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5 April 2015	4 April 2021	28 March 2027	17 April 2033
27 March 2016	17 April 2022	16 April 2028	9 April 2034
16 April 2017	9 April 2023	1 April 2029	25 March 2035
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April 29, 2014, Pinebrook Bible Conference



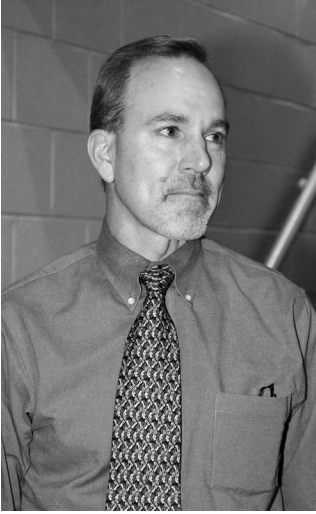
Shelley Allen receiving Josh Allen's ordination certificate, flanked by Dan & Vonnie Allen



Jordan & Amanda Eyster



Tim & Julie Gibson



Andrew Gysi



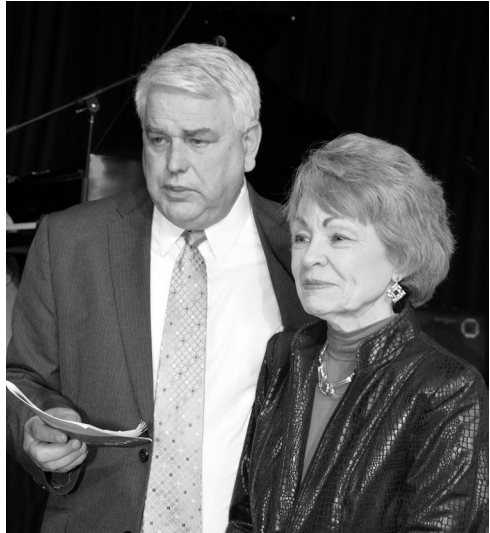
Jason & Jennifer Hoy



Jonathan & Simona King



Matthew & Sukey Lynskey



David & Roxy Schlonecker



David & Karen Smith



Ron & Kathy Smith



Keith & Terrianne Strunk

Directory of Boards and Committees

Directory of Boards & Committees

(Elected by BFC Conference)

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- (2015) Robert T. Evans, Randall A. Grossman, David A. Thomann, Hans R. Waldvogel
(2016) Dennis M. Cahill, Stephen J. DelDuco, Steven J. Kauffman, L. James Roberts, Jr.
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- (2015) Andrew T. Crossgrove, David E. Gundrum
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Ministerial Relations Committee

- (2015) Robert Vaughn, William G. Schlonecker
(2016) Randall A. Grossman, Ronald W. Reed
(2017) L. James Roberts, Jr., Timothy J. Schmoyer, Byron Widger
Chairman - Byron Widger
Secretary - Timothy J. Schmoyer

Committee on Nominations

- (2015) Harold E. Snyder, Daniel L. Williams, Rachel Marks
 (2016) Robert W. Davies, Roxy Schlonecker
 (2017) Wayne W. Batten, Raymond R. Bertolet, David E. Brandt

Church Health Committee

- (2015) Richard T. Paashaus, Carl K. Spackman, John W. Sullivan
 (2016) Clyde D. Bomgardner, Clyde W. Snyder
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 Secretary - Richard T. Paashaus

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- (2015) Ronald W. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr., Dean A. Stortz, Gregory A. Uhrich
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 (2017) Carl C. Cassel, William F. Early, Donald E. Kuntzman, Rodney P. Plows
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- (2015) Charles A. Lavigna, John C. Studenroth
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- Moderator - Randall A. Grossman
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- BFC President - Randall A. Grossman (2015)
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Directory of Other Committees

(Self Elected/Appointed & Ratified by Exec.Brd.)

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(2015) John W. Sullivan, Karen Stull

(2016) Raymond R. Dotts, Jay H. Fasnacht

(2017) Stephen C. Cassel, Judith Rychnovsky

Chairman - Raymond R. Dotts

Secretary - Jay H. Fasnacht

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

(2016) Mark R. Evans, Jordon Eyster, Timothy Radcliff

(2017) Lisa F. Kellerman, Jonathan H. King, (Vacancy)

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(Appointed Committees)

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Study Committee on Immigration

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Study Committee on Spousal Abuse as Grounds for Divorce

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Directory of Annual Conference Committees

(Appointed Committees)

Committee on Agenda & Arrangements for the 132nd BFC Conference

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Philip G. Norris, Chairman; Robert C. Kaatz, Joshua P. Miller, Michael D. Roberts, R. Scott Wright.

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

Church Extension Ministries

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Secretary - William G. Schlonecker

Treasurer - Robert W. Davies

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Chairman - Ralph M. Soper

Vice Chairman - Thomas P. Shorb

Treasurer - Daniel G. Oswald

Secretary - Robert W. Davies

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Chairman - Timothy J. Schmoyer

Vice Chairman - Bruce A. Ellingson

Treasurer - Timothy J. Bertolet

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(Self-elected)
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LoRusso, David A. Smith, Dana E. Weller, Mark A. Wimble
David Gundrum – Chairman
Dana Weller – Treasurer

Ministerial Convention Committee

(Elected by Ministerial Convention)
(2015) Stephen J. DelDuco, Mark L. Morrison
(2016) Ralph E. Ritter, David A. Smith
(2017) Mark E. Barninger, Clifford B. Boone
Chairman - Ralph E. Ritter
Secretary - Stephen J. DelDuco
Treasurer - Mark L. Morrison
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	2010
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
DelDuco, Steven J.	2007	2009	2011
Dommel, Albert J.	1982	1984	2014
Duggins, Davis E.	2005	1997	2005
Edwards, Joshua D.	2008	2011	2007
Erb, Ronald C.	1981	1983	2005
Evans, Mark R.	2008	2010	2005
Eyster, Jordan K.	2011	2014	2014
Felty, Glenn R.	2006	1966	2003
Fischer, Carl J., Jr.	1990	1985	2007
Gibson, Timothy	2012	2014	2012
Gonzalez, Miguel A.	2010	2013	2009
Grossman, Randall A.	1981	1983	1990
Gundrum, David E.	1986	1988	2000

Gysi, Andrew	2012	2014	2012
Harris, Richard D.	1976	1978	1988
Heller, LeRoy S.	1955	1958	1995
Hoy, Jason L.	2011	2014	2014
Hunter, Justin L.	2010	2013	2010
Johnson, Robert A., II	2002	1990	2002
King, Jonathan H.	2012	2014	2014
Kirkpatrick, Kevin W.	2001	2004	2001
Kohl, Ronald L.	2004	2007	2004
Kuntzman, Donald E.	2003	2006	1996
Lauterback, Stanley P.	2010	2013	2010
Long, Keith M.	2010	2013	
Lynskey, Matthew L.	2009	2014	2014
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, David K.	2012	2014	
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
Smith, David A.	2011	2014	2011
Smith, Ronald B.	2011	2014	2011
Strunk, Keith A.	2011	2014	2011
Susek, Aaron J.	2008	2011	2009
Taylor, Richard E.	1973	1975	1982
Thomann, David A.	1978	1977	1987
Uhrich, Gregory A.	1989	1983	2001
Wells, Howard N.	1990	1992	1990
Widger, Byron	1985	1988	1995
Williams, Daniel L.	2006	2009	2014
Wright, R. Scott	2009	2012	2012
Yerrington, Philip E.	1978	1981	2011
Zuck, Timothy M.	2008	2011	2014

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. (Hospital)	1996	1993	2004
Hurst, Kenneth J. (Military)	1998	2000	2000
Moyer, Richard A. (Prison)	1995	2000	1999
Ruhl, Jeffery L. (Trans. For Christ)	1997	2000	2012
Susek, Jacob J. (Fellow. Comm.)	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
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
Clark, Gerald D.	2002	2006	2013
Jones, David H.	1978	1983	2013
Ramos, Elliot H.	1998	2001	2013
Spinney, Dennis W.	1984	1993	2014

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
Vivona, Allan R.	1992	1971	2014
Watkins, David J.	1962	1965	1989
Way, David R.	1989	1993	2010
Weaber, Harold C.	1963	1967	1998
Weller, Dana E.	1972	1974	2014
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
Arnold, Jonathon W., Sr.	1994	1997	2014
Harding, W. Neil, Jr.	1983	1993	2013
McCreary, J. Mark	1993	1996	2009
Tait, Jonathan P.	1994	1996	2009
Tannous, Michael J.	2001	2004	2011

Conference Reporter

R. Edward Snyder-Ritter

Would it be worth noting that the Bible Fellowship Church has come through another year of mixed success and trial, joy and sorrow, growth and struggle? Would that make the BFC different from any other organization or individual? Only the life of faith and knowledge of God can make meaningful the uncertainty of every day and the difficulty of every task. The Bible alone allows one to look past the ups and downs and see the “great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages...crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’” (Revelation 7:9-10).

As the 131st BFC Conference convened on Monday, April 28th, 2014, everyone who was present was reminded of the glorious vision of God’s unified and diverse church by the Conference’s theme of “Expanding the Church through Multi-Ethnic, Multi-Culture Churches.” Moderator William G. Schlonecker opened Conference by calling on Conference to remember its dependence on God to complete the work before it and by praying for God’s help.

After some preliminary business, Carlos G. Rodriguez and the worship team from la Roca de Reading, Reading, PA, led in a time of worship that gave a little taste of the “all languages” spoken of by John. Sections from Revelation were read, interspersed with songs in English, Spanish, and Swahili. On some songs, both Spanish and English were offered together in praise to God.

The keynote address from David A. Smith, pastor of Grace Fellowship Church, Steelton, PA, followed this time of joyful worship. Pastor Smith spoke on “Called to Multi-Cultural Ministry” from the account of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch found in Acts 8:26-40. From that text, he taught passionately that multi-cultural ministry is prepared by the Spirit of God, accomplished by the penetrating power of the Word of God, requires work and perspiration from the people of God, and ends with all people prostrate in obedience before God.

Having been instructed from Scripture, Conference rejoiced to welcome a new church into the family – Freedom Bible Fellowship Church, Dauphin, PA. Freedom was started as a daughter church of Grace Bible Fellowship, Harrisburg, PA, when Grace faced the wonderful problem of too many people for its meeting space. Grace sent nearly 50 people out from its congregation, including Pastor Mark E. Barninger, to start the new church, which met for some time in the saloon and then ballroom of a hotel in Harrisburg. Freedom now has a building of its own, which the Lord allowed Freedom to find and to purchase inexpensively.

By way of a video presentation, praise was offered to the Lord for the ministry opportunities provided by Freedom’s time in the hotel and in its new building, and

for God's work in the lives of church members. Pastor Barninger, with help from two Freedom church members, led Conference in "Build Your Kingdom Here" by Rend Collective, and "I'll Fly Away," adding another flavor of music to the music of the evening.

Tuesday, April 29 began with more music in yet more languages as led by Pastor Rodriguez. Dr. Alejandro Mandes then spoke on "Why Multi-Ethnic, Multi-Cultural Churches Are a Biblical Norm for the Church." Dr. Mandes laid out his case from Jesus' prayer for unity in John 17, the progressive expansion of gospel in Acts, Paul's theological "manifesto" of the multi-ethnic church in Ephesians, and the multi-ethnic church's influence on the early history of the church. Antioch and other ethnically-diverse churches provided examples of missions centers and church expansion in the book of Acts.

Dr. Mandes encouraged the BFC to reach "Samerica," the ever-growing foreign born and minority populations in the United States. Samerica is the merger of our "Jerusalem" (which is America) with our "Samaria" by the unstoppable demographic shifts presently taking place in the U.S. Dr. Mandes also believes that by reaching Samerica, the church can save America. The new vigor of converted Samericans will revive the church in America, and the Samericans themselves will be a witness to the majority population.

Conference heard from Dr. Mandes again later on Tuesday, this time on "The Need to Reach Out to the Immigrant Community." This talk included much practical advice on how to reach out to immigrants, but it was also forceful in its call to offer immediate help to these often-mistreated people.

Tuesday's Conference work involved some celebrating, some sorrow, and a few challenging discussions. Dana E. Weller gave his final report as Director of the Board of Missions – after 20 years of faithful service – and Duane E. Moyer was presented as the new Director, effective July 1st. Two extensive amendments to the BFC Articles of Faith were discussed and approved by the members of Conference. The full text of these changes, as well as the list of all that was accomplished at Conference, can be found online at www.mybfc.org.

The mixture of joy and trial that characterizes life followed the BFC even into the usually celebratory ordination service on Tuesday night. The members of Conference, and a large number of friends and family of those being ordained, praised God for the record number of 11 men who were ordained or had previous ordinations recognized: Joshua M. Allen, Jordan K. Eyster, Jason L. Hoy, Jonathan H. King, Matthew R. Lynskey, David K. Schlonecker, David A. Smith, Ronald B. Smith, and Keith A. Strunk, Timothy D. Gibson, Andrew T. Gysi. Praise the Lord! Sadly, the same service also marked the first instance of a posthumous ordination,

in the case of Joshua Allen, who was called home to glory in February following an automobile accident. Since he had completed all the steps necessary for ordination, it was deemed right and proper that he be ordained.

The final day of Conference began with more worship in song; this time of praise began with a song called “One Voice Celebration,” written the evening before as Richard W. Prensner, Carlos Rodriguez, Mark Barninger, and other musically talented members of Conference rehearsed together. Delbert R. Baker II gave the morning devotional on “The BFC as Multi-Ethnic and Multi-Cultural Church Planters.”

Speaking from Acts 11:19-30, Pastor Baker encouraged the body, declaring that the BFC is specially suited to be multi-ethnic, multi-cultural church planters by the position the Spirit of God has placed us in; however, we must be ready to send the best, seek the best, and receive these new churches as equals if we are going to succeed.

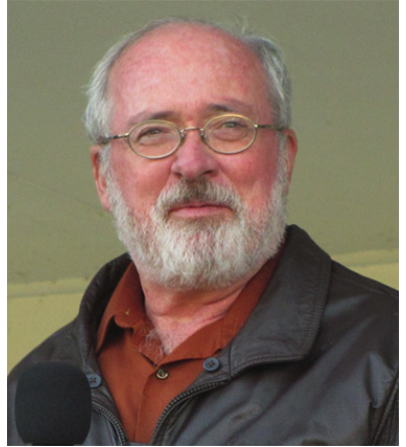
After finalizing all business, and following a closing prayer from Clifford B. Boone, the 131st BFC Conference was adjourned. In a conference composed, as all life is, of both joy and sorrow, we can only thank God for giving the BFC a vision for the expansion of His kingdom to all people. We look forward, with eyes of faith, to the day when there will be no more ups and downs because our sorrow will be gone and our joy will be complete in Him.

In Memoriam: James A. Wickstead

On September 3, 2013, God suddenly called James A. Wickstead, a church planter and a pastor with a shepherd's heart, into His presence.

Note found on the Pastor's desk a couple days later: "Possible Sermon topics: 1. Parables 2. Spiritual gifts." Pastor Wickstead was always eager to see others get joy by using their gifts. We guess he was planning to preach this again last fall. He was interrupted.

His congregants described him as a "gentle, wise teacher of deep volumes of Scripture, an honest humble decent Christian man, a true servant of God, and a shepherd to all those God brought his way."



Born in Timmins, Ontario, in 1948, his family moved to the U.S. when Jim was seven years old.

Jim Wickstead went to Cornell University to learn dairy farming. God gave Jim the new birth in 1967 through the witness of his roommate, Dave Stockin. He was nurtured under the ministry of Pastor Herman Eckelmann in Ithaca, NY. Then God pushed Jim to nurture people instead of cows.

After graduating in 1970, Jim entered seminary. He met Barbara Holmes in Hatfield, PA, and they married in 1973. They were blessed with three sons, Ian, David, and Philip.

In 1976, Jim Wickstead accepted a call from the Church Extension Department to pastor in the Poughquag, NY, mission. It was not an easy place to bring a young family. The church first met in a dressage barn without insulation, heat or water! They installed two wood-burning stoves which Jim stoked two hours before services began, then preached over pots of soup sizzling on the stoves.

When the church was young and not yet able to support a full-time pastor, he worked at two outside jobs. As a bi-vocational pastor, Jim influenced people to work hard, to be frugal and generous, and to be honest in all situations. He showed joy in his work. And in following years, he used these situations to teach how to live godly in the workplace.

When the present building in LaGrangeville, NY, became available for \$1.00, Jim listened to his wife and let twenty children contribute five cents each. The

children took great joy in their part of the purchase.

Because the church is across the road from the cemetery, many community funerals are held there. Jim carefully considered each deceased person and life from their point of view. Most funerals became celebrations. His did.

Valley Bible Fellowship Church was blessed by almost four decades of Jim Wickstead's faithful ministry.

In Memoriam:
Joshua Marc Allen
March 14, 1983 - February 24, 2014

“The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord” (Job 1:21). Heartache and faith in the same breath. If heartache, say some, no faith. If faith, say others, no heartache. But they came together to Job. His children were gone. His heart ached but his faith was strong. And at the same time. And now, the Allen family knows how heartache and faith meet.

On February 24, 2014, they came to the Allen family. Joshua Marc Allen died in the collision of two cars. For Josh’s wife Shelley, his son Josiah, his parents, Dan and Vonnie, his brothers and sisters and the church Josh loved and served, faith and heartache collided that night. All knew that God makes no mistakes. Their faith was strong. All knew that Josh was gone. Their heartache was deep.



If ministry were genetically predetermined, Josh would be the proof. He followed his grandfather and his father into ministry. But a man with a heart for ministry gets it not from his genes but from his heart when God does a work there. Josh trusted in Jesus as his Savior at an early age. His family assures us that he was not perfect, but it was clear that God had cut him out for ministry. He attended Lititz Christian School in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Later, he asked to transfer to public school that he might have opportunity to interact with more students who needed to hear the good news of salvation in Christ. He graduated from Liberty University and moved on attend Liberty Baptist Seminary, where he earned an MA and MDiv.

During these formative years, Josh was part of the Ephrata Bible Fellowship Church in Ephrata, PA. He enjoyed summer weeks on staff at Victory Valley Camp and moved onto Pinebrook Bible Conference while his parents were leading the ministry there. Josh served as head counselor and balanced his reputation as a fun guy with a serious dedication to the spiritual well-being of those around him.

At Liberty, Josh took on responsibility through serving as a prayer leader, a resident assistant and a graduate assistant, serving Dr. Elmer Towns, the school’s co-founder. Josh continued ministry through Liberty serving as an adjunct professor in the School of Religion.

Following his time of service at Liberty, Josh accepted a call to Grace Bible

Church, the Bible Fellowship Church located in Las Cruces, NM. He and Shelley ministered to the believers there and were watching as the ministry of the church began to expand to include families of all ages.

At the time of his death, Josh had completed the interviews and tests required of men who seek to serve as ordained ministers in the Bible Fellowship Church. All approvals had been given and he awaited only the final step of formal recognition at the Bible Fellowship Conference in April. Because he had completed all of the requirements, the conference unanimously determined that his ordination be recognized posthumously. His wife Shelley received his certificate of ordination in his behalf.

Josh's dad, Dan Allen, said of him, "Our prayer is that the lives he reached for the glory of God during his thirty years on this earth will continue to impact other lives."

"The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

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BFC Conference Proceedings - 2014

First Meeting

Monday, April 28, 2014, 6:45 P.M.

Conference Moderator William G. Schlonecker called the 131st BFC Conference to order at 6:45 P.M. The Moderator welcomed the members of conference, introduced the theme, "Expanding the Church through Multi-Ethnic, Multi-Cultural Churches," and then led in prayer.

Resolved, that the tables with the green tablecloths constitute the Conference Bar for the 131st BFC Conference.

The roll of the 131st 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,* Nelson K. Randolph, John E. Schleicher, Timothy P. Sebastian
Bethlehem, PA	Timothy D. Gibson,* Richard F. Bickings, Jr., Mark R. Culton (Probationer), W. Wayne Batten, Scott G. Holwick
Blandon, PA	Alan G. Miller, Jordan K. Eyster,* James C. Fisher
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,* Mark R. Evans, Richard T. Paashaus, Thomas P. Shorb, David R. Vinson, Michael J. Zettlemyer
Dauphin, PA	Mark E. Barninger, Thomas Smith
Denville, NJ	Richard D. Harris, Guy Warner
Emmaus, PA	David N. Schoen, Joshua D. Edwards, David K. Schlonecker,* Gary E. Karch, Thomas Mertus
Ephrata, PA	Jason L. Hoy,* William F. Early
Finesville, NJ	Byron Widger, Bert R. Roling
Fleetwood, PA	R. Jerome Brush, James Mortland
Graterford, PA	Mark R. Orton, Robert L. Gaugler
Harleysville, PA	Andrew T. Crossgrove, Michael W. Walker (Probationer), Glendon R. LeSuer

Harrisburg, PA	Joshua P. Miller, Steven J. DelDuco, William Verdon, Richard W. Prensner
Hatfield, PA	Howard N. Wells, S. Lester Moyer
Hellertown, PA	Timothy M. Zuck, John J. Hanner
Howell, NJ	Eric R. North, Brian Michlich
Kutztown, PA	(Vacant), Nickolas T. Timpe
Lagrangeville, NY	(Vacant), Charles F. Webb
Lancaster, PA	David A. Thomann, Keith M. Long, Gregory A. Uhrich, Neil J. Franklin, Jr., Steven R. Groff, Sr.
Las Cruces, NM	(Vacant), M.E. Brown
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, John Somerville
Nazareth, PA	Carl J. Fischer, Jr., Henry U. Sandt
Newark, DE	William G. Schlonecker, Richard C. Dodson (probationer), Robert C. Kaatz, Kenneth J. Klein
Newark, NJ	Delbert R. Baker, II, Thomas J. Boose Jr.
Old Bridge, NJ	Thomas H. Morrison, Herbert Mitchell
Oley, PA	Arthur J. Simpson Jr., Jeff Keller
Paradise, PA	David J. Peters, Bruce H. Zurbrik
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	Randall A. Grossman, Ronald W. Reed, Glenn D. Ruoss
Red Hill, PA	James Arcieri, William E. Blair
Royersford, PA	Andrew T. Gysi,* Anthony Zook
Shamokin, PA	Ferdie R. Madara

Sinking Spring, PA	Robert A. Sloan, Jr., Stanley P. Lauterback, Ronald Higley, Eric S. McNutt, Wendell Yoder
Spring City, PA	Kevin W. Clineff, Douglas Wynne
Steelton, PA	David A. Smith,* Carl K. Spackman
Stroudsburg, PA	Davis E. Duggins, Thomas R. Altemose
Sunbury, PA	Charles E. Cole, Joshua P. Gibson (probationer), Douglas A. Gaugler
Terre Hill, PA	Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Andrew S. Littlejohn
Toms River, NJ	(Vacant), John Bentham
Wallingford, PA	Richard E. Taylor, Mark A. Bickel, Timothy S. Cowen, Steven L. Piasecki
Whitehall, PA (Bethany)	Timothy J. Schmoyer, Albert J. Dommel, Aaron D. Smith (Probationer), Jason P. Musselman
Whitehall, PA (Fell. Comm.)	Philip E. Yerrington, Richard J. Drosnock
Woodbury Heights, NJ	Daniel L. Williams, Timothy R. Nessler
York, PA	(Vacant)
Zionsville, PA	Bryan C. McNally (Probationer), Kevin D. Derr

Ordained Ministers Serving BFC Ministries

David T. Allen, BFC Executive Director; 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*, Church Extension; Keith A. Strunk,* 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., Allan R. Vivona, David J. Watkins, David R. Way, Harold C. Weaver, Daniel G. Ziegler, Paul G. Zimmerman

Ordained Ministers Between Calls

Gerald D. Clark, David H. Jones, Elliot H. Ramos, Dennis W. Spinney

Additional Lay Members of BFC Executive Board

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

* pending approval of ordination.

Report of the Committee on Agenda and Arrangements: (See page 40)

Resolved, that the report be accepted and that the agenda and program serve as a guide for the deliberations of the 131st BFC Conference.

Conference Host Nathan Brosius, Director of Operations at Pinebrook Bible Conference, welcomed the pastors and delegates to the 131st BFC Conference.

Multi-ethnic musical worship was led by Carlos G. Rodriguez of La Roca de Reading, who was accompanied by a full team from La Roca. Miguel A. Gonzalez read several passages in Revelation while Conference sang “Revelation Song,” “God is So Good” and “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High,” in several languages and rhythms, before closing with “Before the Throne of God Above” – in English and Spanish.

David A. Smith, who a year ago experienced the joy of seeing the congregation he shepherds, Grace Fellowship Church of Steelton, PA, be recognized as a Particular Church, brought the keynote address, addressing the subject of “Called to Multi-Cultural Ministry.” Using Acts 8:26-40 as his text, Smith noted profound truths, in the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch, that bear direct applications to our desire to minister in multi-cultural settings.

In observing that the Holy Spirit prepared the eunuch to hear the gospel, we see that the preparation of the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary in multi-cultural ministry. In seeing how God’s Word penetrated to the eunuch’s deepest need, the need for a Savior, we note that we dare not walk into cross-cultural ministry without the Word, rightly divided.

Philip’s rolling up his sleeves and doing the work of evangelizing the eunuch offers a reminder that multi-ethnic ministry involves inviting people of other cultures into your world and telling them about the Word of God. Finally, to see the blessing of an Ethiopian eunuch finding God on a desert road because someone was there to meet him – the response of obedient faith – makes multi-cultural ministry, for the glory of God, worth extending ourselves, no matter what it might cost us. “Multi-ethnic ministry is a must,” he concluded. “Are we willing to go on this journey together?”

Conference then sang “The Family of God.”

Conference Moderator Schlonecker welcomed a large contingent from Freedom Bible Fellowship in Dauphin, PA prior to introducing Conference Secretary Ronald L. Kohl for the reading of the motion to receive Freedom Bible Fellowship Church as a Particular Church.

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

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

Whereas, Freedom Bible 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 has assessed the Freedom Bible Fellowship Mission Church of Dauphin, 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 Freedom Bible Fellowship Mission Church of Dauphin, Pennsylvania be recognized as a Particular Church and that its delegate be received into membership of the 131st Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The motion to receive Freedom Bible Fellowship Church as a Particular Church passed unanimously, much to the delight of Conference.

Church Extension Director David E. Gundrum, noting that this marks the fourth church in four years that a church has been received into Conference as a Particular Church, presented Freedom BFC, introducing its pastor and church planter, Mark E. Barninger. Pastor Barninger introduced Spencer and Julianne Shutte, who in the past year at Freedom were saved, baptized and then became the first couple to be married in the new church building. The Shuttes assisted Barninger in the singing of the Irish-flavored “Build Your Kingdom Here.”

A 10-minute video detailed Freedom’s 5-year history as a church plant, after which “I’ll Fly Away” concluded Freedom’s presentation. In lieu of illness which prevented Freedom’s delegate from attending, Harold “Hank” Snyder was introduced as the alternate delegate.

The service was closed in prayer by Steven J. DelDuco at 8:35 P.M. A reception followed in Pinebrook Bible Conference’s Dining Hall.



Members of the Freedom Bible Fellowship Church



Pastor Mark Barninger with Spencer and Juliana Schutte

Second meeting

Tuesday, April 29, 2014, 9:00 A.M.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Vice-Moderator Clifford B. Boone opened in prayer. Carlos G. Rodriguez continued the multi-cultural theme, singing in Mayan and Spanish – after Jim Arcieri read Acts 2:11: “...both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians – we heard them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” Conference then joined in the singing of “Be Thou My Vision.”

Executive Director David T. Allen introduced guest speaker Alejandro Mandes, Director of Hispanic Ministries of the Evangelical Free Church of America, Executive Director of Immigrant Hope, and Director of Gateway Theological Institute of San Antonio, TX. Mandes addressed the subject, “Why Multi-Ethnic, Multi-Cultural Churches are a Biblical Norm for the Church.”

Mandes emphasized that multi-ethnic ministry was at the heart of Jesus’ prayer in John 17. He said “Jesus prayed that our unity would be evangelistic...Jesus prayed... that they be one as a sign to the world.” He next noted that multi-ethnic ministry is a matter of progressive realization in the book of Acts, pointing to the ministry expanding from Jewish believers to the Hellenistic widows, and from there reviewing the gospel’s expansion to the Gentiles.

Paul’s letter to the Ephesians manifested a multi-ethnic approach to ministry, showing that our unity in Christ is no longer optional, but essential. “What we are really challenged with, brothers and sisters, is a love issue.” That influence profoundly shaped the early church, he said, providing examples like the woman at the well in Samaria, the church at Antioch, a Gentile church that became the mission-sending church to the world, and many of Paul’s co-laborers, who bore Greek/Gentile (i.e., multi-ethnic) names.

Our mission, he added, does not require us to learn a foreign language, but to love people, get to know them as they are, build bridges where they are, share Jesus and the gospel with them, and train them to share the gospel with others.

The Secretary of the 131st BFC Conference made the following appointments: David E. Brandt, Assistant Secretary; Donald E. Kuntzman and Timothy J. Schmoyer, Assistants to the Secretary.

Resolved, that the appointments be ratified.

The Moderator appointed the following:

Tellers: LeRoy S. Heller, Raymond R. Bertolet, Kevin D. Derr, Gary Karch, Miguel A. Gonzalez, Hans R. Waldvogel, Howard N. Wells, Timothy M. Zuck.

Resolutions: Ralph E. Ritter, Steven A. Diaz, Jason L. Hoy.

Examination of Minutes of BFC Conference (131st): Philip G. Norris, Robert C. Kaatz, Joshua P. Miller, Michael D. Roberts, R. Scott Wright.

Parliamentarian: Timothy J. Schmoyer.

Timekeeper: Mark L. Morrison.

Resolved, that the appointments be ratified:

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

Tim Sebastian, Cedar Crest BFC, Allentown, PA; John Schleicher, Cedar Crest BFC, Allentown, PA; Andrew Littlejohn, Terre Hill BFC, Terre Hill, PA; Will Verdon, Grace BFC, Harrisburg, PA; Jason Musselman, Whitehall/Northern Lehigh BFC, Whitehall, PA; Gary Karch, Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA; Tim Nessler, New Beginnings BFC, Woodbury Heights, NJ; Wendell Yoder, Calvary BFC, Sinking Spring, PA; Scott Holwick, Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury, PA; Douglas Gaugler, Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury, PA; Richard Dodson, Newark BFC, Newark, DE; Edward Gerlach, New Life BFC, Oley, PA; Jeremy Field, Royersford BFC, Royersford, PA; Ken Klein, Newark BFC, Newark, DE; Ethan Hester, Grace BFC, Las Cruces, NM.

Report of the Nominating Committee.

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

The following were elected:

BFC Executive Board:

Jay H. Fasnacht (3 years)
Charles A. Lavigna (3 years)

Church Health Committee:

Jason L. Hoy (3 years)
David N. Schoen (3 years)
Wayne W. Batten (3 years)

Ministerial Candidate Committee:

Richard E. Taylor (3 years)
Joshua P. Miller (3 years)

Conference Judiciary:

Carl C. Cassel (3 years)
Donald E. Kuntzman (3 years)
Rodney P. Plows (3 years)
William F. Early (3 years)

Appellate Judiciary:

Raymond R. Dotts (3 years)
Hans R. Waldvogel (3 years)

Ministerial Relations Committee:

L. James Roberts (3 years)

Officials for BFC Conference

Moderator of 132nd BFC Conference

Randall A. Grossman (1 year)

Vice-Moderator of 131st BFC Conference

Clifford B. Boone (1 year)

Secretary of 131st BFC Conference:
 Ronald L. Kohl (1 year)

Daniel L. Williams prayed for God's leading in the upcoming elections.

Report of the BFC Executive Board: (see page 43)

Executive Director David T. Allen addressed the Conference, providing a few remarks on his ministry and some of the events of the past year. He provided a brief synopsis of the York BFC situation since the 130th BFC Conference, one which resulted in the deposing of its pastor but which has led to the continuing of a "faithful remnant" that is being shepherded by interim pastor Ralph M. Soper. Robert A. Sloan, Jr., who along with the Executive Director has been actively involved with the York church over the past year and is serving as a surrogate elder at Faith BFC, York, provided added insights and clarifications.

The Executive Director asked for prayers on behalf of the Lagrangeville, NY and Las Cruces, NM congregations as they seek pastors following the sudden deaths of James A. Wickstead and Joshua M. Allen, respectively.

The Executive Director provided brief mentions of committees whose reports are contained in the Report Book and Yearbook but who no longer provide verbal reports at Conference.

Carl C. Cassel prayed for the situation at York, both for those who are part of the group that has left the BFC and for those who remain.

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Jay H. Fasnacht presented both a revised budget for 2014 and a proposed budget for 2015.

Resolved, that the 2014 revised Executive Board budget be adopted by the 131st BFC Conference.

Resolved, that an assessment rate of two (2.0) percent be adopted by the 131st BFC Conference for 2015 (based on assessable receipts for 2013).

Resolved, that the 2015 proposed Executive Board budget be adopted by the 131st BFC Conference.

