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Davis E. Duggins, Leader  
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Wissinoming, Woodbury Heights, NJ;  
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## Future Easter Dates

27 March 2016	17 April 2022	16 April 2028	9 April 2034
16 April 2017	9 April 2023	1 April 2029	25 March 2035
1 April 2018	31 March 2024	21 April 2030	13 April 2036
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April 28, 2015, Pinebrook Bible Conference



Andrew Barnes family



Mark Culton family



Richard Dodson



Joshua Gibson family



Scott & Terri Kappes



John & Nancy LoRusso



Bryan McNally family



Michael Walker family



Charge to the Ordinands





## Directory of Boards and Committees

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(Elected by BFC Conference)

#### BFC Executive Board

- (2016) Dennis M. Cahill, Stephen J. DelDuco, Steven J. Kauffman, L. James Roberts, Jr.  
(2017) Jay H. Fasnacht, Ronald L. Kohl, Charles A. Lavigna, Randall A. Grossman  
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Executive Director - David T. Allen

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- (2016) Dennis M. Cahill, LeRoy S. Heller  
(2017) Ronald L. Erb, Jr., Dana E. Weller  
(2018) Ralph M. Soper  
Chairman - Dennis M. Cahill

#### Ministerial Candidates Committee

- (2016) Timothy J. Bertolet  
(2017) Richard E. Taylor, Joshua P. Miller  
(2018) Andrew T. Crossgrove, David E. Gundrum  
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(2017) L. James Roberts, Jr., Timothy J. Schmoyer, Byron Widger  
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Secretary - Timothy J. Schmoyer

**Committee on Nominations**

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 (2017) Wayne W. Batten, Raymond R. Bertolet, David E. Brandt  
 (2018) Rachel Schmoyer, Keith A. Strunk

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 Chairman - Carl K. Spackman  
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 Secretary - Richard T. Paashaus

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- (2016) Randall A. Grossman, Robert C. Kaatz, Richard G. Matthews, R. Scott Wright  
 (2017) Raymond R. Dotts, Hans R. Waldvogel  
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 Secretary - Hans R. Waldvogel

**Officers of 133rd BFC Conference**

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 Secretary - Ronald L. Kohl

**BFC Elected & Ratified Positions**

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**Directory of Other Committees**

(Self Elected/Appointed & Ratified by Executive Board)

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Secretary - Jay H. Fasnacht

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**Study Committee on Human Sexuality and Marriage**

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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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**Study Committee on Prayer**

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**Directory of Annual Conference Committees**

(Appointed Committees)

**Committee on Agenda & Arrangements for the 133rd BFC Conference**

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

Kevin Kirkpatrick, Chairman; Jason L. Hoy, Mark R. Orton, David J. Peters, Ralph M. Soper, Howard M. Wells.

**Committee to Examine the Minutes of 132nd BFC Conference**

Philip G. Norris, Chairman; Daniel P. Allen, Michael D. Roberts, Richard E. Taylor, Byron Widger.

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(Self-appointed & ratified by Executive Board)

**Church Extension Ministries**

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Treasurer - Robert W. Davies

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LoRusso, David A. Smith, Dana E. Weller  
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Dana Weller – Treasurer

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(Elected by Ministerial Convention)  
(2016) Ralph E. Ritter, David A. Smith  
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(2018) Jason L. Hoy, Allen R. Mickle, Jr.  
Chairman - Ralph E. Ritter  
Secretary - Mark E. Barninger  
Treasurer - Jason L. Hoy  
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
Barnes, Andrew W.	2013	2015	2014
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
Culton, Mark R. II	2013	2015	2013
DelDuco, Steven J.	2007	2009	2011
Dodson, Richard C.	2013	2015	2013
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, Joshua P.	2013	2015	2013
Gibson, Timothy D.	2012	2014	2012
Gonzalez, Miguel A.	2010	2013	2009
Grossman, Randall A.	1981	1983	1990
Gundrum, David E.	1986	1988	2000
Gysi, Andrew T.	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
Kappes, W. Scott	2012	2015	2012
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	2007
Lynskey, Matthew L.	2009	2014	2014
Madara, Ferdie R.	2006	1995	2006
Mahurin, Ronald C.	1960	1959	2001
McNally, Bryan C.	2012	2015	2012
Miller, Alan G.	2003	1981	2007
Miller, Joshua P.	2007	2010	2012
Morrison, Mark L.	1996	1999	2006
Morrison, Thomas H.	2005	2008	2012
Moyer, Duane E.	1998	2001	2014
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	2012
Schlonecker, William G.	1985	1988	1984
Schmoyer, Timothy J.	2004	2007	2009

Schoen, David N.	1982	1987	1987
Sloan, Robert A., Jr.	1988	1986	1988
Smith, David A.	2011	2014	2011
Smith, Ronald B.	2011	2014	2011
Spinney, Dennis W.	1984	1993	2015
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**

