased that in addition to our own ten committee members, 24 additional members of the BFC at large have joined our interactive website at http://bested.ning.com/ as an "Advisory Council" to help guide us in our work. This number is up from 16 members a year ago. Any member of the BFC is invited to join our ranks by simply writing to chaplain_john@verizon.net and requesting an online invitation. This larger Advisory Council also provides a pool of interested and gifted people in the BFC from which the Executive Board can, if they so choose, nominate new members to the Christian Education Committee to bolster our ranks.

Sadly, two members of our Committee have had to resign this past year, thus creating several vacancies that will need to be filled.

Please pray for our committee to have much wisdom and strength from the Lord as we seek to honor Him with the ongoing challenges before us.

Christian Education Committee: Chairman (vacant); J. Richard Vroman, Secretary; Mark E. Barninger; Davis E. Duggins; Rachel (Norris) Marks; Richard Mastronardo; David J. Peters; Michael D. Roberts; Thomas J. Sorg; plus one more vacancy.

Report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee

The Ministerial Candidate held 8 meetings since its last report in February, 2012. The Committee met with 13 men during that time.

The following men were recommended for ordination examination: Miguel Gonzalez, Justin L. Hunter, Stanley P. Lauterback, Richard F. Bickings Jr., and Keith M. Long.

The following men were issued licenses: Jason L. Hoy, W. Scott Kappes, Michael W. Walker, Aaron D. Smith, John R. LoRusso, Andrew T. Gysi, David K. Schlonecker, and Andrew W. Barnes, Sr.

During the year, Calvin T. Reed, who has served on the Committee as chairman for many years, asked to be removed because of his health. The Committee reluctantly accepted his request and noted its appreciation for his faithful and diligent service to our denomination. The Committee appointed Timothy L. Bertolet to serve in his place until the next conference.

The annual Orientation Seminar is scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday, June 4-6, 2013, at Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, Coopersburg, PA.

Resolved: That the following list of Ministerial Candidates be approved:

Probationers (Probationers have completed all preliminary testing and are approved for service in a Bible Fellowship Church. Licensed probationers are serving under a call and are indicated by the year of their licensure in parentheses.)

Allen, Joshua M. (2011)	Las Cruces NM
Barnes, Sr., Andrew W. (2013)	Long Neck DE
Bickings, Jr., Richard F. (2010)	Bethlehem PA
Brunner, Steven N.	Ephrata PA
Culton, Mark R.	Bethlehem PA
Dupiche, Joshua A.	Philadelphia PA
Eyster, Jordan K. (2011)	Blandon PA
Gibson, Timothy D. (2012)	Nazareth PA
Gonzalez, Miguel (2010)	Reading PA
Gysi, Andrew T. (2012)	Royersford 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
LoRusso, John R. (2012)	Harleysville PA
Lynskey, Matthew L. (2009)	Coopersburg PA
McNally, Bryan (2012)	Alburtis PA
Meyer, Philip G.	Perkiomenville PA
Podlasinski, Francis	Bethlehem PA
Schlonecker, David K. (2012)	Emmaus PA

Shearer, Charles A.	Lebanon PA
Smith, Aaron D. (2012)	Whitehall PA
Smith, David A. (2011)	Harrisburg PA
Smith, Ronald B. (2011)	Townsend DE
Strunk, Keith A. (2011)	Cape May Court House NJ
Suthers, Edwin B.	Camp Hill PA
Walker, Michael W. (2012)	Harleysville PA

Candidates (Candidates have been interviewed and approved to take the Open Book Examination.)

Armstrong, Benjamin J.	Mt Joy PA
Carder, Gregory W.	West Reading PA
Chi, Freddie	Villa Magna, Mexico
Clark, Timothy G.	Reading PA
Coffman, Beau E.	Fleetwood PA
Davies, Gregory T.	Tabernacle NJ
Gibson, Joshua P.	Northumberland PA
Godshall, Lonnie J.	Macungie PA
Grogan, Jacob W.	Sellersville PA
Hanner, John J.	Allentown PA
Hogan, Timothy S.	Mountville PA
Istrate, Daniel	Lansdale PA
Klase, Joel B.	Hatfield PA
MacArthur, James D.	Oley PA
Mickle Jr., Allen R.	Tunkhannock PA
Radcliff, Timothy	Pennsburg PA
Rissmiller, S. Wayne.	Bernville PA
Sweet, L. Marc	Brick NJ
Venegas, Eduardo A.	Mexico
Verdon II, William C.	Hershey PA
Wagner, R. Daniel.	Denver PA
Wells, Nathan T.	Hanover Park IL

Applicants (Applicants have indicated their interest in serving in a Bible Fellowship Church.)

Fox, Sean	Reading PA
Green, Robert W.	Newark DE
Morton, Steven	Bear DE
Nessler, Timothy	Wenonah NJ
Snyder-Ritter, R. Edward	Brooklyn NY

Ministerial Candidate Committee: Andrew T. Crossgrove, chairman; Richard Taylor, secretary; Timothy J. Bertolet, application secretary; 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 Robert L. Draper and A.L. Seifert of our ministering brethren. We thank God for the many years of ministry they rendered to the Lord. We look forward to the day we will be reunited with them 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 held on Tuesday evening, April 24, 2012 at the BFC conference. The second tier was administered in the church where each man serves.

Various members of the Committee had the privilege of being at the recognition services of the men who were ordained in 2012. 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:

David H. Jones was changed from Ordained Ministers in the Chaplaincy to Ordained Ministers Between Calls.

John C. Vandegriff was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Retired Ordained Ministers.

Kurt P. Francis was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence.

Gerald D. Clark, Robert B. Kramer and Elliot H. Ramos were changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers Between Calls.

Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr. and Louis S. Curcio were changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries.

Thomas H. Morrison was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Michael D. Roberts was changed from Ordained Minsters Working in the Chaplaincy to Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Jeffrey L. Ruhl was changed from Ordained Inactive Ministers to Ordained Ministers Working in the Chaplaincy Under the Sponsorship of the BFC.

W. Neil Harding was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to Inactive Ordained Ministers.

Albert J. Dommel was changed from Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence to Ordained Ministers Between Calls.

Ronald C. Hagy was removed from the list of ordained men.

The Committee met with Richard F. Bickings, Miguel A. Gonzalez, Justin L. Hunter, Stanley P. Lauterback, and Keith M. Long 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 Richard F. Bickings, Miguel A. Gonzalez, Justin L. Hunter, Stanley P. Lauterback and Keith M. Long 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 Richard F. Bickings, Miguel A. Gonzalez, Justin L. Hunter, Stanley P. Lauterback and Keith M. Long 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.
Arcieri, James
Baker, Delbert R. II.
Barninger, Mark E.
Bertolet, Raymond R.
Bertolet, Timothy J.
Bickel, Mark A.
* Bickings, Richard F.
Boone, Clifford B.
Brandt, David E.
Brush, R. Jerome
Cahill, Dennis M.
Clineff, Kevin W.
Cole, Charles E.
Cowen, Timothy S.
Crossgrove, Andrew T.
DelDuco, Steven J.
Duggins, Davis E.
Edwards, Joshua D.
Erb, Ronald C.
Evans, Mark R.
Felty, Glenn R.
Fischer, Carl J., Jr.
* Gonzalez, Miguel A.
Grossman, Randall A.
Gundrum, David E.
Harris, Richard D.
Heller, LeRoy S.
* Hunter, Justin L.
Johnson, Robert A.
Keeler, Kenneth D.
Kirkpatrick, Kevin W.
Kohl, Ronald L.
Kuntzman, Donald E.
* Lauterback, Stanley P.
* Long, Keith M.
Madara, Ferdie R.
Mahurin, Ronald C.
Miller, Alan G.
Miller, Joshua P.
Morrison, Mark L.
Morrison, Thomas H.
Norris, Philip G.
North, Eric R.
Orton, Mark R.
Paashaus, Richard T.
Peters, David J.
Prontnicki, Louis
Ramirez, Marcos G.
Ravis, Richard B.
Reed, Calvin T.

Ritter, Ralph E.
Roberts, Michael D.
Rodriguez, Carlos G.
Schlonecker, William G.
Schmoyer, Timothy J.
Schoen, David N.
Shorb, Thomas P.
Simpson, Arthur J., Jr.
Sloan, Robert A., Jr.
Spinney, Dennis W.
Susek, Aaron J.
Taylor, Richard E.
Thomann, David A.
Uhrich, Gregory A.
Vivona, Alan R.
Weller, Dana E.
Wells, Howard N.
Wickstead, James A.
Widger, Byron
Williams, Daniel L.
Wright, R. Scott
Yerrington, Philip E.
Zuck, Timothy M.

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

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

Heineman, David N. - Hospice
Hurst, Kenneth J. – Military
Moyer, Richard A. - Prison Ministry
Ruhl, Jeffrey L. - Transport for Christ
Susek, Jacob, J., Jr. - Fellowship Manor

IV. Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries:

Bomgardner, Clyde D., Jr.
Commerford, Robert S.
Cooper, Brian C.
Curcio, Louis S.
Dowling, Willis I.
Dunn, William J.
Lawrence, Dennis J.
Martin, Carl T.

V. Ordained Ministers Between Calls:

Arnold, Jonathon W.
Clark, Gerald D.
Denlinger, Ronald K.
Dommel, Albert J.
Jones, David H.
Kramer, Robert B.
Ramos, Elliot H.

VI. Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence:

Francis, Kurt P.

VII. Ordained Ministers in Retirement:

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

VIII. Ordained Inactive Ministers:

Harding, W. Neil, Jr.
Lea, Herbert K.
McCreary, J. Mark
Tait, Jonathan P.
Tannous, Michael J

The Credentials Committee Makes The Following Additional Recommendations:

1. **Resolved**, that an Ordination Service be held at the 130th BFC Conference.