Pension Fund

The Executive Board recommends the following resolutions to BFC Conference:

Whereas, the MRF annuity rate for 2014 was \$221 per year of service, and

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

Resolved, that the MRF annuity rate for calendar year 2015 be \$221 per year of service.

Resolution Relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for Retired or Disabled Ministers of this Conference for Calendar Year 2015:

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 Church Extension Ministries: (see page 70)

David E. Gundrum thanked Conference and all the BFC Churches for their support, and for "catching the spirit" of evangelistic church-planting. He introduced and then summarized Church Extension Ministries' new forward plan, "Fresh Wind," a plan which looks for qualified men who will establish self-supporting, self-propagating churches. "We want churches that will plant churches," he said. The plan also involves planting multi-ethnic churches and extending the BFC's frontiers.

In referencing the attached Report of the Hispanic Task Force, Gundrum introduced Church Extension Ministries board member Al Roberts, who encouraged churches to be involved in reaching the Spanish-speaking segment of their communities. LeRoy S. Heller prayed for God's blessing upon BFC Church Extension Ministries.

Report of Pinebrook Bible Conference: (see page 84)

Charles E. Cole, Chairman of the Pinebrook Board, expressed his excitement about Pinebrook's ministry, noting the many improvements to the physical plant, and pointing to the five weeks of Summer Conference. "This is a place where we come together beyond our local church settings," Cole said. Former director Alva C. Cassel prayed that God would continue to use Pinebrook for his glory and for the changing of lives.

Report of Victory Valley Camp: (see page 86)

Victory Valley's director, Douglas J. Manwiller, showed a video that highlighted a typical day at camp while also pointing to several key dates on the camp calendar and needed upgrades to camp facilities. Former chairman Calvin T. Reed prayed for the ministry and for its leadership.

Resolved, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 P.M. as David R. Way led in prayer, especially remembering Barbara Wickstead, Jim Wickstead's widow, as she prepares to move to Florida, and for the congregation at Valley BFC in Lagrangeville, NY.



Barbara Wickstead addresses BFC Conference

Third meeting

Tuesday Afternoon, April 29, 2014, 1:30 P.M.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Timothy S. Cowen opened in prayer.

Dr. Alejandro Mandes once again addressed Conference, this time speaking on the subject of “The Need to Reach Out to the Immigrant Community.” Citing Leviticus 19:34 (“You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself...”), he spoke about building “gospel bridges” to people of different cultures and ethnicities by tying the gospel and compassion together in working with them – doing what Mandes called the equation of “Great Commission plus Great Commandment,” which “equals a Great Community.”

Report of the Ministerial Credentials Committee: (see page 97)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended ordination for Joshua M. Allen, Jordan K. Eyster, Jason L. Hoy, Jonathan H. King, Matthew R. Lynskey, David K. Schlonecker, David A. Smith, Ronald B. Smith, and Keith A. Strunk, for ordination, and has recommended Timothy D. Gibson and Andrew T. Gysi for recognition of previous 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 Joshua M. Allen, Jordan K. Eyster, Jason L. Hoy, Jonathan H. King, Matthew R. Lynskey, David K. Schlonecker, David A. Smith, Ronald B. Smith, and Keith A. Strunk be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church, and further

Resolved, that the previous ordinations of Timothy D. Gibson and Andrew T. Gysi be recognized.

Whereas, the Ministerial Credentials Committee had met with Joshua M. Allen, via Skype, in preparation for his ordination, and

Whereas, we approved Joshua M. Allen for ordination to the 131st BFC Conference, and

Whereas, in God’s sovereign plan, He called Joshua M. Allen to be with Him in heaven before the 131st BFC Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, that we posthumously ordain Joshua M. Allen.

The Ministerial Credentials Committee makes the following additional recommendations:

1. **Resolved**, that an Ordination Service be held at the 131st BFC Conference.
2. **Resolved**, that Trinity Bible Fellowship Church of Blandon, PA; Ephrata Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata, PA; Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church of Allentown, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church of Coopersburg, PA; Bethel Bible Fellowship Church of Emmaus, PA; Grace Fellowship Church of Steelton, PA; Townsend Mission of Townsend, DE; and Cape Community Church of Cape May Court House, NJ be encouraged to have a service of recognition of the ordinations of Jordan K. Eyster, Jason L. Hoy, Jonathan H. King, Matthew R. Lynskey, David K. Schlonecker, David A. Smith, Ronald B. Smith, and Keith A. Strunk, respectively, and that, Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church of Bethlehem, PA and The Bible Fellowship Church of Royersford, PA be encouraged to have a service in recognition of previous ordination for Andrew T. Gysi and Timothy D. Gibson, respectively, and that they be encouraged to invite the Ministerial Credentials Committee to send representation to be present at the service.

Report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee: (see page 95)

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:

Andrew Barnes, Long Neck, DE; Beau Coffman, Fleetwood, PA; Mark Culton, Bethlehem, PA; Joshua Dupiche, Philadelphia, PA; Jordan Eyster, Blandon, PA; Josh Gibson, Sunbury, PA; Tim Gibson, Nazareth, PA; John Hanner, Hellertown, PA; Tim Hogan, Reading, PA; Jason Hoy, Ephrata, PA; W. Scott Kappes, Allentown, PA; Jonathan King, Allentown, PA; Joel Klase, Hatfield, PA; Matt Lynskey, Coopersburg, PA; James MacArthur, Oley, PA; Tim Nessler, Wenonah, NJ; R. Edward Snyder-Ritter, Brooklyn, NY; Wayne S. Rissmiller, Sinking Spring, PA; Charles Shearer, Lehigh, PA; Aaron Smith, Whitehall, PA; Ron Smith, Townsend, DE; Keith Strunk, Cape May Court House, NJ; Marc Sweet, Howell, NJ; William Verdon, Harrisburg, PA; Michael Walker, Harleysville, PA; R. Daniel Wagner, Denver, PA.

Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee: (see page 107)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, we change 511-6.3(7) to read “(7) The committee shall submit a report to BFC Conference, including recommendations concerning compensation for pastors called under our rules.”

[FIRST READING]

Yes – 151; No – 8.

Whereas, the immediate implementation of this legislation will enable the MRC to make more meaningful recommendations that churches will take to heart in consideration of

their pastors' compensation, therefore be it

Resolved, that by rule of exception, we implement the legislation for this year until it is considered at second reading next year.

The resolution was implemented for one year by rule of exception.

Resolved, that each church provide a minimum of 3% of the pastor's salary for retirement, plus an additional 1% match if the pastor is voluntarily contributing 1%.

Report of the Conference Pastor: (see page 89)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Charles F. Webb, delegate from Lagrangeville, NY, and Howard N. Wells led in a prayer of remembrance, comfort and thanksgiving for the families of James A. Wickstead and Joshua M. Allen, respectively.

Byron Widger prayed for Ronald C. Mahurin, for sustaining and refreshing grace as he struggles with chronic lower back pain, and for his ongoing ministry as Conference Pastor.

Report of the Church Health Committee: (see page 114)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Legislation to be considered at Second Reading

Articles of Faith # 27 – The Kingdom, 2012 Yearbook, pp. 18-19

Article 27 - The Kingdom of God

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁸ He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not

received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ... When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth – Gog and Magog – to gather them for battle ... But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever (Rev. 20:2-4, 7-10).

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

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

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 146; No -19.

Articles of Faith # 21 – The Lord’s Day, 2012 Yearbook, p. 18

Article 21 – The Lord’s Day

21-1 The first day of the week has been recognized by the Church as the Lord’s Day since apostolic times¹. We believe, therefore, that it ought to be observed by all believers, voluntarily and in love², as a day set apart as holy to the Lord for the corporate worship of God³, remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord from the dead, and fellowship and mutual encouragement of the saints.⁴

¹ Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb...On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” (John 20:1, 19). On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight (Acts 20:7). On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper so that there will be no collecting when I come. (1 Cor. 16:2).

² One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind (Rom. 14:5). For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another (Gal. 5:13).

³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near (Heb. 10:23-25)

⁴ And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42). Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ (Eph. 5:15-21). Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath (Col. 2:16).

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 115; No - 46.

The following were elected:

BFC Executive Board:

Ronald L. Kohl (3 years)

Robert A. Sloan, Jr. (3 years)

Credentials Committee

Dana E. Weller (3 years)

Ronald L. Erb (3 years)

Committee on Nominations

Raymond R. Bertolet (3 years)

David E. Brandt (3 years)

Wayne W. Batten (3 years)

Rachel Marks (1 year)

Ministerial Relations Committee:

Timothy J. Schmoyer (3 years)

Byron Widger (3 years)

It was noted that Keith Plows has completed a 46-year term on the Ministerial Credentials Committee. He received a hearty round of applause as a sign of appreciation for his many years of faithful service.

Resolved, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 P.M. as Keith M. Long closed in prayer.

Fourth meeting

Tuesday Evening, April 29, 2014, 6:30 P.M.

The Moderator called the evening meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. David J. Peters led the Conference in prayer.

Report of the Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church: (see page 82)

Report of the Board of Missions: (see page 61)

Dana E. Weller, who will retire as Director of the Board of Missions after having served in that capacity since 1994, spoke first on the Bible Fellowship Church's role in helping our churches to reach and assimilate multi-cultural people groups.

He noted that one of the duties of the Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church is "to foster multi-cultural assimilation in BFC Churches."

Giving his perspective after 20 years as Director of the Board of Missions, Weller said he "stands amazed" at a group of churches that has been involved in well over 30 countries over the past two decades. "You have made sacrificial commitments and challenges that have hurt and have caused deep, deep sacrifices in your local church, and God has done an amazing job," he said.

The following missionaries were introduced to the BFC Conference:

Dan and Vonnie Allen; Sam, Melissa, Jackson, and Tucker Adams; Keith and Carol Anderson; William Aukamp; Lisa Barnshaw; Bill Early; John Elias; Daniel Istrate; Frank Lenahan; John and Nancy LoRusso; Chris and Beckie Merrick; Matt and Kristy Messick; Duane Moyer; Nelson Randolph; David Riddell; John Studenroth.

Thomas P. Shorb offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the BFC missionary family, asking God for additional grace and mercy for those he has called to serve in missions both near and far. He also thanked the Lord for his faithfulness to Dana Weller over these past 20 years.

Executive Director David T. Allen passed the Board of Missions baton, first calling for and receiving a well-deserved standing ovation for Dana Weller, and then introducing Duane E. Moyer as the new Director of the Board of Missions. Moyer, a second-generation missionary, brings considerable experience to his new position, having served for over 30 years, primarily in Guadeloupe.

Clifford B. Boone, himself a former missionary, prayed for Duane Moyer in his future ministry, and then closed this portion of the evening session.

Following a short recess, Conference and guests gathered for a service of ordination as 10 men were ordained to the gospel ministry. In an especially poignant moment that represented a first for the Bible Fellowship Church, the late Joshua M. Allen was ordained posthumously. After having been approved for ordination, Allen was suddenly called home to glory this past winter in an automobile accident.

Also ordained, much to the delight of their families, friends and the churches they are serving, were Jordan K. Eyster, Jason L. Hoy, Jonathan H. King, Matthew R. Lynskey, David K. Schlonecker, David A. Smith, Ronald B. Smith and Keith A. Strunk, while Timothy D. Gibson and Andrew T. Gysi had previous ordinations recognized.



Keynote Speaker
Pastor David A. Smith



Keynote Speaker Pastor Bert R. Baker

Fifth meeting

Wednesday Morning, April 30, 2014, 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 9:00 A.M. Offering the opening prayer was LeRoy S. Heller. Carlos Rodriguez and his multi-ethnic pastoral musical worship team led the conference in the singing of a new song written especially for this occasion, “One Voice Celebration.” Mark E. Barninger read an accompanying Scripture, Romans 15:5-7, “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” After a song in Spanish, the ensemble led Conference in the singing of “Because He Lives.”

After the singing of “It is Well With My Soul,” Delbert R. “Bert” Baker II, pastor of Newark BFC of Newark, NJ, provided a fitting devotional, directing conference’s attention to Acts 17, Paul’s address to the men of Athens at the Areopagus. “And he [God] made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him,” Paul said in Acts 17:26-27.

Noting that, in the same way, God is moving people groups into our areas, Baker said, “God is bringing them to our doorstep; he wants us to reach them.”

Baker stressed three essentials that are necessary if we are going to plant multi-ethnic, multi-cultural churches. We have to have vision, seeing what God knows can be done in the community and looking at it in a manageable way, coming up with a plan that we can actually accomplish. He cited Paul being told not to quit in Corinth, for God was telling him, “I have many people in this city.”

Beyond that, we have to have skill, which may or may not require learning a language but absolutely requires sincerity. “You have to have an ability to deal with cultural and ethnic barriers in a way that presents to the people that you are sincere; and if you mess up, you’re going to own up to it and work at getting it right, because sincerity says to people that you respect them for who they are.”

Finally, and most importantly, we have to have knowledge – the knowledge of God’s Word that we must impart to people. Baker said, “In the Bible Fellowship Church, we value the Word of God, we say it is the final authority for what we believe and how we live, and we teach it to our people.”

“We’re already doing this work,” he said. “We’re in a position to do more work. God’s work, done God’s way, never lacks God’s supply.”

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

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

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).

[SECOND READING]

Yes – 158; No – 1.

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.

[SECOND READING]

Yes – 160; No – 0.

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.”

[SECOND READING]

Yes – 161; No – 0.

Amend 508-3 (1). Replace “Committee on Arrangements” with “Committee on Agenda and Arrangements.”

[SECOND READING]

Yes – 161; No – 0.

Delete 510-1.4 Committee on Statistics.

[SECOND READING]

Yes -160; No – 1.

Delete 510 - 2.2 Committee on Resolutions, 510 - 2.4 Tellers, and 510 - 2.5 Timekeeper

Re-number 510 - 2.3 to 510-2.2.

[SECOND READING]

Yes – 160; No – 1.

511-1.7 (2) Christian Education Committee

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

Re-number duty (6).

[SECOND READING]

Yes – 160; No – 1.

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.

[SECOND READING]

Yes – 159; No – 2.

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.”

[SECOND READING]

Yes – 161; No – 0.

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.

[SECOND READING]

Yes – 161; No – 0.

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.

[SECOND READING]

Yes – 156; No – 5.

700 Amendment to the Faith & Order. Add 701-5 “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.”

[SECOND READING]

Yes – 151; No – 10.

700 Amendments to the Faith & Order. Omit 705 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.”

[SECOND READING]

Yes – 157; No – 3; Abstain – 1.

Report of Study Committee on Immigration: (see page 120)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of Study Committee on Human Sexuality and Marriage: (see page 122)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Consideration of Request of the Board of Elders of Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury, PA

The elders of Emmanuel BFC presented a request, having discussed the issue of whether spousal abuse presents a “legitimate, biblical” ground for divorce. Having been unable to reach a majority decision on this important issue, the elders presented their request to BFC Conference, seeking Conference’s wisdom and counsel. “Since one of the responsibilities of Elders in the BFC is to assist in building good relationships in [the] family, we hope that the 131st [BFC] Conference will take up the charge to shepherd its people by providing discernment to this delicate issue.”

Resolved, that the Moderator appoint a study committee of five to seven members to study the issue of abuse with respect to divorce.

An offering was received for the Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund. Robert A. Sloan, Jr. prayed for the offering; \$2,734 was collected.

Resolved, that the meeting be adjourned.

Richard E. Taylor closed the meeting in prayer at 12 P.M, especially remembering the needs of longtime Wallingford, PA delegate Steven L. Piasecki, who has been dealing with esophageal cancer.



Incoming Board of Missions Director Duane Moyer with retired Director Dana Weller

Sixth meeting

Wednesday afternoon, April 30, 2014, 1:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 1:30 P.M. Marcos G. Ramirez opened the meeting in prayer in Spanish.

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

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

Consideration of Recommendations of Committees

Ministerial Credentials Committee

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 Ministerial Credentials Committee has allowed for minor reservations of certain Articles of Faith, and

Whereas, Article 511-5.2 (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” [511-5.2 (4)] with “No minister shall be allowed to hold credentials in the Bible Fellowship Church who does not subscribe to our Articles of Faith, except as allowed by the Ministerial Credentials Committee, and endeavor to follow the Rules of Order. Those who are allowed to hold reservations must teach in accordance with the Articles of Faith.”

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 125; No - 17.

B. Proposed Revision to the Faith and Order, Article 304-8, on the recording of the proceedings of a trial

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

Whereas, we held a trial in which we followed the above instructions of preserving a complete and accurate transcript, and

Whereas, we found this procedure to be extremely time-consuming and costly, therefore be it

Resolved, we change the wording in Article 304-8 to read, “In any trial the judicatory shall preserve a complete and accurate record of the proceedings. This record shall include the charges, objections made and exceptions taken by the accused during the trial, the testimony of witnesses and all rulings and findings of the judicatory. This record shall be certified by the trial judicatory to another judicatory in cases of appeal. If the trial is appealed, the accused and the appellate judicatory shall be supplied one written copy of the record at the expense of the judicatory; other copies may be supplied at the expense of those who request a copy.”

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 143; No - 3.

C. 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 distinct 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 505-2 (1), and further

Resolved, that the description for this category and its numbering in 511-5.3 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, and approved by the Ministerial Credentials Committee, 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.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 131; No - 3.

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 men serving in other Christian organizations have kept themselves engaged in the current activities and organizations 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 505-1 (4) and change the subsequent numbers as appropriate, 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 511-5.3 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.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 134; No - 6.

Third Category: Ordained Ministers in Retirement

Whereas, there have been some retired ordained men who have moved distances away or have health conditions 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, 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 511-5.3 be as follows:

(5) Ordained Ministers in Retirement

These are men who have retired under the provisions of 501-5. 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.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 126; No - 13.

D. 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 502-2 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, therefore be it

Resolved, that the word “final” be inserted as follows:

502-2 The BFC Conference performs the legislative function of our denomination. As such, it alone has the power to amend and the final authority to interpret the F & O. By this means it governs the affairs 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.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 132; No - 6.

E. Duties of the Ministerial Credentials Committee

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

Whereas, the Conference Judicatory has stated that the Ministerial Credentials Committee has the authority to interpret the F & O as it relates to ordained men (2013 Yearbook, Page 110), therefore be it

Resolved, that the following be inserted in 511-5.2 (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.”

511-5 Ministerial Credentials Committee

511-5.2 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.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 134; No - 3.

Resolved, that the revision to Article 21, adopted at our Third Session of the 131st BFC Conference, constitutes the answer to the request from the Board of Elders of Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Harrisburg, PA.

Resolved, that the revised BFC Regions as restructured by the BFC Executive Board be approved.

Agenda and Arrangements

Resolved, that the 132nd BFC Conference be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference, April 27-29, 2015.

Resolved, that committee reports for the 132nd BFC Conference be sent in digital format to the BFC Executive Board by February 15, 2015. bfcexecbrd@aol.com

Report of the Conference Judiciary: (see page 119)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee: (see page 127)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Beneficiary Society: (see page 125)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Committee on Examination of 130th BFC Conference Minutes: (see page 116)

Resolved, that the report be adopted.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches: (see page 118)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Registrar:

1. The following alternate delegates were seated for part or all of the 131st Conference.

Carl Fitzgerald, Piscataway, NJ; Ed Gerlach, Oley, PA; Ronald Miller, Mt. Pocono, PA; Brett Ryan, Oley, PA; Harold E. Snyder, Dauphin, PA; Thomas Ward, Lagrangeville, NY

Resolved, that their seating be approved.

2. The following delegates requested to be excused from part or all of the 131st Conference:

Thomas J. Boose Jr., M.E. Brown, John Crouch, Scott G. Holwick, Jeff Keller, Brian Michlich, Steven L. Piasecki, Richard Prensner, Thomas Smith, John Somerville, Nickolas Timpe, Bert R. Roling, J. Richard Vroman, Charles Webb, Anthony Zook

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 131st Conference. These requests were approved by the Ministerial Credentials Committee.

Jonathon W. Arnold, William A. Aukamp, Delbert R. Baker II, Bert N. Brosius, R. Jerome Brush, Leonard E. Buck, G. Wayne Clapier, Timothy S. Cowen, Louis S. Curcio, Willis I. Dowling, Scott B. Evans, Richard J. Gehman, Richard D. Harris, James D. Head, George E. Herb, Roy A. Hertzog, Justin L. Hunter, David H. Jones, Philip E. Morrison, Eric R.

North, Thomas A. Pollock, Elliot H. Ramos, R.C. Reichenbach, David W. Riddell, Jeffrey L. Ruhl, Austin G. Shelly, Carl K Spackman, Colby A. Weinhofer, Philip E. Yerrington

Report of the Committee on Statistics: (see page 132)

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following resolutions:

Whereas, Joshua M. Allen and James A. Wickstead, having lived godly lives filled with faith in Jesus Christ, and have faithfully served His Church and their own families, 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 Joshua M. Allen and James A. Wickstead in the glorious inheritance secured for us in Christ.

Whereas, Allan R. Vivona has retired from his position of ministry, and

Whereas, Jason L. Hoy, Dennis W. Spinney, Timothy M. Zuck, and Delbert R. Baker II 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 and Order: Harrisburg, PA – William C. Verdon II; Lehighton, PA – Charles A. Shearer; Hatfield, PA – Joel B. Klase; Fleetwood, PA – Beau E. Coffman; Whitehall, PA – Albert J. Dommel; Church Extension – Joshua Dupiche; Sunbury, PA – Joshua P. Gibson; Newark, DE – Richard C. Dodson; Ephrata, PA – Jason L. Hoy; Clinton Corners, NY – Allen R. Mickle, Jr.; Church Extension – Timothy M. Zuck

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

Whereas, the congregation of Freedom Bible Fellowship Church, Dauphin, PA, has been blessed with growth and a gifted, committed church family eager to serve the local community for Christ, be it

Resolved, that we remain faithful in prayer for our newest congregation, seeking the Head of the Church to grant them continued blessing in their common life and ongoing outreaches.

Whereas, the Ministerial Relations Committee has reported several churches seeking pastors, and

Whereas, our common concern in love is for the saints of these congregations, therefore be it

Resolved, that we unite to pray for the Lord to raise up gifted servants for our churches in Camden, DE; Carmel, NY; Hellertown, PA; Kutztown, PA; Lagrangeville, NY; Las Cruces, NM; Newark, NJ; Toms River, NJ; and York, PA.

Whereas, Joshua M. Allen (posthumously), Jordan K. Eyster, Jason L. Hoy, Jonathan H. King, Matthew R. Lynskey, David K. Schlonecker, David A. Smith, Ronald B. Smith, and Keith A. Strunk were ordained at the 131st BFC Conference, and the previous ordinations of Timothy D. Gibson and Andrew T. Gysi were recognized, 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, Keith E. Plows has served this Conference continuously for 46 years on the Ministerial Credentials Committee (serving 19 years as chairman), be it

Resolved, that we give thanks to his Lord for our brother's faithful ministry to the Bible Fellowship Church and its pastors, seeking the Master's future blessing on His servant's every endeavor.

Whereas, our brother Dana E. Weller has diligently and with distinction led us as Director of the Board of Missions for 20 years, and

Whereas, his years of ministry have been much blessed of the Lord on behalf of our missions family, be it

Resolved, that we give thanks to God for our brother and for his service to the Lord of the Harvest, asking that his future endeavors for the Kingdom would be likewise blessed, and be it further

Resolved, that we commit to regular prayer on behalf of our new Director, Duane E. Moyer, that his service among us may be equally blessed and profitable to the glory of God.

Whereas, the Boards, Departments, Committees, and Study Committees of the Bible Fellowship Church have served in a godly manner over the past year, and

Whereas, they have fulfilled well their responsibilities by reporting to the Executive Board of the 131st BFC Conference, therefore be it

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

Whereas, the resolution of the struggles experienced by Faith Bible Fellowship Church, York, PA, has been reported by the Ministerial Credentials Committee and the Executive Director, and

Whereas, we both grieve the loss of fellowship and yet are grateful for the godly disposition of these things by our leaders, therefore be it

Resolved, that we not fail to uphold the congregation at York and its transitional leadership in prayer and with practical assistance as possible, but that we also

Resolve, to pray for our estranged brethren.

Whereas, the Executive Board has worked diligently, committing much time to the performance of its duties, and

Whereas, David T. Allen has served commendably as Executive Director, be it

Resolved, that we give thanks to God for quality leadership and extend our deep appreciation to our brothers for their service in a particularly difficult Conference year.

Whereas, we have sought the Lord for insight and understanding in the revision of two of our Articles of Faith and have as a Conference received their revisions, be it therefore

Resolved, that we lead our churches through instruction, with enthusiasm, and by example, to embrace and live in the good of the truths taught by “Article 21 — The Lord’s Day” and “Article 27 — The Kingdom of God.”

Whereas, David A. Smith, Dr. Alejandro Mandes, and Delbert R. Baker II have refreshed and challenged the Conference in expanding the kingdom of Christ through multi-cultural ministry, 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 multi-cultural ministry for the advancement of the gospel of Jesus Christ for the glory of His Name among all the nations (Romans 1:5).

Whereas, Carlos Rodriguez has willingly served the 131st 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 131st BFC Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, that we extend our earnest gratitude for their wonderful ministry to those attending the 131st BFC Conference.

Whereas, the BFC Conference Secretary, Ronald L. Kohl, his Assistant, David E. Brandt, and the 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.

Whereas, Joel Klase (Head Page), and Pages Adam Behnke, Ethan Hester, Tim Hogan, Jules Hull, Jim MacArthur, Frank Podlasinski, S. Wayne Rissmiller, Charles Shearer, Marc Sweet, and Dan Wagner have diligently and joyfully served the 131st 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, William G. Schlonecker has served outstandingly as Moderator of the 131st BFC Conference, therefore be it

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

Whereas, the 131st Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church has encouraged our increased vision and efforts toward multi-cultural church-planting and ministries, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, as one unified body, will pursue this vision with prayer, spiritual vigor and whole-hearted intention.

Whereas, on the basis of the reports, testimonies, and proceedings of this 131st 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 Arrangements: Ronald L. Kohl (Chairman); David T. Allen, Clifford B. Boone, Randall A. Grossman, Mark R. Orton, Thomas P. Shorb, Daniel L. Williams.

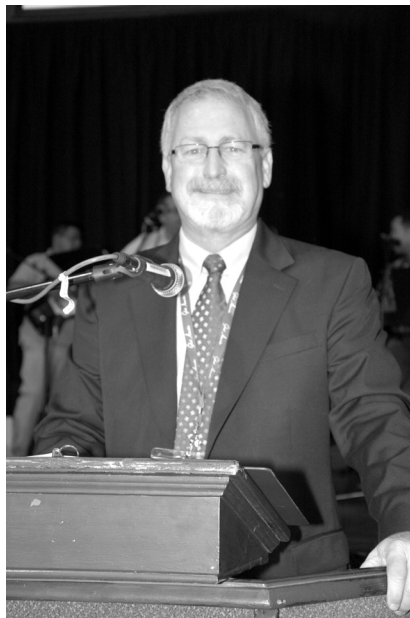
Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches: Ralph M. Soper (Chairman); Andrew T. Gysi, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, David J. Peters, Howard N. Wells.

Study Committee on Spousal Abuse and Grounds for Divorce: Clyde D. Bomgardner (Convener), Stephen J. DelDuco, John C. Elias, Joshua P. Gibson, Ralph E. Ritter, Aaron D. Smith, John C. Vandegriff, Jr.

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 131st BFC Conference was adjourned at 4:45 P.M. as Vice-Moderator Clifford B. Boone led Conference in a closing prayer.



Conference Moderator
William Schlonecker

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Report of the Committee on Arrangements

The Moderator of the 130th BFC Conference appointed the same membership to both the Committee on Agenda and Program and to the Committee on Arrangements for the 131st BFC Conference. Legislation is before the 131st BFC Conference for consideration at Second Reading that would combine the function of these two committees. At the direction of the Moderator, the committees met simultaneously this year and are submitting a combined report.

The committee met three times in fulfilling its mandate to prepare the agenda and program and to oversee the logistics and hospitality of the 131st BFC Conference. In addition to the five committee members, Clifford B. Boone, Davis E. Duggins, Nathan Brosius, Philip G. Norris, Daniel L. Williams, and Joel B. Klase attended some meetings and contributed to the work of the committee.

This year's BFC Conference will convene at 6:45PM on Monday, April 28 and will continue through the evening of Wednesday, April 30, 2014. We ask that all who attend pray for divine enabling, wisdom, fellowship, unity, and effectiveness for the glory of God.

Guest Speaker. Dr. Alejandro Mandes serves as Director of Hispanic Ministries of the Evangelical Free Church of America, Executive Director of Immigrant Hope, and Director of Gateway Theological Institute and is currently based in San Antonio, Texas. He is an ordained minister and experienced church planter in the Evangelical Free Church and holds an MSW from the University of Texas at Austin and a DMin from Dallas Theological Seminary. He will give two addresses to the Conference on Tuesday.

Orientation. Orientation materials have been placed in the front of the Report Book that is distributed to each pastor and delegate. We ask that all take time to review this information, especially those who are voting members of the Conference for the first time.

Roles. Davis E. Duggins will serve as Registrar assisted by Timothy J. Bertolet. Joel B. Klase will serve as Head Page with Daniel L. Williams serving as Overseer of the Pages.

Internet Access. Free internet access will be provided throughout the Conference. The BFC Conference may be viewed via computer through live streaming of the sessions of Conference. This is an asset allowing interested BFC folks from around the globe to view the worship and deliberations of the Conference. Please inform your congregations of this opportunity which can be accessed through the denominational website: www.mybfc.org.

Minutes. There will be times of reviewing and approving the minutes of the BFC Conference throughout the sessions, but the minutes will not be read out loud. The Committee on Examination of Minutes of the 131st Conference is charged with the responsibility to review the minutes as they are produced and to seek to assure that the minutes are an accurate record of the proceedings. Minutes will be posted on the internet and made available in paper form to those requesting them during the Conference. The

final copy of BFC Conference Minutes will be available on the BFC Website as well as in the BFC Yearbook. Any additions or corrections should be submitted to the Secretary of the BFC Conference, Ronald L. Kohl, or to the Chairman of the Committee on Examination of BFC Conference Minutes, Philip G. Norris.

Voting on Proposed Articles of Faith. The Secretary of BFC Conference reports the following results of the voting of Boards of Elders on the two proposed revisions of Articles of Faith approved at First Reading in 2012:

Article 21 The Lord's Day: Yes - 37; No - 12

Article 27 The Kingdom of God: Yes - 42; No - 6; Tie - 1

(Four churches had not submitted their vote to the Secretary as of March 5).

Both proposed Articles have been approved by a 2/3rds majority of the churches and are eligible to be considered at Second Reading at the 131st BFC Conference (cf. §701-4).

Guidelines for BFC Conference Study Materials.

The Committee has produced "Guidelines for BFC Conference Study Committees" to be made available to Study Committees appointed by Conference in order to orient and assist them in doing their assigned work. A copy of these guidelines are attached for your information, and this material will be placed in the Resources Section of the new edition of the Faith & Order.

Recommendations:

1. **Resolved**, that the agenda and program for the 131st Conference be accepted as the guide for the deliberations of the 131st BFC Conference.
2. **Resolved**, that the 132nd BFC Conference be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference, April 27-29, 2015.
3. **Resolved**, that committee reports for the 132nd BFC Conference be sent in digital format to the BFC Executive Board by February 15, 2015. bfcexecbrd@aol.com.

Committee on Agenda and Arrangements. Ronald L. Kohl, Chairman; Thomas P. Shorb, Secretary; David T. Allen, Randall A. Grossman, William G. Schlonecker.



Tellers Kevin Derr, Hans Waldvogel, Howard Wells,
Leroy Heller, and Timothy Zuck



Secretaries David Brandt and Timothy Schmoyer

Report of the Executive Board

We began our journey almost four years ago, recognizing that what the psalmist said in Psalm 127:1 was correct: “Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” Since we believed that we were laying a foundation for future BFC generations, we wanted to make sure that the LORD was building the house, so our very first theme in 2011 was “Built on a Foundation of Prayer.” We asked Dr. Daniel Henderson of Strategic Renewal to come and prepare our hearts for praying, as Jesus did, “Not our will, but thine be done.” The Executive Board worked hard and long in order to recognize our denominational core values, those things that define us, to which we are committed. Our name defines us: the Bible is our sole authority for life and living; fellowship with God through prayer and worship and fellowship amongst ourselves is vital; and we are a part of Christ’s church, serving one another and reaching out to others with the gospel - in love.

We then focused on our main purpose: making disciples of Jesus Christ. We asked Dr. Gene Getz to help us to remember to keep first things first. We are supposed to be making disciples of Jesus Christ. We are not supposed to be doing church for the sake of doing church, but are supposed to be making disciples, which is what the church is to do.

With that foundation having been laid, we then set out to envision what might become of the Bible Fellowship Church over the next few years. We looked at our denomination as a whole, and then at each department individually, and dreamed about what could be, what should be, and what must be if we are to fulfill our mission. Last year, 2013, we laid out that vision, a 20/20 Vision for the Bible Fellowship Church. There were sixteen specific vision points that were presented to the 130th BFC Conference, and others that related to each of the departments. Thus we were off and running.

So how is that working out, you might ask? Since our journey can be described as a ship leaving port with a specific destination in mind, but a wild sea through which to navigate, we have left the port, but the seas have not always been favorable to us! Our very first vision point was to have 75 BFC churches. In our first year, we went backward. Our church on the northeastern fringe of the BFC, in Thompson, Connecticut, has been struggling for several years. In August, that congregation decided to disband, and someone came forth as a buyer for Thompson’s church building. The closing for the sale of the property was first set for September, but then postponed to the beginning of October. The “government shutdown” delayed things for months, then well-water problems, permits, right of ways, and other unforeseen details put off the actual closing until January 9, 2014. So our church in Thompson, Connecticut has officially closed.

We almost lost a second church, but this one is on the southwestern fringe of the Bible Fellowship Church. Some of the brethren in our York church were dismayed by the way that the BFC Conference treated a request that they had made concerning the issue of “Lordship Salvation.” Their pastor, Kenneth E. Keeler, had been questioned by the Ministerial Credentials Committee concerning his doctrinal position. After several years of trying to understand his position, the Ministerial Credentials Committee called Keeler to a trial, hoping to get a clear and definitive position. When they sifted through

the material and notes from the trial, they determined that his view of Article 13 of the Faith & Order was at odds with ours. Although they did not remove him from his pastorate due to his long and faithful service within the BFC, they did censure him and suggested that he reconsider his position. The elders at York were not satisfied with this decision and encouraged their congregation to “secede” from the Bible Fellowship Church. We, the Executive Board, pursued them and encouraged them to wait until the end of the year before making that fateful decision so that we might have an opportunity to resolve their issues peacefully and amicably. They agreed, and we took a proactive stance, hoping to change their decision. For four months we met together with their elders, prayed together, studied together, and almost succeeded. In the end, many decided to leave. The Executive Board followed the guidelines of the Faith & Order, deposed the elders of their offices, and placed two of our members as surrogate elders for any members who wished to stay with the Bible Fellowship Church. The Ministerial Credentials Committee deposed Kenneth E. Keeler for violation of his vows, and declared the pulpit vacant. This was all done before the end of the year and before the effective date of the proposed “secession.”

In the end, Kenneth E. Keeler and the elders, along with the majority of the congregation, “left” the Bible Fellowship Church and started their own independent church. More than a dozen members, however, decided to stay with the Bible Fellowship Church, so an interim pastor, Ralph M. Soper, was provided for them, and they are worshipping together every week. As a result of the “trust clause” in the property deed, the departing members did not seek to wrest ownership of the property from the Bible Fellowship Church. We did not have to legally contest the property, although we were prepared to do so. Instead, an amicable separation allowed the new church to “lease” the property from Faith Bible Fellowship Church of York, at least through June, 2014. We separated, but without burning any bridges should the departing members wish to return to the Bible Fellowship Church in the future. The remaining congregation is currently embarking on a new journey of their own, and looks forward to what the Lord will do with them in both the near and far future!

At the same time, we did gain a church! This year, Freedom Bible Fellowship Church of Dauphin, PA will be added as a Particular Church, and we praise the Lord for that! Our Church Extension Ministries Department, under the Directorship of David E. Gundrum, is continuing to mentor, coach, and prod several church plants toward graduation. Several new church plants are being announced this year, and we are excited to see what the Lord will do as a result of these new works.

We have received the retirement notice of our Director of the BFC Board of Missions. Dana Weller gave notice that he would retire as soon as a replacement for him is found. Dana has faithfully served the BFC Board of Missions as Director for almost 20 years, and he will be missed. The BFC Executive Board’s Personnel Committee and the Chairman of the BFC Board of Missions have formed a search committee to find a new Director and will present him to the Executive Board and BFC Conference as soon as they have concluded their search.

Pinebrook Bible Conference, under the Director of Operations, Nathan Brosius, and the Interim Ministry Director, Neil Fichthorn, have made great strides in upgrading both the facilities and ministry. The Summer Family Bible Conference returned to the days of Mizpah Grove Camp meeting, as the Bible teachers were mostly our own BFC

pastors. This coming year, another approach will be used, as Bible teachers from around the country will be featured during the evening sessions. The list of speakers can be found at Pinebrook's website, www.pinebrook.org, or on brochures distributed to each church. Although the revenues were lower in 2013, the reports from those whose lives were touched by Pinebrook's ministry have been encouraging.

Victory Valley Camp, under the Directorship of Douglas Manwiller, continues to minister to growing numbers of children. Victory Valley saw its largest increase in summer campers in several years. Dan Faust served as Ministry Director; under his leadership, many children made commitments of faith in Jesus Christ. At the end of the summer season, Dan resigned in order to pursue further education. This year promises to be another encouraging year, as Rebekkah Manwiller has been hired to serve as his replacement.

During this year, we were saddened by the sudden loss of two of our ministering brethren: James A. Wickstead in September of 2013, and Joshua M. Allen in February of 2014. Both serving pastors were taken quickly into their heavenly home, leaving behind grieving families and congregations in LaGrangeville, NY and Las Cruces, NM. Your continued prayers for these families and congregations are appreciated and needed. As a denomination, we continue to care for and support these families and congregations and pray that God will strengthen them and provide the men of His choosing to replace these departed brethren.

The Executive Director continued to care for the day-to-day operations of the Bible Fellowship Church. He is thankful for the men and women who serve both as Directors and servants of and for the Bible Fellowship Church. Don Kuntzman handles many of the financial functions of both the Board of Missions and the Bible Fellowship Church denomination. This past year, the Board of Missions Secretary, Carolyn Bloomfield, decided to retire and move to Northeast Ohio to be closer to her family. Susan Younger replaced her for several months. After a lengthy search by both the Board of Missions and the BFC Executive Board, one which netted over a dozen applicants, Jodi Shorb is now the new Administrative Assistant for the Bible Fellowship Church, with primary responsibilities to the Board of Missions. Ruth Richards was able to oversee the move of the Church Extension Ministries' office from Fellowship Community to the same building as the rest of the BFC offices: 1011 Brookside Road, Allentown, PA. We are now all under the same roof, but on different floors. The BFC Conference Room is open and available for use by all BFC Committees.

Over the past year, we discovered that one of our websites, www.bfc.org, was a big hit in China...unfortunately, not for spiritual reasons, but because it closely replicated a business and therefore had thousands of hits per day! Our service provider wanted us to increase our bandwidth to accommodate the huge traffic, but instead we temporarily paused the site and moved all our data to www.mybfc.org. The other websites, <http://info.bfc.org>, and www.mizpahgrovemedia.com, continue to provide information about and to the Bible Fellowship Church. We will continue to develop these and provide more information and data as the year unfolds.

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

During 2013, the Executive Board retained the following:

- The American Insurance Group as Health Insurance Administrators,
- JetPay as our payroll processing firm,
- Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company as the preferred church liability insurers,
- American Bank of the Lehigh Valley as the depository of its funds.

We want to thank Attorney Helen Gemmill of our York church for connecting us with the Law firm of McNees, Wallace, & Nurick in Harrisburg, which has a large staff with specialists in both Real Estate and Non-Profit Corporations.

We also wish to thank Rick Volpe and his staff at Asset Planning Services for their assistance with our Pension Fund (MRF). We were able to move the processing of the pension fund to our offices, so they now function as our Advisors for the Pension Fund.

We have terminated our relationship with the firm of Buckno Lisicky & Company, who provided a financial compilation of our books. The project manager who handled our account has left that firm, and we are in the process of securing another accounting firm. With both CPAs and relatives of CPAs on our Executive Board, we feel we are unable, ethically, to use them to provide objective reviews and audits, so we must use another firm. 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.

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 may be found at our <http://info.bfc.org> website, and would be worth considering for adoption by each local church’s board of elders.

Resolved, that the 2014 revised Executive Board budget be adopted by the 131st BFC Conference.

Resolved, that an assessment rate of two (2.0) percent be adopted by the 131st BFC Conference for 2015 (based on assessable receipts for 2013).

Resolved, that the 2015 proposed Executive Board budget be adopted by the 131st 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, Youth & Young Adults Committee, Pensions Fund, and the Pinebrook Educational Foundation.

2013 Review and Status: The total of Ministers’ Retirement Fund (MRF) annuity payments to beneficiaries in 2013 was \$170,830 (compared to \$158,400 in 2012, \$170,600 in 2011 and \$186,300 in 2010). The final beneficiary has begun to receive

benefits. There was one beneficiary who went home to the Lord in 2013: James A. Wickstead. His wife, Barbara, is receiving the widows' share of his funds. Based on the current mortality assumptions, the final year of MRF payments to beneficiaries is still projected to be 2035. Between now and then, it is estimated that the MRF will distribute future benefits totaling nearly \$2,080,000.

Annual Funding: 2013 was the third 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. By changing banks, we were able to reduce our monthly expenses eliminating bank fees, and we used one month's funding of reserves to pay the Pensions. Funding is supported by a portion of the BFC Conference-wide assessments.

403(b) Plan: The plan can be found at info.bfc.org under the tab BFC Elder/Churches or contact the Executive Director. No changes in IRS requirements for 2015.

Planned Giving: The benefits of planned giving were clearly evident in 2008 by way of the receipt of the bequest of \$225,000. The Executive Board urges other members of the Bible Fellowship Church to consider including the MRF in their estate planning arrangements. The simplest and most tax efficient method would be to name the MRF as a contingent or primary beneficiary (for married or singles, respectively) of a portion of an IRA or 403(b) account. This arrangement can be adjusted or revoked at any time, and does not involve changing one's Will. For more information, please contact the BFC Executive Director.

Administration: The Executive Board expresses its appreciation to Rick Volpe, Pension Plan Administrator, and Kristen Barker of Asset Planning Services for their faithful service to the Executive Board. Now that the Pension Fund is being administered "in house," Rick Volpe will continue to be our Pension Fund Advisor, but his firm is no longer responsible for performing the monthly duties.

The Executive Board recommends the following resolutions to 131st BFC Conference:

Whereas, the MRF annuity rate for 2014 was \$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 2015 be \$221 per year of service.

Resolution Relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for Retired or Disabled Ministers of this Conference for Calendar Year 2015:

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, be it

Resolved,

1. An amount equal to 100% of the pension payments received during the year of 2015 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."

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Report of the Executive Board - Balance Sheet

	Dec 31, 13	Dec 31, 12
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Total 100 · Executive Board	47,658	146,521
Total 101 · Medical/Health Insurance	62,721	68,318
Total 103 · Youth & Young Adults	19,255	17,342
Total 105 · Pinebrook Educational Foundation	251,679	211,775
Total 107 · Pension Funds	22,534	31,804
Total Checking/Savings	403,847	475,760
Accounts Receivable		
1100 · A/R - Church Assessments	-1,528	-25,159
1110 · A/R Communications Publications	-17	-17
1130 · A/R Payroll	90,663	21,963
1140 · A/R Workers Comp. Ins.	13,935	10,003
1200 · Pinebrook Line of Credit	396,565	298,489
1250 · A/R Fellowship Homes, Inc	0	92,304
Total Accounts Receivable	499,618	397,583
Other Current Assets		
12000 · Undeposited Funds	10,009	8,791
1360 · PrePaid Expense - Pensions	16,943	16,943
Total Other Current Assets	26,952	25,734
Total Current Assets	930,417	899,077
Fixed Assets		
1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook		
1401 · PBC Buildings & Equipment	1,701,535	1,701,535
1405 · PBC Accumulated Depreciation	-1,352,661	-1,303,323
1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook	52,233	52,233
Total 1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook	401,107	450,445
1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley		
1451 · VV Buildings & Equipment	427,088	427,088
1455 · VV Accumulated Depreciation	-226,541	-218,160
1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley	149,197	149,197
Total 1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley	349,744	358,125
1500 · Real Estate - Thompson, CT		
1501 · Thompson Buildings	100,645	100,645
1505 · Thompson Accumulated Depreciation	-50,322	-47,806
1500 · Real Estate - Thompson, CT	31,782	31,782
Total 1500 · Real Estate - Thompson, CT	82,105	84,621
1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ		
1511 · Cape May Buildings	43,040	43,040
1515 · Cape May Accumulated Depreciation	-25,209	-22,408
1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ	1,880	1,880
Total 1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ	19,711	22,512

1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA		
1521 · Adms Ctny Buildings	163,800	163,800
1525 · Adms Accumulated Depreciation	-20,475	-16,380
1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA	70,200	70,200
Total 1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA	213,525	217,620
1530 · Real Estate - Brooklyn, NY		
1531 · Brooklyn Parsonage	200,000	200,000
1535 · Brklyn Accumulated Depreciation	-65,000	-60,000
1530 · Real Estate - Brooklyn, NY	7,750	7,750
Total 1530 · Real Estate - Brooklyn, NY	142,750	147,750
1550 · Real Estate - Dauphin, PA		
1551 · Dauphin Buildings	81,000	81,000
1555 · Dphn Accumulated Depreciation	-4,050	-2,025
1550 · Real Estate - Dauphin, PA	27,000	27,000
Total 1550 · Real Estate - Dauphin, PA	103,950	105,975
Total Fixed Assets	1,312,892	1,387,048
Other Assets		
1610 · Office Lease Security Deposit	1,740	0
1635 · Mortgage Rec - ChExtn	200,000	200,000
1645 · Note Rec. - Toms River, NJ	26,046	29,180
1650 · Note Rec. - Cottrell Corners	40,000	40,000
1670 · Note Rec. - Long Neck, DE	175,000	175,000
1680 · Note Rec. - Beraca, Phila	51,889	53,989
1699 · Bad Debt Reserve	-50,000	-50,000
Total Other Assets	444,675	448,169
TOTAL ASSETS	2,687,984	2,734,294
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
2000 · Accounts Payable	2,200	4,574
Total Accounts Payable	2,200	4,574
Other Current Liabilities		
2260 · BOM to/from Pensions	2,614	0
2270 · PrePaid Insurance	-89	-89
2310 · Payroll Due To (From) Church Extension	-9,149	-3,975
2320 · Payroll Due To (From) Board of Missions	-623	-698
2330 · Payroll DueTo (From) Pinebrook Bible Conference	-1,041	-7,866
2340 · Payroll Due To (From) Victory Valley	-6,550	581
2360 · Insurance Due From Church Extension	858	0
2361 · Insurance Due From Pinebrook Bible Conference	2,276	0
2370 · Rent Due From Church Extension	-1,059	0
2371 · Rent Due from Board of Missions	-1,766	0
2375 · Deferred Gain on Sale of Real Estate	20,631	20,631

Total Other Current Liabilities	6,102	8,584
Total Current Liabilities	8,302	13,158
Long Term Liabilities		
2501 · Bnk Mortgage Owed - Thompson	7,799	15,873
2530 · Bnk Mortgage Owed - Brooklyn	101,937	106,517
2550 · Bnk Mortgage Owed - Dauphin	35,295	37,656
2551 · ChExtn Loan Owed - Dauphin	29,600	29,600
2560 · ChExtn Loan Owed - Cape May	10,000	10,000
Total Long Term Liabilities	184,631	199,646
Total Liabilities	192,933	212,804
Equity		
3000 · General Equity	689,392	729,296
3200 · Unrestricted Net Assets	-50,656	-36,055
3201 · Unrestricted Assets		
3100 · Board Designated-Church Assistance	6,648	11,648
3125 · Board Designated-Historical Society	5,000	5,000
3150 · Board Designated-Special Projects	8,035	8,035
3210 · Board Designated-Pinebrook Educational Foundation	115,243	108,398
3260 · Board Designated-Pensions	28,046	28,046
Total 3201 · Unrestricted Assets	162,972	161,127
3300 · Temporarily Restricted Funds		
3310 · Pinebrook Education Foundation	21,969	9,809
3330 · Christian Education	23,680	23,425
Total 3300 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	45,649	33,234
3400 · Permanently Restricted Funds		
3410 · Pinebrook Education Foundation	114,467	93,568
Total 3400 · Permanently Restricted Funds	114,467	93,568
3600 · Real Estate Equity		
3601 · Principal Due - Thompson, CT	-46,229	-46,229
3610 · Principal Due - Cape May, NJ	-10,146	-10,146
3620 · Principal Due - Adams Co., PA	-150,000	-150,000
3630 · Principal Due - Brooklyn, NY	-54,499	-54,499
3660 · Principal Due ChExtn - Cape May	-10,000	-10,000
3701 · Equity - Thompson, CT	71,752	71,752
3720 · Equity - Adams Co, PA	84,000	84,000
3730 · Equity - Brooklyn, NY	30,223	30,223
3750 · Equity - Dauphin, PA	40,000	40,000
3600 · Real Estate Equity - Other	1,586,846	1,599,821
Total 3600 · Real Estate Equity	1,541,947	1,554,922
Net Income	-8,720	-14,601
Total Equity	2,495,051	2,521,491
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,687,984	2,734,295

Executive Board 2013 Profit & Loss

Ordinary Income/Expense Income	Jan - Dec 13	Jan - Dec 12
4000 · Church Assessments	334,704	347,211
4100 · Department Assessments	7,500	10,000
4150 · Brotherhood Dividends Received	15,136	14,110
4176 · Bequests Received	14,091	20,065
4177 · Designated Gift	2,000	0
4200 · General Interest Income	7,901	3,439
4201 · Revenues from Sub-Committees		
4210 · Communications Com. Revenues	3,777	4,833
4220 · Historical Committee Revenues	33	123
4230 · Christian Ed Committee Revenues	975	2,596
4240 · Youth & Young Adult Revenues	116,277	99,568
4400 · Pensions - From ExecBrd	0	172,800
4420 · Pensions - From BOM	0	34,102
4430 · Pensions - Miscellaneous Income	26	2
4450 · PEF Investment Income	35,986	20,442
4460 · PEF Contributions Received	14,992	14,250
Total 4201 · Revenues from Sub-Committees	172,066	348,716
4500 · Mortgages & Notes Paid		
4501 · Bank Mortgage - Thompson CT	8,074	7,620
4532 · Bank Mortgage - Brooklyn	4,579	4,455
4535 · Bank Mortgage-Dauphin	2,360	744
4500 · Mortgages & Notes Paid - Other	<u>1,666</u>	<u>0</u>
Total 4500 · Mortgages & Notes Paid	16,679	12,819
4560 · Current Mortgage Interest Rec'd	9,500	9,500
4600 · Gain (Loss) Sale of Real Estate	12,981	11,820
4800 · Honorarium Income	1,077	1,200
4900 · Holmes Settlement	6,000	6,225
4925 · Grants Reducing Debt (ChExtn)	0	30,000
4950 · Miscellaneous Inc	1,833	435
Total Income	601,468	815,540

Expense

5010 · Executive Director Salary	77,967	74,796
5015 · Executive Director Taxes/Bene	23,256	25,812
5020 · Conference Pastor Salary	26,000	25,959
5025 · Conference Pastor Other	21,500	21,500
5050 · Executive Board Expenses		
5051 · Payroll Taxes & Processing	9,779	2,505
5060 · Executive Board Rent/Utilities	3,000	3,000
5070 · Executive Board Office Supplies	1,219	778
5080 · Executive Board Insurance/Acctg	6,155	6,116
5050 · Executive Board Expenses - Other	6,346	7,117
Total 5050 · Executive Board Expenses	26,499	19,516
5100 · BFC Conference Costs	8,000	9,910
5110 · BFC Conference Arrangements	7,500	6,688
5200 · BFC Committee Expenses		
5115 · BFC Conference Agenda Comm	47	0
5120 · BFC Conference Study Committees	544	252
5220 · Ministerial Credentials Comm	2,761	1,421
5225 · Ministerial Candidate Comm	2,291	655
5230 · Ministerial Relations Comm	131	148
5235 · Statistical Committee	69	164
5237 · Committee To Exam Church Minute	191	167
5240 · Church Health Committee	725	593
5241 · Ad Hoc Committee-Church Health	0	194
5242 · Conference Judiciary	0	602
5243 · Nominating Committee	0	129
5244 · Joint Committee Ethnic Churches	70	0
Total 5200 · BFC Committee Expenses	6,829	4,325
5201 · Expenses of Sub-Committees		
5203 · Christian Education	975	2,596
5204 · Youth & Young Adults	114,364	111,039
5205 · Historical Committee	60	650
5210 · Communications	25,126	25,127
5410 · Pensions Payments - Pastors	0	155,994
5420 · Pensions Payments - Missionary	0	34,102
5430 · Pensions - Admin Expenses	0	552
5460 · PEF Scholarships Awarded	10,750	8,250
5465 · PEF Expenses	324	0
Total 5201 · Expenses of Sub-Committees	151,599	338,310
5245 · Beneficiary Society	500	500
5246 · Ministerial Convention Expense	1,000	1,000
5400 · Chaplaincy Expenses	1,216	2,237
5500 · Ministerial Pensions	156,476	172,800
5600 · Real Estate Expense	0	3,046
5700 · Advances to Pinebrook	0	1,766

	5800 · Bequest Disbursements	14,091	20,065
	5900 · Holmes Settlement Exp	6,000	6,225
	5950 · Miscellaneous Expenses	2,000	105
	Total Expense	530,433	734,560
	Net Ordinary Income	71,035	80,980
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
	4300 · Medical Insurance Fees	415,016	377,899
	4301 · Medical Insurance Interest	76	37
	Total Other Income	415,092	377,936
Other Expense			
	5300 · Medical Insurance Prem	408,516	375,432
	5301 · Medical Insurance Admin	12,175	12,110
	6000 · Depreciation Expense		
	6140 · Pinebrook Depreciation	49,338	49,338
	6145 · Victory Valley Depreciation	8,381	8,381
	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	2,025
	Total 6000 · Depreciation Expense	74,156	74,156
	Total Other Expense	494,847	461,698
	Net Other Income	-79,755	-83,762
	Net Income	-8,720	-2,782

2014 Executive Board Budget - Revised

Revised 2014 Budget (based on 2012 Assessable Receipts)

	2014 Budget	Revised	Increase (Decrease)
Anticipated Receipts			
Assessment from Churches (2%)	\$ 368,000	\$ 365,000	-\$ 3,000
Department Contribution	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 0
Brotherhood Contribution	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 0
Investment Interest	\$ 3,550	\$ 3,500	-\$ 50
Mortgage Interest	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	\$ 0
Installment Payment on Sale of RE	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Communications Reimbursements	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Miscellaneous/General Contributions	\$ 0	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Anticipated Receipts	\$ 406,050	\$ 404,000	-\$ 2,050
Anticipated Expenses			
Minister's Retirement Fund	\$ 172,800	\$ 172,250	-\$ 550
Board of Communications	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 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	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 0
Committee Mtg Expenses	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 0
Conference Pastor Salary	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 0
Conference Pastor Expenses/Benefits	\$ 22,500	\$ 23,000	\$ 500
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	\$ 18,000	\$ 15,000	-\$ 3,000
Advances to Pinebrook	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Reserved	\$ 10,250	\$ 6,250	-\$ 4,000
Miscellaneous Board Expense	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 0
Executive Board Expense	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 0
	\$ 406,050	\$ 404,000	-\$ 2,050

2015 Executive Board Budget

2015 Budget (based on 2013 Assessable Receipts)

	Revised 2014 Budget	Proposed 2015 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
Anticipated Receipts			
Assessment from Churches (2%)	\$ 365,000	\$ 365,000	\$ 0
Department Contribution	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 0
Brotherhood Contribution	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 0
Investment Interest	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 0
Mortgage Interest	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	\$ 0
Communications Reimbursements	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Miscellaneous/General Contributions	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 0
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Anticipated Receipts	\$ 404,000	\$ 404,000	\$ 0
Anticipated Expenses			
Minister's Retirement Fund	\$ 172,250	\$ 172,250	\$ 0
Board of Communications	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 0
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	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 0
Committee Mtg Expenses	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 0
Conference Pastor Salary	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 0
Conference Pastor Expenses/Benefits	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000	\$ 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	\$ 15,000	\$ 0
Reserved	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 0
Miscellaneous Board Expense	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 0
Executive Board Expense	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 0
	\$ 404,000	\$ 404,000	\$ 0

2013 Combined Balance Sheet

2013	ExecBrd	BOM	ChExtn	PBC	VV	Totals
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$134,070	\$248,713	\$126,983	\$24,675	\$70,137	\$604,578
Investments	\$269,776	\$1,299,725	\$466,435		\$20,136	\$2,056,072
Restricted Investments						
Prepaid Expenses	\$19,190					\$19,190
Other Receivables	\$499,618	\$215				\$499,833
Current Maturities of Notes Receivable	\$9,500	\$34,154				\$43,654
Total Current Assets	\$932,154	\$1,582,807	\$593,418	\$24,675	\$90,273	\$3,223,327
Property And Equipment						
Land	\$340,042					\$340,042
Buildings	\$2,717,108					\$2,717,108
Other Fixed Assets			\$37,996			\$37,996
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(\$1,744,258)		(\$25,615)			(\$1,769,873)
Property And Equipment, Net	\$1,312,892	\$0	\$12,381	\$0	\$0	\$1,325,273
Other Assets						
Notes Receivable	\$292,935	\$108,098	\$49,600			\$450,633
Mortgages Receivable	\$200,000					\$200,000
Bad Debt Reserve	(\$50,000)					(\$50,000)
Total Notes Receivable, Net	\$442,935	\$108,098	\$49,600	\$0	\$0	\$600,633
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,687,981	\$1,690,905	\$655,399	\$24,675	\$90,273	\$5,149,233

2013	ExecBrd	BOM	ChExtn	PBC	VV	Totals
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	\$2,200		\$771	\$10,908	\$5,753	\$19,632
Current Maturities of Long Term Debt				\$3,582		\$3,582
Advances and Deposits	\$6,102			\$47,412	\$8,925	\$62,439
Other Current Liabilities		\$439,881	\$1,069			\$440,950
Deferred Income						\$0
Total Current Liabilities	\$8,302	\$439,881	\$1,840	\$61,902	\$14,678	\$526,603
Long-Term Debt, less Current Maturities	\$184,632			\$485,491		\$670,123
Total Liabilities	\$192,934	\$439,881	\$1,840	\$547,393	\$14,678	\$1,196,726
EQUITY						
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$2,343,651	\$1,155,738	\$580,220	(\$484,392)	\$45,003	\$3,640,220
Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$45,649		\$10,220		\$13,612	\$69,481
Restricted Funds	\$114,467		\$20,000			\$134,467
Net Income	(\$8,720)	\$95,286	\$43,119	(\$38,326)	\$16,980	\$108,339
Total Equity	\$2,495,047	\$1,251,024	\$653,559	(\$522,718)	\$75,595	\$3,952,507
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY						
	\$2,687,981	\$1,690,905	\$655,399	\$24,675	\$90,273	\$5,149,233

2013 Combined Statement of Revenues & Expenses

2013 Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Assets - Modified Cash

	ExecBrd	BOM	ChExtn	PBC	VV	Totals
REVENUES						
Contributions						
Churches	\$ 334,310	\$ 114,510	\$ 570,341	\$ 30,299	\$ 33,030	\$ 1,082,490
Individuals	\$ 7,500	\$ 15,615	\$ 276,243	\$ 119,426	\$ 79,520	\$ 498,304
Other Gifts and Bequests	\$ 16,091	\$ 123,962		\$ 6,815	\$ 1,586	\$ 148,454
Total Contributions	\$ 357,901	\$ 254,087	\$ 846,584	\$ 156,540	\$ 114,136	\$ 1,729,248
Other Revenues						
Retreats and Conferences				\$ 760,199	\$ 173,772	\$ 933,971
Program Fees	\$ 136,080	\$ 4,453				\$ 140,533
Rental Income		\$ 1,250		\$ 17,447	\$ 87,631	\$ 106,328
Program Sales		\$ 3,681		\$ 43,709	\$ 16,207	\$ 63,597
Interest and Dividends	\$ 32,613	\$ 35,934	\$ 18,798	\$ 3	\$ 530	\$ 87,878
Net Realized and Unrealized						
Gains on Investments	\$ 52,665	\$ 94,435	\$ 30,753			\$ 177,853
Gain on Sale of Property	\$ 12,981					\$ 12,981
Medical Insurance Contributions	\$ 415,016					\$ 415,016
Other Income	\$ 9,304	\$ 388		\$ 7,957	\$ 15,728	\$ 33,377
Total Other Revenues	\$ 658,659	\$ 140,141	\$ 49,551	\$ 829,315	\$ 293,868	\$ 1,971,534
Net Assets Released from Restrictions and Other Transfers	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,500	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,500
Total Revenues	\$ 1,016,560	\$ 394,228	\$ 897,635	\$ 985,855	\$ 408,004	\$ 3,702,282
EXPENSES						
Salaries/Benefits/Payroll Taxes	\$ 158,502	\$ 178,650	\$ 132,778	\$ 294,568	\$ 133,612	\$ 898,110
Program Expenses	\$ 285,665	\$ 9,539	\$ 650,757	\$ 12,899	\$ 92,557	\$ 1,051,417
Program Food Expenses				\$ 209,141	\$ 38,645	\$ 247,786
Conference and Meetings	\$ 22,329	\$ 2,879	\$ 11,524		\$ 2,114	\$ 38,846
Marketing/Communications	\$ 25,126	\$ 12,026	\$ 15,899	\$ 10,599	\$ 9,139	\$ 72,789
Office Expenses	\$ 13,720	\$ 8,405	\$ 6,362	\$ 20,182	\$ 15,394	\$ 64,063
Rents/Real Estate Taxes	\$ 3,000	\$ 20,382	\$ 4,500	\$ 40,770	\$ 6,307	\$ 74,959
Buildings and Grounds Maintenance				\$ 327,191	\$ 76,363	\$ 403,554
Insurance	\$ 420,691		\$ 6,132	\$ 51,029	\$ 16,857	\$ 494,709
Designated	\$ 22,091	\$ 66,298		\$ 54,485		\$ 142,874
Depreciation	\$ 74,156		\$ 6,015			\$ 80,171
Other Expenses		\$ 763	\$ 20,549	\$ 3,317	\$ 36	\$ 24,665
Total Expenses	\$ 1,025,280	\$ 298,942	\$ 854,516	\$ 1,024,181	\$ 391,024	\$ 3,593,943
Gain (Loss)	-\$ 8,720	\$ 95,286	\$ 43,119	-\$ 38,326	\$ 16,980	\$ 108,339



Executive Director David Allen



Secretaries Ron Kohl and Don Kuntzman

Report of the Department of Missions

This will be my final report to the Bible Fellowship Conference. By the time this is printed in the 2014 Yearbook, a new director will have been appointed by the Executive Board. Having had the privilege of being raised in the Bible Fellowship Church, serving as a pastor since 1972, and then becoming Director of the Board of Missions in 1994, I have become deeply aware of the passion this denomination has for declaring the Gospel of light to a very dark world. The prayer of most BFC churches is reflected in the words of a John Chisum hymn I have heard at many BFC missions conferences:

Our heart our desire
 Is to see the nations worship
 Our cry our prayer
 Is to sing Your praise to the ends of the earth
 That with one mighty voice
 Every tribe and tongue rejoices
 Our heart our desire
 Is to see the nations worship You
 Heavenly Father
 Your mercy showers down upon all people
 Every race upon this earth
 May Your Spirit pierce the darkness
 Break the chains of death upon us
 Let us rise in honest worship
 To declare Your matchless worth

That desire has sent our sons and daughters to over 37 nations of the world. It has prompted sacrificial giving of nearly \$2,245,159.76 by churches and individuals this year. It has motivated a host of short-term ministry trips to assist our missionary families on the field. That desire has also prompted an outpouring of giving in times of natural disasters.

Our missionary family has celebrated the entrance of many into the Kingdom as a result of their witness, although that has often come at great cost. Over the years, political turmoil, illness, and family crises have caused many to come home from the field. But as in a relay race, some are called back while others are sent.

The ministries are diverse: from teaching in seminaries or MK schools to ministering to refugees; planting churches in great metropolitan cities to establishing beachheads in unreached villages; maintaining aircraft to flying those planes; working with international students to caring for troubled teens; still many others

work in support ministries, media, and administration.

In the past year, the Board of Missions has reorganized under the Executive Board. It remains involved in the many ministries listed elsewhere in this report. In the future, the Board will prepare to accomplish the Vision Points established by the Executive Board.

1. The Board of Missions

The Board of Missions (BOM) meets bi-monthly to conduct the missionary family business matters. Budget and financial matters are reviewed and discussed. Couples and individuals that are seeking to become BFC missionaries are interviewed and assessed. BFC missionaries home on furlough are often interviewed in order to understand the progress they have made and the challenges they face personally and in their ministries. The BOM Director reports on missionary affairs:

- candidates, including their status with their sending board and support raising efforts,
- those set to leave for the field, noting their commissioning date,
- those making a scheduled return to the states, or returning earlier than planned for various reasons,
- those experiencing especially difficult times in their family and/or their ministry.

Each meeting includes a time of prayer for the missionary families, especially for those facing specific challenges, and a period of open discussion to share advantageous ideas. 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 to provide assistance to missionaries for personal support, emergency needs, and particular project initiatives.