2. **Resolved**, that the Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church of Bethlehem, PA, the LaRoca De Reading Bible Fellowship Church of Reading, PA, the Wissinoming Bible Fellowship Church of Philadelphia, PA, the Calvary Bible Fellowship Church of Sinking Spring, PA, and the Faith Bible Fellowship Church of Lancaster, PA, be encouraged to have a service in recognition of the ordinations of Richard F. Bickings, Miguel A. Gonzalez, Justin L. Hunter, Stanley P. Lauterback and Keith M. Long, respectivvely, 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:

A. Proposed Revision To The Faith And Order On How The Ministerial Credentials Committee Handles Minor Reservations On The Annual F&O Questionnaire:

Whereas, historically the MCC has allowed for minor reservations of certain Articles of Faith, and

Whereas, article 512-11.2 (4) states that "No minister shall have his name placed on the Eligibility List who does not subscribe to our F&O in its entirety", and

Whereas, it is not our desire to remove the credentials of men who serve with minor reservations, therefore be it

Resolved, that we replace the sentence "no minister shall have his name placed on the Eligibility List who does not subscribe to our F&O in its entirety" [512-11.2 (4)], with "no minister shall be allowed to hold credentials in the Bible Fellowship Church who does not subscribe to our Articles of Faith and endeavor to follow the Rules of Order except as allowed by the Ministerial Credentials Committee. Those who are allowed to hold reservations must teach in accordance with the Articles of Faith."

B. Revision Of The Categories Of Ordained Men

FIRST CATEGORY: ORDAINED MINISTERS WORKING IN NON-BFC CHURCHES

Whereas, ordained men serving in other Christian ministries, and those serving in non-BFC churches, have been placed in the same category, and

Whereas, the Ministerial Credentials Committee sees those ordained men serving in other Christian organizations to be separate from those serving in non-BFC churches, therefore be it

Resolved, that we add a category called "Ordained Ministers Working in Non-BFC Churches", and further

Resolved, that all ordained ministers working in non-BFC churches be placed in this new category, and further

Resolved, that this category be listed as "Advisory Members" in 504-2 (1), and further

Resolved, that the description for this category and its numbering in 512-11.3 be as follows:

(9) Ordained Ministers Working in Non-BFC Churches

An ordained minister of the BFC, consistent with his ordination vows and without prejudice to his ministerial standing, may properly, under certain circumstances and conditions, labor in churches other than those of the BFC. He may remain in this category for a period not to exceed ten years.

The following rules must be adhered to in such cases: Such labor shall not require the performance of functions inconsistent with his ordination vows required of ministers and other provisions of the F&O. They shall not be regarded as under the sole jurisdiction of the church in which they serve. Such a church must recognize that those who hold credentials with the BFC are under its discipline in their faith and life.

SECOND CATEGORY: ORDAINED MINISTERS WORKING IN OTHER CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Whereas, ordained men serving in other Christian ministries have been Advisory members of the BFC Conference, and

Whereas, the Ministerial Credentials Committee has observed many ordained men serving in other Christian organizations have kept themselves engaged in the current activities and organization of the BFC, and

Whereas, the BFC Conference could benefit from the insight and input of those who have kept current, and

Whereas, the Ministerial Credentials Committee would have criteria to evaluate those who have kept current with BFC happenings to determine if they can vote at the BFC Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, that the category "Ordained Ministers Serving in Other Christian Ministries" would be listed under "Voting Members" in 504-1 (4) and further

Resolved, that the Ministerial Credentials Committee would be responsible to send the criteria to the men in this category each year to determine if they can vote at the BFC Conference, and further

Resolved, that the Ministerial Credentials Committee be responsible to inform the Conference Registrar of those who can vote, and further

Resolved, that the description for this category and its numbering in 512-11.3 be as follows and change the subsequent numbers as appropriate:

(4) Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries

An ordained minister of the BFC, consistent with his ordination vows and without prejudice to his ministerial standing, may properly, under certain circumstances and conditions, and approved by the Ministerial Credentials Committee, labor in organizations other than those of the BFC. He may vote at the BFC Conference if approved by the Ministerial Credentials Committee.

The following rules must be adhered to in such cases: Such labor shall not require the performance of functions inconsistent with his ordination vows required of ministers and other provisions of the F&O. They shall not be regarded as under the sole jurisdiction of the organization in which they serve. Such an organization must recognize that those who hold credentials with the BFC are under its discipline in their faith and life.

THIRD CATEGORY: ORDAINED MINISTERS IN RETIREMENT

Whereas, there have been some retired ordained men who have moved distances away that have kept them from attending the BFC Conference on a regular basis, and

Whereas, some retired men might not be keeping current with the BFC, and

Whereas, the Ministerial Credentials Committee has observed retired men who have kept themselves engaged in the current activities and organization of the BFC, and

Whereas, the Ministerial Credentials Committee would have criteria to evaluate those who have kept current with BFC happenings to determine if they can vote at the BFC Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Ministerial Credentials Committee would be responsible to send the criteria to the men in this category each year to determine if they can vote at the BFC Conference, and further

Resolved, that the Ministerial Credentials Committee be responsible to inform the Conference Registrar of those who can vote, and further

Resolved, that the description for this category and its numbering in 512-11.3 be as follows:

(5) Ordained Ministers in Retirement

These are men who have retired under the provisions of 509-5. A minister must serve a minimum of five years (cumulative) as an ordained minister in the BFC and be under the care of the Ministerial Credentials Committee at retirement to be a member of BFC Conference as a "Minister in Retirement." He must also be involved in the ministry of the BFC where possible as determined by the Ministerial Credentials Committee in order to be a voting member of the BFC Conference.

WORDING CHANGE ON THE INTERPRETATION OF THE FAITH & ORDER

Whereas, there has been some question as to who can interpret the Faith & Order of the BFC, and

Whereas, the wording in 501-2 was changed in recent years, and

Whereas, this wording change gives the appearance that only the BFC Conference can authoritatively interpret the F&O, and

Whereas, the Ministerial Credentials Committee does not think that was the intent of the wording, and

Whereas, it has been conveyed to the Ministerial Credentials Committee by the Judicatory that the Ministerial Credentials Committee does have the authority to interpret the F&O, therefore be it

Resolved, that the word "final" be inserted as follows:

501-2 The BFC Conference performs the legislative function of our denomination. As such, it alone has the **final** power to amend and authoritatively interpret the F&O. By this means it governs the affairs of the Particular Churches on a denominational level, serves the health of the Particular Churches, and receives requests and petitions from the Particular Churches. Although it has these powers, it shall not subvert the autonomy of the Particular Churches.

DUTIES OF THE MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Whereas, the Ministerial Credentials Committee has the responsibility to oversee ordained men, which includes interpreting the faith and Order and

Whereas, the Conference Judicatory has stated that the Ministerial Credentials Committee has the authority to interpret the F&O, therefore be it

Resolved, that the following be inserted in 512-11.2 (6), and further

Resolved, that in every place in the F&O where the Credentials Committee is referenced, the word "Ministerial" be inserted before Credentials.

512-11 Ministerial Credentials Committee

512-11.2 Duties

(6) It shall deal with charges brought against any ordained minister. **The BFC Conference delegates to the Ministerial Credentials Committee the right to authoritatively interpret the Faith & Order as it relates to ordained men.** Charges brought against any minister of the BFC must be in writing and presented to the Ministerial Credentials Committee. It shall request that the accused minister be present during the hearing of the case. If these charges involve departure from any doctrine or practice of the BFC, or any improper conduct, a thorough investigation shall be made. If the charge is of sufficient magnitude in the judgment of the Ministerial Credentials Committee, the accused minister may temporarily be suspended by the Committee and his name withheld from the Eligibility List for Pulpit Supply. A report of this action, with appropriate recommendations for disposition of the case, shall be made to BFC Conference. The accused party shall have the right of appeal to BFC Conference. If appeal is made to BFC Conference by the accused minister, his name shall remain on the Eligibility List until BFC Conference has passed judgment on the case.

4. Concerning The Matter of Kenneth D. Keeler And The Ministerial Credentials Committee

Last year the Ministerial Credentials Committee brought an apparent disagreement with Article 13 of the Faith and Order, Repentance, on the part of Kenneth D. Keeler to the BFC Conference so that the BFC Conference would interpret the Faith & Order so as to give guidance on how to proceed with this issue (2012 BFC Yearbook, pages 47-49). The BFC Conference gave the matter over to the Judicatory for resolution (See page 32 of the 2012 Yearbook).

The Judicatory decided the following:

1. They could not act since they are an appellate court and since no previous trial had occurred, therefore they had no jurisdiction.

2. The Ministerial Credentials Committee has the right and duty to interpret the Faith and Order with regard to the men under their care.

3. The Ministerial Credentials Committee should hold a trial on the matter.

On Wednesday, December 12, 2012, the Ministerial Credentials Committee held the first meeting of the trial of Kenneth D. Keeler as per the Faith and Order (Article 304 - Conduct of Trials) with the following charges:

1. First Charge: You have failed to sincerely receive and adopt the Articles of Faith of the Bible Fellowship Church containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures in that your view of repentance is not in keeping with Article 13 on repentance. Article 509-4.1 (3).

2. Second Charge: You have failed to keep your vow to be in subjection to your brethren in the Lord by demonstrating a reluctance to follow the correction and instruction of the Ministerial Credentials Committee. Article 509-4.1 (5).

3. Third Charge: You have failed to keep your vow to maintain the purity and peace of the church by holding a congregational meeting for the purpose of considering the possibility of removing York BFC from the Bible Fellowship Church. Article 509-4.1 (7).

After some time to pray and discuss the outcome of the trial's first meeting and after having received a request from the defendant, the Ministerial Credentials Committee decided on the following actions:

1. To give time for York to bring a petition to the BFC Conference for a study committee regarding Article 13 and its interpretation.

2. To hold the second meeting of the trial as per the Faith and Order (Article 304 - Conduct of Trials). This meeting will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2013, regarding the second and third charges (see above). The first charge above may be dealt with on the same date pending the BFC Conference's disposition on the petition submitted by the York BFC.

5. Annual Agreement With The Faith and Order of The Bible Fellowship Church.

Each year all ordained men under the care of the Ministerial Credentials Committee are required to submit a form indicating their agreement with the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church. A request was made that any reservations to our Articles of Faith be included in the MCC's report to the BFC Conference.

The reservations reported this year are:

• Documented "grandfathered" disagreement with Article 11 Election – 6 men

• Reservation on Article 20-1 and Article 202-3.1 – that we should be more inclusive on the issue of mode of post salvation baptism – 2 men

• Reservation with Article 21 – The Lord's Day – does not see limiting activity to deeds of mercy on the Lord's Day – 3 men.

• Reservation with Article 25 – The Second Coming of Christ (Millennial Issues) – one reservation about Premillennialism and one reservation about the millennium being a literal 1000 years – 2 men.