2. Missionary care, including field visits

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

Seminars: The BOM offers a number of informational resources to BFC churches.

Muslim Outreach Coordinator is a recently-added Board of Mission position. John Elias is available to any BFC church desiring to develop a coordinated plan to reach

the Muslim community in its locale.

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 material 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 prepared for ministry. This is a necessary seminar for any church serious about getting the most from a cross-cultural experience.

Speaker Resource relates to 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 #4) of our missionaries who are currently available for your church's 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 includes 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 (Mission Projects Coordinator) and Nelson Randolph (Short-Term Partnership Coordinator) 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, reader-friendly prayer aid offered to churches at a reduced rate. Nearly 1,900 are sent out each month.

4. Board of Missions Website

The BOM website is 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 others 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. The site may be accessed at www.bfcvom.org.

5. Email Subscriber Lists

Daily Prayer is a daily e-mail that allows subscribers to view the Prayer Calendar request for the day, and also receive up-to-the-minute news and concerns from the field.

Friday Prayer is an in-depth prayer document produced each Friday and distributed by e-mail. This communication, designed for missionary-to-missionary contact, is also available to a select group of prayer partners.

Tanzania Project Prayer Guide is a monthly guide to promote interest in and prayer support for the Tanzania Project.

Let's Fish is a newsletter produced each Wednesday and is designed to update those interested in short-term missionary trips and possible career missionary involvement. It is an outlet for the exchange of ideas as well as prayer and ministry opportunities. This publication enjoys a readership ranging from age 14 to adult, and includes pastors, missionaries, youth leaders, mission chair persons, laymen, and students. It has a readership of nearly 250 each week with a full archive 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 in their churches to God's heart for the world. A children's program, nursery through twelfth grade, has become a successful part of this day. This year's rally will be on May 8, 2014 at Pinebrook Conference Center. Overnight accommodations are offered for Wednesday evening.

7. Office Activities

The office remains the hub for donor and church information and financial processing. We compile and maintain 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!

Dana E. Weller, Director

Department of Missions General Statistical Report

General Statistical Report as of December 31, 2013

1. Number of Sending Boards under which our missionaries are working.....39
2. Number of countries in which our missionaries are working.....33
3. Number of Missionaries:

	Family Units	Couples	Singles	Total Adults
Active Missionaries	83	68	15	151
Appointees	6	6	0	12
Active Applicants	2	2	0	4
TOTALS	91	76	15	167

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

Area	Families	Adults	Countries
U.S.	40	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	17	33	Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Northern Ireland, Romania, Serbia, Spanish Canary Islands
Africa	11	16	Cameroon, Kenya, Morocco, Tanzania, Togo, Zambia, South Sudan
Asia	7	12	India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Thailand, Ukraine
Southeast Asia & Pacific	4	6	Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia

Our Missionary Family

Sam & Melissa Adams	Pennsylvania - director of staff and volunteer development at CMTS
Dan & Vonnie Allen	Pennsylvania – Exec Director 800FollowMe Ministries
Keith & Carol Anderson	Texas- director of online studies Evangelical Mission Ministries

Report of Church Extension Ministries

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR

Mark 1:15 - "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

In 2014 our theme is The Kingdom of God is Near! In 2013 we focused on the need for God to provide His strength and power to assist your church planters in their mission to extend the Kingdom of God and expand the Bible Fellowship Church. Our theme in 2013 reminded us that we must have a vision of God in His glory and power and rely upon Him to undergird our efforts to build the Kingdom. In 2014 we want to emphasize the sense of urgency we should have with our mission of reaching people with the gospel and planting churches.

In Luke 12:42-43, Christ describes a faithful and sensible steward being one who takes care of business even when authority is absent. In the parable of Luke 12, the steward who is in charge of all his master's servants and possessions, while the master is gone, takes advantage of the master's absence and beats the servants and embarks on promiscuous partying. Two things that need to be captured from the parable: first, the need to be ready for the Lord's return by acting faithfully and sensibly while He tarries; second, we need to realize that Christ has given His Church great spiritual wealth and hope, and to remember that to whom much is given, much is required.

Our human tendency is to put off for tomorrow what should be done today. Your church planters must be diligent in their efforts to plant. They know how much is invested in them and they seek to be faithful to their callings. The Lord is near and His return needs to be kept in our minds as we carry out our ministry responsibilities. There is a sense of urgency that all of us must be concerned about. There is a sense that today's church has lost its belief in the imminent return of Christ and therefore we take for granted the days that we have to be responsible and faithful to our calling to proclaim the Gospel and plant churches.

In 2013, God was again very faithful to your church planting mission, Church Extension Ministries. With all that we accomplished, and the plants and churches we assisted financially and with other resources, God provided and allowed us to meet our budget needs and put some funds aside for future church plants. We prepared another church plant for graduation. This is now four (4) new fully self-supporting churches that Church Extension brought into the BFC in the last four years, and with several other church plants on the brink of graduation, we are praising God for how He is accomplishing great things for His Kingdom through Church Extension Ministries.

The 2014 BFC Corps of Church Planters

Please take note of your present corps of planters and potential planter. Please seek partnerships with one or more of these men, committing your prayers and financial gifts to their ministry.

Mark Barninger – Dauphin, PA Mission Church – Graduation April 2014

Freedom Bible Fellowship Church

Meets at: 409 Allegheny St. Dauphin, PA 17018

Contact Info: pastor@freedombfc.com or 717-579-4414

Website: www.freedombfc.com**Miguel Gonzalez – Assistant Church Planter**

Reading, PA - The Rock of Reading (La Roca de Reading)

Contact Info: miguelgon0527@gmail.com or 610-823-2890

Stephen Diaz - South Allentown, PA Mission Church

Lighthouse Bible Fellowship Church (El Faro)

Meets at: 641 South Genesee Street, Allentown, PA 18103

Contact Info: revstevediaz@hotmail.com or 610-791-9995

Website: www.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

Website: www.estoyenlaroca.com**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: www.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, Phoenixville, PA

Contact Info: info@redeemerbfc.org or 484-302-0124

Website: www.redeemerbfc.org**Ron Smith – Greater Townsend, DE Mission Church**

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: www.themissionbfc.org**Joshua Dupiche – Philadelphia, PA Mission Church (new plant)**

Philadelphia Mission Church

Meets at: several Bible Studies are now being held at various locations
 Contact Info: scholarlyspirit@gmail.com or 267-273-4171
 Website: TBA

Dan Williams – Woolwich Township, NJ Mission Church (new plant)

Harvest Bible Fellowship Church
 Meets at: various home meetings
 Contact Info: newbeginningsbfc@gmail.com or
 856-796-3076
 Website: www.prayfortheharvest.org

Tim Zuck – Forks Township, PA Mission Church (new plant)

Meets At: TBA
 Contact Info: tmzuck@gmail.com or
 1700 Sullivan Trail, Box # 167, Easton, PA 18040
 Website: www.facebook.com/groups/ForksCommunityOutreach/

Keith Strunk – Cape May County, NJ Mission Church

Cape Community Church
 Meets at: 1159 Rt. 9 South, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
 Contact Info: office@capecommunitychurch.org or 609-465-2338
 Website: www.capecommunitychurch.org

Freddy Chi – Villa Magna, Mexico Mission Church

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

Andrew Barnes – Long Neck, DE BFC (church revival project)

New Life Bible Fellowship Church of Delmarva
 Meets at: 24771 Cannon Road, Long Neck, DE 19966
 Contact Info: office@newlife-bfc.org or
 302-945-8145
 Website: www.newlife-bfc.org

Review Of 2013 In Church Extension

The BFC Mission Churches recorded 54 people making professions of faith and the Mission Churches held 26 baptisms; increases in both categories – praise the Lord.

Financial giving from BFC churches increased a small percentage while the Mission Churches were able to take on more financial support for their church planters.

Our donor list and donor giving again 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.

We do have some concerns with finances and the provisions needed for the new

planters and new plants. For various reasons, several churches reduced their support for Church Extension. Aging donors, along with those going home to the Lord, who have been faithful and consistent givers, are no longer giving. This, along with the Boomers facing higher costs of living and saving for retirement, as well as the Millennials and Gen Xs being more non-committal to regular giving, presents a significant challenge.

Two Training Days were held for our men, including guest presenters who spoke. Randy Nyce from Everance spoke on Money & Me and Money & Ministry. David Smith spoke on The Challenges with the Purchase of a Property. Dick Taylor spoke on Church Planting: Then and Now. Pastor Peter Yanes – Church Planting Strategist for ethnic churches in Greater Philadelphia – spoke on A Church Planting Pilgrimage – Present Responsibilities and Lessons Learned. Director Gundrum presented the new Forward Plan Fresh Wind, and Mark Barninger presented The Church Planter and His Time.

Two Roundtables at Fellowship Community were held, where all the planters come together and brain-storm, share their ups and downs and pray together.

Door-to-door surveys took place in several of your Mission Churches' target sites and potential sites: Delaware, Cape May NJ, and South Allentown. A number of mass mailings were facilitated by the office, and various publications, prayer letters and other literature were produced to assist your planters.

Work teams and individuals from various churches assisted with renovations and maintenance repairs on the BFC properties in South Allentown PA, Cape May NJ, Adams County PA, Dauphin PA, Steelton PA and Camden DE BFC. The costs for these projects were paid for by the Mission Churches, BFC Churches and Church Extension.

In DELMARVA Ray Bertolet continued his Interim Pastor role at the Camden, DE BFC. This role will end in 2014 when the church calls a pastor. Ray serves as Property Committee Chairman and does on site property evaluations. He made recommendations and followed up on the needs. Ron Smith holds services in the Townsend, DE Fire Co. Ron ministers bi-vocationally and plans on transitioning to more time with church planting in 2015. The church plant has been growing and adding more people. Harry & Sandra Workman are a faithful Aquila & Priscilla Team in DELMARVA. They assist at the New Life BFC and with other projects when called upon by Church Extension. We still have the responsibility of overseeing the Long Neck, DE BFC. The work of reviving this church is going well. The Board of Church Extension approved a Call to Andy Barnes to pastor the New Life BFC. He began his duties in February of 2013. We were able to raise most of his support with the church providing a portion of the support. As soon as the church has two men to present for eldership and is self-supporting, Church Extension will release the church. We are continuing our efforts to plant churches in DELMARVA and investigating a potential plant in Denton, MD.

Stephen Diaz was called to complete the task of planting the Hispanic Church in South Allentown. Even though we have been working in South Allentown for the past 12 years, we are restarting the clock and offering Stephen a clean slate to move forward. We have seen some growth and things are going well.

We praise God for the Aquila & Priscilla Teams that serve the church plants. Jason & Joanne Englehart serve with Carlos Rodriguez at the La Roca de Reading Mission

Church. Doug & Kashie Boyd assist at the Cape May Mission Church. Harry & Sandra Workman also serve as an A&P team in Delaware. We will be seeking to recruit several more A&P teams in 2014.

Ray Bertolet serves diligently as our Assistant Church Planter and as mentioned previously, he is serving part-time as Interim Pastor at the Camden, DE BFC. He assists with work projects and demographic studies. He will be spending more time assisting Ron Smith.

Joshua Dupiche was called to plant the church in urban Philadelphia. Joshua was born in Haiti, went to Eastern University and married Julianne from the Quakertown, PA BFC.

Pastor Mark Morrison continues to serve full-time as Assistant Director. He served as Interim Pastor at the Long Neck, DE BFC till Andrew Barnes was called. He disengaged from New Life BFC and is assisting Aaron Susek at Adams County. He coaches Stephen Diaz and Joshua Dupiche. Brother Morrison still needs to raise his full support and we ask that you consider supporting Mark.

The Cape May County Mission Church - Cape Community Church continues to see growth, and Keith Strunk is training men to be leaders in the church. The Mission Church continues to grow under the leadership of Pastor Keith and his team. Keith is praying that the Lord will confirm these potential leaders and the financial resources will increase so the Mission Church can graduate in 2015.

Aaron Susek serves as church planter at the Adams County Mission Church. The Mission Church is rebounding from losing several families in the beginning of 2013. Some refreshing new ministry concepts are taking place. There are still some renovations needing to be completed. The Mission Church has been challenged financially with the loss of the families. Pray that the Mission Church will continue to grow in 2014 and be a candidate for graduation in 2015.

The Dauphin, PA Mission Church, under the leadership of Mark Barninger, will be presented for graduation at the 2014 Conference. Much work went into preparing the church for graduation and the church worked hard at renovating the new building in Dauphin. The church has grown to over 100 and now has three elder candidates. We praise God for His blessings this past year on Freedom BFC.

Our Hispanic Church Plants in Reading (La Roca), Allentown (El Faro), and Villa Magna (La Roca), Mexico continue to reach Hispanic people with the Gospel. La Roca in Reading, PA under the leadership of Carlos Rodriguez continued to develop in 2013 and has identified some potential leaders. Discipleship and spiritual growth are continuing priorities for La Roca. Miguel Gonzalez, Assistant Church Planter, has an active ministry in the church and has grown into a caring and gifted pastor.

La Roca continues to assist with the investigation into a Hispanic church plant in Lancaster, PA with Miguel leading the effort. If God leads a gifted Hispanic man to us, we may be able to launch the Lancaster Hispanic Mission Church in 2015. Your first international BFC Mission Church in Villa Magna, Mexico is doing well under the leadership of Church Planter Freddy Chi. The Villa Magna Mission Church is a daughter church plant from the La Roca de Merida, Mexico BFC. Pastor Marcos Ramirez is the

pastor of La Roca de Merida and the Board of Church Extension appointed him to be Director of Church Planting in Mexico. We set aside \$7,200 to support Marcos and Freddy and have been seeking BFC partners to join with Freddy and Marcos and give to their support need. So far only the La Roca de Reading Mission Church sacrificially pledged to support Freddy and Marcos.

Daughter Church Planting: Scott Wright from the Harleysville, PA BFC, Ron Smith from the Newark, DE BFC, Dan Williams from the Woodbury Heights, NJ and Wallingford, PA BFC churches, and Tim Zuck from the Hellertown, PA BFC along with several churches from the Lehigh Valley Region are all daughter church plants. What a wonderful movement is stirring in the BFC. Particular BFC churches and BFC Regions have caught the churches planting churches plan of God. Tim Zuck will begin his church planting duties at the new Forks Township Mission church in July, 2014. Dan Williams began his church planting duties at the new Woolwich Township, NJ Mission Church. Dan is serving the Woodbury Heights, NJ BFC, the church he planted, as part-time pastor and is planting part-time in Woolwich. Much work was done in 2013 to prepare the opening of the Woolwich and Forks plants.

The Church Extension Board's Vision and Strategy Committee, revised and edited its forward plan, Fresh Wind, to be compatible with the vision plan that was drafted by the Executive Board and to consider the Executive Board's suggestions. After three years of working on this plan, it was finally approved. We plan on presenting it at the BFC Conference and through the regional meetings of the BFC.

A number of meetings were held with prospective church planters. One man we are dialoguing with desires to plant a church in LaSalle, Ontario, Canada.

Thirty-seven churches were visited this year by the Church Extension staff. We presented our Mission and Vision, shared in Mission's Conferences, and were a part of other meetings at the churches.

Administrative Assistant Ruth Richards was a vital part of the progress we made this past year. Ruth works with an active volunteer force that assists with numerous mailings. She was the key in settling into our new office space in Allentown and moving the office from Fellowship Community. She was able to assist with having all the church plants send in their financial reports via QuickBooks and she went on site to several of the plants to help them in their move to QuickBooks.

We praise God for blessing our two major fundraising projects: Summer Ten and Christmas Gift Month. A total of over \$130,000 came in through these fundraisers. Praise God for our faithful donors. The Board's Development Committee worked on finalizing the formation of a legacy society, "The Antiochan Society."

The Hispanic Task Force (HTF) is a sub-committee of Church Extension. It is chaired by Carlos Rodriguez and Miguel Gonzalez. The committee met in 2013 and developed its vision and goals. It monitors the current Hispanic ministries and seeks to expand the Hispanic ministries of the BFC. The meetings have been very productive and brought together all the Hispanic men ministering in the BFC, along with several other men from our churches and outside the BFC with Hispanic ministry backgrounds.

The Committee decided to broaden its focus on ethnic church planting and revised its By-Laws and changed its name to The Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church.

Six BFC ministry and work teams were sent out to assist your plants in DELMARVA, Cape May NJ, Allentown PA, Adams County PA, Dauphin PA, and Long Neck DE.

Projections For 2014 In Church Extension

The DELMARVA Project

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

Long Neck DE – We will oversee the Long Neck, DE church until it is able to elect elders and be financially self-supporting.

Greater Townsend – We will continue to assist the Newark, DE BFC with its efforts to plant a daughter church in the Greater Townsend target site. We will help Ron Smith with his church-planting needs and have Ray Bertolet be more involved at the plant with outreach and follow-up.

Projected New Site – We will begin an exploratory Bible Study in the Denton, MD area to determine if a BFC church is needed there.

Hispanic Church Planting

La Roca - Reading, PA Hispanic Church Plant – We continue to coach Carlos and Miguel and assist them with the Mission's growth and leadership development. We will assist Miguel and the Lancaster CPRT with their efforts to determine God's will for a Hispanic church plant in Lancaster.

El Faro - Allentown, PA Hispanic Church Plant – Mark Morrison will coach Stephen Diaz and assist him in growing the church and determine if a new site would be more viable for growth.

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

Hispanic Task Force – We continue to work with the Hispanic Task Force and assist them with their responsibilities.

Daughter Church Planting

Capitol Region – Possible Hispanic Church Plant.

Newark, DE – In process.

Harleysville/BucksMont Region – In process.

Lehigh Valley Region – In process.

Woolwich Township, NJ – In process.

Recruitment

Hispanic – Along with the HTF, we will look for more Hispanic men to be called to plant Hispanic churches with the BFC.

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

Church Planting Academy – In 2014, we plan to form a Steering Committee to look into ways of launching this training.

Graduation Preparations

We will be assisting Keith Strunk (Cape May) and Aaron Susek (Gettysburg) with their plans for graduation in 2015.

Facility Needs

We will encourage the BFC churches to send work teams to those church plants in need of renovation assistance. There is one property purchase being considered by the Lower Providence Mission Church.

Development

The Development Committee will be finalizing plans for launching The Antiochan Society. We will continue to work with the Everence Foundation (formerly the Mennonite Foundation), in seeking ways to best invest our funds. We will continue to seek an individual with investment expertise to assist with donor follow-up and communication.

The Lord has been good to Church Extension over the years and blessed the Mission with the resources to keep growing and a constant corps of men who are capable church planters. It is an overwhelming privilege to serve an Almighty God and be a small part of His Kingdom building enterprise.

The Bible Fellowship Churches provide a solid base from which to launch new church plants, and for the most part, the churches sacrificially give to this vital mission. We can now see that many of our churches are catching a church planting movement vision, but we are not there yet. Church Extension will continue to look for ways to strengthen the BFC, its churches, and the denomination as a whole. Much has been given to us and we must always be sensitive to our own willingness to give and assist. We remain committed to the vision and purpose of Church Extension. We hold to a firm and passionate belief that evangelistic church planting is God's primary means for building His Kingdom.

This year we have taken giant steps of faith with the opening of three new Mission Churches and calling three new men. Ten (10) men under our care have support deficits that total approximately \$130,000. If this needed support does not come in through designated giving, we will need to turn to our declining undesignated giving, which means we will have a lesser amount of funding for new church starts. ***Please pray for the Lord's provision and seek ways to assist your planters who are in need of funding.***

We want to be ever sensitive to the nearness of the Lord's return and be found ready to meet Him. Pray for God to give us His power to reach people with the Gospel and plant new churches. Pray for our team: Mark Morrison - Assistant Director, Ray Bertolet - Assistant Church Planter, Ruth Richards - Administrative Assistant, Carol Snyder - Special Projects Assistant, our Board members, our Aquila & Priscilla Teams and our volunteers. Pray especially for **your** church planters and their families who serve the Bible Fellowship Church; and finally, pray for me as I seek the direction of the Lord to

lead this vital Mission.

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

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

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

Churches Planting Churches – A guide designed to walk your church through the process of planting a daughter church.

The Dynamic Daughter Church Planting Handbook (DCPI) – The biblical basis for planting a daughter church. Answers to common questions: (e.g. Can we afford to plant a daughter church? What size do we need to be to daughter? What is in it for us as a mother church? Won't a daughter church destroy the fellowship in the mother church?) The six-step process for planting a daughter congregation.

Demographic Workbook – A tool to assist you with understanding your ministry target area. It includes educational, ecclesiastical, community and population surveys.

Visitation Follow-up Training – A helpful seminar to assist the church with encouraging and training visitation teams.

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.

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

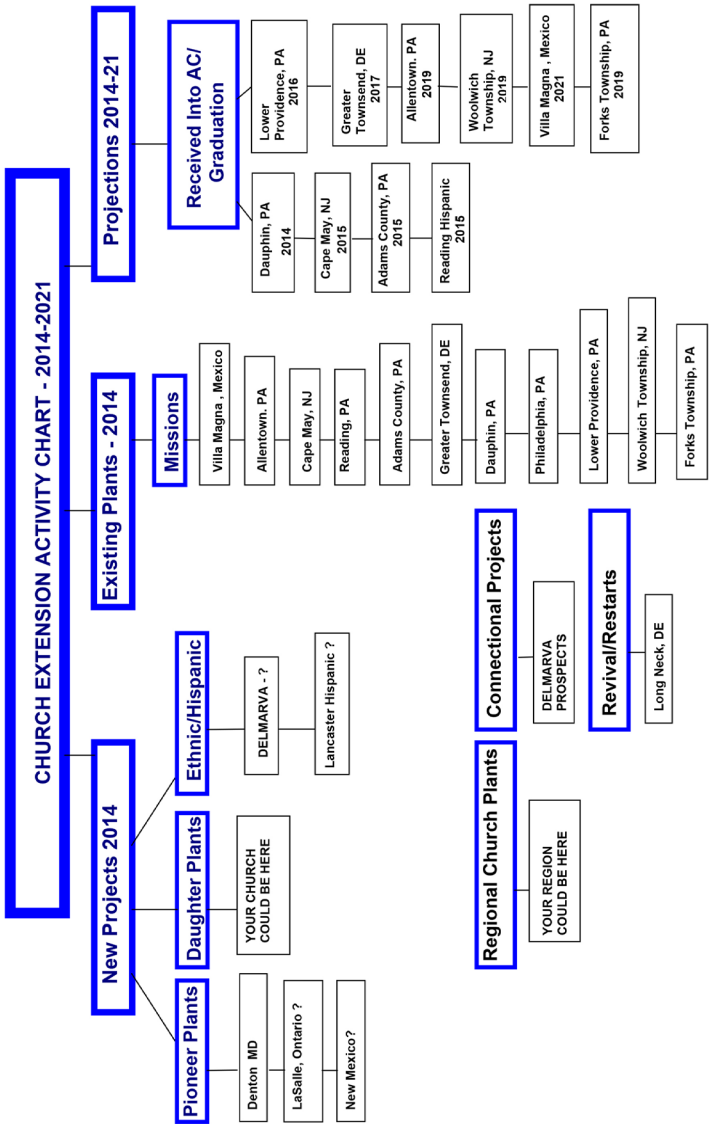
DCPI Pre-Assessment and the BFC Comprehensive Assessment – The DCPI booklet is an inductive and introductory assessment for those looking into church planting. The BFC Assessment is a complete assessment process to determine whether a man has the gifts, abilities and competencies to plant churches.

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*.

Church Planter's Toolkit – The Church Planter's Toolkit includes 12 audio CD's, as well as detailed checklists and action planning worksheets to form a comprehensive package for church planters and their teams.

David E. Gundrum, Director

Addendum – Church Extension Activity Chart (see next page)



Report of the Hispanic Task Force

(A ministry of Church Extension)

During its first full year, the Hispanic Task Force, existing 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, met nine times. The meetings were conducted in a mix of Spanish and English, with some members participating via Skype.

A major project in 2013 was a survey of the BFC churches to determine where there were Spanish-speaking people in the community covered by the BFC local church, where there were special ministries within the BFC to Spanish-speaking people, and whether there was an interest in contact by the HTF to ascertain whether the HTF could offer any advice or assistance. About 25 churches responded and a number of contacts were listed. The project for 2014 is to meet with the contacts and to begin formulating some plans of action for the HTF.

Some of the focus during 2013 included:

- The possibility of outreach in Lancaster saw continued contact with those who might be interested in planting a Spanish church there. Eduardo Venegas of Mexico, who interned in Lancaster in 2012, indicated that he no longer felt led to minister in the U.S., but felt led to remain in Mexico. The HTF made contact with a pastor in the Dominican Republic who may be a key to networking with men interested in planting Spanish churches in the U.S. A trip to the Dominican Republic is being considered for 2014.
- HTF continued to assist the church planting efforts in Mexico, encouraging a team from Harleysville BFC to visit in July and do landscaping work at the church and assist with VBS. An HTF gift of \$500 and a gift of \$200 from Harleysville BFC were made to La Roca de Mérida to purchase materials for a formal training program for men there to become more proficient in church planting and prepare as possible church planters. HTF is looking for men with the gift of teaching to make short term trips to Mexico to help with this training program.
- Special efforts are being made to encourage Freddy Chi, the church planter at La Roca de Villa Magna in Mexico, who has recently moved his family into the target area.
- The HTF chairman, assisted by a cash gift of \$500 from the Multi-Cultural Ministries, and some folks from Reading, went to La Roca de Mérida for the church's 20th anniversary service in November. Pastor Carlos Rodriguez preached.
- HTF continued to explore the challenges of ministry to the Spanish-speaking community where culture and language still clash. Many Hispanics, still rooted in their culture, prefer to speak English or can't speak Spanish. This is especially true of 2nd and 3rd generations. La Roca de Reading experimented with some English-only services, and El Faro (Lighthouse) de Allentown experimented with some Spanish-only services.

- During the year, Stephen Diaz was called as the church planter at Allentown and joined the HTF.

In 2014, the HTF is planning to meet more frequently with the wives of its members and women from the Spanish churches to plan a broader approach to outreach to the Hispanic community.

The 2013 Hispanic Task Force was composed of: Chairman, Carlos Rodriguez, church planter, La Roca de Reading; co-chairman, Miguel Gonzalez, church planter, La Roca de Reading; Secretary, Al Roberts, CEM member; Stephen Diaz, church planter, El Faro de Allentown; Marcos Ramirez, pastor, La Roca de Mérida; William Lopez, Steven Ramos and Norman Emery, a retired missionary to Ecuador.



Pastors Marcos Ramirez, Carlos Rodriguez, Miguel Gonzalez, and Joshua Dupiche

Report of the Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church

The Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church met numerous times during 2013 to organize and plan its new direction, formulate a new name and produce its new By-Laws.

The predecessor to The Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church was “The Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting,” or the shortened version we used for the last 20 years, “The Ethnic Committee.” For the last 5 years the Ethnic Committee was focused primarily on establishing connections with the Hispanic community and planting Hispanic churches. The BFC Hispanic connection has grown beyond our expectations. There are now three Hispanic men ordained in the BFC and one Hispanic church planter in the process of ordination. There is one Hispanic BFC in Merida, Mexico and three Hispanic BFC Mission Churches with another on the drawing board. There are approximately 300 Hispanic people worshipping in these BFC Hispanic churches and church plants. Lastly, we have an increasing amount of contacts with Hispanic men seeking to become part of the BFC.

Taking all this into consideration; in 2012 The Ethnic Committee decided to spin off a separate “Hispanic Task Force” (HTF). The HTF is made up of all our Hispanic Pastors, Church Planters and several other individuals with expertise in ministering to Hispanics. The HTF is functioning under the oversight of Church Extension Ministries and the leadership of Pastors Carlos Rodriguez and Miguel Gonzalez.

When The Ethnic Committee released its Hispanic focus to Church Extension and the HTF, The Ethnic Committee decided it was time to refocus its attention to a broader multi-cultural emphasis. The Ethnic Committee recruited people who have an involvement in specific areas of multi-cultural ministries: David Gundrum (Chairman) – church planting focus, Dana Weller (Treasurer) – global missions focus, Stephen Diaz (Secretary) – Hispanic focus, Mark Wimble – Asian focus, John Elias – Islamic focus, Bert Baker – cross cultural urban focus, David Smith – cross cultural ministry focus.

The Committee worked diligently for months to adopt a new name to replace The Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting. The name chosen was, The Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church or CMCC for brevity sake.

The CMCC revised the former Ethnic Committee by-laws in order to have them reflect its new focus on the multi-cultural church.

Listed below are the Purpose Statement and Duties of the Committee from the new By-Laws:

Purpose

To provide coordination between the Board of Missions and Church Extension Ministries in an effort to assist Bible Fellowship Churches with locating and reaching multi-cultural people groups in their target areas. We seek to do this by assisting BFC churches in assimilating these groups and/or planting new churches as the Lord leads.

Duties

- To encourage and foster multi-cultural church planting.

- To be a catalyst for local church involvement in multi-cultural church planting.
- To investigate church planting opportunities among multi-cultural people groups.
- To suggest policy and procedure changes to Church Extension Ministries and the Board of Missions as it relates to the implementation of multi-cultural church planting.
- To foster multi-cultural assimilation in BFC churches and assist BFC churches with their assimilation of multi-cultural people.
- To have Committee members available to assist, train and counsel BFC churches with assimilating people from multi-cultural people groups into the church.
- To keep records of those monies designated for multi-cultural church planting.
- To entertain requests for funds from BFC multi-cultural church plants, as well as the consideration of using funds for projects that will further the BFC's multi-cultural awareness.
- To negotiate cooperative agreements with other organizations who will assist in the formation of multi-cultural BFC Churches and increase the BFC's partnership with multi-cultural people groups.

The CMCC is excited that at this year's BFC Conference there will be a focus on multi-cultural ministry. The CMCC embarked on discussing how it can fulfill its "Duties" and assist the BFC churches with developing a deeper sensitivity toward the various people groups God is leading to be part of their ministry target areas. A Conference wide event is being planned for Fall 2014, "Multi-Cultural Celebration." The CMCC is planning on producing a booklet, "Welcoming Diversity (possible name)," to assist the churches with assimilating people from various cultures into the church and making them feel welcome.

Please pray for the efforts of the CMCC as it seeks to welcome people from every tongue, tribe and nation into the BFC. If you have an interest in multi-cultural ministry and would like to help the CMCC please contact David Gundrum at davgun@dejazzd.com.

This past year the CMCC gave financial support to Stephen Diaz at the El Faro Mission Church and continued its financial support for Miguel Gonzalez at the La Roca Mission Church.

The CMCC would like to encourage all the BFC Churches to reach out to the expanding number of multi-cultural people groups in their ministry target sites. We want to thank the BFC churches for their support. In 2013, we received financial support from a number of BFC churches for multi-cultural church planting. In order to further assist the planting of BFC churches among multi-cultural people groups we encourage ALL the BFC Churches to increase their support for ethnic church planting in 2014. If your church has not budgeted funds for ethnic church planting, please do so.

Send your contributions for multi-cultural church planting to the Board of Missions, designated for Multi-Cultural Church Planting.

The Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church: David E. Gundrum (chairman), Dana E. Weller (Treasurer), Stephen A. Diaz (Secretary), Delbert R. Baker, John H. Elias, David A. Smith, Mark A. Wimble.

Report of Pinebrook Bible Conference

God was the gracious host for the ministry of Pinebrook Bible Conference during the 2013 year of ministry. The glory belongs to God for the encouraging things that He has done at Pinebrook, and for His faithfulness to this important ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Through tough and tempestuous times or touching and triumphant times, God was faithful as He worked in and through the full-time, part-time, and summer staff, RWR participants, campers, volunteers, board, and supporters of this Christ-centered ministry.

God hovered over Pinebrook during 2013, through the ministry of the Holy Spirit and the revealed Word of God, to yield an encouraging spiritual impact on the lives of adults, youth, and children. It has been a blessing to hear of spiritual decisions that happened on the grounds of Pinebrook Bible Conference during the last year. The weekly prayer email from Neil Fichthorn has kept us up to date about what is occurring for eternity through the varied retreats and ministries.

Comments like the following were made in response to the evaluations given to guests with the question, What was the spiritual impact on your life as a result of your Pinebrook experience? “Pinebrook gave me the opportunity to x-ray my heart and challenge me spiritually.” “Helped me sort through issues I am going through.” “Very big impact; I made a decision this weekend, Jesus is always the answer!” “During my weekend at Pinebrook I was challenged to ‘go for it and get rid of my mask’.” “The staff was especially awesome this year, as was the food. Many went to lengths to get ice for my husband’s injured elbow.” “As a youth leader, my weekend at Pinebrook offered the atmosphere to go deeper with our youth on those things we have been challenging them with.” “It helped me spiritually rejuvenize.”

Other comments made that show how God was at work in the guests and campers at Pinebrook include: “I was able to learn more of the Lord’s Word and grow stronger in my relationship with him.” “It really helped me to focus my life around Christ and to be away from worldly matters.” “It was a relaxing getaway from stress. The speaker was very open about life. I felt a lot closer to God and decided to get baptized.” “It was very calming and quiet so I could bond with many and with God.” “It had a positive impact. It was nice to get away from distractions”

During the summer family weeks, I personally had the opportunity to experience the hand of God at work as I saw Him at work in people’s lives as I shared in the preaching of God’s Word and experienced interactive times that took place throughout the day. The morning prayer meetings in the gazebo were enriching spiritual experiences as campers gathered to pray over the ministry and personnel of Pinebrook as well as share other personal prayer requests.