6. Continuing Education Units (CEU)

This past year was a trial year for the continuing education of our ordained men and will continue on a trial basis in the year of 2013 as we continue to work out the logistics of this new aspect of ministry. Last year the CEU reports were to be sent to Michael Roberts. This year they will be sent to David Allen. The deadline for completion and filing with the BFC Conference is January 31.

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



Pastors Miguel Gonzalez, Marcos Ramirez, and Carlos Rodriguez



Church Extension Pastors, Top L-R, Andrew Barnes, David Gundrum, Keith Strunk
Aaron Susek, R. Scott Wright, Ray Bertolet, Ron Smith, Mark Barninger
Stephen Diaz, Carlos Rodriguez, Miguel Gonzalez, Mark Morrison



City Concerns Pastors, Top L-R, David Smith, Carlos Rodriguez, Miguel Gonzalez, Joshua Dupiche
Stephen Diaz, Ralph Ritter, Carl Spackman, Bert Baker, Edward Snyder-Ritter, Justin Hunter

Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee

The Ministerial Relations Committee exists to aid churches in pastoral transitions. This was a year full of change in the BFC and we thank the Lord for providing shepherds for many congregations this year.

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 unity and graciousness local church leaders and the committee share in our interactions.

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

Church	Pastor	Effective Date
Reading, PA	Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr	July 1, 2012
Old Bridge, NJ	David J. Peters	July 15, 2012
Hatfield, PA	Louis S. Curcio	July 27, 2012
Church Extension	Elliot H. Ramos	Aug 14, 2012
Clinton Corners, NY	Gerald D. Clark	Aug 25, 2012
Ephrata, PA	Robert B. Kramer	Dec 31, 2012
Reading, PA	Matthew R. Lynskey	Jan 31, 2013

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

Church	Pastor	Effective Date
Harleysville, PA	Michael W. Walker	July 1, 2012
Bethlehem, PA	Timothy D. Gibson	July 22, 2012
Paradise, PA	David J. Peters	July 29, 2012
Quakertown, PA	Michael D. Roberts	Aug 1, 2012
Old Bridge, NJ	Thomas H. Morrison	Sept 1, 2012
Whitehall, PA	Aaron D. Smith	Oct 29, 2012
Board of Missions	John R. LoRusso	Nov 30, 2012
Royersford, PA	Andrew T. Gysi	Dec 3, 2012
Emmaus, PA	David K. Schlonecker	Dec 18, 2012
Church Extension	Andrew W. Barnes	Jan 15, 2013
Coopersburg, PA	Matthew R. Lynskey	Feb 1, 2013
Bethlehem, PA	Mark R. Culton	Feb 11, 2013
Harrisburg, PA	William C. Verdon, II	April 3, 2013

The following churches are seeking a pastor (either a senior pastor or other pastoral staff member): Camden, DE; Carmel, NY; Clinton Corners, NY; Ephrata, PA; Long Neck, DE; 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 twelfth year of service in this needful 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 130th BFC Conference:

Resolved, that the recommended minimum salary for a BFC Pastor in the U.S. be $36,000 for 2013, and further,

Resolved, that in addition to his salary, the church 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, Ronald W. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr., William G. Schlonecker, Robert Vaughn.

Report of the Church Health Committee

The Committee met four times in 2012 to interact about the health of our particular churches. Our approach was not merely to address problem situations but also to encourage and support local churches and pastors who are seeing progress in their ministries. We are thankful to see stabilization of some works, to walk beside pastors and congregations with particular needs, and to help particular churches evaluate their current situations.

This year the status of the Bible Fellowship Church ministry in Walnutport, PA. was a primary issue. Members of our committee spent significant time with Pastor Al Dommel and other leaders from Walnutport. Our concern related to the fact that the Walnutport Church has no elders, has not called a Pastor, and has minimal and declining membership. Pastor Al Dommel's interim ministry has been appreciated. In conjunction with BFC Executive Director David Allen, Pastor Timothy Schmoyer from Bethany BFC in Whitehall, PA., and representatives from the Ministerial Relations Committee of the BFC, we worked toward the development of an arrangement where the Walnutport congregation will come under the care of the Whitehall elders. We believe the proposed arrangements between Bethany BFC in Whitehall and Calvary BFC in Walnutport will be to the best advantage of both congregations and we urge the continuation of ministry in Walnutport under the leadership of the elders from Whitehall.

We maintained contact with pastors from several churches facing difficulties this year. Our committee members offered encouragement, prayer support, and other input for these pastors and will continue that support during the year ahead.

For several years, the parsonage where Ralph and Carolyn Ritter live has been in need of significant repair. The committee is working with Pastor Ritter and Chris Merrick from the Board of Missions to develop a plan to seek financing and labor from across the denomination to pay for and make the necessary repairs to the Ritter's house. We believe that we can work together to provide for this need and we will make each church aware of this opportunity to serve once we have the necessary information.

Several of our churches have experienced significant decline, loss of leadership, and financial struggles. We are currently working with four churches that have specific needs. We appreciate your prayers for wisdom, grace, and clarity as we seek to encourage and challenge all involved. It is of continued concern that BFC membership and worship attendance have remained almost flat for the past five years. Though numbers are not necessarily a sign of church health or success, they are indicators that should not be ignored. We as a Church Health Committee are available to churches and pastors in need. If our prayers, counsel, encouragement, and resources can be of help to you in 2013, please contact a member of the committee. It would be a privilege to assist you for the strengthening of the church and the glory of God.

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

Report of the
Committee to Examine 129th 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 2012 official minutes:

p. 18 In the last resolve on the page, put a comma after Millennium.
p. 20 The line before the second resolve should read, "The following amended resolution was approved at one reading:"
p. 25 Under Section 4, A, 4, delete the extra a in "If a a Director..."
p. 26 Under 2 at the top of the page delete the extra a in "if a a Director.."
p. 34 Insert a blank line before the first Whereas.

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

iv To be consistent, it should read "NJ & DE Region" and the last entry should be "Cape May Court House, NJ"
vii Insert a hyphen under BFC Executive Board in Vice-President of Corporation.
viii Delete "Annual" in Officers of 130th Annual BFC Conference.
xi Insert a hyphen under Board of Missions in Vice-Chairman.
p. 39 Insert "Board of Youth & Young Adults p. 109" in index of reports.
p. 42 Correct Marco to Marcos Ramirez in third line of report.
p. 45 In the third paragraph it should read "The committee met with three men for ordination examination."
p. 46 Move heading "VII. Ordained Ministers in Retirement:" to p. 47 above Barber, Kenneth F.
p. 47 Move heading "VIII. Ordained Inactive Ministers" to above Lea, Herbert K.
p. 47 In line four of the second resolve in the middle of the page it should read "respectively" instead of "respectfully."
p. 55 Delete underlining of corrections for pages 16-29.
p. 78 In the fifth line of number one, insert an apostrophe in "under which the BFC's..."
p. 79 In next to the last line insert an apostrophe in "children's program."
p. 92 In number 9, delete the "1" before Development.
p. 95 In fourth line of third paragraph it should read "Miguel Gonzalez."
p. 100 Under Outpost Adventure Camp July 1-7 it should read "Valley Day Camp."
p. 130 In the fourth line of the second paragraph, delete the apostrophe after Jesus.
p. 139 In 701-1.3, insert a period after the second paragraph under membership.
p. 145 Delete the first entry in the Appendix index (2012 Statistical Report) since it is duplicated in the line below it.
p. 161 Address is missing for Elias, Rev. & Mrs. John.
p. 172 Under Paradise, PA, L. David Miller's city should be "Strasburg, PA."
p. 175 The first pastor listed under Bethlehem, PA should be Jason Hoy.

Committee to Examine the BFC Conference Minutes: Philip G. Norris, Chairman; Steven J. DelDuco, Joshua P. Miller, Ralph E. Ritter, Michael D. Roberts.



NJ & DEL Region Top L-R, William Schlonecker, Raymond Bertolet, Robert Kaatz
Richard Moyer, Tom Morrison, Steve Morton, Andrew Barnes



Mid Hudson Region, Top L-R, David Way, Hans Waldvogel, Jim Wickstead
Dennis Spinney, Wayne Chadwell, Charles Webb

Report of the Committee to Examine Minutes of Particular Churches

The Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches met on Monday, March 11, 2013 at Rev. Allan R. Vivona's home, Fleetwood, PA.

The minutes of Particular Churches that were sent 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 February 15, 2014.

Once again the Committee expresses its 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 its work. We found that most of our churches are doing very well in keeping their records and are in conformity with the Faith & Order. However, once again we remind each of the churches of the importance 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 need to be elected by your congregation as they are the representatives of the church.

The Committee would like to remind everyone that all minutes pertaining to the previous year after Annual Conference plus the minutes that contain elections, the proposed budget for the upcoming year, etc. need to be at the designated address by February 15. This may mean an adjustment as to when your congregational meeting is held but we do appreciate your cooperation.

There was one petition found this year from the congregation of Faith Bible Fellowship Church in York, PA.

Committee: Ralph M. Soper (Chairman/Secretary); Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Mark R. Orton, Allan R. Vivona and Howard N. Wells.

Report of the Conference Judicatory

At the sixth meeting of the 129th Annual Meeting of the BFC Conference on Wednesday April 25, 2012, there was discussion on the conference floor concerning the issues between the Ministerial Credentials Committee and Pastor Kenneth D. Keeler of Faith Bible Fellowship Church, York, PA. After prayer, the issues were referred to the Conference Judicatory by the following resolution:

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

The Conference Judicatory met six times to discuss and define the issues and formulate a path to resolution. At the first meeting, five members of the Conference Judicatory were chosen to render a decision: Ronald W. Reed, Chairman; Gregory A. Uhrich, Secretary: Calvin Reed; Clyde Snyder; and Dean Stortz. Other members of the Conference Judicatory participated in the discussions. At subsequent meetings several different means for resolution were considered. A decision was made based on Article 302-2 of the Faith and Order stating that the Ministerial Credentials Committee has original jurisdiction of ministers and has the authority to form a judicatory and conduct a trial on the issues.

A Conference Judicatory Order was prepared and sent to the Ministerial Credentials Committee directing the committee to conduct a trial and make a decision on the guilt or innocence of the accused, and if a guilty verdict is rendered to determine the censure. In addition, the Conference Judicatory declared that the Ministerial Credentials Committee has the delegated authority to interpret the Articles of Faith to fulfill its duties with respect to credentialed ministers.