The staff at Pinebrook worked diligently and faithfully to accomplish tasks, projects, maintain the grounds and facilities, demonstrate a warm spirit for guests, address needs of an aging facility, upgrade programming, and cast a vision for the future. During 2013, God provided the resources through faithful donors for the guest room renovation project. What an improvement in these rooms as a result of givers, laborers, and prayer supporters. New equipment was purchased for the kitchen and grounds equipment has

been upgraded. These pieces of equipment were greatly needed and have been gratefully used in the ministry. Infrastructure recovery was and is underway and was emphasized and took place during the last year and will continue as we seek to reclaim and strategize for the future ministry of Pinebrook for the glory of God.

God provided Neil Fichthorn during 2013 to fill the hole of Director of Ministries and help lead us not only through the summer of 2013 but also into the future. Nate Brosius and Neil Fichthorn have spent a considerable amount of time in honing the ministry for present excellence and future growth. Last summer there was a new slate of speakers, host pastors, youth workers, and worship leaders. This approach gave us the opportunity to involve new people in the ministry and seek to build rapport with the BFC church family and make a spiritual impact during the summer ministry. During 2014, there will be a new slate of speakers for the summer ministry and hopes of reaching many new guests. Praise God for new programming, resurgence of interest from BFC churches, work retreat groups, RWR weekend groups, and for new retreat groups. We thank God for the addition of Brian Brawley as cook and Rick and Val Lockhart to the full-time staff during 2013. They have been a helpful asset to the ministry.

We are not out of the woods yet (no pun intended) by any stretch, but God is helping us to make positive fiscal progress and forward momentum as we depend upon gracious givers and seek to honor Him in our stewardship of ministry.

Charles Cole, Chairman of Pinebrook Bible Conference Board

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

Program & Staff

Praise God for many blessings during the 2013 camping season. The summer staff consisted of 66 individuals who sacrificed their time to serve the Lord. They helped to facilitate a camping experience that was Christ-centered and fun for the children who attended. This year, Matt and Kristy Messick and their children served the whole summer. Matt and Kristy are BFC missionaries headed to Ecuador. They led our discipleship program for the staff. It was a blessing to have them teach our staff about the book of Proverbs and mentor these young people. The summer's theme was "Wise For The Prize." Campers learned about the life of Solomon and the importance of seeking a heavenly prize. 725 campers heard God's Word in God's Creation, presented by godly role models. We continue to run our 3 summer programs: Day Camp, Cabin Camp and Outpost Adventure.

Bekah Manwiller joined our team as Program Director, replacing Dan Faust. We thank God for Dan's service as he pursues the ministry. Bekah comes to us with 13 summers of service at VVC. She just finished her Masters of Education, Elementary Education from Liberty University.

Retreats

We were blessed to host numerous church retreats and picnics. God has worked in the lives of those who come and hear God's Word presented by these different groups. If your church is planning a retreat, please allow VVC the possibility of hosting your group. There are still weekends available throughout the year.

Building & Grounds

Cabin upgrades continue. A foundation was built under cabin Slope and we started to make built-in bunks. The new design was well-received from campers and rental groups. A wood furnace was installed to help heat Victory Hall. A hay shed was constructed in the upper pasture. Fort Meng and the initiatives area were reconstructed after the hurricane of 2012.

2014 Calendar of Events

- Jan.17-19 Winter Blast I
- Jan. 24-26 Winter Blast II
- Jan. 31- Feb. 2 Winter Blast III
- Feb.7-9 Winter Blast IV
- March 28-30 Prospective Jr. Staff Retreat
- April 11-13 Core Challenge
- May 17 VVC Open House
- June 22-28 Summer Camp Week 1
- June 29-July 4 Summer Camp Week 2
- July 6-12 Middle School Camp Week 3

July 13-19 Middle School Camp Week 4
July 21-25 Day Camp only Week 5
July 27-Aug. 2 Summer Camp Week 6
Aug. 3-9 Summer Camp Week 7
September 13 VVC 5K Campership Mud Run
October 25 Fall Family Festival
November 28 BFC Youth Rally
December 6 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



Project Coordinator Chris Merrick with Victory Valley Director Doug Manwiller

Report of the Communications Committee

“But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.”

II Corinthians 2:14-16

The Communications Committee met three times since the 130th BFC Conference. Regular reports were given by the following subcommittees: Finance, Website, *Faith and Order*, Fellowship News, and BFC *OneVoice*.

Through the course of 2013, the following observations were made:

1. Some vandalism had occurred relating to our web site. Don Kuntzman was able to rectify this.
2. It was noted that there was an increased interest in the BFC through the website.
3. We revisited the need for a materials table at our BFC Conference
4. It was decided that we approach the chairman of the Spanish Sub-committee of the Board of Church Extension regarding a translation of the Order of the BFC Faith and Order.
5. We reviewed a printed analysis of audience overview related to the BFC Conference.
6. Our committee decided to purchase a cutting machine, higher-grade stapler, etc. to facilitate Don Kuntzman’s work in his publishing duties.
7. We invited Susan Kalan of Cedar Crest BFC to become a member of our committee.
8. It was announced that there is a new 2013 edition of the Faith and Order
 - We agreed that the amendments were to become 700s, and that we drop the 800s numbering system.
9. Suggestions were made relating to future BFC *OneVoice* articles. Some of these recommendations included the need for more evangelism and outreach articles (for balance), and that we continue to produce personal one-on-one articles as well as youth-oriented articles.
10. Since we do not have a policy regarding the propriety of advertisements, we will produce a simple guidelines “blurb” relating to this issue.
11. We recognize the need to consider more visual communication. This speaks to how we are to engage our current culture.

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

Report of the Conference Pastor

“But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” – Matthew 14:30

The sinner, drowning in the depth of his sin, cries out to God saying, “Lord, save me.” God hears and answers the repentant sinner’s cry just as James Rowe testified:

“I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more,
But the Master of the sea Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, Now safe am I.”

But what about the “saint” who sails, “Far from the peaceful shore”? Far from a conscious awareness of God’s presence and power in his present circumstances, he finds himself sinking in his situation. In times of anguish, anxiety, fear, failure, sorrow, exhaustion, does he not learn “Sinking times are praying times. And he finds himself as naturally drawn to prayers as the wreck is driven upon the shore by the waves”?

When we, like Peter, focus on “the wind” of adversity rather than on the One who controls the wind and is “Mighty to save,” we sink rather than soar. But when we “Turn our eyes upon Jesus,” “He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power” (Isaiah 40:19). “Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Only as we keep our focus on Him – in every challenge, circumstance, situation, of our life – will we know His sustaining grace and matchless peace.

“Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all” (2 Thessalonians 3:16).

It has been of special encouragement to witness a number of our churches giving attention to prayer and the place prayer must have in all we do. Have we not learned, “We have not because we ask not.” “Ask and receive that your joy might be full.”

Pastors, Elders, Deacons and dedicated members of the congregation who commit their service to Christ in prayer are rejoicing in the great things He is doing in and through them. Small groups are expanding as more and more people realize they are a means of grace. Growing in grace and knowledge of the Lord does not only mature the believer, but strengthens and grows the church.

The months of July and August presented a great opportunity to spend time with 42 pastors and their families during Pinebrook Bible Conference. Also very special to me is time spent in prayer and fellowship with our pastors at our twelve Bible Fellowship Regional Meetings.

Following his call in 1976 to Valley Bible Fellowship Church, Lagrangeville, NY, Pastor James Wickstead served the congregation for 37 years with dedication, devotion, and distinction. To pastor the same congregation for such a long time is very rare and certainly speaks to the character, commitment, and compassion of Pastor Wickstead. On September 3, 2013, the Lord called our beloved brother Jim to be with Him; leaving us with the memories of a true servant of God.

On February 24, 2014, our Conference was shocked and saddened to learn that one of our young pastors, Joshua M. Allen, was tragically killed in an auto accident near Vinton, TX. Josh is survived by his loving wife of four years, Shelley Allen, and their nine-month-old son Josiah.

A memorial service was held in Las Cruces, NM, on March 3, 2014, with over 400 in attendance, including 25 local pastors. On March 21, a second memorial service was held in Ephrata, PA, giving hundreds more the opportunity to share our love and concern for the family.

In Proverbs 20:11, we read, “It is by his deeds that a lad distinguishes himself if his conduct is pure and right.” Joshua Mark Allen certainly distinguished himself by glorifying God through his life and ministry.

Thinking of Josh will continue to remind us of Isaiah 55:8-9: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” And also Psalm 115:3: “But our God is in the heavens; he does whatever he pleases.”

Through the love gift of \$3,385.91 deposited to the Darlene J Mahurin Memorial Fund, we were able to financially assist 20 pastors and their families. These expressions of love were gratefully received and a great encouragement to these families.

During the past 13 years, it has been my privilege to serve as your Conference Pastor. It is very humbling to receive so much loving and prayerful support from our pastors and their wives, local elders, the Ministerial Relations Committee, and the Executive Board. I sincerely thank all of you.

Your co-laborer in Christ,

Ronald C. Mahurin, Conference Pastor

Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund

January 1, 2013 - Beginning Balance	\$863.00
Receipts	\$3,385.91
Families Assisted (20)	\$2,396.00
December 31, 2013 - Ending Balance	\$1,852.91

Report of the Historical Committee

Can you predict history? Then predict whether America will gain independence from Great Britain. Or predict who will be the victor at the battle of Gettysburg.

Wait! Where is the skill in predicting what has already occurred? You do not predict history because it does not need predicting. You already know what happened. You don't predict history: you learn from it.

No, history is not predictions but lessons from which we learn. We can ask questions from history. Why did something happen? What were people thinking? What happened first and how did it affect what followed? By observing, analyzing, and inquiring, we learn.

The Historical Committee continues its task of collecting and preserving the pieces of our history, the documents, the photographs, the writings and anything that will help to preserve the memory of what we have attempted and done. The intention is not to live in the past but, as has been stated, to learn from it. What worked? What did not work? What do we learn from success? What do we learn from failure? Such analysis becomes the launching point for future planning. Knowing the story allows us to see how God has uniquely led us and gives us insight into how He leads us now.

The Historical Society meets each year to listen to presentations that are based on careful research and allow us to preserve the gathered data for future reference. Past papers can be found on our website (www.BFCHistory.org).

In October, 2013, the Society met at Fellowship Community to hear a paper from David Gundrum entitled "A Man for the Future – Dan Ziegler: Director of Church Planting 1968 – 2000." Jill Davidson brought the story of the Women's Missionary Society to us in her presentation, "Items of clothing, bandages, medicines, and gifts -The Work of the Women's Missionary Societies of the Bible Fellowship Churches."

In 2014, the Society will meet at Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania, to help the church celebrate its 125th anniversary. Ronald Hoyle will present the history of the church. Richard Taylor will survey the life of a significant leader in our denomination who served as a pastor in Allentown, B. Bryan Musselman.

The archives of our church are housed at Wallingford, Pennsylvania. Donations of historical materials from individual churches are welcomed and encouraged. Such donations make possible the preservation of our historical memory which in turn makes possible the learning process that is helpful to our progress.

Committee: Jill Davidson (chairperson), Richard Taylor (archivist and secretary), Ronald Hoyle, Bruce Ellingson, John English, Ronald Kohl, Andrew Geissinger and Carl Cassel.

Report of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation met two times in 2013.

The Foundation received gifts totaling \$14,992 in 2013.

Significant Board actions are described as follows:

1. Approved Scholarship Grants totaling \$10,750 as follows on June 25, 2013:
 - \$1000 to Joshua Gummo from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Joshua attends Liberty University and Reading BFC.
 - \$1000 to Hannah Lenahan from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Hannah attends Pensacola Christian College and Adrian (NY) Baptist Church.
 - \$500 to Emily Lengel from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Emily attends Wheaton College and Reading BFC.
 - \$1000 to Roslyn Lerch from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Roslyn attends Cairn University and Coopersburg BFC.
 - \$1000 to Kimberly Lessig from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Kimberly attends Cedarville University and Oley BFC.
 - \$1000 to Hannah Merrick from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Hannah attends Cedarville University and Reading BFC.
 - \$1000 to Olivia Bomgardner from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Olivia attends Cairn University and Lebanon BFC.
 - \$500 to Sarah Boone from the Temporarily Restricted General Scholarship Fund. Sarah attends Covenant College and Cedar Crest BFC.
 - \$1000 to Rachel Carson from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Rachel attends Messiah College and Royersford BFC.
 - \$1000 to Elizabeth Erb from the Ungerer Memorial Fund. Elizabeth attends Lancaster Bible College and Cedar Crest BFC.
 - \$1000 to Nathanael Miller from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Nathanael attends Geneva College and Blandon BFC.
 - \$750 to Kelvin Scott from the Temporarily Restricted General Scholarship Fund. Kelvin attends Liberty University and Coopersburg BFC.

2. Presented Stephen C. Cassel and Judith Rychnovsky to the Executive Board for approval to serve on the Board of Pinebrook Educational Foundation for a three-year term ending in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay H. Fasnacht, Secretary

Report of the Youth and Young Adults Committee

The Youth and Young Adults Committee 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 weekends each January. This year, our key speakers were David Smith (middle school and high school weekends) and Matt Lynskey (combined weekend). Both speakers received excellent evaluations. The Worship as One band provided the musical worship and received wonderful reviews. After discussing evaluations from all three weekends, the board concluded that Sno-Glo achieved its objectives, which are to teach God's Word, provide fellowship and to bring our various church youth groups together in a God-exalting and edifying environment. We will continue to improve our program in the hope that we will have an impact on our teens. Any input is welcomed and appreciated by the board.

Leadership Committee:

The leadership committee held a youth pastor/key leader breakfast at both the high school and combined Sno-Glo weekends, using that venue to discuss the topic of integrating teens into the larger body of Christ. Both sessions allowed those who attended to discuss their perspectives and to ask questions.

Young Adult Committee:

This committee was in a state of flux in 2013 as several key leaders from past years moved on to marriage and/or to other responsibilities within their respective churches. Our objective for 2014 will be to revitalize ministry to young adults within the Bible Fellowship Church.

Board of Youth and Young Adults: Ronald L. Kohl, Chairman; Mark R. Evans, Vice Chairman; Jonathan H. King, Secretary; Aaron J. Susek, Treasurer; Mark Culton, Jordan Eyster, Lisa F. Kellerman, Timothy Radcliff, Dorothy L. Ruch.

Report of the Christian Education Committee

This past year, 2013, was a year of transition for the Christian Education Committee. Several of the long serving members decided that it was time for a new group of men and women to come on board and promote the goals of the BFC Christian Education Committee. The new members reorganized and Richard Mastronardo (Ebenezer BFC in Bethlehem) was elected Chairman, and Michael Roberts (Grace BFC in Quakertown) was elected Vice Chairman. In addition to Richard, Mike, and Dave Peters (Pastor - Paradise BFC), the committee welcomed new members: Joshua Allen (Pastor - Grace Church in Las Cruces), Keith Long (Pastor - Faith BFC in Lancaster), Rebekah Manwiller (Children's Ministry Director - Victory Valley Camp), Ian Thompson (Ebenezer BFC in Bethlehem), and Aaron Smith (Pastor - Bethany BFC in Whitehall/Walnutport).

The committee reviewed its charter: giving guidance to BFC churches on issues relating to Christian Education, providing programs (or connecting to existing programs) that would benefit BFC churches, and promoting the cause of Christian post-secondary education. One of its first tasks was to continue the 'popularization' of the BFC Articles of Faith. This project includes writing each Article of Faith in a manner that is geared for Sunday School classes, Small Groups, or self study, and separately writing each one geared for children. Michael Roberts and Rachel Marks are spearheading this effort. The first grouping of these, Articles 1 - 8, will be presented at 131st BFC Conference in April. For study purposes, these are organized by genre, the first set of Articles (1-8): Theology Proper, the second set of Articles (9-17): Soteriology, and the third set of Articles (18-28): The Church, will be released sequentially with the complete set finished before the end of the summer, 2014. Each set has both an adult and a children's edition designed for the whole family to embrace the doctrine of the Bible Fellowship Church. These will be available at our website: www.mizpahgrovemedia.org under the tab: Articles. The Biblical Principles for Living (BPL's) have already been popularized in the publication 'The Road' which can be found at www.cedarcrestbfc.org, under the tab: Resources, Study Helps, then, 'The Road.'

The committee has also reached out to several Bible colleges and seminaries within the country to determine which schools best fit our theological and ecclesiastical distinctives. This information, when completed, will be available at www.mybfc.org under the tab: Resources, then, Christian Education.

Christian Education Committee: Richard Mastronardo, Chairman; Michael Roberts, Vice Chairman; Joshua Allen, Keith Long, Rebekah Manwiller, David Peters, Ian Thompson, Aaron Smith

Report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee

The Ministerial Candidate Committee met seven times between the 2013 Conference and February 1, 2014.

Notable in this year's report is the fact that 11 men were interviewed and recommended to the Ministerial Credentials Committee for ordination or ordination recognition. This is the largest number of men in our history to be so recommended in one year.

The following men were recommended for ordination examination: Joshua M. Allen, Jordan K. Eyster, Timothy D. Gibson, Andrew T. Gysi, Jason L. Hoy, Jonathan H. King, Matthew R. Lynskey, David K. Schlonecker, David A. Smith, Ronald B. Smith, and Keith A. Strunk.

The following men were approved as probationers eligible to receive a call: Beau E. Coffman, Richard C. Dodson, Joshua P. Gibson, Allen R. Mickle Jr., and R. Daniel Wagner.

The following men were licensed: Beau E. Coffman, Mark R. Culton, Richard C. Dodson, Joshua A. Dupiche, Joshua P. Gibson, Charles A. Shearer, William C. Verdon II.

The Ministerial Candidate Committee will hold a seminar for the candidates during June 3-5, 2014, at Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, Coopersburg, Pennsylvania.

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, Andrew W., Sr. (2013)	Millsboro DE
Brunner, Steven N.	Ephrata PA
Coffman, Beau E. (2013)	Fleetwood PA
Culton, Mark R. (2013)	Bethlehem PA
Dodson, Richard C. (2013)	West Grove PA
Dupiche, Joshua A. (2013)	Philadelphia PA
Eyster, Jordan K. (2011)	Blandon PA
Gibson, Joshua P. (2013)	Northumberland PA
Gibson, Timothy D. (2012)	Nazareth PA
Gysi, Andrew T. (2012)	Royersford PA
Hoy, Jason L. (2011)	Coplay PA
Jensen, Richard S., Jr.	Perkasie PA
Kappes, W. Scott (2012)	Catasauqua PA
King, Jonathan H. (2012)	Schnecksville PA
Klase, Joel B.	Hatfield PA
LoRusso, John R. (2012)	Wescosville PA
Lynskey, Matthew R. (2009)	Coopersburg PA
McNally, Bryan (2012)	Pennsburg PA
Meyer, Philip G.	Perkiomenville PA

Mickle Jr., Allen R.	Tunkhannock PA
Schlonecker, David K. (2012)	Emmaus PA
Shearer, Charles A. (2013)	Lehighton 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
Verdon II, William C. (2013)	Hershey PA
Wagner, R. Daniel	Denver PA
Walker, Michael W. (2012)	Harleysville PA

Candidates

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

Carder, Gregory W.	West Reading PA
Chi, Freddie	Merida, Mexico
Davies, Gregory T.	Tabernacle NJ
Diaz, Stephen A.	Allentown 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
MacArthur, James D.	Oley PA
Mickle Sr., Allen R.	Amherstburg, Canada
Morton, Stephen	Bear DE
O'Toole, Benjamin D.	Glenmoore PA
Radcliff, Timothy	Quakertown PA
Rissmiller, Samuel Wayne	Bernville PA
Sweet, Lyle Marc	Brick NJ
Wells, Nathan T.	Hanover Park IL

Applicants

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

Fox, Sean	Reading PA
Mack, Ezekiel	Pennsburg PA
Nessler, Timothy	Wenonah NJ
Shank, H. Carl	Marietta PA
Snyder-Ritter, R. Edward	Brooklyn NY
Wicks, George	Clayton DE

Ministerial Candidate Committee: Andrew T. Crossgrove, Chairman; Richard Taylor, Secretary; Timothy J. Bertolet, Application Secretary; David E. Gundrum, Joshua P. Miller.

Report of the Ministerial Credentials Committee

The Ministerial Credentials Committee held seven meetings since last Conference.

The Faith and Order questionnaire was either emailed or 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 James A. Wickstead and Joshua M. Allen of our ministering brethren. We thank God for the many years of ministry they devoted to the Lord. What a glorious day it will be when we will be reunited with him in glory.

In 2012 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 Conference Judicatory for resolution (See page 32 of the 2012 Yearbook).

The Judicatory decided the following (2013 Yearbook, Page 110):

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 of the 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)*.

**2011 Faith & Order*

In 2013 a petition was brought to the BFC Conference by Faith Bible Fellowship Church, York, PA, and on page 28 of the 2013 Yearbook it states:

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

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.”

The second meeting of the trial was held May 30, 2013 concerning the three charges brought against Pastor Ken Keeler, and the Ministerial Credentials Committee found Pastor Keeler guilty on all of the charges. A letter was sent to the Pastors and Delegates explaining this trial.

It is with regret that the Ministerial Credentials Committee had to make the decision to remove Pastor Ken Keeler’s BFC credentials and depose him [remove his ordination 306-2(4)] and declare the pulpit vacant as Pastor Keeler failed to comply with the censure of the second and third charges and agreed with a group of people from the Faith Bible Fellowship Church of York, PA to leave the BFC denomination as of December 17, 2013.

In other business, the Committee conducted a two-tiered approach to the ordination service that was approved at the 125th Annual Conference. The first tier was on Tuesday evening, April 23, 2013 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 2013. Attending an ordination service in your local region is an important opportunity to show love and support of men 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.

Ronald K. Denlinger has been led of the Lord to minister to handicapped children and their parents, and holding credentials with the BFC is not a mandate for this ministry. He has agreed to surrender his credentials.

The following changes in status were approved:

Ronald K. Denlinger was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to having his Credentials removed per his request.

Allan R. Vivona was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers in Retirement.

Jonathan W. Arnold Sr. was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to Inactive Ordained Ministers.

Dennis W. Spinney was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers Between Calls.

Kenneth D. Keeler was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to having his credentials removed from the Bible Fellowship Church and being deposed from office.

Brian C. Cooper was changed from Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries to having his Credentials removed per his request.

Albert J. Dommel was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Kurt P. Francis was changed from Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence to having his credentials removed due to not returning his questionnaire and providing no correspondence.

Herbert K. Lea was changed from Inactive Ordained Ministers to having his credentials removed due to not returning his questionnaire and providing no correspondence.

Robert B. Kramer was changed from Ordained Minister Between Calls to having his credentials removed due to not returning his questionnaire and providing no correspondence.

The Committee met with Joshua M. Allen, Jordan K. Eyster, Jason L. Hoy, Jonathan H. King, Matthew R. Lynskey, David K. Schlonecker, David A. Smith, Ronald B. Smith, and Keith A. Strunk for ordination examination, and also met with Andrew T. Gysi and Timothy D. Gibson for recognition of previous ordination. 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 Joshua M. Allen, Jordan K. Eyster, Jason L. Hoy, Jonathan H. King, Matthew R. Lynskey, David K. Schlonecker, David A. Smith, Ronald B. Smith, and Keith A. Strunk for ordination, and recommended Andrew T. Gysi and Timothy D. Gibson for recognition of previous 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 Joshua M. Allen, Jordan K. Eyster, Jason L. Hoy, Jonathan H. King, Matthew R. Lynskey, David K. Schlonecker, David A. Smith, Ronald B. Smith, and Keith A. Strunk be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church, and further

Resolved, that the previous ordinations of Timothy D. Gibson and Andrew T. Gysi be recognized.

Whereas, the Ministerial Credentials Committee had met with Joshua M. Allen, via Skype, in preparation for his ordination, and

Whereas, we approved Joshua M. Allen for ordination to the 131st BFC Conference, and

Whereas, in God's sovereign plan, He called Joshua M. Allen to be with Him in heaven before the 131st BFC Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, that we posthumously ordain Joshua M. Allen.

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.	Grossman, Randall A.	Ravis, Richard B.
**Allen, Joshua M.	Gundrum, David E.	Reed, Calvin T.
Arcieri, James	*Gysi, Andrew T.	Ritter, Ralph E.
Baker, Delbert R. II.	Harris, Richard D.	Roberts, Michael D.
Barninger, Mark E.	Heller, LeRoy S.	Rodriguez, Carlos G.
Bertolet, Raymond R.	*Hoy, Jason L.	*Schlonecker, David K.
Bertolet, Timothy J.	Hunter, Justin L.	Schlonecker, William G.
Bickel, Mark A.	Johnson, Robert A.	Schmoyer, Timothy J.
Bickings, Richard F.	*King, Jonathan H.	Schoen, David N.
Boone, Clifford B.	Kirkpatrick, Kevin W.	Shorb, Thomas P.
Brandt, David E.	Kohl, Ronald L.	Simpson, Arthur J., Jr.
Brush, R. Jerome	Kuntzman, Donald E.	Sloan, Robert A., Jr.
Cahill, Dennis M.	Lauterback, Stanley P.	*Smith, David A.
Clineff, Kevin W.	Long, Keith M.	*Smith, Ronald B.
Cole, Charles E.	*Lynskey, Matthew L.	*Strunk, Keith A.
Cowen, Timothy S.	Madara, Ferdie R.	Susek, Aaron J.
Crossgrove, Andrew T.	Mahurin, Ronald C.	Taylor, Richard E.
Dommel, Albert J.	Miller, Alan G.	Thomann, David A.
DelDuco, Steven J.	Miller, Joshua P.	Uhrich, Gregory A.
Duggins, Davis E.	Morrison, Mark L.	Weller, Dana E.
Edwards, Joshua D.	Morrison, Thomas H.	Wells, Howard N.
Erb, Ronald C.	Norris, Philip G.	Widger, Byron
Evans, Mark R.	North, Eric R.	Williams, Daniel L.
*Eyster, Jordan K.	Orton, Mark R.	Wright, R. Scott
Felty, Glenn R.	Paashauss, Richard T.	Yerrington, Philip E.
Fischer, Carl J., Jr.	Peters, David J.	Zuck, Timothy M.
*Gibson, Timothy D.	Prontnicki, Louis	
Gonzalez, Miguel A.	Ramirez, Marcos G.	

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

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

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

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

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

IV. Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries:

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

V. Ordained Ministers Between Calls:

Clark, Gerald D.	Ramos, Elliot H.
Jones, David H.	Spinney, Dennis W.

VI. Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence:

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	Vivona, Alan R.
Clapier, G. Wayne	Munyan, Edgar H.	Watkins, David J.
Coulbourn, Hugh C., Jr.	Phillips, D. Thomas	Way, David R.
Dotts, Raymond R.	Plows, Keith E.	Weaber, Harold C.
Ellingson, Bruce A.	Reichenbach, R. C.	Ziegler, Daniel G.
Gehman, Richard J.	Reitz, Roger L.	Zimmerman, Paul G.

VIII. Ordained Inactive Ministers:

Arnold, Jonathon W.	Tait, Jonathan P.
Harding, W. Neil, Jr.	Tannous, Michael J.
McCreary, J. Mark	

The Credentials Committee Makes The Following Additional Recommendations:

1. **Resolved**, that an Ordination Service be held at the 131st BFC Conference.
2. **Resolved**, that the Trinity Bible Fellowship of Blandon, PA; the Ephrata Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata, PA; the Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church of Allentown, PA; the Calvary Bible Fellowship Church of Coopersburg, PA; the Bethel Bible Fellowship Church of Emmaus, PA; the Grace Fellowship Church of Steelton, PA; the Townsend Mission of Townsend, DE; and the Cape Community Church of Cape May Court House, NJ, be encouraged to have a service in recognition of the ordinations of Jordan K. Eyster, Jason L. Hoy, Jonathan H. King, Matthew R. Lynskey, David K. Schlonecker, David A. Smith, Ronald B. Smith, and Keith A. Strunk respectively, and that the Bible Fellowship Church of Royersford, PA and the Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church of Bethlehem, PA be encouraged to have a service in recognition of previous ordination for Andrew T. Gysi and Timothy D. Gibson respectively, 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 for first reading:

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 Ministerial Credentials Committee has allowed for minor reservations of certain Articles of Faith, and

Whereas, Article 511-5.2 (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” [511-5.2 (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. Proposed Revision to the Faith And Order, Article 304-8, on the recording of the proceedings of a trial:

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

Whereas, we held a trial in which we followed the above instructions of preserving a complete and accurate transcript, and

Whereas, we found this procedure to be extremely time- consuming and costly, therefore be it

Resolved, we change the wording in Article 304-8 to read

“In any trial the judicatory shall preserve a complete and accurate **record** of the proceedings. This record shall include the charges, objections made and exceptions taken by the accused during the trial, the testimony of witnesses and all rulings and findings of the judicatory. This record shall be certified by the trial judicatory to another judicatory in cases of appeal. **If the trial is appealed**, the accused **and the appellate judicatory** shall be supplied one **written** copy of the record at the expense of the judicatory; other copies may be supplied at the expense of **those who request a copy.**”

C. 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 distinct 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 505-2 (1), and further

Resolved, that the description for this category and its numbering in 511-5.3 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, and approved by the Ministerial Credentials Committee, 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 505-1 (4) and change the subsequent numbers as appropriate, 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 511-5.3 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 or have health conditions 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 511-5.3 be as follows:

(5) Ordained Ministers in Retirement

These are men who have retired under the provisions of 501-5. 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.**

D. 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 502-2 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 (2013 Yearbook, Page 110), therefore be it

Resolved, that the word “final” be inserted as follows:

502-2 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.

E. 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 as it relates to ordained men (2013

Yearbook, Page 110), therefore be it

Resolved, that the following be inserted in 511-5.2 (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

511-5 Ministerial Credentials Committee

511-5.2 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. Continuing Education Units (CEU)

The years 2012 and 2013 were trial years for the continuing education of our ordained men and the CEU reports were to be sent to Rev. David T. Allen. 2014 is our first year for the requirement of the CEU’s to be completed.

The CEU’s required are for serving pastors; retired pastors are exempt. Information can be obtained by going to info.bfc.org – **user name: elder, password: Paul**; there is a menu item for “BFC Pastors” and click on “Continuing Education”. There is a form to fill out for the CEU’s. The requirement is three (3) CEU’s per year. This is explained on-line. The deadline for completion and filing with the BFC Conference is January 31, 2015 and to be sent to Rev. David T. Allen.

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

Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee

“I will also raise up shepherds over them and they will tend them; and they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the Lord.”
(Jeremiah 23:4)

The task of the Ministerial Relations Committee is to assist churches and pastors in the transition of ministry. We praise the Lord for His continual fulfillment of the prophecy to Jeremiah as He raises up shepherds to care for His people.

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, depositions, and deaths occurred this year according to our rules.

Church	Pastor	Effective Date
Lagrangeville, NY	James A. Wickstead (deceased)	September 3, 2013
York, PA	Kenneth D. Keeler (deposed)	December 17, 2013
Kutztown, PA	Allan R. Vivona	December 31, 2013
Bethlehem, PA	Jason L. Hoy	January 4, 2014
Thompson, CT	Dennis W. Spinney	February 7, 2014
Las Cruces, NM	Joshua M. Allen (deceased)	February 25, 2014
Hellertown, PA	Timothy M. Zuck	June 30, 2014
Newark, NJ	Delbert R. Baker, II	June 30, 2014

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

Church	Pastor	Effective Date
Harrisburg, PA	William C. Verdon II	April 4, 2013
Lehighton, PA	Charles A. Shearer	April 14, 2013
Hatfield, PA	Joel B. Klase	June 9, 2013
Fleetwood, PA	Beau E. Coffman	July 15, 2013
Steelton, PA	David A. Smith	July 28, 2013
Whitehall, PA	Albert J. Dommel	August 1, 2013
Church Extension	Joshua Dupiche	October 29, 2013
Sunbury, PA	Joshua P. Gibson	October 17, 2013

Newark, DE	Richard C. Dodson	December 29, 2013
Ephrata, PA	Jason L. Hoy	January 5, 2014
Clinton Corners, NY	Allen R. Mickle, Jr.	to be determined
Church Extension	Timothy M. Zuck	to be determined

The following churches are seeking a pastor (either a senior pastor or other pastoral staff member): Camden, DE; Carmel, NY; Hellertown, PA; Kutztown, PA; Lagrangeville, NY; Las Cruces, NM; Newark, NJ; Toms River, NJ; York, 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 thirteenth year of service in this ministry of care and counsel for the pastors of Conference. The committee commends him for his diligent and empathetic care for our ministering brethren.

Pastoral Compensation Proposals

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.

A delicate issue that the Committee would invite boards of elders and their local church Pastoral Relations Committees (PRC) to consider is that of pastoral retirement. Grace in this sensitive issue is of top importance. During the pastor's annual review with the local PRC, simply ask him what his future retirement goals are. This is not to bring pressure to anyone or to any relationships, but this information is helpful to churches that will at some point need to prepare for a pastoral transition.

Part of the duties of the Committee is to recommend compensation standards for the pastors of our churches. There is often mixed response to this part of our report. In order to continue doing our work of maintaining healthy relationships between pastors and churches while not offending any of the parties involved, we offer the following change to the Principles of Order:

Resolved, we change 511-6.3(7) to read "(7) The committee shall submit a report to BFC Conference, including recommendations concerning compensation for pastors called under our rules."

The Committee would also like to make the following resolution so that we may begin operating with the above changed duty this year:

Whereas, the immediate implementation of this legislation will enable the MRC to make more meaningful recommendations that churches will take to heart in consideration of their pastors' compensation, therefore be it

Resolved, that by rule of exception, we implement the legislation for this year until it is considered at second reading next year.

Having offered these two resolutions, the Committee makes the following recommendation and resolution to the 131st BFC Conference:

The committee recommends that each church meet at least annually with each of its pastors to consider the adequacy of his salary package and make adjustments where necessary. The committee reminds each church of its responsibility to fulfill the terms of the pastor's call with respect to Social Security tax, parsonage and/or housing allowance, health insurance, and reimbursement for car and professional expenses. The committee recommends that the church structure the pastor's salary package to provide maximum tax advantage to him.

Resolved, that each church provide a minimum of 3% of the pastor's salary for retirement, plus an additional 1% match if the pastor is voluntarily contributing 1%.

Pastor-as-Elder Legislation Proposal

This year, the Committee studied the topic of pastor as elder. In many of our churches, there is one pastor, and he serves as a voting member of the elder board. In many other churches, there are multiple pastors and some do serve while others do not serve as voting members of the elder board. There is little guidance from the Faith and Order on this topic. We bring the following proposed legislative changes to the Faith and Order.

Rationale

Many of our churches have sought or are seeking guidance regarding which of the members of their pastoral staffs can or should serve as voting members of the Board of Elders. Presently in the F&O, there is ambiguity as to which pastors automatically serve as voting elders and as of now, each church with multiple pastoral staff decides for itself how to handle this.

In the BFC, a Guiding Principle for the composition of the Board of Elders is that the congregation elect those that lead the church (204-1.5). **“Elders, as leaders of the people, are chosen by the membership of the church on the basis of Scriptural qualifications.”** Yet under our current rules, the elders could call a man to serve as a pastor (not senior) and have him serve on the Board of Elders without the congregation calling/electing him to the Board of Elders.

We are recommending a classification system which standardizes how pastors become members of the Board of Elders.

- In churches with one pastor, the pastor serves as a voting member of the Board of Elders.
- In churches with multiple pastors, the senior pastor serves as a voting member of the

Board of Elders.

- In churches with co-pastors, the co-pastors both serve as voting members of the Board of Elders.
- In churches with multiple pastors, pastors other than the senior pastor are classified at the time of their call/hire.
 - **Associate Pastor**: called by the elders subsequent to an affirmative congregational vote and he serves as a voting member of the Board of Elders.
 - **Assistant Pastor**: called or hired by the elders and he does not serve as a voting member of the Board of Elders. He may be called or hired with or without a congregational vote.

Examples Outside the BFC

The Presbyterian Church in America distinguishes Senior, Associate, Assistant for the purposes of marking which members of the pastoral staff serve as voting members of the elder board (session).

Capitol Hill Baptist Church (Mark Dever, 9 Marks) distinguishes Senior, Associate, Assistant, and Pastoral Assistants for the purposes of marking which members of the pastoral staff serve as voting members of the elder board. (*Deliberate Church*, Dever, pp.166-168)

Grandfather our Existing Pastoral Relationships

Current arrangements between pastoral staff and churches remain unchanged. This legislation affects all future calls and hires.

Whereas, the purpose of the Ministerial Relations Committee is to “foster a healthy relationship between pastors and churches, to help to resolve problems in the pastoral relationship, and to assist churches in calling pastors” (511-6.1); and

Whereas, some of the members of pastoral staffs of some local churches, if the proposed wording changes take effect, would be required to gain or lose their voting status on the Board of Elders; and

Whereas, we hope to clarify the pastor-as-elder decision for men called or hired in the future without unnecessarily disrupting the church’s relationship with current pastoral staff; therefore be it

Resolved, that BFC Conference allow those present members of pastoral staffs in our local churches, if the proposed wording changes take effect, to preserve their current voting status with their local church Board of Elders.

Changes to the Faith & Order

NOTE: Italicized and underlined denotes the changes

Officers

EXISTING

204-1.5 Elders, as leaders of the people, are chosen by the membership of the church on the basis of Scriptural qualifications.

PROPOSED

[as a note, several times the word “lay” is used to identify non-staff elders (eg 401-1.7 last line)]

204-1.5 Elders, as leaders of the people, are chosen by the membership of the church on the basis of Scriptural qualifications. Laymen are elected to serve as elders by a majority vote of the membership. Pastors serve as voting members of the Board of Elders if they have been called by the elders to be senior or associate pastor subsequent to a majority vote of the membership.

Pastoral Staff

PROPOSED [an entirely new paragraph, not a replacement to an existing one]

204-3.2 Churches have distinct relationships with their various pastoral staff members. A Senior Pastor is called by the elders subsequent to an affirmative congregational vote and he serves as a voting member of the Board of Elders. The Faith & Order may at times refer to the senior pastor as “the minister.” Associate Pastors are likewise called by the elders subsequent to an affirmative congregational vote and serve as voting members of the Board of Elders. Assistant Pastors are called or hired by the elders but do not serve as voting members of the Board of Elders, though the elders may wish them present for elders meetings. In all cases, the pastoral staff serve the congregation under the direction of the Board of Elders.

401-1 Board of Elders

EXISTING

401-1.1 The Board of Elders shall be composed of the minister and all of the active elders of the congregation. The active elders shall be elected by majority vote of the congregation. They shall be mature men who meet the qualifications of Scripture (1Tim.3; Titus 1; 1Pe.5). If the congregation has more qualified elders than are needed to serve at one time, the number of active elders shall be determined by the congregation by ballot vote upon recommendation of the Board of Elders.

PROPOSED

401-1.1 The Board of Elders shall be composed of senior and associate pastor(s) and all of the elders duly elected by the congregation. The elders shall be elected by majority vote of the congregation. They shall be mature men who meet the qualifications of Scripture (1Tim.3; Titus 1; 1Pe.5). If the congregation has more qualified elders than are needed to serve at one time, the number of duly elected elders shall be determined by the congregation by ballot vote upon recommendation of the Board of Elders.

409-1 Instituting a Pastoral Relationship

EXISTING

409-1.14 In churches with more than one pastor, the elders may choose to call a pastor other than the Senior Pastor as follows: The Board of Elders shall serve as the Pastoral Search Committee and shall issue a call without a congregational vote. The Ministerial Relations Committee shall approve the name, the terms and the call of the candidate. The form of the call shall be modeled after the call in paragraph §409-1.11. The call shall be communicated to the congregation.

PROPOSED

[Drop the first phrase “In churches with more than one pastor,” because a church could call an associate or assistant during the interim between senior pastors. The call specifies the role of the pastor as senior, associate, assistant. We don’t lose anything by dropping this first phrase.]

409-1.14 The elders may choose to call an Associate Pastor as follows: The Board of Elders shall either appoint or serve as the Pastoral Search Committee and shall issue a call subsequent to an affirmative congregational vote. The Ministerial Relations Committee shall approve the name, the terms and the call of the candidate. The form of the call shall be modeled after the call in paragraph §409-1.11. The call shall be communicated to the congregation.

409-1.15 The elders may choose to call an Assistant Pastor as follows: The Board of Elders shall either appoint or serve as the Pastoral Search Committee and shall issue a call with or without a congregational vote. The Ministerial Relations Committee shall approve the name, the terms and the call of the candidate. The form of the call shall be modeled after the call in paragraph §409-1.11. The call shall be communicated to the congregation.

(The next section ought to be in the F&O. Many of our associate/assistants are hired and not called. But the F&O now has nothing clear about this. 404-1 is about other leaders but it is not clear whether these leaders are staff or volunteer.)

409-1.16 The elders may choose to hire rather than to call an Assistant Pastor as follows: The Board of Elders shall either appoint or serve as the Pastoral Search Committee and shall hire the Assistant Pastor with or without a congregational vote. The hire shall be communicated to the congregation.

409-1.15 renumber existing to 409-1.17

403-3(7) Suggested Format for Congregational Meetings

EXISTING

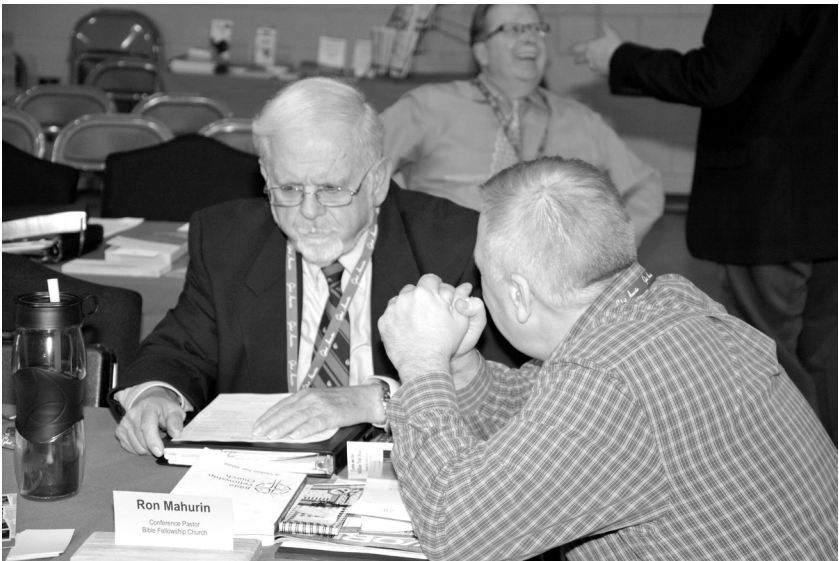
Election of Church Officers: All elections properly recorded. A complete list of the Elders who will be serving the congregation in the new church year shall be included in

the minutes so that BFC Conference can verify that the Delegate and Alternate Delegate are active Elders in the congregation.

PROPOSED

Election of Church Officers: All elections properly recorded. A complete list of the Elders who will be serving the congregation in the new church year shall be included in the minutes so that BFC Conference can verify that the Delegate and Alternate Delegate are *duly elected* Elders *by* the congregation.

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.



Conference Pastor Ron Mahurin with Pastor Rick Ravis

Report of the Church Health Committee

The Church Health Committee met four times in 2013 for regular meetings and one additional time for a special meeting called to address concerns with a particular church. Following our mandate to monitor the health of churches and offer assistance, counsel, and resources to strengthen those Bible Fellowship Church congregations in need, the Committee provides careful assessment of each fellowship and reaches out to those with particular concerns. We, as well, step in at times to encourage and strengthen particular churches that are making progress. It is our privilege to serve both struggling and developing congregations.

In 2013 we gave input and support to the pastors and elders of Bethany Bible Fellowship Church in Whitehall, PA as that congregation worked with the former Walnutport church to begin a thriving, joyful fellowship now known as the Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church. We praise God for the establishment of this ministry and believe that this approach should serve as a model to other churches in similar situations.

We continued to provide support and counsel for Pastor Dennis Spinney as he and the remaining members of the Thompson, Connecticut Bible Fellowship Church moved toward the dissolution of that fellowship. Pastor Spinney and those who were part of that congregation can look back on many years of effective ministry and thank God for the work accomplished there. The building has been sold and the congregants have been assimilated into other biblically-sound churches in the area. Pastor Spinney is seeking wisdom and direction for his own future ministry.

Currently the Committee is interacting with five other churches with particular concerns. We offer counsel to the pastors and elders, resources to evaluate their ministries, and, in some cases, material resources to encourage and strengthen particular churches. We are seeing progress and are grateful for the opportunity to assist.

The BFC 20/20 Vision includes a goal of having 95% of our churches in healthy condition by 2020 as well as a goal of having 75 churches total by that point. These goals in tandem mean that at least 71 of those churches should be considered “healthy” and self-sustaining rather than declining and, in need of elder leadership.. We are committed to developing the health of our current churches as well as those still under development.

One of the necessary steps for the strengthening of any Bible Fellowship Church is the church survey from NCD (Natural Church Development). The cost and requirements are minimal but the results are of great value. In fact, we are so anxious for each church to complete this survey that we will assist with the cost for churches that request help. Contact any of our Committee members for more information.

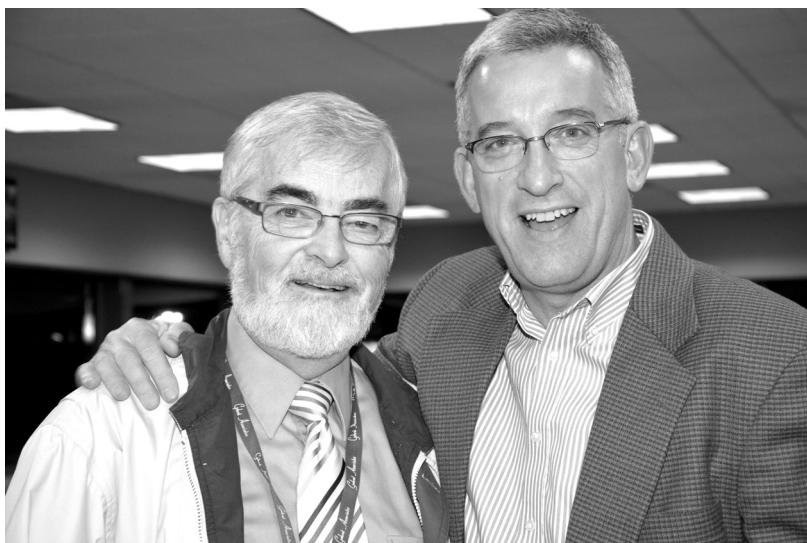
At last year’s Conference the Church Health Committee was given the

responsibility for oversight of an annual BFC statistical report of the churches. We are now transitioning from this oversight being cared for by the Committee on Statistics to our taking on this responsibility. We are simplifying the process and streamlining the record-keeping to assist the local church pastors while providing both our committee and the denomination with adequate, accurate, meaningful statistics. Your input will help us more accurately assess the health of each particular church. Thank you for your patience and assistance as we make this transition.

We as an elected committee have asked for and received significant help from both our Executive Director, David Allen, and Pastor David Schoen, both of whom are not formally members of the committee. These men meet with us and are a tremendous asset to our work.

It is our hope, desire, and prayer that the particular churches of the Bible Fellowship Church will not only grow, but also that they would joyfully thrive as healthy congregations in the years ahead. Please take advantage of our offer to assist you as you move ahead in ministry for Him.

The Church Health Committee: Carl K. Spackman, chairman; Richard T. Paashaus, secretary; Jason L. Hoy, vice-chairman; Ronald E. Miller, Byron Widger, John W. Sullivan, Clyde D. Bomgardner Jr., Clyde W. Snyder.



Carl Spackman and Mark Barninger

Report of the Committee to Examine 130th 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 February 1 so it can be corrected in the committee's report.

The following corrections should be made to the 2013 official minutes:

- p. 2 Names of songs should be in quotation marks (see p. 15).
- p. 4 Names of songs should be in quotation marks (see p. 15).
- p. 15 In the middle of the page it should read "Report of the Department of Missions."
- p. 17 Names of songs should be in quotation marks (see p. 15).
- p. 21 In the last paragraph on the page it should read "510-2.4 Tellers and 510-2.5 Timekeeper."
- p. 26 In the last line of the fourth paragraph the quote should read "pleasure to your soul."

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

- xi Under members of the Committee to Examine the Minutes of 130th BFC Conference, Daniel P. Allen's name should be inserted in place of Michael D. Roberts.
- xiv-xv The blanks under Year of Present Status should be filled in.
- xxii In the third line of the third paragraph it should read "men whom He has called to serve full time in His church."
- p. 40 There should be a hyphen in "three-year term" in the first two resolves.
- p. 46 There should be a hyphen in "three-year term" in line five of 512-3.2 (4).
- p. 47 The circumflex above the "o" in fellowship should be deleted in line two of 600-3 (2).
In number 17, the second line should read "will be placed in the Appendix:".
- p. 59 In the third line of the second paragraph there should be a hyphen in "short-term."
- p. 61 Under number 5 there should not be a space between the Friday Prayer Guide line and the paragraph beginning "This communication..." since it describes the Friday Prayer Guide.
- p. 62 The spelling of Glenn Blausen's first name should be corrected.
- p. 66 The blank line between Miguel Gonzalez and Reading, PA should be removed.
- p. 75 The caption for the top picture should read "Upper Susquehanna Region pastors and delegates..."
- p. 77 In the sixth line of the second paragraph "Jesus Christ" should be capitalized. At the bottom of the page under June 30-July 6 it should read "Valley Day Camp."
- p. 86 Under the second line of k it should read "Eastern University and Coopersburg BFC."
- p. 88 In the second line under Leadership Committee it should read "At the breakfast the

- facilitator covered the topic...”
- p. 91 The first line of the report should read “The Ministerial Candidate Committee held...”
- p. 113 In the last line of the third paragraph it should read “church plant in Lancaster.”
- p. 114 In the sixth line of the sixth paragraph it should read “increase their support for ethnic church planting in 2013.”
- p. 122 The comma after Directory of Missionaries should be deleted.
- p. 129 Under Beneficiary Society it should read “Don Kuntzman c/o Board of Missions.”
- p. 143 The listing for Weinhofer should read “Weinhofer, Rev. and Mrs. Colby...”
- p. 173 The name of the BFC church in Cape May, NJ should be Cape Community Church.

Committee to Examine the BFC Conference Minutes: Philip G. Norris, Chairman; Daniel P. Allen, Steven J. DeDuco, Joshua P. Miller, Ralph E. Ritter.

Report of the Committee to Examine Minutes of Particular Churches

The Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches met on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at the Paradise Bible Fellowship Church, Paradise, 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 1, 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 that reported are doing very well in keeping their records and are in conformity with the Faith & Order.

As a governing body of BFC Conference, we had voted to have our reports in earlier than previous years. Eighteen churches did not send their reports by the time we met and we were not able to verify the information found in our Faith and Order, which also includes verifying the Delegates and Alternate Delegates.

The Committee would like to remind everyone that all minutes pertaining to the previous year after BFC Conference, plus the minutes that contain elections, the proposed budget for the upcoming year, etc., need to be at the designated address by February 1. This may mean an adjustment as to when your congregational meeting is held, but we do appreciate your cooperation.

There were no petitions found this year.

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

Report of the Conference Judiciary

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

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

Report of the Study Committee on Immigration

The study committee on immigration met together three times, with a number of smaller consultations between members. During these meetings, we discussed the topics the church faces regarding immigration and immigrant participation in our congregations. Study assignments were given to determine biblical principles and what other groups were doing to address the issues. We also looked at the current Biblical Principles for Living (BPL) to determine whether they addressed any of the items sufficiently. The subject of immigration is pressing in on the BFC, and will only continue to grow. This presents challenges but also opportunities to the local church.

We also observed that while various BPLs give principles that could be applied to immigration issues, they do not directly refer to it. Some of the ways in which they could be applied follow below:

Article 102-4.5 calls us to be advocates for those who have none, to seek to meet the needs of others, and to show concern for the disadvantaged.

Article 102-5.3 and 5.4 could be understood to address how the church should view the status of the illegal or undocumented migrant.

Article 103-6.4 highlights the mercy responsibilities of bearing one another's burdens. The church must be aware of the particular needs that immigrants face as part of their daily existence.

Article 104-3.4 and 3.5 could be understood to allow for civil disobedience on the part of the church or its members when showing mercy to an undocumented immigrant who is a believer is counter to the law.

The study committee has completed its work on the viability of a BPL article on immigration and is in agreement that the study committee should produce such an article because of the following concerns facing the Church:

1. Myths concerning immigration
2. The responsibility of the church to strangers and aliens
3. The unique needs of the undocumented, victims of slavery, and legal refugees
4. Illegal or undocumented immigrants as leaders or members in the local church
5. Church and church members providing jobs or financial assistance to undocumented workers
6. Churches providing sanctuary for undocumented aliens
7. Aiding in the refugee process as mercy ministry or evangelism

We understand that BPLs as statements of principles should be more general and long-lasting. By including a BPL article on immigration, we are underscoring the issue and making a statement as to its importance. There are a number of issues which are impacted by laws which themselves at this point in time are in flux; nevertheless, the study committee believes that enduring principles of a biblical, moral, and ethical nature should be formally stated through the creation of an article on immigration.

If anyone has any suggestions, questions, or resources to assist the study committee in its work, please contact one of the members.

Committee: John Elias, Chairman; Michael Roberts, Secretary; Miguel Gonzalez, David Gundrum, Cali Magallanes, Dana Weller.



Keynote Speaker Dr. Alejandro Mandes

Report of the Study Committee on Human Sexuality and Marriage

As a fellowship of churches committed to standing on the authority and life-giving truth of God's Word, we have a responsibility to confront the encroachment of sin and its curse in the life of the Church. As ambassadors of Christ we are called to engage the sins of our broader culture with the life-restoring truth of the gospel. In that culture, advancing sexual sin seems a cause of first importance. Liberating sexual expression, sexual identity, even sexual physiology and health from any authoritative restraint seems a primary tenant of our culture's mission of "progress." And it is increasingly expected that the Church will either join in the crusade or get out of the way. We feel that pressure in our churches as we tend to the sexually broken and confront sexual rebellion in our midst. As a result, the responsibility to clearly address "sexuality" with the truth of God's word and the power of His Spirit is challenging, at times messy, and urgent.

The Study Committee on Biblical Principles for Living and the 130th BFC Conference saw the wisdom of reviewing our positions in regard to human sexuality and marriage. And so our Study Committee was formed and tasked with addressing the following:

- 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)?

The study committee reviewed the 1985 BFC report on homosexuality as well as the terminology in BPL 103-3 "Marriage and Singleness," BPL 103-4 "The Family," and BPL 154 "Homosexuality." We reviewed how other churches and denominations are handling these pressing issues. Studies were done on defining sexual holiness and the difference between sexual desire and sexual lust. Preliminary research was done on the Biblical teaching of gender and who determines it.

It quickly became apparent to the committee that the issues connected to human sexuality within our culture are ever changing, are purposely fluid, and often defy definition. Instead of tackling this massive topic by taking our cues and terminology from the culture and from a defensive position, we decided that it was most advantageous to put forth, in a positive way, what the Bible teaches regarding sexual holiness.

The reason we took this posture was three-fold. One, we hoped to put the beauty of holiness in a positive light and not as a restraint on freedom. Secondly, we wanted to avoid singling out one sexual sin as more egregious and enslaving than others. And thirdly, we wanted more of a comprehensive statement on sexual holiness which could be used in response to the various expressions of sexual sin.

With this in mind, the study committee devoted our time to constructing a replacement for BPL Article 154 "Homosexuality." We submit the following, BPL Article 154 -

“Sexual Holiness,” as its replacement.

We did not complete all of the tasks that we were assigned and are not prepared to make suggestions regarding BPL 103-4 - “The Family.” Because there is much work still to be done, the Study Committee respectfully requests that the 131st BFC Conference grant us a continuance.

The Study Committee wishes to thank the Ephrata church, where we held all seven meetings. We also want to express our appreciation to Adam Behnke, church planting intern at the Adams County BFC, who attended most of our meetings and gave added perspective.

Whereas, the study committee is convinced that the Bible Fellowship Church, in order to adequately address present matters of sexuality and sexual expression, needs a clear and complete standard of God’s design for sexual holiness, and

Whereas, Article 154 - “Homosexuality” speaks only to one form of sexual sin, therefore be it

Resolved, that BPL Article 154 “Homosexuality” be replaced with Article 154 “Sexual Holiness”

Study Committee on Human Sexuality & Marriage: Daniel P. Allen, Chairman; Joshua P. Miller, Secretary; Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jordan K. Eyster, John Hanner, Aaron J. Susek, Timothy M. Zuck.

Article 154 - Sexual Holiness

154-1 A life of sexual holiness is a life lived by faith, believing that what God says about the purposes and parameters of sexual expression is both true and good. When a believer’s thoughts and actions are not in conformity to the revealed will of God they are to repent of their sin, submit to his lordship, and pursue delight in what God has ordained.

154-2 The purpose of sexual expression has been given to mankind by his Creator. The sexual union between a man and a woman was created, in part, to image God’s covenantal relationship with His people. In addition, sexual union was given for the procreation of children and for the mutual enjoyment of husband and wife.

God created the human race into two complementary sexes (“male and female”). This distinction is the first fact mentioned in connection with mankind being made in the image of God. The first marriage, and thus the first sexual act, was a recognition, expression, and celebration of this complementary distinction, and when the two (one man and one woman) are joined together, they become a sexual whole. The Bible refers to this sexual union as becoming “one flesh.” This “one flesh” sexual union between the first man and his wife establishes the pattern and standard of sexual expression for all of humanity. The participation in, or promotion of, any sexual act other than this “one flesh” union, within the marriage covenant, or the neglect of this sexual union is a sinful disregard of its intended purpose and fails to glorify God in our body.

Sexual expression is authorized within the bond of marriage between male and female. God’s name is glorified when the sexual union between male and female within

the bond of marriage is honored and protected. God is dishonored when His design for sexual union is disregarded and perverted and He will not allow this perversion to go unpunished. Sexual expression outside the Biblical standard also corrupts the ideal in human relationships and prevents human flourishing, resulting in pain, damaged emotions, and failing relationships.

154-3 There is hope in Jesus Christ for the sexual sinner, not only for forgiveness but also for the transformation and redirection of life. Such transformation may or may not entail the eradication of improper sexual desires, but the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit enables the repentant sinner to overcome the controlling influences of such fleshly impulses. When a person comes to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, he is freed from sin's guilt through forgiveness and liberated from sin's tyrannical power by the Holy Spirit.

154-4. We are to approach all sin, including sexual sin in the Church with humility and sacrificial resolve. We need to recognize and convey that we are all fallen creatures whose present joy and hope is the result of Christ's persistent and tender mercy on our behalf. We need to demonstrate that same mercy with one another as we heal and grow together as rescued sinners into the fullness of Christ. In love, we must also exhort all who profess faith in Christ to obey His commands and pursue His holiness in all facets of their lives. If that appeal is rejected and sexual sin persists without repentance, we must be willing to pursue loving discipline with the hope of restoring the sinner and guarding the life of Christ's body.

Report of the Beneficiary Society

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”
(1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV)

The Beneficiary Society continued to gratefully minister to the needs of the brethren and their families throughout 2013.

Assistance was given to the following throughout 2013:

Barbara Wickstead on the death of James Wickstead.

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

The officers of the Society are creating an investment portfolio with Richard Volpe and his firm Asset Planning Management. The Fidelity Investments account on the balance sheet represents this action.

The officers recommend that the dues for 2014 remain at \$100 and the schedule of benefits remain unchanged.

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

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2013

	<u>Dec 31, 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Cash & Cash Equivalents	
1001 · American Bank - Checking	6,911
1003 · ING Savings	<u>8,543</u>
Total 1000 · Cash & Cash Equivalents	15,454
1030 · Fidelity Investments	100,000
1050 · Wells Fargo Investment Accounts	
1051 · Wells Fargo Securities	81,645
1052 · Wells Fargo Cash	<u>2,316</u>
Total 1050 · Wells Fargo Investment Accounts	<u>83,961</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>199,415</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>199,415</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>199,415</u>

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2013**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Equity

30000 · Previous Year Balance	181,023
32000 · Retained Earnings	13,715
Net Income	4,676

Total Equity	<u>199,415</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>199,415</u>
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**Statement of Cash Flows
Jan - Dec 2013**

	<u>Jan - Dec 13</u>
Income	
4100 · Dues Income	10,850
4110 · Other Receipts	500
4200 · Investment Income	
4210 · Checking Account Interest	96
4220 · Savings Account Interest	34
4230 · Investment Account Interest	4,814
Total 4200 · Investment Income	<u>4,944</u>
4300 · Investment Inc/Dec Market Value	<u>-5,465</u>
Total Income	10,829
Expense	
5100 · Board Expenses	52
5140 · Return of Dues	100
5160 · Benefits Paid	6,000
Total Expense	<u>6,152</u>
Net Income	<u>4,676</u>

Benefits Paid

Barbara Wickstead	Benefit for James Wickstead	<u>6,000</u>
Total Benefits Paid		6,000

Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee

The annual Ministerial Convention was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1-2, 2013 at Pinebrook Bible Conference Center. The Convention theme was “A Glorious Temple – Caring for Our Bodies.” During our time together, we examined both the theological and practical elements of the stewardship of our bodies. Cliff Boone, spurred into a theological study of this issue because of a life-threatening health crisis, challenged the attendees with a biblical theology of eating. Dr. Scott Stoll instructed the men and their wives in the science of health, and in the practical application to our lifestyles. Special food was prepared and served, and there were opportunities to engage in active fellowship (hiking, volleyball, basketball). The convention theme led naturally to lively discussion, and attendees left informed, challenged and inspired.

At the business meeting, Mark E. Barninger was elected to serve on the Convention Committee, replacing David E. Brandt. We offer our thanks for the faithful service of Brother Brandt. Clifford B. Boone was also elected to a full three-year term. Brother Boone had previously been elected to a one-year term, completing the term of Kurt Francis.

The Committee is constituted as follows:

2013 Committee

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

2014 Committee

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

Length of terms are as follows:

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

The 2014 Ministerial Convention is scheduled for October 7-8, 2014. Our speaker will be the BFC’s own Rev. Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr. of Christ-Centered Counseling Ministries. The Convention theme will be Christ-Centered Counseling in the Church.