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



Pastor Aaron Susek leads the Conference in musical worship.



Philly-Area Region Pastors & Delegates Top L-R, Richard Taylor, Keith Strunk
Lou Prontnicki, Tim Cowan, Steven Piasecki
Robert Evans, Joshua Dupiche, Dan Williams, Justin Hunter, Mark Bickel



Berks Region Pastors, Top L-R, David Heineman, Stan Lauterback, Randall Grossman
Robert Sloan, John Studenroth, Dean Stortz, Carlos Rodriguez, Alan Miller

Report of the Committee to Prioritize the Study of the Biblical Principles For Living

The minutes of the 129th BFC Conference records the following:

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.

A poll was taken during Conference in which each respondent identified three issues to be studied. The results of the poll are as follows:

57 – Homosexual issues
53 – Immigration
50 – Marriage, civil unions etc.
35 – Environmentalism, climate change
31 – Addictive Behavior
30 – Church marginalization
28 – Holiness, sexual purity, etc.
25 – Ministry to sexual predators
18 – Lord's Day Inclusion in Articles
15 – Gambling

The Committee met to review this poll and prepare a plan of action.

The Committee met and makes the following recommendations:

Resolved: That the Moderator of the 130th BFC Conference appoint two study committees to study the following issues and review pertinent statements of the Biblical Principles for Living after completing their study.

1. Committee to Study Human Sexuality and Marriage
   a. What is the biblical definition of family?
   b. What is the biblical position on civil unions and same sex marriages?
   c. Does the biblical teaching about the creation of human beings as male and female (Genesis 1:27) allow for sexual identity that is different than a person's sexual physiology?
   d. What does the Bible teach about seeking sexual self-gratification (examples; pornography, erotic literature, or masturbation)?
2. Committee to Study Immigration
   a. What does the Bible teach about the Church's attitude toward immigrants?
   b. What does the Bible teach about the Church's response to the presence of undocumented immigrants in the United States?

The Committee believes that the appointment of these committees will fulfill the request that the following areas on the list above be studied: homosexual issues, Marriage, civil unions, and sexual purity.

The Committee recommends that the Moderator of the 131st BFC Conference appoint two further committees to study issues relating to the environment of earth and addictive behaviors.

The Committee: Richard Taylor and Timothy Zuck (Harold Shelly asked to be released from the Committee due to health issues in his family.)

Report of the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting

The Ethnic Committee met numerous times during 2012 to plan, assist and promote BFC ethnic church planting.

The El Faro Mission Church continued its ministry in Allentown. Pastor Elliot Ramos' resigned in October 2012 and a search has taken place to seek his replacement. Since October the Corps Group at El Faro has done a fine job of continuing the ministry at the Church. Light in the Park was again held over the summer in partnership with the Cedar Crest BFC. It was well attended. Pray that the Lord will lead in the future of El Faro and God will provide his man to lead.

The La Roca Hispanic Church in Reading, PA, under the direction of Pastor Carlos Rodriguez continues to 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 assists as Assistant Pastor/Church Planter and ministers 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 has been investigating a Hispanic church plant in the city of Lancaster. Eduardo Venegas served as a summer intern at La Roca and assisted with outreaches in Lancaster. This year the Lancaster team will make presentations to the Capital Region churches regarding a church plant In Lancaster.

This past year the Ethnic Committee assisted financially with the Lancaster project and continued its financial support for El Faro and Miguel Gonzalez.

The Ethnic Committee continued its partnership with the La Roca BFC in Merida, Mexico. The Merida Church is doing well along with its daughter church plant in the neighboring town of Villa Magna, Mexico. Freddy Chi is the church planter at the Mission Church. Freddy is 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 holds coaching sessions with Pastor Marcos via Skype to discuss the church planting vision of the church and assist with coaching Brother Chi as he plants in Villa Magna.

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, along with the MCC forms.

This past year the Ethnic Committee believed it was time to return to a more wide-ranging consideration of ethnic people groups in the target areas of the BFC churches. Therefore, in cooperation with Church Extension Ministries, it developed a Hispanic Task Force (HTF) and asked Church Extension to have the Task Force function under the oversight of Church Extension. The HTF is now a Church Extension sub-committee. It is chaired by Pastor Carlos Rodriguez and co-chaired by Pastor Miguel Gonzalez. Other members include: Steven & Josie Ramos, Al Roberts, Norm Emery, William Lopez, and Marcos Ramirez. David Gundrum serves as consultant to the Task Force. The following is the Purpose Statement and Responsibilities of the HTF:

Purpose Statement: BFC Hispanic Task Force

The Hispanic Task Force was created by the Bible Fellowship Church Joint Committee of Ethnic Church Planting to exist under the oversight of Church Extension Ministries to help the Bible Fellowship Church plant and to nourish Bible Fellowship churches within the Hispanic culture and community.

Responsibilities of the Hispanic Task Force

In planting BFC Hispanic churches, the Hispanic Task force will seek to:

Develop strategies to reach the Hispanic community within their culture; recommend and explore target areas for planting Hispanic churches; establish a website and other forms of communication to introduce the BFC to Hispanics; expand Spanish ministries within the Bible Fellowship Church by planting churches and educating and assisting existing Bible Fellowship churches to begin Hispanic ministries in their communities; assist Church Extension Ministries (in accordance with USCIS guidelines) to recruit planters and assess existing ministries, and to help coordinate all BFC Hispanic ministry efforts.

In nourishing Hispanic church plants, churches and Hispanic ministries within Bible Fellowship Church it will:

Continue to educate the BFC as to the needs of the Hispanic community, seek assistance where needed from within the BFC through Church Extension Ministries and the Joint Committee for Ethnic Church planting; streamline communication in the areas of Hispanic ministries and needs within the Hispanic community (including a website); establish a networking structure for the Hispanic ministries that will promote working together and a oneness of the ministries (including forming an Hispanic pastors fellowship group) and creating branding within the BFC of its Hispanic ministries.

The Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting is now reviewing its By-Laws and restructuring to be more wide-ranging in its approach to ethnic people groups. The current Committee is made up of: David Gundrum – Chairmen, Dana Weller – Co-Chairman, David Schlonecker – Secretary, John Elias, Don Faust, Mark Wimble, John Lorusso, and Bert Baker.

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 2012, 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.

The 2012 Joint Committee was composed of: 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, and Philip E.Yerrington.

Faith Bible Fellowship Church of York's Petition to the 130th BFC Conference

The Faith BFC, York, PA, which has been a part of our denomination for 86 years, continues to be troubled by what has been happening over the past four years with our relationship with the Ministerial Credentials Committee. Our goal is for a resolution of this matter so that we can continue ministering to our community without the encumbrances of this issue.

It is our opinion that the Ministerial Credentials Committee and the Conference Judicatory have overstepped their authority in regard to our local body, because they are authoritatively interpreting the Faith & Order in reference to Article13 - Repentance. We believe that the BFC Conference has not ruled on whether Article 13 - Repentance teaches that a person must make Jesus the master of one's life for salvation (also known as the "Lordship Salvation Position"). We also believe the Faith & Order is silent on this issue and it is not the official position of the BFC. Therefore, the Ministerial Credentials Committee and the Conference Judicatory should not take the interpretive authority to say that it does, according to the Faith and Order 501-2, which reads as follows:

"The BFC Conference performs the legislative function of our denomination. As such, **it alone has the power to amend and authoritatively interpret the *F&O*."** We understand this to mean, and it has been interpreted this way for as long as we've had the Annual Conference, that the BFC Conference governs "the affairs of the Particular Churches on a denominational level, serves the health of the Particular Churches, and receives requests and petitions from the Particular Churches. Although it has these powers, it shall not subvert the autonomy of the Particular Churches."

We believe that if the official position of the BFC is that one must make Jesus the master of their life for salvation, then it would be stated in **Article 12 - Salvation**. In fact, based upon a reading of **Article 12** we believe it supports a "Non-Lordship Position." **Article 12** reads: "Salvation centers in a person, Jesus Christ, and receiving Him includes the remission of sins on the grounds of His shed blood on the cross." If this article supported the "Lordship Salvation Position" it might read: "Salvation centers in a person, Jesus Christ, and receiving Him **as Savior and Master of one's life** includes the remission of sins on the grounds of His shed blood on the cross." However, it does not read this way.

Because this position is not stated at all in **Article 12 - Salvation**, it appears that the Ministerial Credentials Committee is now claiming it is declared in **Article 13 - Repentance**. We, however, have been debating this issue with this Committee for almost four years with no resolution. They claim it is in this article and we don't see it. The article appears to be too vague, thus, apparently, allowing for both interpretations. We agree with **Article 13 - Repentance**. We do not see "Lordship Salvation" in this article or in any other article in our Articles of Faith.

In a letter dated August 10, 2010, the Chairman of the Ministerial Credentials Committee very clearly stated that in reference to the question of the relationship of the Lordship of Christ to initial salvation "The Articles of Faith do not directly address that question. And, accordingly, the Credentials Committee makes no judgment on that issue."

It appears that the Chairman of this committee and his committee, which initially agreed with us during and immediately after our first meeting, changed their minds and now declare that "Lordship Salvation" is in Article 13 - Repentance.

What led to that change?

It appears that this committee is now in violation of Article 501-2 of the Faith & Order.

It is our understanding that the 129th BFC Conference referred this issue to the Conference Judicatory to resolve it and report back to the 130th BFC Conference with a decision. Because of the stalemate, it seemed that an independent council could evaluate the entire situation and come back to the next BFC Conference with suggestions of resolution. Had we known that the Conference Judicatory was not going to fulfill what was understood at the 129th BFC Conference, but instead authoritatively interpret Article 13 - Repentance to somehow show "Lordship Salvation" and then send it back to the Ministerial Credentials Committee, we would never have taken our substitute motion off the floor of the 129th BFC Conference.

We believe the Conference Judicatory is also in violation of Article 501-2 of the Faith & Order.

Because the BFC Conference has never declared its interpretation of Article 13 - Repentance the way the Ministerial Credentials Committee and Conference Judicatory have interpreted it and in light of the fact that the Conference Judicatory sent it back to the Ministerial Credentials Committee as opposed to bringing this to the 130th BFC Conference, we the elders and members of Faith Bible Fellowship Church of York petition the 130th BFC Conference with the following resolution:

Whereas, Pastor Ken Keeler and the Faith Bible Fellowship Church of York are not in agreement with the latest interpretation by the Ministerial Credentials Committee of Article 13 - Repentance,

Whereas, Pastor Ken Keeler has never seen "Lordship Salvation" in Article 13 - Repentance from the time of his being interviewed by the Ministerial Candidate Committee to the present, and

Whereas, neither has Faith Bible Fellowship Church of York understood Article 13 - Repentance the way it is now being interpreted, and

Whereas, Article 501-2 states that BFC Conference "alone has the power to amend and authoritatively interpret the Faith & Order," therefore, be it,

Resolved, that the 130th Annual Conference resolve this issue by voting on whether Article 13 - Repentance is to be interpreted to include making Jesus the master of one's life as a requirement for salvation.

Scott L. Kerr,
Secretary, Board of Elders
Faith Bible Fellowship Church of York

Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee

The annual Ministerial Convention was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 2-3, 2012, at Pinebrook Bible Conference Center. The Convention theme was "Developing Leaders for the Church." Carl K. Spackman brought the keynote address, challenging the pastors to be intentional in leadership development. Pastors from five of our churches shared what they were doing to prepare future leaders for service in the church. BFC Executive Director David T. Allen also shared, speaking on preparing small group leaders. The Convention closed with a panel discussion. Attendees were encouraged and challenged through the various presentations.

At the business meeting, Ralph E. Ritter and David Smith were elected to serve on the Committee, replacing Mark A. Bickel and Robert B. Kramer, whose terms expired. Clifford B. Boone was elected to complete the term of Kurt Francis, who resigned from the committee in March 2012. We offer our thanks for the faithful service of Brothers Bickel, Francis, and Kramer.

The Committee is constituted as follows:

2012 Committee

Mark A. Bickel, Chairman
Robert B. Kramer, Secretary
David E. Brandt, Treasurer
Steven J. DelDuco
Mark L. Morrison
Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor

2013 Committee

Ralph E. Ritter, Chairman
Steven J. DelDuco, Secretary
David E. Brandt, Treasurer
Clifford B. Boone
David Smith
Mark L. Morrison
Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor

Length of terms are as follows:

1 year – Clifford B. Boone, David E. Brandt
2 years – Steven J. DelDuco, Mark L. Morrison
3 years – Ralph E. Ritter, David Smith

The 2013 Ministerial Convention is scheduled for October 1-2, 2013. Our guest speakers will be physician and author, Dr. Scott Stoll, and Cliff Boone of Cedar Crest BFC. The Convention theme will be Stewardship of Our Bodies.

Ministerial Convention Committee: Ralph E. Ritter, Chairman; Steven J. DelDuco, Secretary; David E. Brandt, Treasurer; Clifford B. Boone; Mark L. Morrison; David Smith; Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor.

Ministerial Convention
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2012

Beginning Balance January 1, 2011	$87.82
Income: BFC Administrative Budget	$1000.00
Total	$1000.00
Expenses:	
Honorariums for 2012 Convention Speakers	$857.00
Lebanon BFC (Brochures & Postage)	$28.60
Total	$885.60
Ending Balance, December 31, 2012	$202.22

Funds on deposit with Citizen Bank
Financial Report reviewed by Steven A. George – Lebanon BFC



2013 Missionary Rally - Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Lancaster, PA

Report of the Beneficiary Society

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

(Psalm 84:11 ESV)

The Beneficiary Society continued to gratefully minister to the needs of the brethren and their families throughout 2012.

Assistance was given to the following throughout 2012:

The families of A.L. Seifert and Dorrit Kirkwood, as well as to Rev. D. Thomas Phillips on the passing of his wife Marjorie, and Elizabeth Bartron.

The above were done in accordance with the rules of the Society.

The officers of the Society enlisted the help of Richard Volpe and his firm Asset Planning Management to develop a management strategy of the society's assets and assist in developing a prudent dues and benefit plan.

The officers recommend that the dues for 2013 remain at $100.

Beneficiary Society: Philip Norris, Chairman; Donald Kuntzman, Secretary; LeRoy S. Heller, Treasurer.

Balance Sheet as of Dec 31, 12

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Cash & Cash Equivalents	
1001 · American Bank - Checking	53,544
1003 · ING Savings	8,509
Total 1000 · Cash & Cash Equivalents	62,053
1050 · Wells Fargo Investment Accounts	
1051 · Wells Fargo Securities	109,799
1052 · Wells Fargo Cash	22,387
Total 1050 · Wells Fargo Investment Accounts	132,185
Total Checking/Savings	194,238
Other Current Assets	
12000 · Undeposited Funds	500
Total Other Current Assets	500
Total Current Assets	194,738
TOTAL ASSETS	194,738
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 · Previous Year Balance	181,023
32000 · Retained Earnings	9,709
Net Income	4,006
Total Equity	194,738
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	194,738

Statement of Cash Flows
Jan - Dec 2012

Income	
4100 · Dues Income	10,200
4110 · Other Receipts	500
4200 · Investment Income	
4210 · Checking Account Interest	142
4220 · Savings Account Interest	41
4230 · Investment Account Interest	6,848
Total 4200 · Investment Income	7,030
4300 · Investment Inc/Dec Market Value	2,956
4350 · Unrealized Gains/Loss	-419
Total Income	20,268
Expense	
5100 · Board Expenses	105
5160 · Benefits Paid	16,156
Total Expense	16,262
Net Income	4,006

Benefits Paid

Elizabeth Bartron		156
Mrs. Darlene Salsbery	A.L. Seifert Benefit	6,000
Charles & Diane Kirkwood	Beneficiary Dorrit Kirkwood	5,000
Rev. D. Thomas Phillips	Benefit for Marjorie Phillips	5,000
Total Benefits Paid		16,156



Capital Region Pastors - Top: Kevin Kirkpatrick, David Brandt
David Thomann, David Smith, Carl Spackman
Keith Long, Steve DelDuco, Ralph Soper
Aaron Susek, Mark Barninger, David Peters
Mark Morrison, Joshua Miller, Greg Uhrich
Leroy Heller, Calvin Reed



Capitol Region Delegates, L-R, Neil Franklin, Bill Early, Steven Groff, Jack Herb, Richard Prensner

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Pastor's Activities

Church	Sr Pastor	Ordained	Probationers	Elders	Deacons	P. Visits	Baptisms	Child. Ded.	Weddings	Funerals
Allentown, CC	Boone	9	3	11	10	600	12	11	4	1
Bethlehem, PA	Gibson	4	4	10	10		27	4	5	11
Blandon, PA	Miller, A	1	1	7	9	136	5	7	1	3
Brooklyn, NY	Ritter	1	0	3	0	152	1	0	0	0
Camden, DE		2	0	3	2	532	4	3	1	0
Carmel, NY			0	2	2		0	1	0	0
Clinton Crns. NY			0	3	1	98	0	0	0	0
Coopersburg, PA	Shorb/Paashaus	8	0	14	15	927	24	10	7	10
Denville, NJ	Harris	1	0	2	1		0	0	1	2
Emmaus, PA	Schoen	4	1	9	9	1,049	24	5	2	8
Ephrata, PA	Kramer	1	1	8	7	189	3	0	2	5
Fell. Community	Yerrington	2	0	4	4	1,320	0	0	0	1
Finesville, NJ	Widger	2	0	2	1	150	0	0	2	1
Fleetwood, PA	Brush	1	0	6	7	71	1	1	3	1
Graterford, PA	Orton	1	0	5	6	290	0	0	0	3
Harleysville, PA	Crossgrove	2	1	7	6	75	7	3	1	6
Harrisburg, PA	Miller, J.	2	0	4	3	300	6	1	0	2
Hatfield, PA	Wells	1	0	4	9	200	0	0	0	1
Hellertown, PA	Zuck	1	0	2	1	83	6	3	0	2
Howell, NJ	North	1	1	4	1					
Kutztown, PA	Vivona	3	0	4	2	215	0	0	0	0
Lagrangeville, NY	Wickstead	1	0	2	1	105	0	0	1	3
Lancaster, PA	Thomann	4	1	12	14	722	26	6	4	11
Las Cruces, NM	Allen, J.	0	1	4	1	130	3	0	2	0
Lebanon, PA	Reed	3	0	11	6	2,451	11	3	1	5
Lehighton, PA	Johnson	1	0	3	4					
Longneck DE	Morrison, M.		0	0	0	445				
Maple Glen, PA	Prontnicki	2	0	1	1	180	0	0	3	1
Merida, Mexico	Ramirez	1	1	0	3					
Mt. Carmel, PA	Norris	2	0	3	0	624	4	1	0	4
Mt. Pocono, PA	Bertolet, T.	1	0	5	4	239	0	0	1	1
Nazareth, PA	Fischer	2	0	5	7	378	1	2	0	3
Newark, DE	Schlonecker	2	0	9	8	475	28	7	10	15
Newark, NJ	Baker	2	0	2	1	273	2	0	0	3
Old Bridge, NJ	Morrison, T.	1	0	2	0	50	5	0	1	0
Oley, PA	Simpson	2	0	7	11		10	6	0	7
Paradise, PA	Peters	2	0	4	5		1	0	0	3
Philadelphia, PA	Hunter	0	1	4	1	101	2	0	1	2
Piscataway, NJ	Cahill/Ravis	2	0	3	6	268	9	0	2	2
Quakertown, PA	Kohl	5	0	8	9	410	0	5	5	7
Reading, PA	Grossman	2	1	12	10	431	8	8	2	9
Red Hill, PA	Arcieri	2	0	5	4		5	1	0	3
Royersford, PA			1	4	5					
Shamokin, PA	Madara	4	0	7	0		4	0	0	8
Sinking Spring, PA	Sloan	2	1	12	20		54	20	3	7
Spring City, PA	Clineff	1	0	3	9					
Stroudsburg, PA	Duggins	1	0	4	5	226	11	0	1	5
Sunbury, PA	Cole	2	1	9	15	1,510	5	6	2	8
Terre Hill, PA	Kirkpatrick	2	0	4	5	230	4	1	0	1
Thompson, CT	Spinney	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	
Toms River, NJ		0	0	2	1	2	3	0	0	1
Wallingford, PA	Taylor	4	0	9	9	523	6	0	5	3
Walnutport, PA			0	0	0					
Whitehall, PA	Schmoyer	2	1	3	7	112	11	2	2	4
W.bury Heights, NJ	Williams	1	0	5	6		10	2	5	6
York, PA	Keeler	1	0	7	7	235	4	1	0	2
Zionsville, PA	McNally	0	1	4	0		2	0	3	1
TOTALS		105	22	289	291		349	121	85	182
Allentown El Faro		0	0	0						
Cape May, NJ	Strunk	0	1	0	1	180	0	2	0	3
Dauphin	Barninger	1	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0
Eagleville, PA	Wright	1	0	1	0	50	2	0	1	4
New Oxford	Susek, A	1	0							
Reading (la Roca)	Rodriquez	1	1	0	0	580	1	0	0	0
Steelton, PA	Smith	1	2	3	1	20	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		5	4	4	2		3	2	1	7
GRAND TOTALS		110	26	293	293		352	123	86	189