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

**Ministerial Convention
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2013**

Beginning Balance January 1, 2013	\$202.22
Income: BFC Administrative Budget	<u>\$1000.00</u>
Total	\$1202.22
Expenses:	
Honorariums for 2013 Convention Speakers	<u>\$895.00</u>
Total	\$895.00
Ending Balance, December 31, 2013	\$307.22

Funds on deposit with Citizen Bank
Financial Report reviewed by David J. Peters – Paradise BFC

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Schedule of Payments

BEFORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Beneficiary Society - \$100 per member (Paid semi-annually April 28 & Nov. 1)

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
Allentown, PA 18106

QUARTERLY:

Conference Assessment - This replaces the Administrative Budget, Board of Communication fee and the Board of Pensions. Make check payable to Bible Fellowship Church and mail to:

Bible Fellowship Church
3000 Fellowship Drive
Whitehall, PA 18052

Church Extension - make checks payable to Board of Church Extension and send to:

Church Extension Department
PO Box 753
Whitehall, PA 18052

Missions - make checks payable to Board of Missions and send to:

Board of Missions
1011 Brookside Rd., Suite 145
Allentown, PA 18106

BY MARCH 1:

Victory Valley Camp - make checks payable to Victory Valley and send to:

Victory Valley Camp
7472 Sigmund Rd.
Zionsville, PA 18092

BY APRIL 1:

Board of Christian Education - make checks payable to Board of Christian Education & mail to:

Bible Fellowship Church
3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052

Board of Youth - Make checks payable to Board of Youth and mail to:

140 Harleysville Pike
Harleysville, PA 19438

Bible Fellowship Church Homes - make checks payable to Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc., and mail to:

Fellowship Community
3000 Fellowship Drive
Whitehall, PA 18052

Pinebrook Bible Conference - make checks payable to Pinebrook Bible Conference and mail to:

Pinebrook Bible Conference,
1 Pinebrook Road
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Pinebrook Educational Foundation - make checks payable to Pinebrook Educational Foundation and mail to:

Raymond R. Dotts
211 Weeks Drive
Camden, DE 19934

Report of the Statistical Committee

Church Name/Location	Sr. Pastor	Or- dained/ Proba- tioners	Elders	Dea- cons	Bap- tisms	2013 Memb.	New Mem- bers	Mem- bers Lost	Net Gain/ Loss	Mem- bership	Church Family Size
Cedar Crest, Allentown, PA	Boone	12	13	8	14	588	38	33	5	593	1400
Ebenezer BFC, Bethlehem, PA	Gibson	7	8	8	41	428	47	76	-29	399	715
Trinity BFC, Blandon, PA	Miller	2	6	8	5	156	8	18	-10	146	210
New Community Church, Brooklyn, NY	Ritter	1	4	0	0	21	0	0	0	21	42
Camden BFC, Camden, DE	Vacant (Bertolet)	2	3	3	0	50	0	0	0	50	40
New Life Bible Church, Carmel, NY				2	1	17	0	0	0	17	
Cornerstone BFC, Clinton Corners, NY		1	3	1	0	35	0	12	-12	23	
Calvary BFC, Coopersburg, PA	Lynskey	9	13	16	21	383	26	14	12	395	918
BFC of Denville, Denville, NJ	Harris	1	2	1	0	26	0	0	0	26	50
Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA	Schoen	4	12	9	8	300	4	7	-3	297	679
BFC of Ephrata, Ephrata, PA	Hoy	2	9	7	0	214	1	81	-80	134	150
Faith, Fleetwood, PA	Brush	2	7	8	6	58	6	4	2	60	100
Graterford BFC, Graterford, PA	Orton	1	6	6	8	78	3	1	2	80	157
Faith BFC, Harleysville, PA	Crossgrove	3	6	7	11	160	8	16	-8	152	240
Grace BFC, Harrisburg, PA	Miller	2	4	4	4	142	7	7	0	142	136
Bethnay BFC, Hatfield, PA	Wells	4	5	8	0	123	4	0	0	123	
Saucon Community BFC, Hellertown, PA	Zuck	1	2	4	3	45	0	2	-2	43	135
Community BFC, Howell, NJ	North	1	2	1	3	16	8	0	8	24	70
Kutztown BFC, Kutztown, PA		2	3	1	0	48	0	8	-8	40	46
Valley BFC, Lagrangeville, NY			2	1	7	27	0	1	-1	26	80
Faith BFC, Lancaster, PA	Thomann	5	11	12	19	446	20	5	15	461	700
Grace Bible, Las Cruces, NM			4	1	4	25	5	4	1	26	58
Lebanon BFC, Lebanon, PA	Reed	6	11	7	6	206	14	8	6	212	450
Salem BFC, Lehighton, PA	Johnson II	1	3	4	3	42	6	4	2	44	110
New Life BFC, Longneck DE	Barnes	1	0	2	5	20	7	0	7	27	60
Maple Glen Church, Maple Glen, PA	Prontrnicki	2	1	1	0	31	0	1	-1	30	40
Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida, Mexico	Ramirez Montalvo	1			5	62	2	16	-14	48	84
Bethany BFC, Mt. Carmel, PA	Norris	2	4	0	0	84	0	1	-1	83	100
Pocono Mountain BFC, Mt. Pocono, PA	Bertolet	2	2	3	0	64	4	11	-7	57	65
Grace BFC, Nazareth, Nazareth, PA	Fischer, Jr.	2	5	7	9	141	13	20	-7	134	203
Newark BFC, Newark, NJ	Baker	2	2	1	0	63	0	2	-2	61	128
BFC of Newark, Newark, DE	Schlonecker	3	14	11	27	282	68	5	63	345	700
Grace Church of Old Bridge, Old Bridge, NJ	Morrison	1	2	0	2	18	0	0	0	18	
New Life BFC, Oley, PA	Simpson	1	7	21	8	230	17	3	14	244	450
Paradise BFC, Paradise, PA	Peters	2	4	5	3	77	9	1	8	85	135
Wissinoming BFC, Philadelphia, PA	Hunter	2	4	2	3	34	4	5	-1	33	44
Calvary BFC, Finesville, NJ	Widger	2	2	1	4	36	0	0	0	36	100
Christ Community Church, Piscataway, NJ	Cahill	1	5	5	5	114	6	1	5	119	217
Grace BFC, Quakertown, PA	Kohl	5	8	10	17	217	18	4	14	231	328
Grace BFC, Reading, PA	Grossman	3	11	10	12	316	21	31	-10	306	400
Community BFC, Red Hill, PA	Arcieri	2	5	4	2	107	0	0	0	107	150
The BFC of Royersford, Royersford, PA	Gysi	1	4	4	7	95	2	0	2	97	112
Calvary BFC, Shamokin, PA	Madara	4	6	0	0	73	0	1	-1	72	130
Calvary BFC, Sinking Spring, PA	Sloan, Jr	2	12	22	31	585	21	37	-16	569	1931
Faith BFC, Spring City, PA	Clineff	2	3	9	7	89	0	1	-1	88	101
Grace Fellowship, Steelton, PA	Smith	2	4	2	8	35	5	0	5	40	60
Berean BFC, Stroudsburg, PA	Duggins	1	6	6	4	94	0	8	-8	86	176
Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury, PA	Cole	2	9	12	12	277	2	11	-9	268	325
Berean BFC, Terre Hill, PA	Kirkpatrick	1	2	4	1	65	3	3	0	65	90
Church of the Cross, Toms River, NJ			3	0	2	21	0	5	-5	16	16
Grace BFC, Wallingford, PA	Taylor	3	9	9	5	245	13	14	-1	244	350
Whitehall BFC	Schmoyer	3	8	8	0	112	29	11	18	130	285
Fellowship Community BFC, Whitehall, PA	Yerrington	1	4	3	3	26	8	5	3	29	120
New Beginnings BFC, Woodbury Heights, NJ	Williams	1	4	6	3	62	10	1	9	71	150
Faith BFC, York, PA			0	7	0	147	0	2	-2	145	183
Zionsville BFC, Zionsville, PA	McNally	1	4	0	2	51	0	1	-1	50	57
Totals		127	293	302	351	7507	467	506	-39	7468	13776
Allentown El Faro											
Cape Community Church, Cape May Court House, NJ	Strunk	1	2	1	11	9	13	0	13	22	62
Freedom BFC, Dauphin, PA	Barninger	1			4				0	0	
Redeemer BFC, Eagleville, PA	Wright	1							0	0	50
BFC of Adams County, Gettysburg, PA	Susek	1			2				0	0	60
La Roca de Reading, Reading, PA	Rodriguez	2	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	130
Total		6	8	1	19	9	13	0	13	22	302
Grand Total		133	301	303	370	7516	480	506	-26	7490	14078

Church Name/Location	SS	AM	PM/SG	Mid Week	Church Bldgs	Parsonages
Cedar Crest, Allentown, PA	370	788	305	220	1	0
Ebenezer BFC, Bethlehem, PA	272	546	265	331	1	1
Trinity BFC, Blandon, PA	120	183			1	
New Community Church, Brooklyn, NY	0	22	0	8	0	1
Camden BFC, Camden, DE	17	34	9	12	1	0
New Life Bible Church, Carmel, NY	15	30	0	14	1	0
Cornerstone BFC, Clinton Corners, NY	19	27		10	1	0
Calvary BFC, Coopersburg, PA	274	493	98	312	3	0
BFC of Denville, Denville, NJ	20	35	12	6	1	1
Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA	292	406	72	204	2	1
BFC of Ephrata, Ephrata, PA	80	155		120	1	0
Faith, Fleetwood, PA	61	94	0	37	1	0
Graterford BFC, Graterford, PA	56	115	0	12	2	2
Faith BFC, Harleysville, PA	87	189	90	135	1	2
Grace BFC, Harrisburg, PA	104	182	103	80	1	1
Bethany BFC, Hatfield, PA		99			1	1
Saucon Community BFC, Hellertown, PA	51	86		8	0	0
Community BFC, Howell, NJ		70	30		1	1
Kutztown BFC, Kutztown, PA	18	36		14	1	1
Valley BFC, Lagrangeville, NY	15	40	5	7	1	1
Faith BFC, Lancaster, PA	350	570	80	283	2	0
Grace Bible, Las Cruces, NM		47	20	6	0	0
Lebanon BFC, Lebanon, PA	197	261	164	121	1	1
Salem BFC, Lehighton, PA	63	90		45	1	1
New Life BFC, Longneck DE	14	56	8	12	1	0
Maple Glen Church, Maple Glen, PA	14	30	21		1	0
Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida, Mexico	43	100			1	
Bethany BFC, Mt. Carmel, PA	55	70	25	17	1	1
Pocono Mountain BFC, Mt. Pocono, PA	28	57		8	1	0
Grace BFC, Nazareth, Nazareth, PA	107	149		53	1	1
Newark BFC, Newark, NJ	27	45	0	8	1	0
BFC of Newark, Newark, DE	280	560	120	175	1	2
Grace Church of Old Bridge, Old Bridge, NJ		28			1	1
New Life BFC, Oley, PA	238	430	265	281	2	2
Paradise BFC, Paradise, PA	65	104	48	11	2	0
Wissinoming BFC, Philadelphia, PA		30			1	1
Calvary BFC, Finesville, NJ	16	39	0	7	1	1
Christ Community Church, Piscataway, NJ	65	149			0	0
Grace BFC, Quakertown, PA	173	263	78	165	1	1
Grace BFC, Reading, PA	163	243	80	90	1	1
Community BFC, Red Hill, PA		102	10		1	0
The BFC of Royersford, Royersford, PA	58	130	0	80	1	1
Calvary BFC, Shamokin, PA	63	132	63	0	3	1
Calvary BFC, Sinking Spring, PA	367	963	305	327	1	0
Faith BFC, Spring City, PA	70	90	20	44	1	1
Grace Fellowship, Steelton, PA	25	75	20	20	1	0
Berean BFC, Stroudsburg, PA	49	132	98		1	1
Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury, PA	159	282	113	70	2	1
Berean BFC, Terre Hill, PA	51	76	20	42	2	1
Church of the Cross, Toms River, NJ	0	18	0	6	1	
Grace BFC, Wallingford, PA	152	252			1	2
Whitehall BFC	75	218	60	105	3	1
Fellowship Community BFC, Whitehall, PA	8	145	66	50	0	0
New Beginnings BFC, Woodbury Heights, NJ	70	120	35	20	1	1
Faith BFC, York, PA	88	113	50	70	2	0
Zionsville BFC, Zionsville, PA	27	50		51	2	1
Totals	5031	9849	2758	3697	66	37
Allentown El Faro						
Cape Community Church, Cape May Court House, NJ		62		21	2	1
Freedom BFC, Dauphin, PA		81	20		2	
Redeemer BFC, Eagleville, PA		42			0	0
BFC of Adams County, Gettysburg, PA	33	46	42		1	1
La Roca de Reading, Reading, PA	30	111	20	35	0	0
Total	63	342	82	56	5	2
Grand Total	5094	10191	2840	3753	71	39

Church Name/Location	Total Debt	Total Offerings	Total Assessable Income	Total Income
Cedar Crest, Allentown, PA	\$142,286.00	\$1,467,550.00	\$2,025,550.00	\$2,152,262.00
Ebenezer BFC, Bethlehem, PA	\$0.00	\$893,465.00	\$928,037.00	\$1,034,178.00
Trinity BFC, Blandon, PA		\$319,211.00	\$334,298.00	\$352,526.00
New Community Church, Brooklyn, NY	\$102,000.00	\$24,402.00	\$26,412.00	\$29,236.00
Camden BFC, Camden, DE	\$0.00	\$54,811.00	\$54,811.00	\$61,042.00
New Life Bible Church, Carmel, NY	\$0.00			\$28,650.00
Cornerstone BFC, Clinton Corners, NY	\$0.00	\$69.00	\$70,639.00	\$73,867.00
Calvary BFC, Coopersburg, PA	\$0.00	\$873,552.00	\$877,621.00	\$1,141,053.00
BFC of Denville, Denville, NJ	\$0.00	\$55,608.00	\$55,608.00	\$55,608.00
Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA	\$1,961,790.00	\$810,465.00	\$829,007.00	\$940,433.46
BFC of Ephrata, Ephrata, PA	\$0.00	\$273,244.00	\$275,798.00	\$281,259.00
Faith, Fleetwood, PA	\$0.00	\$182,682.00	\$182,682.00	\$182,730.00
Graterford BFC, Graterford, PA	\$84,095.00	\$207,257.00	\$266,299.00	\$266,299.00
Faith BFC, Harleysville, PA	\$0.00	\$421,054.00	\$445,417.00	\$464,834.00
Grace BFC, Harrisburg, PA	\$0.00	\$377,335.00	\$378,746.00	\$410,396.29
Bethnay BFC, Hatfield, PA	\$438,031.00	\$267,882.00	\$381,215.00	\$475,577.00
Saucon Community BFC, Hellertown, PA	\$0.00	\$157,756.00	\$173,904.00	\$173,903.87
Community BFC, Howell, NJ	\$135,000.00	\$131,471.00	\$142,471.00	\$142,471.00
Kutztown BFC, Kutztown, PA	\$0.00	\$90,888.00	\$96,108.00	\$96,108.00
Valley BFC, Lagrangeville, NY	\$0.00	\$106,158.00	\$108,096.00	\$127,451.00
Faith BFC, Lancaster, PA	\$1,089,800.00	\$1,080,240.00	\$1,097,170.00	\$1,259,630.00
Grace Bible, Las Cruces, NM	\$0.00	\$84,251.70	\$84,493.30	\$84,493.30
Lebanon BFC, Lebanon, PA	\$0.00	\$486,424.00	\$495,408.00	\$536,131.00
Salem BFC, Lehighton, PA	\$0.00	\$83,996.00	\$92,957.00	\$95,912.00
New Life BFC, Longneck DE	\$440,000.00	\$62,598.30	\$76,224.70	\$72,400.00
Maple Glen Church, Maple Glen, PA		\$91,816.00	\$98,320.00	\$98,800.00
Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida, Mexico				\$27,786.00
Bethany BFC, Mt. Carmel, PA	\$0.00	\$94,236.00	\$118,894.00	\$121,764.00
Pocono Mountain BFC, Mt. Pocono, PA	\$0.00	\$110,220.00	\$158,698.00	\$174,860.00
Grace BFC, Nazareth, Nazareth, PA	\$0.00	\$243,975.00	\$249,432.00	\$265,246.69
Newark BFC, Newark, NJ	\$0.00	\$93,877.00	\$94,182.00	\$138,288.00
BFC of Newark, Newark, DE	\$2,955,410.00	\$1,071,860.00	\$1,136,160.00	\$1,286,959.00
Grace Church of Old Bridge, Old Bridge, NJ	\$387,462.00	\$51,175.00	\$69,970.00	\$90,946.00
New Life BFC, Oley, PA	\$277,570.00	\$698,792.00	\$990,188.00	\$1,030,798.00
Paradise BFC, Paradise, PA	\$0.00	\$206,231.00	\$228,813.00	\$250,913.00
Wissinoming BFC, Philadelphia, PA	\$51,073.20	\$57,896.00	\$64,848.00	\$65,187.00
Calvary BFC, Finesville, NJ	\$0.00	\$78,346.00	\$89,149.00	\$93,369.00
Christ Community Church, Piscataway, NJ	\$0.00	\$310,293.00	\$310,293.00	\$338,246.00
Grace BFC, Quakertown, PA	\$0.00	\$537,949.00	\$553,574.00	\$594,083.00
Grace BFC, Reading, PA	\$0.00	\$527,640.00	\$542,835.00	\$562,468.00
Community BFC, Red Hill, PA	\$0.00	\$162,962.00	\$180,477.00	\$162,962.00
The BFC of Royersford, Royersford, PA	\$0.00	\$213,899.00	\$218,666.00	\$218,666.00
Calvary BFC, Shamokin, PA	\$0.00	\$143,603.00	\$144,404.00	\$144,404.00
Calvary BFC, Sinking Spring, PA	\$0.00	\$1,304,730.00	\$1,434,700.00	\$1,556,859.00
Faith BFC, Spring City, PA	\$24,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00
Grace Fellowship, Steelton, PA	\$153,000.00			
Berean BFC, Stroudsburg, PA	\$0.00	\$214,289.00	\$220,829.00	\$224,370.00
Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury, PA	\$0.00	\$467,792.00	\$476,418.00	\$611,134.00
Berean BFC, Terre Hill, PA	\$0.00	\$115,006.00	\$115,059.00	\$115,837.00
Church of the Cross, Toms River, NJ	\$0.00	\$25,793.00	\$25,793.00	\$25,793.00
Grace BFC, Wallingford, PA	\$0.00	\$598,910.00	\$599,678.00	\$684,086.00
Whitehall BFC	\$1,033,960.00	\$281,387.00	\$295,600.00	\$333,752.30
Fellowship Community BFC, Whitehall, PA		\$72,890.00	\$72,890.00	\$72,890.00
New Beginnings BFC, Woodbury Heights, NJ	\$550,000.00	\$179,285.00	\$190,311.00	\$251,501.76
Faith BFC, York, PA	\$0.00	\$247,615.00	\$253,759.00	\$253,759.08
Zionsville BFC, Zionsville, PA	\$0.00	\$85,553.30	\$96,328.80	\$98,057.57
Totals	\$9,825,477.20	\$16,915,390.30	\$18,644,240.80	\$20,547,236.32
Allentown El Faro				
Cape Community Church, Cape May Court House, NJ	\$0.00			\$75,024.68
Freedom BFC, Dauphin, PA		\$91,577.20		
Redeemer BFC, Eagleville, PA	\$0.00		\$0.00	
BFC of Adams County, Gettysburg, PA	\$150,000.00	\$55,891.50	\$0.00	\$55,906.89
La Roca de Reading, Reading, PA	\$0.00	\$69,416.00	\$70,425.00	\$70,425.00
Total	\$150,000.00	\$216,884.70	\$70,425.00	\$201,356.57
Grand Total	\$9,975,477.20	\$17,132,275.00	\$18,714,665.80	\$20,748,592.89

Church Name/Location	BFC Assessment	BFC BOM	Other Missions	BFC ChExtn	Pinebrook Victory Valley		Total Conf Disb
Cedar Crest, Allentown, PA	\$30,600.00	\$266,603.61	\$91,249.00	\$23,900.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$419,852.61
Ebenezer BFC, Bethlehem, PA	\$16,365.00	\$83,952.00	\$81,590.00	\$36,600.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,300.00	\$228,807.00
Trinity BFC, Blandon, PA	\$7,004.00	\$54,636.76	\$15,101.00	\$29,781.92	\$110.00	\$375.00	\$107,008.68
New Community Church, Brooklyn, NY	\$770.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$10.00			\$1,080.00
Camden BFC, Camden, DE	\$1,280.00	\$3,164.00	\$5,243.00	\$21,187.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,874.00
New Life Bible Church, Carmel, NY	\$0.00		\$1,300.00	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1,900.00
Cornerstone BFC, Clinton Corners, NY	\$2,260.00	\$1,433.59	\$4,594.00	\$2,880.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,167.59
Calvary BFC, Coopersburg, PA	\$16,432.00	\$116,895.50	\$38,556.00	\$22,900.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,200.00	\$200,983.50
BFC of Denville, Denville, NJ	\$1,003.00	\$0.00					\$1,003.00
Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA	\$16,480.00	\$148,754.50	\$31,266.00	\$3,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,300.50
BFC of Ephrata, Ephrata, PA	\$6,896.00	\$53,227.32	\$45.00	\$5,280.00	\$108.00		\$65,556.32
Faith, Fleetwood, PA	\$3,316.00	\$14,835.00	\$907.00	\$3,610.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$23,268.00
Graterford BFC, Graterford, PA	\$5,216.00	\$38,246.00	\$14,150.00	\$9,300.00	\$600.00	\$1,800.00	\$69,312.00
Faith BFC, Harleysville, PA	\$9,260.00	\$44,617.00	\$6,539.00	\$12,750.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$75,166.00
Grace BFC, Harrisburg, PA	\$6,876.00	\$30,589.15	\$9,652.28	\$15,500.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$64,417.43
Bethnay BFC, Hatfield, PA	\$7,260.00	\$18,875.00	\$11,400.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$42,535.00
Saucon Community BFC, Hellertown, PA	\$0.00	\$11,540.64	\$4,392.00	\$5,500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$22,432.64
Community BFC, Howell, NJ	\$2,080.00		\$2,400.00				\$4,480.00
Kutztown BFC, Kutztown, PA	\$2,108.00	\$10,735.08	\$1,350.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,393.08
Valley BFC, Lagrangeville, NY	\$2,428.00	\$4,092.00	\$2,395.00	\$1,420.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$10,435.00
Faith BFC, Lancaster, PA	\$21,290.00	\$68,200.00	\$34,585.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	\$700.00	\$128,275.00
Grace Bible, Las Cruces, NM	\$1,736.00	\$957.50	\$2,520.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,453.50
Lebanon BFC, Lebanon, PA	\$10,016.00	\$45,054.84	\$14,975.00	\$11,958.31	\$1,350.00	\$850.00	\$84,204.15
Salem BFC, Lehighton, PA	\$1,680.00	\$1,160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,840.00
New Life BFC, Longneck DE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,600.00
Maple Glen Church, Maple Glen, PA	\$1,876.00	\$8,400.00	\$8,476.00	\$1,400.00			\$20,152.00
Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida, Mexico		\$0.00					\$0.00
Bethany BFC, Mt. Carmel, PA	\$2,524.00	\$22,737.00	\$820.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$26,381.00
Pocono Mountain BFC, Mt. Pocono, PA	\$3,816.00	\$21,285.44	\$15,003.00	\$3,240.00	\$0.00	\$540.00	\$43,884.44
Grace BFC, Nazareth, Nazareth, PA	\$4,600.00	\$19,365.00	\$4,190.00	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$33,905.00
Newark BFC, Newark, NJ	\$1,932.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,332.00
BFC of Newark, Newark, DE	\$17,485.00	\$21,140.00	\$126,039.00	\$27,900.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,700.00	\$196,464.00
Grace Church of Old Bridge, Old Bridge, NJ	\$796.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$796.00
New Life BFC, Oley, PA	\$18,583.00	\$109,469.68	\$73,816.00	\$16,281.36	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$249,150.04
Paradise BFC, Paradise, PA	\$3,676.00	\$38,462.00	\$1,908.00	\$1,608.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$46,654.00
Wissinoming BFC, Philadelphia, PA	\$1,336.00	\$0.00					\$1,336.00
Calvary BFC, Finesville, NJ	\$1,696.00	\$18,825.04	\$199.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$21,920.04
Christ Community Church, Piscataway, NJ	\$6,047.00	\$35,475.00	\$7,740.00	\$2,500.02	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$52,462.02
Grace BFC, Quakertown, PA	\$12,260.00	\$113,150.00	\$57,560.00	\$32,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$221,670.00
Grace BFC, Reading, PA	\$10,179.00		\$21,915.00	\$19,725.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$54,319.00
Community BFC, Red Hill, PA	\$3,387.00	\$10,100.00	\$12,100.00	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$31,587.00
The BFC of Royersford, Royersford, PA	\$4,760.00	\$17,617.45	\$22,541.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,668.45
Calvary BFC, Shamokin, PA	\$2,852.00	\$7,300.00	\$11,800.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$22,552.00
Calvary BFC, Sinking Spring, PA	\$27,516.00	\$57,434.96	\$68,426.00	\$11,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$165,026.96
Faith BFC, Spring City, PA	\$2,460.00	\$3,937.50		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,397.50
Grace Fellowship, Steelton, PA		\$444.70					\$444.70
Berean BFC, Stroudsburg, PA	\$4,752.00	\$30,376.00	\$14,051.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$50,779.00
Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury, PA	\$10,600.00	\$49,750.00	\$25,823.00	\$7,000.00	\$5,208.00	\$700.00	\$99,081.00
Berean BFC, Terre Hill, PA	\$2,000.00	\$23,493.33	\$778.00	\$1,500.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$28,271.33
Church of the Cross, Toms River, NJ	\$700.00	\$1,700.00	\$500.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,600.00
Grace BFC, Wallingford, PA	\$11,888.00	\$47,295.00	\$55,035.00	\$12,300.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$127,518.00
Whitehall BFC	\$4,068.00	\$20,268.00	\$5,275.00	\$5,575.72	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$37,686.72
Fellowship Community BFC, Whitehall, PA	\$1,400.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,700.00
New Beginnings BFC, Wdbury Heights, NJ			\$12,500.00	\$5,850.00			\$18,350.00
Faith BFC, York, PA	\$1,705.36	\$16,499.90	\$1,500.00	\$3,566.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,271.94
Zionsville BFC, Zionsville, PA	\$1,864.00	\$6,502.55	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$600.00	\$1,000.00	\$11,166.55
Totals	\$339,114.36	\$1,722,598.04	\$924,104.28	\$399,264.01	\$35,576.00	\$34,215.00	\$3,454,871.69
Allentown El Faro				\$2,100.00			
Cape Community Church, Cape May Court House, NJ		\$0.00		\$16,000.00			\$16,000.00
Freedom BFC, Dauphin, PA		\$0.00		\$46,264.00			\$46,264.00
Redeemer BFC, Eagleville, PA		\$0.00		\$34,658.00			\$34,658.00
BFC of Adams County, Gettysburg, PA		\$0.00		\$35,700.00			\$35,700.00
La Roca de Reading, Reading, PA		\$0.00	\$1,900.00	\$40,500.00			\$42,400.00
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,900.00	\$173,122.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175,022.00
Grand Total	\$339,114.36	\$1,722,598.04	\$926,004.28	\$574,486.01	\$35,576.00	\$34,215.00	\$3,629,893.69

Church Name/Location	Sr. Pastor Salary	Sr. Pastor Bene	Church Ministry		Total Church
			Sr. Pastor Staff Salaries and Housing	Ministry Staff Salaries and Benefits	Ministry Staff Salaries and Benefits
Cedar Crest, Allentown, PA	\$41,700.00	\$23,575.00	\$35,000.00	\$363,296.00	\$463,571.00
Ebenezer BFC, Bethlehem, PA	\$59,028.00	\$28,991.00	\$32,342.00	\$466,252.00	\$586,613.00
Trinity BFC, Blandon, PA	\$38,000.00	\$27,866.00	\$28,300.00	\$52,912.00	\$147,078.00
New Community Church, Brooklyn, NY	\$7,325.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,325.00
Camden BFC, Camden, DE	\$0.00	\$592.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$592.00
New Life Bible Church, Carmel, NY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cornerstone BFC, Clinton Corners, NY	\$16,800.00	\$0.00	\$7,200.00	\$0.00	\$24,000.00
Calvary BFC, Coopersburg, PA	\$39,194.00	\$41,660.00	\$16,500.00	\$289,474.00	\$386,828.00
BFC of Denville, Denville, NJ	\$28,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,800.00	\$34,000.00	\$68,800.00
Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA	\$61,552.00	\$29,479.00	\$25,250.00	\$278,792.00	\$395,073.00
BFC of Ephrata, Ephrata, PA	\$20,418.00	\$0.00	\$4,182.00	\$0.00	\$24,600.00
Faith, Fleetwood, PA	\$55,013.00	\$19,047.00	\$0.00	\$26,510.00	\$100,570.00
Graterford BFC, Graterford, PA	\$54,485.00	\$19,510.00	\$2,808.00	\$11,647.00	\$88,450.00
Faith BFC, Harleysville, PA	\$56,327.00	\$19,613.00	\$18,219.00	\$81,359.00	\$175,518.00
Grace BFC, Harrisburg, PA	\$31,500.00	\$13,440.20	\$22,999.90	\$90,165.20	\$158,105.30
Bethnay BFC, Hatfield, PA	\$50,069.00	\$21,673.00	\$12,000.00	\$45,969.00	\$129,711.00
Saucon Community BFC, Hellertown, PA	\$31,560.00	\$4,530.00	\$22,000.00	\$5,504.52	\$63,594.52
Community BFC, Howell, NJ	\$23,500.00	\$16,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$50,500.00	\$94,000.00
Kutztown BFC, Kutztown, PA	\$31,000.00	\$17,177.00	\$15,500.00	\$0.00	\$63,677.00
Valley BFC, Lagrangeville, NY	\$24,750.00	\$21,854.00	\$11,663.00	\$0.00	\$58,267.00
Faith BFC, Lancaster, PA	\$44,863.00	\$22,272.00	\$41,958.00	\$143,966.00	\$253,059.00
Grace Bible, Las Cruces, NM	\$22,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$32,000.00
Lebanon BFC, Lebanon, PA	\$51,800.00	\$44,952.00	\$23,000.00	\$134,816.00	\$254,568.00
Salem BFC, Lehighton, PA	\$25,655.00	\$23,427.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,082.00
New Life BFC, Longneck DE	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
Maple Glen Church, Maple Glen, PA	\$29,000.00	\$6,840.00	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$49,840.00
Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida, Mexico	\$8,640.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$14,740.00
Bethany BFC, Mt. Carmel, PA	\$29,500.00	\$26,242.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,742.00
Pocono Mountain BFC, Mt. Pocono, PA	\$35,000.00	\$21,959.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$68,959.00
Grace BFC, Nazareth, Nazareth, PA	\$48,040.00	\$28,863.10	\$15,820.00	\$0.00	\$92,723.10
Newark BFC, Newark, NJ	\$29,555.00	\$7,377.00	\$7,596.00	\$3,820.00	\$48,348.00
BFC of Newark, Newark, DE	\$56,960.00	\$41,413.00	\$25,000.00	\$181,872.00	\$305,245.00
Grace Church of Old Bridge, Old Bridge, NJ	\$13,735.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,735.00
New Life BFC, Oley, PA	\$62,483.00	\$22,806.00	\$23,000.00	\$206,356.00	\$314,645.00
Paradise BFC, Paradise, PA	\$29,600.00	\$16,047.00	\$25,400.00	\$13,000.00	\$84,047.00
Wissinoming BFC, Philadelphia, PA	\$28,130.00	\$9,184.00	\$3,730.00	\$0.00	\$41,044.00
Calvary BFC, Finesville, NJ	\$36,000.00	\$13,980.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$52,180.00
Christ Community Church, Piscataway, NJ	\$109,644.00	\$66,117.00	\$0.00	\$10,907.00	\$186,668.00
Grace BFC, Quakertown, PA	\$56,000.00	\$18,100.00	\$0.00	\$91,725.00	\$165,825.00
Grace BFC, Reading, PA	\$40,300.00	\$20,450.00	\$24,000.00	\$87,340.00	\$172,090.00
Community BFC, Red Hill, PA	\$43,653.00	\$21,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$7,129.00	\$91,782.00
The BFC of Royersford, Royersford, PA	\$36,539.00	\$17,641.00	\$0.00	\$23,037.00	\$77,217.00
Calvary BFC, Shamokin, PA	\$40,677.00	\$4,037.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,714.00
Calvary BFC, Sinking Spring, PA	\$74,734.00	\$21,447.00	\$18,000.00	\$466,910.00	\$581,091.00
Faith BFC, Spring City, PA	\$34,936.00	\$15,782.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$56,718.00
Grace Fellowship, Steelton, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Berean BFC, Stroudsburg, PA	\$40,000.00	\$10,112.00	\$6,319.00	\$55,178.00	\$111,609.00
Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury, PA	\$47,250.00	\$15,458.00	\$5,200.00	\$104,229.00	\$172,137.00
Berean BFC, Terre Hill, PA	\$32,700.00	\$14,595.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,295.00
Church of the Cross, Toms River, NJ	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
Grace BFC, Wallingford, PA	\$62,430.00	\$17,871.00	\$0.00	\$157,061.00	\$237,362.00
Whitehall BFC	\$31,049.00	\$17,216.00	\$18,000.00	\$77,970.00	\$144,235.00
Fellowship Community BFC, Whitehall, PA	\$33,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,000.00
New Beginnings BFC, Woodbury Heights, NJ	\$36,200.00	\$16,500.00	\$19,400.00	\$0.00	\$72,100.00
Faith BFC, York, PA	\$62,224.80	\$12,912.90	\$22,000.00	\$59,935.20	\$157,072.90
Zionsville BFC, Zionsville, PA	\$23,800.00	\$1,365.00	\$21,700.00	\$0.00	\$46,865.00
Totals	\$2,041,318.80	\$882,273.20	\$649,086.90	\$3,626,431.92	\$7,199,110.82
Allentown El Faro					
Cape Community Church, Cape May Court House, NJ					\$0.00
Freedom BFC, Dauphin, PA	\$35,050.00	\$5,022.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$58,072.00
Redeemer BFC, Eagleville, PA					\$0.00
BFC of Adams County, Gettysburg, PA	\$33,000.00	\$8,912.00	\$12,897.00	\$0.00	\$54,809.00
La Roca de Reading, Reading, PA	\$27,300.00	\$1,950.00	\$0.00	\$13,200.00	\$42,450.00
Total	\$95,350.00	\$15,884.00	\$30,897.00	\$13,200.00	\$155,331.00
Grand Total	\$2,136,668.80	\$898,157.20	\$679,983.90	\$3,639,631.92	\$7,354,441.82