Membership

Church	2012 memb.	New Members	Members lost	NET GAIN	NET LOSS	Membership
Allentown, CC	607	24	43		19	588
Bethlehem	471	17	60		43	428
Blandon	151	7	2	5		156
Brooklyn, NY	21	0	0			21
Camden, DE	46	4	0	4		50
Carmel, NY	18	0	1		1	17
Clinton Crns. NY	35	0	0			35
Coopersburg	381	25	23	2		383
Denville, NJ	28	0	2		2	26
Emmaus	269	36	5	31		300
Ephrata	215	3	4		1	214
Fell. Community	27	0	1		1	26
Finesville, NJ	36	0	0			36
Fleetwood	61	0	5		5	56
Graterford	77	2	1	1		78
Harleysville	173	5	18		13	160
Harrisburg	142	9	8	1		143
Hatfield	130	9	16		7	123
Hellertown	33	12	0	12		45
Howell, NJ	16					16
Kutztown	51	0	3		3	48
Lagrangeville, NY	26	0	1		1	25
Lancaster	432	40	26	14		446
Las Cruces, NM	22	5	2	3		25
Lebanon	212	0	6		6	206
Lehighton	51					51
Longneck DE	20					20
Maple Glen	32	0	1		1	31
Merida, Mexico	72					72
Mt. Carmel	87	0	3		3	84
Mt. Pocono	66	0	2		2	64
Nazareth	141	8	8			141
Newark, DE	260	39	17	22		282
Newark, NJ	66	0	3		3	63
Old Bridge, NJ	20	2	4		2	18
Oley	233	17	21		3	230
Paradise	86	3	12		9	77
Philadelphia	34	11	11			34
Piscataway, NJ	118	5	9		4	114
Quakertown	220	12	15		3	217
Reading	316	13	13			316
Red Hill	107	2	2			107
Royersford	82					82
Shamokin	73	0	2		2	71
Sinking Spring	541	57	13	44		585
Spring City	89					89
Stroudsburg	102	6	14		8	94
Sunbury	273	9	5	4		277
Terre Hill	57	10	2	8		65
Thompson, CT	19	0	1		1	18
Toms River, NJ	17	4	0	4		21
Wallingford	243	11	9	2		245
Walnutport	35					35
Whitehall	100	22	10	12		112
W.bury Heights	61	7	5	2		63
York	147	6	1	5		152
Zionsville	46	5	0	5		51
TOTALS	7,494	447	410	181	143	7,532
Allentown El Faro	0					0
Cape May, NJ	0	9	0	9		9
Dauphin	0	0	0			0
Eagleville, PA	0	0	0			0
New Oxford	0					0
Reading (la Roca)	0					0
Steelton, PA	29	9	0	9		38
TOTALS	29	18	0	18	0	47
GRAND TOTALS	7,523	465	410	199	143	7,579

Enrollment/Attendance/Property/Offerings

Church	SS	AM	PM/SG	Mid Week	Church Bldg	Parsonages	Total Offering	Total Income
Allentown, CC	380	789	365	200	1	0	1,752,892	2,085,085
Bethlehem	333	499	300	145	1	1	941,048	943,558
Blandon	122	194			1	0	332,932	369,949
Brooklyn, NY		22		8	0	1	30,438	30,438
Camden, DE	21	44	10	23	1	0	67,063	76,993
Carmel, NY	10	25	10		1	0	32,383	32,383
Clinton Crns. NY	33	48	0	12	1	0	102,784	113,546
Coopersburg	279	468	116	317	3	1	880,299	883,412
Denville, NJ	18	38		6	1	1	50,146	50,146
Emmaus	314	412	64	221	2	0	918,124	1,033,509
Ephrata	95	177		155	1	0	320,343	321,919
Fell. Community	8	145	40	50	0	0	67,670	67,670
Finesville, NJ	13	38		7	1	1	88,981	88,981
Fleetwood	67	92		39	1	0	184,927	184,927
Graterford	60	125		12	4	2	271,852	266,567
Harleysville	95	188	88	130	1	2	456,262	457,424
Harrisburg	117	188	110	112	1	1	383,688	417,855
Hatfield		111			1	3	300,477	420,595
Hellertown	46	85		8	0	0	179,543	179,543
Howell, NJ								129,732
Kutztown	20	48		28	1	1	101,862	118,287
Lagrangeville, NY	25	37		10	1	1	116,776	116,766
Lancaster	362	579		290	2	0	1,078,279	1,214,409
Las Cruces, NM	27	43	12	8	0	0	81,940	80,037
Lebanon	209	267	185		1	1	570,501	570,501
Lehighton							82,899	82,899
Longneck DE							53,090	53,090
Maple Glen	14	31	18		1	0	89,426	98,288
Merida, Mexico								
Mt. Carmel	53	65	27	19	1	1	116,371	129,411
Mt. Pocono	31	64		15	1	0	206,658	172,764
Nazareth	103	137		76	1	1	240,067	258,507
Newark, DE		509			1	1	1,107,003	1,313,140
Newark, NJ	26	48	12	12	1	0	98,951	99,121
Old Bridge, NJ		29			1	1	77,245	77,245
Oley	248	411	179		2	1	1,009,452	1,009,452
Paradise	65	87	31		2	0	194,490	194,490
Philadelphia		30	10	4	1	1	58,029	60,889
Piscataway, NJ	52	141			0	0	323,174	336,308
Quakertown	171	262	76	196	1	1	533,682	539,160
Reading	167	247	80	75	1	1	497,831	547,050
Red Hill		96	8		1	0	169,163	169,163
Royersford							206,340	206,340
Shamokin	86	131	55		3	1	144,789	145,696
Sinking Spring	364	934	363	343	2	0	1,460,874	1,528,518
Spring City							112,000	112,000
Stroudsburg	57	148	105	0	1	1	243,654	249,920
Sunbury	167	291	118	74	2	1	464,786	636,166
Terre Hill	61	79	21	32	1	1	120,301	144,466
Thompson, CT		21			1	0	29,199	29,199
Toms River, NJ	10	27		10	1	0	28,090	28,090
Wallingford	140	240			1	2	730,433	730,433
Walnutport							29,568	29,568
Whitehall	71	177		75	1	0	294,929	294,929
W.bury Heights	65	125	60		0	0	186,199	186,199
York	88	139	58		2	0	253,913	259,289
Zionsville	29	55	47		2	1	95,823	89,246
TOTALS	4,722	9,186	2,568				17,462,636	20,065,268
Allentown El Faro		34					41,800	41,800
Cape May, NJ		52		17	2	1	59,093	74,275
Dauphin	12	57		15	0	0	66,294	66,294
Eagleville, PA		44	13		0	0	62,215	63,983
New Oxford								
Reading (la Roca)		118	20	38	0	0	73,181	78,590
Steelton, PA	18	62	20		1	0	122204	122,204
TOTALS	12	333	33				382,987	405,346
GRAND TOTALS	4,734	9,519	2,601				18,994,426	20,512,414

Conference Disbursements

Church	BFC Assesment	BFC BOM	Other Missions	BFC ChExtn	CE Comm	Victory Valley	Pinebrook
Allentown, CC	28,397	277,197	84,609	22,980	0	3,500	4,000
Bethlehem	25,087	76,620	66,889	25,500	0	3,500	3,500
Blandon	7,000	54,629	32,010	29,347	0	700	214
Brooklyn, NY	542		0	25	0	0	0
Camden, DE	985	3,164	2,620	19,100	0	0	0
Carmel, NY	826	2,350	2,150	100		100	100
Clinton Crns. NY	2,200	2,620	9,810	2,880	0	0	0
Coopersburg	15,421	113,092	49,313	21,300	50	3,100	2,000
Denville, NJ	1,072	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emmaus	15,421	134,968	4,272	3,000	0	0	0
Ephrata	8,117	53,227	0	5,280	0	0	0
Fell. Community	1,266	4,000	0	2,300	0	0	0
Finesville, NJ	1,812	18,740	0	1,000	0	100	100
Fleetwood	3,093	8,580	672	3,600	0	500	100
Graterford	4,063	34,635	16,105	9,300	0	3,800	600
Harleysville	10,110	40,800	2,092	18,150	0	1,000	1,000
Harrisburg	6,668	28,141	6,966	17,500	0	900	900
Hatfield	6,609	18,035	9,200	3,000	300	1,000	1,000
Hellertown		12,399	0	4,100	0	0	0
Howell, NJ	1,820	2,000		0			
Kutztown	1,972	10,918	1,033	1,200	0	0	0
Lagrangeville, NY	4,550	5,576	5,245	2,450	100	100	100
Lancaster	18,975	64,782	30,955	3,000	0	700	500
Las Cruces, NM	1,545	1,103	0	240	0	0	0
Lebanon	12,481	34,429	23,501	12,042	0	1,700	1,800
Lehighton	1,921	2,046		0			
Longneck DE		461		3,100			
Maple Glen	2,000	7,300	8,260	1,400	0	0	0
Merida, Mexico				0			
Mt. Carmel	2,602	24,198	2,585	200	0	50	50
Mt. Pocono	3,926	29,993	37,956	4,860	0	540	0
Nazareth	4,479	19,365	4,190	5,000	0	250	500
Newark, DE	14,452	21,440	146,407	25,500	0	2,700	1,100
Newark, NJ	2,403	2,100	75	400	0	0	0
Old Bridge, NJ	1,593	75	0	0	0	0	0
Oley	18,433	105,570	49,976	15,981	0	1,000	0
Paradise	3,864	30,186	2,160	2,108	0	250	250
Philadelphia	1,261		0	0	0	0	0
Piscataway, NJ	6,136	35,200	3,762	2,000	350	350	350
Quakertown	10,200	104,350	20,200	31,200	0	3,500	3,000
Reading	10,338	71,700	38,956	13,675	0	2,000	500
Red Hill	3,367	11,667	9,100	5,350	0	500	500
Royersford	4,961	25,190		1,000			
Shamokin	2,826	7,300	11,800	200	0	200	200
Sinking Spring	26,263	57,050	118,852	13,900	0	0	1,000
Spring City		1,336		313			
Stroudsburg	4,818	36,295	15,276	1,000	0	100	500
Sunbury	10,610	49,073	23,542	7,000	0	700	2,800
Terre Hill	2,000	21,913	23,036	1,400	0	350	350
Thompson, CT	858	1,200	1,850	0	0	300	0
Toms River, NJ	755		0	600	0	0	0
Wallingford	11,475	49,755	46,435	13,450	0	500	500
Walnutport				0			
Whitehall	3,082	12,677	500	6,996	0	1,000	1,000
W.bury Heights	0	0	0	2,900	0	0	0
York	5,303	26,559	1,500	12,700	0	0	0
Zionsville	2,051	7,229	0	1,300	0	1,000	600
TOTALS	342,009	1,763,233	913,860	380,927	800	35,990	29,114
Allentown El Faro				4,000			
Cape May, NJ	0		0	6,500	0	0	0
Hanover Tnship	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eagleville, PA	0	0	1,500	37,500	0	0	0
New Oxford		1,500		36,200			
Reading (la Roca)	0	300	1,765	34,400	0	0	0
Steelton, PA	0		0		0	0	0
TOTALS	0	1,800		118,600		0	0
GRAND TOTALS	342,009	1,765,033		499,527		35,990	29,114