Church Name/Location	Debt Service	Benevolence	Operating		Total Disb.	Total Disburse-ments]
			Costs	Total Gen Disb		
Cedar Crest, Allentown, PA	\$346,030.00	\$50,000.00	\$798,954.00	\$1,194,984.00	\$2,078,407.61	\$2,090,310.00
Ebenezer BFC, Bethlehem, PA	\$0.00	\$22,269.00	\$206,830.00	\$229,099.00	\$1,044,519.00	\$1,050,000.00
Trinity BFC, Blandon, PA	\$0.00	\$2,429.00	\$84,102.00	\$86,531.00	\$340,617.68	\$349,214.00
New Community Church, Brooklyn, NY	\$7,584.00	\$0.00	\$13,560.00	\$21,144.00	\$29,549.00	\$29,586.00
Camden BFC, Camden, DE	\$0.00	\$299.00	\$21,553.00	\$21,852.00	\$53,318.00	\$62,837.00
New Life Bible Church, Carmel, NY	\$0.00	\$480.00	\$0.00	\$480.00	\$2,380.00	\$28,931.00
Cornerstone BFC, Clinton Corners, NY	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$18,028.00	\$18,628.00	\$53,795.59	\$53,795.00
Calvary BFC, Coopersburg, PA	\$0.00	\$21,626.00	\$274,501.00	\$296,127.00	\$883,938.50	\$939,764.00
BFC of Denville, Denville, NJ	\$0.00	\$1,744.00	\$0.00	\$1,744.00	\$71,547.00	\$53,518.00
Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA	\$157,837.00	\$0.00	\$226,452.00	\$384,289.00	\$979,662.50	\$1,072,470.00
BFC of Ephrata, Ephrata, PA	\$4,731.00	\$4,731.00	\$195,433.00	\$200,164.00	\$290,320.32	\$290,320.00
Faith, Fleetwood, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$79,367.00	\$79,367.00	\$203,205.00	\$199,850.00
Graterford BFC, Graterford, PA	\$18,514.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$19,514.00	\$177,276.00	\$293,665.00
Faith BFC, Harleysville, PA	\$0.00	\$9,533.00	\$126,733.00	\$136,266.00	\$386,950.00	\$391,100.00
Grace BFC, Harrisburg, PA	\$0.00	\$14,896.00	\$123,647.00	\$138,543.00	\$361,065.73	\$374,398.00
Bethnay BFC, Hatfield, PA	\$95,993.00	\$15,029.00	\$209,601.00	\$320,623.00	\$492,869.00	\$497,394.00
Saucon Community BFC, Hellertown, PA	\$0.00	\$4,340.56	\$33,542.80	\$37,883.36	\$123,910.52	\$125,941.00
Community BFC, Howell, NJ	\$13,844.00	\$500.00	\$36,231.00	\$50,575.00	\$149,055.00	
Kutztown BFC, Kutztown, PA	\$0.00	\$1,580.00	\$22,030.00	\$23,610.00	\$102,680.08	\$102,870.00
Valley BFC, Lagrangeville, NY	\$0.00	\$10,026.00	\$32,391.00	\$42,417.00	\$111,119.00	\$128,054.00
Faith BFC, Lancaster, PA	\$189,226.00	\$43,399.00	\$502,009.00	\$734,634.00	\$1,115,968.00	\$1,121,240.00
Grace Bible, Las Cruces, NM	\$0.00	\$361.00	\$53,577.00	\$53,938.00	\$91,391.50	\$91,274.00
Lebanon BFC, Lebanon, PA	\$0.00	\$7,506.00	\$219,475.00	\$226,981.00	\$565,753.15	\$582,042.00
Salem BFC, Lehighton, PA	\$4,299.00	\$3,476.00	\$18,695.00	\$26,470.00	\$78,392.00	\$79,831.00
New Life BFC, Longneck DE	\$24,189.30	\$2,610.00	\$5,374.43	\$32,173.73	\$62,773.73	
Maple Glen Church, Maple Glen, PA			\$29,430.00	\$29,430.00	\$99,422.00	\$98,921.00
Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida, Mexico				\$0.00	\$14,740.00	
Bethany BFC, Mt. Carmel, PA	\$0.00	\$430.00	\$37,573.00	\$38,003.00	\$120,126.00	\$123,632.00
Pocono Mountain BFC, Mt. Pocono, PA	\$0.00	\$3,770.00	\$42,189.00	\$46,959.00	\$158,802.44	\$160,604.00
Grace BFC, Nazareth, Nazareth, PA		\$3,752.80	\$83,062.50	\$86,815.30	\$213,443.40	\$245,123.00
Newark BFC, Newark, NJ	\$0.00	\$1,470.00	\$66,989.00	\$68,459.00	\$120,139.00	\$120,164.00
BFC of Newark, Newark, DE	\$455,511.00	\$23,009.00	\$396,977.00	\$875,497.00	\$1,377,206.00	\$1,476,760.00
Grace Church of Old Bridge, Old Bridge, NJ	\$34,023.00	\$225.00	\$56,549.00	\$90,797.00	\$105,328.00	\$123,232.00
New Life BFC, Oley, PA	\$14,159.00	\$28,181.00	\$97,432.00	\$139,772.00	\$673,567.04	\$980,389.00
Paradise BFC, Paradise, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$66,032.00	\$66,032.00	\$196,733.00	\$264,357.00
Wissinoming BFC, Philadelphia, PA	\$51,073.20		\$21,048.00	\$72,121.20	\$114,501.20	\$62,092.00
Calvary BFC, Finesville, NJ	\$0.00	\$845.00	\$14,301.00	\$15,146.00	\$89,246.00	\$89,302.00
Christ Community Church, Piscataway, NJ	\$0.00	\$9,295.00	\$107,369.00	\$116,664.00	\$355,794.02	\$354,519.00
Grace BFC, Quakertown, PA	\$0.00	\$13,330.00	\$172,941.00	\$186,271.00	\$573,766.00	\$748,355.00
Grace BFC, Reading, PA	\$0.00	\$9,239.00	\$166,157.00	\$175,396.00	\$401,805.00	\$460,141.00
Community BFC, Red Hill, PA	\$0.00	\$1,376.00	\$65,234.00	\$66,610.00	\$189,979.00	\$180,879.00
The BFC of Royersford, Royersford, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$109,094.00	\$109,094.00	\$231,979.45	\$214,737.00
Calvary BFC, Shamokin, PA	\$0.00	\$1,707.00	\$63,227.00	\$64,934.00	\$132,200.00	\$132,200.00
Calvary BFC, Sinking Spring, PA	\$0.00	\$74,464.00	\$661,797.00	\$736,261.00	\$1,482,378.96	\$1,528,470.00
Faith BFC, Spring City, PA	\$8,000.00		\$46,893.00	\$54,893.00	\$118,008.50	\$114,093.00
Grace Fellowship, Steelton, PA				\$0.00	\$444.70	
Berean BFC, Stroudsburg, PA	\$0.00	\$2,700.00	\$52,568.00	\$55,268.00	\$217,656.00	\$217,592.00
Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury, PA	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$32,600.00	\$34,600.00	\$305,818.00	\$610,227.00
Berean BFC, Terre Hill, PA	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$23,924.00	\$23,999.00	\$99,565.33	\$112,490.00
Church of the Cross, Toms River, NJ	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$22,487.00	\$22,987.00	\$46,587.00	
Grace BFC, Wallingford, PA		\$7,741.00	\$185,775.00	\$193,516.00	\$558,396.00	\$684,086.00
Whitehall BFC	\$70,374.60	\$2,482.00	\$517,204.00	\$590,060.60	\$771,982.32	\$517,204.00
Fellowship Community BFC, Whitehall, PA	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$42,700.00	\$43,100.00
New Beginnings BFC, Wdubury Heights, NJ	\$42,090.50	\$1,400.00	\$55,016.50	\$98,507.00	\$188,957.00	\$188,261.00
Faith BFC, York, PA	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$63,682.90	\$63,932.90	\$244,277.74	\$248,975.00
Zionsville BFC, Zionsville, PA	\$0.00	\$878.20	\$26,730.80	\$27,609.00	\$85,640.55	\$95,340.60
Totals	\$1,532,747.60	\$408,554.56	\$6,586,368.93	\$8,527,671.09	\$19,181,653.60	\$20,203,649.60
Allentown El Faro						
Cape Community Church, Cape May Court House, NJ			\$51,174.50	\$51,174.50	\$67,174.50	\$67,174.50
Freedom BFC, Dauphin, PA			\$32,732.00	\$32,732.00	\$137,068.00	
Redeemer BFC, Eagleville, PA				\$0.00	\$34,658.00	
BFC of Adams County, Gettysburg, PA				\$0.00	\$90,509.00	\$60,281.40
La Roca de Reading, Reading, PA		\$1,630.00	\$81,236.00	\$82,866.00	\$167,716.00	\$89,735.00
Total	\$0.00	\$1,630.00	\$165,142.50	\$166,772.50	\$497,125.50	\$217,190.90
Grand Total	\$1,532,747.60	\$410,184.56	\$6,751,511.43	\$8,694,443.59	\$19,678,779.10	\$20,420,840.50

The 1914 Annual Conference

Richard Taylor

The church on Laurel Street stood waiting. Pastor W. S. Hottel, one of the rising stars among the preachers, was there to make sure everything was in place. The kitchen staff had planned their meals and were ready to provide the best hospitality they knew how to prepare. For the 31st time since they had become the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, the preachers and delegates were meeting to take care of the business of the Pennsylvania Conference. Two years earlier the General Conference had met in this same church but now the Annual Conference was meeting to focus on Pennsylvania. Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Thursday, October 15, 1914. 8:00AM.



Bethlehem Church

They had much to encourage them: a church building in Stroudsburg; new parsonages in Quakertown and Walnutport. The building in Norristown had been sold giving them \$705 to use for the Goodman Street church in Philadelphia. A lot was being considered for a building in Sunbury. A school house had been donated in Harleysville and pews had been given to fill it. Successful tent meetings had been held in York, Lebanon, Broadway (NJ) and Sunbury. Missionaries were serving in Chile, Argentina, Venezuela, Tibet and Turkey. Mizpah Grove, the center square of the denomination, was coming along nicely. A preacher's dining hall had been finished. The chestnut trees affected by the blight had been cut bringing another \$36.00 when the poles were sold. A fire had threatened the east side of the camp with its piles of lumber but quick action on the part of the fire department had spared them.

They began as they always did: with prayer, singing and preaching. Chairman H. B. Musselman read from Philippians 2 and "made a very earnest and profitable address concerning the importance of the business before this body." Recording secretary H. K. Kratz began his note-taking. The roll was called. 42 answered when their names were called. The first three pews were designated the bar.

Much of the early part of their meeting was taken with routine business. Committees were appointed for such things as worship, statistics, communications, finance, and quarterly conference records. Their insistence on order and accountability show as nearly everything would be reviewed and evaluated during the conference.

The oral reports of the pastors were begun. Each man would give an account of what had taken place under his ministry in the past year. Each wanted to praise God by speaking of victories and advances in the battle with the wicked one. He was given ten minutes to tell his story. Whether pride and self promotion entered into these reports is known only to the Lord. The temptation to give a report that gained the admiration of brothers must have been great. A good report would bring head nods of affirmation. The reports began in the first meeting, Thursday morning, and continued throughout Thursday afternoon. The oral reporting would take between 3 and 4 hours. It is easy to imagine the end of the Thursday afternoon meeting came with an unspoken sense of relief.

The Thursday afternoon session ended with agreement to meet in the basement at the call of the chairman. Basement meetings were a clue they had things to talk about free from the requirement to keep minutes.

The discussion could be a bit more open. Sometimes, frank discussion was good but not just everyone could be privy to that sort of discussion. The Thursday night session did not begin until after 9:00pm so they spent a couple of hours talking about their issues without offering a written clue at this point of the content of their deliberations.

Saturday brought a focus on foreign missionary work and efforts. They dissolved themselves into the Committee of the Whole which allowed freer discussion without all the parliamentary demands. The missions work was still relatively new and issues of personnel and finances could be controversial. The death of Fred R. Bullen of Venezuela was noted. Bullen died of a fever. His name has been covered in the sediment of passing years. It is sobering to be reminded of the price paid by these servants of the Lord. He is unknown to us today but His memory is



H.K. Kratz



H B Musselman Family

fresh in the mind of the God who sent him.

Sunday afternoon was the high point of the conference. Special arrangements were made for people across the conference to come. They made a thorough report.

All the services on Sunday were held in the High School Auditorium, seating capacity of over seven hundred which was well filled throughout the entire day. Members from nearly every Appointment were present at these Services. The Forenoon Services opened at 9:30 A.M. with a Song Service after which Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman of the Bethlehem District preached the Conference Sermon, basing his remarks on Matt. 24:41-45. The sermon was a clear definite and positive exposition of the call, duty and work of the Christian Ministry.

It was a forceful and pungent presentation of the truths that bear weightily upon the success of the pastors, and will bear fruit in the lives of those that heard it. The Afternoon Service opened at 2:15 P.M., with a Song Service after which W. G. Gehman, Presiding Elder of the Mt. Carmel District, preached a sermon on I Sam. 18:1, and I Sam. 20:30-31. This discourse was fraught with Bible and full of practical truths and spiritual advice; and no doubt will have an effect upon the hearers for good to the glory of God.

The Evening Services opened at 7 P.M., with a Song Service, after which W. S. Hottel, the newly appointed Pastor preached a very inspiring sermon, basing his remarks on Mark 6:45-52. The sermon was full of practical and dispensational truth, presented in a very forceful manner and brought inspiration to all that heard it. The quartettes and choruses rendered a number of excellent, inspiring and spiritual selections which were heartily enjoyed: and greeted with shouts of praise. The services, we are certain, will not soon be forgotten, and have proved a rich and glorious blessing to the different ones in attendance as well as to the work throughout the entire Conference. This Conference, without a doubt, goes down in history as one of the best and most blessed we ever had.

In a somewhat unusual way, they recorded some things that had been stirring among them. Articles in the denominational magazine, *The Gospel Banner*, had struck a nerve or two with them. Perhaps it was these issues that had taken them to the basement for discussion on Thursday evening where they could say what they were really thinking. Some of their discussions passage of our more recent concerns.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

Adopted by the Pennsylvania Conference

Relative to remarks made concerning certain articles which have appeared in the *Gospel Banner* from time to time during the past, be it

Resolved, That the Pennsylvania Conference wishes to put itself on record unanimously as standing for the personal, pre-millennial, imminent coming of the Lord. In view of this fact this Conference stands for a clear cut separation on a Scriptural basis from all the popular modern reform movements whether religious, political or moral. While we admit and keenly realize that there are a great many prominent evils existing and operating in the world and all around us we hold that according to the Scriptures God's plan is to save an elect people and prepare them for His coming, through faith

in Jesus Christ alone, and not through reformation, prohibition, or the educational institutions of the present day, which, with a very few exceptions are strongly inclined towards higher criticism, agnosticism, materialism and infidelity.

This Conference believes in a Divine call of God to the Ministry. We believe that the Scriptural and essential qualifications to this call are soundness in conversion, completeness in consecration, being filled with the Holy Spirit, having a love and burden for souls.

We believe that a thorough application and devotion to the prayerful study of God's word in accordance with Paul's exhortations to Timothy is of infinitely greater value in the making of an efficient minister and a successful instrument in the hands of God to carry on His work, than an elaborate college education.

We believe that when a man abides in faithfulness in the divine call, he will find so much work to do all around himself, that he will never find time to engage in any occupation or trade or profession with the purpose of financial gain.

Resolved. That a type-written copy of the above be handed to the Chairman of the Annual Conference,

Resolved. That the old Quarterly Conference Records and Class Records that are not needed be sent to the Secretary of the Annual Conference to be preserved at the discretion of the Executive Board, who shall have charge of these records. These books shall be sent to the Secretary during the second week of November next.

One more special matter drew their attention. They had been experiencing some frustration with the Sunday School lessons they were receiving. A number of pastors and delegates had met during the camp meeting at Mizpah Grove on August 21 where a discussion had taken place. That discussion ended with a petition to be presented to the Conference. It was time to take matters in hand. A semi-authorized meeting had been held in September. They laid it all out.

Matter relative to Sunday School supplies was now taken up. The following resolutions were passed by the undersigned, the Presiding Elders and Pastors of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, assembled together at the Allentown Division Camp Meeting, at Mizpah Grove, on August 21, 1914.

Resolved. That we as a Conference are in favor that the Union Gospel Printing Company publish Sunday School Supplies as follows, if they can see their way clear.

Scholars' Quarterlies of two pages per lesson.

Teachers' Quarterlies of four pages per lesson.

We recommend that the prices shall not be higher than those of the "Light and Life" series.

Resolved. That we elect a Publishing Committee of five which shall furnish the copy for the lessons. This Committee was then elected as follows:

Chairman, H. B. Musselman; W. G. Gehman, W. S. Hottel, E. N. Cassel and C. H. Brunner.

H. B. Musselman, P. E.; W. G. Gehman, P. E.; E. N. Cassel, W. S. Hottel, C. H. Brunner, F. M. Hottel, E. T. Shick, J. G. Shireman, R. L. Woodring, W. J. Fretz, H. K. Kratz, J. C. Roth, J. F. Barrall, B. Bryan Musselman, R. Bergstresser, O. S. Hillegass, E. E. Kublic.

On September 21, this Committee met at the residence of Pastor W. S. Hottel, at Allentown, and made definite arrangements, that W. S. Hottel should write these lessons, and that C. H. Brunner should write one column for each lesson in the Teachers' Quarterlies.

Resolved. That we ask all our Sunday Schools to get all their supplies from the Union Gospel Printing Co., also that they order them not later than November 1st.

On Monday afternoon, they voted to adjourn. The venerable William Gehman led in prayer. They sang together, "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again." They signed the minutes, both pastors and delegates.

The 1914 Annual Conference was over. If the pastors and delegates were told about the meeting held one hundred years later, they would rejoice but they would hardly believe what they heard.

Directory of Churches & Missions

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Allentown, CC Cedar Crest BFC	9:45	8:30 & 11:00		
610-432-2200 610-435-4006 info@cedarcrestbfc.org Cliff Boone, Senior Pastor, Ron Erb, Glenn Felty, Scott Kappes Jonathan King	1151 S. Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown, PA 18103 www.cedarcrestbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Allentown El Faro Lighthouse BFC (El Faro)	11:00 am (children)	11:00 AM		7:00 pm (youth)
610-791-9995 lighthousebfc@gmail.com Stephen Diaz	641 S. Genesee St., Allentown, PA 18103 lighthousebfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Bethlehem, PA Ebenezer BFC	10:05 AM	8:45 & 11:15		Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 pm
610-868-5501 610-868-6939 office@aplaceforyou.org Timothy D. Gibson, Senior Pastor, Dick Bickings, Pastor of Discipleship, Mark Culton, Youth Pastor	3100 Hecktown Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18020 www.aplaceforyou.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Blandon, PA Trinity Bible Fellowship	10:45 AM	9:00 AM		6:45 PM
610-926-4594 610-916-4777 trinitybfc@gmail.com Alan Miller, Senior Pastor, Jordan Eyster	220 Main Street, Blandon, PA 19510 www.trinitybfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Brooklyn, NY New Community Church	10 a.m.	11:15 a.m.		Wed. 7 p.m.
718.209.9469 ncbfc@gmail.com Ralph E. Ritter	P.O. Box 340022, Brooklyn, NY 11234 http://ncbrooklyn.com/			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Camden, DE Camden BFC	9:45 AM	11:00 AM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
302-697-0434 NONE Raymond R. Bertolet, Interim	201 E. Camden-Wyoming Ave, Camden, DE 19934 www.CamdenBFC.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Cape May, NJ Cape Community Church		10:30 AM		Wed. 7 PM
609-465-2338 609-465-2338 office@capecommunitychurch.org Keith A. Strunk	1159 S. Rte. 9, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 www.capecommunitychurch.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Carmel, NY New Life Bible Church	9:30 AM	11:00 AM		7:00 PM
845 225-4620 hwaldvog@jhmc.org Hans Woldvogel, Presiding Elder	PO Box79, Holmes, NY 12531			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Clinton Crns. NY Cornerstone BFC	9:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	n/a	7 p.m. Wednesday
(845) 266-8057 cornerstonebfc@optimum.net David R. Way (Interim), Allen R. Mickle (Called, not yet installed)	1592 Hollow Rd., Clinton Corners, NY 12514 cornerstonebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Coopersburg, PA Calvary BFC	10:00 AM	8:30, 11:10		6:30 PM
610-282-3161 610-282-9546 church@calvarybfc.org Matthew Lynskey, Pastor Preaching & Teaching, Thomas Shorb, Richard Paashaus, Mark Evans	6782 N. Main St., PO Box 166, Coopersburg, PA 18036 www.calvarybfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Dauphin, PA Freedom BFC	9:15	10:00		7:00 P.M
717 579-4414 church@freedombfc.com Mark Barninger	409 Allegheny Street, Dauphin, PA 17018 www.freedombfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Denville, NJ Bible Fellowship Church of Denville	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.		Thurs. 6:30 p.m.
973-625-1880 rdharris.1948@gmail.com Richard D. Harris	263 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ 07834 www.bfcdenville.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Eagleville, PA Redeemer BFC		10:00 AM		
484-302-0124 info@redeemerbfc.org Scott Wright- Pastor/Church planter	PO Box 170, Eagleville, PA 19408 www.redeemerbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Emmaus, PA Bethel BFC	9:45	8:30, 10:45		7:00
610-965-2682 610-965-4534 bethel@bethelbfc.org Dave Schoen, Dave Schlonecker, Josh Edwards	418 Elm Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 www.bethelbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Ephrata, PA BFC of Ephrata	9:15 AM	10:30		
717-733-2526 717-733-4122 ebfc@ephratabfc.org Jason L. Hoy	491 Peach Road, Ephrata, PA 17522 www.ephratabfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Finesville, NJ Calvary BFC	9:00 am during school year, non- holidays	10:00 AM		7:00 PM
908-995-7678 byron@finesvillebfc.org Byron Widger	191 County Road 627, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865 www.finesvillebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Fleetwood, PA Faith Bible Fellowship	11:00	9:30		7:00
610-944-7080 faithbfcfleetwood@gmail.com R. Jerry Brush, Senior Pastor, Beau Coffmann	236 S. Richmond St, Fleetwood, PA 16522 FaithBFCFleetwood.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Gettysburg Bible Fellowship Church of Adams County	11:30 AM	10:00 AM		
717-337-1900 Aaron Susek - Church Planting Pastor	895 Coleman Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 www.bfcac.net			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Graterford, PA Graterford, BFC	9:30 AM	10:45 AM		Wednesday 7PM
610-489-9389 Mark Orton	693 Church Rd, Graterford, PA 19426 www.graterfordbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Harleysville, PA Faith BFC	9:15 AM	10:30 AM		7:00 PM
215-256-6026 215-256-6459 office@faithbfc.org Andrew Crossgrove, Senior Pastor, Michael Walker	140 Harleysville Pike, Harleysville, PA 19438 www.faithbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Harrisburg, PA Grace BFC	9:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
717-652-5229 717-671-4760 church@gracebfc.com Joshua Miller, Senior Pastor, Steven DelDuco, William Verdon	1250 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112 gracebfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Hatfield, PA Bethany BFC	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
215 855 2449 215 855 8756 bethanybfc@verizon.net Senior Pastor - Howard N Wells, Joel Klase	75 West Broad Street, Hatfield, PA 18944 www.bethanybfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Hellertown, PA Saucon Community BFC	10:45 AM	9:00 AM	none	7:00 PM
610 838 3111 info@sauconbfc.org Timothy M. Zuck	45 West Water Street, Hellertown, PA 18055 www.sauconbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Howell, NJ Community BFC	10:30 AM	10:30 AM		
732 363-8941 Community Bible Fellowship of Howell Eric North		3071 Lakewood-Allenwood Rd., Howell, NJ 07731 communitybfc.com		

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Kutztown, PA Kutztown BFC	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	NA	alt Thursdays 7:00 pm
610-914-2713 NA nick.timpe@gmail.com Dean Stortz - Presiding Elder		15170 Kutztown Road, Kutztown, PA 19530 http://www.kutztownbfc.org/		

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Lagrangeville, NY Valley BFC	9:45 AM	11:00 AM		7:00 PM
845-724-3984 valleybible@optonline.net		1875 Clove Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540 valleybfc.org		

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Lancaster, PA Faith BFC	9:00am & 10:45am	9:00am & 10:45am		
717-285-1900 717-2851913 office@faithbfc.com David A. Thomann, Senior Pastor, Gregory A. Uhrich, Keith M. Long		151 Donerville ROad, Lancaster, PA 17603 www.faithbfc.com		

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Las Cruces, NM Grace Bible Church	11:30 AM	10		7:00 PM
575-532-1234 Dr. Brown - Presiding Elder		Location: 2801 Missouri Ave., St 15, Mailing: PO Box 7964, Las Cruces, NM 88006 www.gracelascruces.org		

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Lebanon, PA Lebanon BFC	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	7:00 PM	Wed. 7:30 pm
717-273-4802 717-273-1568 info@lebanonbfc.org Calvin T. Reed, Senior Pastor, LeRoy S. Heller, David E. Brandt		1635 Mill Rd, Lebanon, PA 17042 lebanonbfc.org		

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Lehighton, PA Salem BFC	11:15 am	9:30am		6:30 pm
570-386-2578 salembfc@ptd.org Robert A Johnson II		Salem BFC 1105 Fredericks Grove Rd Lehighton, Pa 18235		

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Longneck DE New Life BFC	9:00AM	10:00		Thursdays @ 6:30PM
302-945-8145 office@newlife-bfc.org Andrew Barnes Sr.		24771 Cannon Road Long Neck, DE 19966 www.newlife-bfc.org		

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Maple Glen, PA Maple Glen BFC	9:15 AM	10:30		
215-646-1220 mgbfc@juno.com Louis Prontnicki		PO Box 3102 700 E. Welsh Rd, Maple Glen, PA 19002 www.mapleglenchurch.org		

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Merida, Mexico Iglesia Biblica La Roca	10:00 AM	11:30 AM		Tuesday- Prayer meetings
(999) 195-2003 Marcos Ramirez Montero		Calle 42 # 303 entre 53 and 53C, Merida, Yucatan 97203 http://iblaroca.org/		

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Mt. Carmel, PA Bethany BFC	9:30 AM	10:45 AM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
570-339-4693 must call first philnorr9@aol.com Philip G. Norris, Senior Pastor, Alva C. Cassel		654 Wilburton Road, Mt. Carmel, PA 17851 www.bethanybfc-mtcarmel.org		

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Mt. Pocono, PA Pocono Mountain BFC	9:30 AM	10:45 AM		Wednesday 6:30pm
570-839-6922 office@pmbfc.org Ron Miller - Presiding Elder		141 Montanesca Lane, Mt. Pocono, PA 18344 www.pmbfc.org		

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Nazareth, PA Grace	9:30	10:50		6:30 & 7:00
(610) 759-1712 gracebfenaz@rcn.com Carl J Fischer Jr	100 E Beil Ave, Nazareth, PA 18064 gracebfenaz.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Newark, DE Bible Fellowship Church of Newark	10:00 a.m.	8:30 & 11:00 a.m. (summer 9:00 a.m.)	Growth Groups	Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
302.366.8539 302.366.8542 bfnewark@verizon.net William G. Schlonecker, Senior Pastor, Richard C. Dodson, Robert W. Green, Stephen J. Morton	808 Old Baltimore Pike, Newark, DE 19702 www.BFCNewarkDE.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Newark, NJ Newark BFC	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
973-373-3677 973-373-3171 newarkbiblefellowshipchurchnj@verizon.net Delbert R. Baker II	30 Randolph Pl, Newark, NJ 07108 newarkbiblefellowshipchurchnj.org			

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Old Bridge, NJ Grace Church of Old Bridge		11:00		
732-588-5906 732-588-5906 tompaulam@cs.com Thomas H. Morrison	442 Cottrell Road, Matawan, NJ 07747			

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Oley, PA New Life	9:30 AM	8:00am / 10:45am	NA	NA
610-987-3192 610-987-6654 info@newlifebfc.org Arthur Simpson, Senior Pastor, Jim MacArthur, Ben Bailey	2960 w. Philadelphia Ave., Oley, PA 19547 newlifebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Paradise, PA Paradise Bible Fellowship	9:00 AM	10:15 AM		7:00 PM
717-687-7577 office@paradisebfc.org Dave Peters, Senior Pastor, Ralph Soper	3092 Lincoln Hwy. E., PO Box 217, Paradise, PA 17562 www.paradisebfc.org			

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Philadelphia, PA Wissinoming BFC		10:30 AM		
215-743-3751 Justin L. Hunter	4414 Van Kirk St., Philadelphia, PA 19135 www.MyWBFC.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Philadelphia, PA Covenant Hill			monday 7:30pm	
267-273-4171 jdupiche@covenanthill.com Joshua Dupiche, Church Planter	169 W Hansberry st, Philadelphia, PA 19144 www.covenanthill.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Piscataway, NJ Christ Community Church	9:45 AM	11:00 AM		Small Groups
732-393-9800 Dennis M. Cahill, Richard B. Ravis	1347 Stelton Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854 www.christcommunitynj.com			

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Quakertown, PA Grace BFC	9:00 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m. Awana children & Teens; 6:45 p.m. Young adults; 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible study & prayer
215-536-6096 215-536-7335 grace@quakertownbfc.org Ronald L. Kohl, Senior Pastor, Michael D. Roberts, David J. Watkins	1811 Old Bethlehem Pike, N., Quakertown, PA 18951 www.quakertownbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Reading (la Roca) La Roca		1:00 PM		Thursday 6:45p
610-376-2468 hispanicbfcinreading@hotmail.com Carlos Rodriguez, Miguel Gonzalez	1128 Hampden Blvd, Reading, PA 19604 estoyenlaroca.com			

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Reading, PA Grace BFC	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	6:30 PM	6:30 PM
610-375-2333 610-375-6002 gracebfcreading@verizon.net Randall Grossman, Senior Pastor, Timothy Clark, Timothy Hogan	1128 Hampden Blvd, Reading, PA 19604 www.gracebfcreading.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Red Hill, PA Community Bible Fellowship		10		7
215-541-4880 communityredhill@verizon.net James Arcieri, Senior Pastor, Tom Phillips	426 Main St, Red Hill, PA 18076 www.communityredhill.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Royersford, PA Royersford Bible Fellowship	9:10	10:15	-	-
610-948-9764 info@rbfconnect.org Drew Gysi, Senior Pastor, Jeremy Field	431 N Lewis Road, Royersford, PA 19468 www.rbfconnect.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Shamokin, PA Calvary BFC	9:30 AM	10:35 AM	6:00 PM	n/a
570-648-1466 570-648-1466 calvarybfc1@verizon.net Ferdie R. Madara	35 S. Second St., Shamokin, PA 17872 http://www.shamokinbfc.com/			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Sinking Spring, PA Calvary BFC	9:47, 11:11	8:30, 9:47, 11:11		7:00 PM
610-678-5166 610-678-6727 cbfc@cbfc.net Robert Sloan, Senior Pastor, Wayne Rissmiller, Stan Lauterback, Matt Noll, Jere Sollenberger, Errin Mulberry, Greg Carder	491 Penn Ave, Sinking Spring, PA 19608 www.cbfc.net			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Spring City, PA Faith BFC	9.30 am	10.45		7:00 PM
610 948 9448 Excitingfaith@gmail.com Kevin Clineff	25 Pennhurst rd, Spring City, Pa 19475 www.myfaithbfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Steelton, PA Grace Fellowship	9:00 AM	10:30 AM		7:00 PM
717.982.6779 gracesteelton@gmail.com David A. Smith	747 North Front Street, Steelton, PA 17113 www.graceinbg.org			

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Stroudsburg, PA Berean BFC	9:15	10:30	6:00	
570/421-0617 bereanbfc@verizon.net Davis E. Duggins	1028 Tara View Dr., Stroudsburg, PA 18360 bereanbfc.org			

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Sunbury, PA Emmanuel BFC	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	6:30 PM	7:00 PM
570-286-8313 570-286-8025 emmanuel.sunbury@verizon.net Charles E. Cole, Senior Pastor, Joshua P. Gibson, Jules J. Hull, Bert N. Brosius	967 Mile Hill Road, Sunbury, PA 17801 emmanuelbfc.org			

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Terre Hill, PA Terre Hill BFC	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	1st Sunday @ 7:00 PM	7:00 PM
(717) 445-4401 (717) 445-5490 Terre Hill Kevin W. Kirkpatrick	407 W. Main St. P. O. Box 208, Terre Hill, PA 17581 terrehillbfc@gmail.com			

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Toms River, NJ Church of the Cross	1030 AM	1030 AM	NONE	730 PM
732-505-8174 NONE adorststudios@verizon.net Allen Dorst - Presiding Elder	1060 Church Road, Toms River, NJ 08755			

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302-449-4225 info@themissionbfc.org Ron Smith	PO Box 1252, Middletown, DE 19709 themissionbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Woodbury Heights, NJ New Beginnings BFC	9:15 AM	10:30 AM	NA	7:00 PM
856-686-0555 856-686-0557 newbeginningsbfc@gmail.com Daniel L. Williams, Senior Pastor, Timothy R. Nessler	335 Glassboro Rd, Bldg A, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097 www.newbeginningsbfc.org			

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Wallingford, PA Grace	10:45 AM	9:00 AM		7:00 PM
610-876-8725 610-876-8725 office@gracebfc.org Richard E. Taylor, Senior Pastor, Timothy C. Cowen, Mark A. Bickel	723 S Providence Rd, Wallingford, PA 19086 www.gracebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Whitehall, PA Whitehall BFC	9:00 AM	10:30 AM		6:15 PM
610-434-8661 office@WhitehallBFC.org Timothy J. Schmoyer, Senior Pastor, Aaron D. Smith, Albert J. Dommel	3300 Seventh Street, Whitehall, PA 18052 www.LehighBible.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
York, PA Faith BFC		10:30		
717-846-7749 Ralph Soper, Interim Pastor	675 Woodland View Drive York, PA 17406 www.faithbfcyork.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Zionsville, PA Bible Fellowship Church of Zionsville	9:30	10:30		Th - 8pm
610-967-3048 zionsvillebiblefellowship@gmail.com Bryan McNally	6401 Vera Cruz Rd S, Zionsville, PA 18092 sites.google.com/site/zionsvillebfc/			

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