Local Disbursements

Church	Min. Salary	Min. Bene	Sr. Past. Housing	Assist. Sal.	Assist. Bene	other housing	Christ. Ed.
Allentown, CC	44,800	20,321	32,000	127,305	43,623	78,000	48,784
Bethlehem	9,790	27,463	35,895	118,334	51,674	47,806	27,821
Blandon	38,000	28,297	28,300	24,574	12,556	10,000	13,188
Brooklyn, NY	6,150	0	0	0	0	0	1,060
Camden, DE		405	0	0	0	0	2,993
Carmel, NY			0	0	0	0	317
Clinton Crns. NY	29,867	8,941	12,800	0	0	0	333
Coopersburg	86,819	69,102	20,600	21,525	32,072	28,000	33,400
Denville, NJ	23,000	5,000	3,700	0	0	0	0
Emmaus	38,110	28,204	22,000	51,476	50,993	49,000	71,987
Ephrata	31,575	25,973	30,450	0	0	0	16,786
Fell. Community	27,600	4,134	6,000	0	6,000	0	0
Finesville, NJ	36,000	13,860	2,200	0	0	0	636
Fleetwood	55,000	1,237	0	26,065	0	0	9,246
Graterford	53,786	14,724	0	3,121	0	0	6,519
Harleysville	55,934	25,066	18,219	31,584	18,199	18,076	16,006
Harrisburg	41,715	13,133	10,000	59,115	2,016	24,000	16,633
Hatfield	49,069	17,681	12,461	29,014	16,181	0	12,600
Hellertown	31,100	13,961	21,600	0	0	0	1,399
Howell, NJ	23,500	10,700					
Kutztown	31,000	19,699	13,207	0	0	0	170
Lagrangeville, NY	34,798	24,732	0	0	0	0	1,468
Lancaster	41,863	24,724	41,958	60,820	25,672	56,048	6,552
Las Cruces, NM	22,000		10,000	0	0	0	391
Lebanon	50,300	17,312	23,000	54,506	61,200	25,380	30,586
Lehighton	10,644	33,401					
Longneck DE							
Maple Glen	29,000	6,108	14,000	0	0	0	1,112
Merida, Mexico							
Mt. Carmel	29,000	26,641	0	0	0	0	1,871
Mt. Pocono	34,552	5,895	12,000	13,774	0	0	2,002
Nazareth	34,180	25,692	27,820	0	0	0	7,174
Newark, DE	47,098	28,699	24,000		98,736	64,125	37,738
Newark, NJ	28,999	8,146	7,596	0	0	0	2,695
Old Bridge, NJ	12,772		0	0	0	0	752
Oley	62,483	8,496	23,000		76,544	51,927	16,347
Paradise	11,938	6,773	9,200	29,257	0	0	1,416
Philadelphia	28,128	9,045	2,951	0	0	0	0
Piscataway, NJ	107,360	61,746	0	0	0	0	4,138
Quakertown	54,300	2,500	12,000	54,166	0	0	20,340
Reading	40,300	23,230	24,000	31,250	45,067	23,000	16,594
Red Hill	43,333	21,000	20,000	5,634	5,604	0	2,632
Royersford	19,615	12,530	14,583				
Shamokin	40,223	3,990	0	0	0	0	2,066
Sinking Spring	73,724	17,336	18,000	347,689	94,278	0	60,422
Spring City	36,095	18,326					
Stroudsburg	40,000	13,628	6,224	46,190	12,944	0	5,323
Sunbury	46,649	16,416	5,200	48,363	22,353	20,000	17,562
Terre Hill	32,000	3,000	0	0	0	0	7,000
Thompson, CT		500	3,000	0	0	0	203
Toms River, NJ			18,344	0	0	0	0
Wallingford	61,206	18,027	0	73,800	32,553	15,000	18,000
Walnutport							
Whitehall	24,923	25,713	18,000	16,077	0	0	11,701
W.bury Heights	34,000	11,936	19,400	0	0	0	0
York	40,225	3,529	22,000	39,000	2,208	0	9,173
Zionsville	24,206	1,325	21,070	9,817	0	0	3,838
TOTALS	1,908,729	828,297	666,778	1,322,456	710,473		568,974
Allentown El Faro							
Cape May, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dauphin	32,050	0	18,000	0	0	0	250
Eagleville, PA	30,000	0	0	0	0	0	2,361
New Oxford							
Reading (la Roca)	21,800	3,260	0	12,000	1,000	0	7,232
Steelton, PA	16,780	0	8,880	0	0	0	447
TOTALS	100,630	3,260	26,880	12,000	1,000		10,290
GRAND TOTALS	2,009,359	831,557	693,658	1,334,456	711,473		579,264

Local Disbursements Continued/Totals

Church	Debt Ser.	total Debt	Benevolence	General Disb.	T. Gen. Disb.	Total Disb.
Allentown, CC	408,080	0	42,000	864,933	1,709,846	2,130,529
Bethlehem	0	0	30,636	356,452	705,871	906,967
Blandon	0	0	2,900	77,260	235,075	358,975
Brooklyn, NY	7,587	160,576	930	16,063	31,790	32,357
Camden, DE	0	0	769	29,541	33,708	59,577
Carmel, NY	0	0	736	22,937	23,990	29,616
Clinton Crns. NY	0	0	1,900	21,603	75,444	92,954
Coopersburg	0	0	15,075	259,560	566,153	770,429
Denville, NJ	0	0	1,200		32,900	33,972
Emmaus	160,365	2,037,953	16,567	375,708	864,410	1,022,071
Ephrata	0	0	13,383	152,069	270,236	336,860
Fell. Community	0	0	1,000	18,790	63,524	71,090
Finesville, NJ	0	0	1,809	13,953	68,458	90,210
Fleetwood	0	0	875	60,525	152,948	169,493
Graterford	28,513	98,353	0	87,608	194,271	262,774
Harleysville	0	0	16,207	168,287	367,578	440,730
Harrisburg	0	0	13,252	115,139	295,003	356,078
Hatfield	53,648	495,563	13,409	46,510	250,573	289,717
Hellertown	0	0	1,511	59,568	129,139	
Howell, NJ					34,200	38,020
Kutztown	0	0	0	35,219	99,295	114,418
Lagrangeville, NY	167	0	3,197	45,522	109,884	128,005
Lancaster	192,900	1,279,026	52,651	511,299	1,014,487	1,133,399
Las Cruces, NM	0	0	293	44,686	77,370	80,258
Lebanon	0	0	5,771	241,006	509,061	595,014
Lehighton	0	0			44,045	48,012
Longneck DE	25,935	468,760			25,935	29,496
Maple Glen	0	0	8,388	22,355	80,963	99,923
Merida, Mexico					0	0
Mt. Carmel	6,537	0	440	42,119	106,608	136,293
Mt. Pocono	0	0	2,389	76,298	146,910	224,185
Nazareth	0	0	6,586	91,248	192,700	226,484
Newark, DE	468,443	2,800,000	20,825	314,450	1,104,114	1,315,713
Newark, NJ	0	0	2,831	42,268	92,535	97,513
Old Bridge, NJ	31,551	310,000	0	38,558	83,633	85,301
Oley	67,863	335,000	20,831	459,634	787,125	978,085
Paradise	0	0	1,325	126,501	186,410	225,228
Philadelphia	5,880	54,000	0	10,835	56,839	58,100
Piscataway, NJ	0	0	7,634	124,509	305,387	353,535
Quakertown	0	0	12,800	358,082	514,188	686,638
Reading	0	0	15,716	183,236	402,393	539,562
Red Hill	0	0	200	53,974	152,377	182,861
Royersford	0	0			46,728	77,879
Shamokin	0	0	3,301	70,447	120,027	142,553
Sinking Spring	76,253	0	51,831	844,311	1,583,844	1,800,909
Spring City	0	0			54,421	56,070
Stroudsburg	0	0	2,275	44,643	171,227	229,216
Sunbury	0	0	1,500	386,741	564,784	658,509
Terre Hill	0	0	2,640	105,749	150,389	199,438
Thompson, CT	4,098	58,000	378	10,962	19,141	23,349
Toms River, NJ	4,800	29,180	0	24,599	47,743	49,098
Wallingford	0	0	13,786	374,728	607,100	729,215
Walnutport	0	0			0	0
Whitehall	68,033	709,303	1,600	110,113	276,160	301,415
W.bury Heights	0	0	1,036	199,962	266,334	269,234
York	0	0	1,010	96,584	213,729	259,791
Zionsville	0	0	895	36,661	97,812	109,992
TOTALS	1,610,653	8,835,714	416,288	8,177,848	16,224,078	18,774,364
Allentown El Faro					0	31,600
Cape May, NJ	0	0	0	6,500	6,500	13,000
Dauphin	0	0	0	0	50,300	50,300
Eagelville, PA	0	0	0	11,222	43,583	
New Oxford					0	37,700
Reading (la Roca)	0	0	1,720	21,001	68,013	104,478
Steelton, PA	0	160,000	744	131,519	158,370	158,370
TOTALS	0	160,000	2,464	170,242	326,766	447,166
GRAND TOTALS	1,610,653	8,995,714	418,752	8,381,047	16,627,501	19,298,187

Schedule of Payments

BEFORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Beneficiary Society - $100 per member

Payment should be sent to the Secretary of the Society or paid at BFC Conference:

Don Kuntzman, c'o Board of Missions
1011 Brookside Rd., Suite 145
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The Way We Were
1913 – 2013
Richard Taylor

The gavel in the chairman's hand struck the podium. The conference began. Whose hand held the gavel – Harvey B. Musselman's or Randall A. Grossman's – and was it 2013 or 1913? The gavel offers no clue because the conference of 1913 began in the same way as the conference of 2013. After one hundred years, some things are no different and some things are.



Reading Church – 1913
C. H. Brunner (left) F. M. Hottel (center) H. B. Mussselman (right)

In 1913, when it was still called The Annual Conference, the meetings were held in the Reading Church. In those days, various churches took turns hosting the conference and providing hospitality. It was special for a church. The heater was filled with coal to assure that all was warm and cozy if the air was chilly and the building was damp. Church members made sure the building sparkled. Nothing would be half way or half done for their guests.

Prior to 1880, semi-annual conferences were held in the spring and the fall. After 1880, conference became an annual event. They met in the spring until 1901. In 1902, conference began to meet in the fall (normally October) and continued to do so until 1995 when the meeting was moved to April. In 1969, conference was first held at Pinebrook Bible Conference where everyone assembled in the white chapel for the deliberations. Since 1969, all conference meetings have been held at Pinebrook Bible Conference with the exception of 1977 and 1978 when the conference meetings were held at Pinebrook Junior College in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania.

At 8:00 am, Thursday, October 9, 1913, the 30th Annual Conference began. The majority of men had come by train because the new-fangled automobiles were still a curiosity. The pastors and some of the delegates had come the day before for the Ministerial Convention which had begun on Wednesday at 9:15 am. Their accommodations were provided by the hospitality conscious people of Reading who opened their homes to entertain the visiting "dignitaries." In 2013, most of those who attended what is now called the Bible Fellowship Conference traveled by car though a few would actually need to travel by airplane, an unknown mode of transportation in 1913. They came on Monday afternoon to the Administration

Building to be assigned a room, get linens and take possession of a key. When they reached their designated quarters, their suitcase or duffel was unpacked, beds were chosen and made, and meeting materials were organized.

Brother Musselman, chairman in 1913, looked out over the faces of 20 pastors and 19 delegates, 39 voting members representing 29 churches and missions. A few others had come to watch. They all carried their Bibles. The first three pews were designated the conference bar where voting members would sit. The basement was the designated area for the occasional private meeting where things were discussed that others should not hear. No one was allowed to leave the bar unless permission was granted by the chairman. Only F. M. Hottel, pastor of the Reading Church, and William Schearer, the delegate, were permitted to come and go. It was up to them to make sure that all the necessaries were provided and in place so they were allowed some freedom to come and go. In 2013, Brother Grossman faced a sea of faces. More than 150 men were there representing 63 churches. Between those who came to help as pages to carry the microphones and deliver notes and papers and those who came to watch, another 50 people were present to swell the number present to nearly 200. The voting members sat at the tables which defined the conference bar. They had their reports either as paper copies or digital images on their computer screens. They made room for their lap tops and ipads and made sure they had the password to give them access to the wifi. When they looked down at their cell phones, it was hard to determine if they were sending a text message or reading their Bible. They were reminded to silence their cell phones. They were ready to do business.



Annual Conference Members - 1913

Of course, the first order of business was to spend time in the word and worship. In 1913, they began by singing, "I Will Guide Thee With Mine Eyes." If there was musical accompaniment, a number of them would have been uncomfortable because they still thought musical instruments like pianos and organs had no place in the church. H. B. Musselman preached from Romans 12, "a very earnest address…

concerning the business before us." And then the roll was called. In 2013, the pattern was followed with different twists. The singing was led by a worship team comprised mostly of pastors who played guitars, keyboards and drums whose sound was blended to provide the musical support for this meaningful time of worship. Only a few wished we still used the piano and organ and longed for some of the great hymns of praise that required a hymn book instead of words projected on the screen in the front. An opening challenge from God's word got things underway in 2013. No change here. The word of God and hearing it were still high priority matters and just as strong a priority 100 years later.

The meetings proceeded. The roll was called for pastors and delegates to determine who was and who was not present. Absence was forbidden in 1913. Absence could be excused in 2013 but only by permission of the Ministerial Credentials Committee. One hundred years have not changed the expectation of attendance at these significant meetings.

Reports were always on the agenda. In 2013, those reports were circulated with the intention that they be read and digested prior to the conference. In 1913, all reports were made orally. The idea of putting a paper into a machine and watching multiple copies appear was science fiction in 1913. Later, these reports would show up in print copies in the back of the 1913 Yearbook. In 1913, each pastor was expected to make a report. The minutes of 1913 record, "These reports were very interesting and encouraging. A large number were saved and baptized. Many were healed; some very remarkable cases. The special offerings were larger than ever. The attendance at nearly all places has been good. The Sunday Schools are in flourishing condition. There is a very noticeable progress in the loyalty, devotion, and spiritual condition of the classes in general." These oral reports were thorough allowing the members to know how all the churches were doing. No similar reporting mechanism exists for the 2013 conference. It stretches the imagination to suppose that conference would sit patiently while the 100 or so ministers told everyone what they had accomplished in the last year. Those who long for the good old days apparently never sat through the oral reports of the pastors in 1913.


Cooks and Waitresses - Reading 1913

When it was time to eat, the men in the Reading Church in October, 1913, moved to the basement where tables had been set and steaming dishes awaited them. Some were uncomfortable about eating in the church because of the admonition to eat at home which was connected to the Lord's

Supper. In 2013, mealtimes meant a leisurely walk toward Pinebrook's dining hall where waiting was on the agenda until the door opened and the hungry men were beckoned in. In 1913, pastors would have migrated to one side of the room where they would sit together. The pastor / layman distinction was pretty well defined in 1913 meaning the pastors did not always mingle with their delegates. The delegates would have been very careful not to use familiar first names when talking to a pastor. Normally, a pastor was known as Brother so and so and occasionally his initials would be used, H. B. or W. G., but never ever a first name. In 2013, pastors and delegates mingled pretty freely, referred to each other by first names and even did a bit of bantering. But it would be hard to imagine meal time conversations were any less pleasant. Theological matters often came up. Sometimes, some intimate sharing of how things were going back home. Occasionally, updates on family news would be shared and, what would have been viewed with horror in 1913, a discussion of what was happening in the world of baseball which had been rejuvenated by the coming of April and a new season.

In 1913, the men came prepared to stay for five days. Conference did not adjourn until Monday when all the unfinished business would be completed. But, before Monday came Sunday, the highlight of the Conference. What a day it was! The Sunday School classes in the host church were taught by the other pastors. And the church would be packed for the morning worship. After lunch, they would begin again with special music by a quartet or two who had come for the occasion, another thrilling message from God's word, and the ordination of the men who had been approved. And after supper, they came again for another feast of "fat things" as they would have referred to it. Yet another preacher and another message but they never seemed to get enough of the good preaching. When it was done, they returned to their host homes and another good night of sleep. On Monday, they wrapped it up and caught their train or hitched up the buggy to return.

One hundred years ago, they asked a photographer to come and record their meeting. They took a picture of the church in which they met. And then, the participants posed outside the church. They could all be shown in one shot. They even photographed the unsung heroes of the kitchen. You find their pictures in the 1913 Yearbook. In 2013, it was a bit more complex. A picture big enough to include all would make their faces tiny specs. Scattered throughout the 2013 Yearbook are the pictures of the participants gathered by regions.

We can look into the faces of the 1913 participants at Annual Conference and feel their eyes looking back at us. From the picture they watch us. Some of what we do in 2013 could not even be imagined by them and they would shake their heads in wonder or confusion. But, some of what we do would lead to enthusiastic head nodding and even a few "amens."

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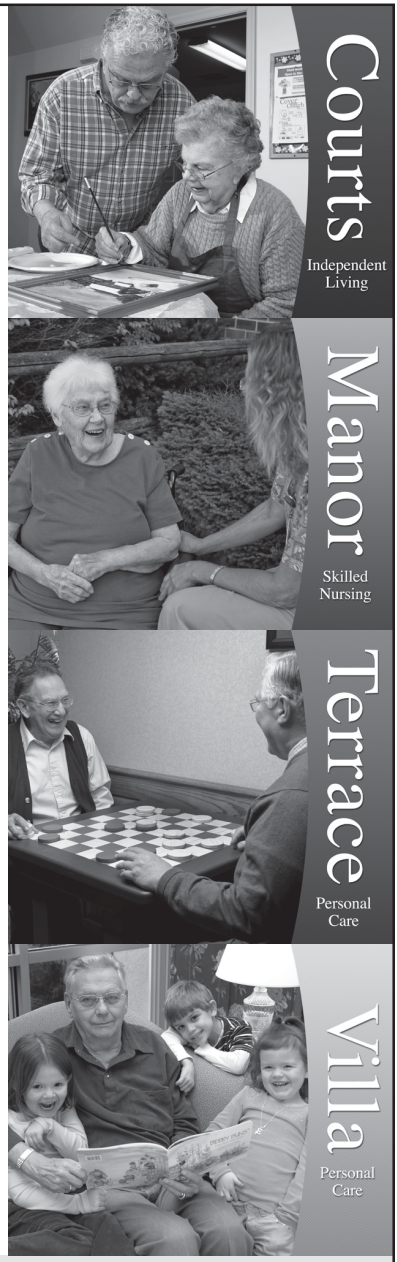
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