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Year of BFC License</b>	<b>Year of Ordination</b>	<b>Year of Present Status</b>
Allen, Daniel P.	1982	1979	2012
Evans, Scott B.	2005	2007	2008
Head, Jim D.	1994	1996	1998
Johnston, Walter M.	1987	1987	1991
Lenahan, Frank E.	2005	2009	2009
LoRusso, John R.	2012	2015	2014
Morrison, Philip E.	1980	1982	1993
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**

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Year of BFC License</b>	<b>Year of Ordination</b>	<b>Year of Present Status</b>
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**

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Year of BFC License</b>	<b>Year of Ordination</b>	<b>Year of Present Status</b>
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**

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Year of BFC License</b>	<b>Year of Ordination</b>	<b>Year of Present Status</b>
Dommel, Albert J.	1982	1984	2014
Ramos, Elliot H.	1998	2001	2013

**Ordained Minister On Leave of Absence**

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Year of BFC License</b>	<b>Year of Ordination</b>	<b>Year of Present Status</b>
Clark, Gerald D.	2002	2006	2015

**Ordained Ministers in Retirement**

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Year of BFC License</b>	<b>Year of Ordination</b>	<b>Year of Present Status</b>
Aukamp, William C.	1985	1988	1986
Baker, Delbert R., II	1976	1979	1975
Barber, Kenneth F.	1985	1971	2006
Batchler, James R., Jr.	1976	1979	2006
Bigley, T. James, Jr.	1962	1966	2002
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
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
Jones, David H.	1978	1983	2015
Manney, David L.	1961	1976	2011
Munyan, Edgar H.	1989	1955	1993
Plows, Keith E.	1966	1968	2000
Reitz, Roger L.	1972	1974	2011
Riggall, John H.	1945	1948	1982
Shelly, Austin G.	1956	1961	1995
Shorb, Thomas P.	1977	1979	2015
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**

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Year of BFC License</b>	<b>Year of Ordination</b>	<b>Year of Present Status</b>
Harding, W. Neil, Jr.	1983	1993	2013
Tannous, Michael J.	2001	2004	2011



**In Memoriam:**  
**Bert N. Brosius**  
**April 20, 1933 – November 4, 2014**

On November 4, 2014, Bert N. Brosius, long time pastor and past director of Pinebrook Bible Conference, was escorted into the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Bert had a long, faithful, and fruitful service for God with the Bible Fellowship Church.



Bert N. Brosius was born April, 20 1933, in Sunbury, the son of Clayton B. and Ethel V. Brosius. As the son of devout church attendees, one of his parent's early gifts was regular attendance at all the services. This gift became a habit, then a choice, a delight, and a practice that would follow Bert throughout his life until hampered by health issues. Bert received his greatest gift when he trusted in Jesus Christ as his Savior at 13 years of age. That gift would carry Bert for life as he would pattern his life after the Giver of spiritual peace and purpose.

After high school, Bert attended Berean Bible School with a desire to please God, but also being mindful of a girl named Joan Stroh. Bert never dated anyone else and he finally convinced Joan of his love for her and her being God's chosen one for him. They were married on June 20, 1954 and would experience 60 years of marriage and serving God together.

After Bert and Joan married in 1954, they went to Bob Jones University where Bert got his bachelor's and master's degrees. During that time period in SC, Bert ministered as a youth pastor in a Baptist Church and prepared for pastoral ministry.

In 1957, Bert became a pastor in the BFC, serving under church extension in Denville NJ; followed by seven years at Leighton, four years at Spring City, 20 years at Quakertown, and – finally – 10 years as Director at Pinebrook Bible Conferencer. He was a PA boy that became a man and a PA pastor for the rest of his life. Bert and Joan were blessed with two sons, Nathan and Joel Brosius, daughter-in-laws, Gabriele and Heather, and four grandchildren.

In addition to his service as a pastor, Bert served on the boards of Pinebrook Bible Conference, Pinebrook Junior College, Bible Fellowship Churches Board of Directors, Church Extension, and Fellowship Manor Homes. Bert seemed to enjoy these various board meetings and duties as much as he enjoyed local church ministry

and conversing with people about Jesus.

Upon retirement in 2000, Bert moved back to his roots in Sunbury and later became part of the pastoral staff at Emmanuel BFC as part-time Associate Pastor. While assisting the pastoral staff at Emmanuel and ministering to the congregation, he also continued to donate a lot of time to Pinebrook Bible Conference.

During the last five years he had many physical challenges but kept serving the Lord and loved to talk about the Lord, his faith in Jesus, and the truth of God's Word. During times of physical affliction, Bert would still spin his stories of God's work in his life, and preach from non-traditional pulpits about God's grace, forgiveness, and redemption, telling others about God's sovereign plan for his life. Physical afflictions gave him the opportunity to live out his faith before a watching world.

God has enriched many of us with the gift of a friend, brother in Christ, and pastor like Bert N. Brosius. May we be as faithful to God, the local church, and the ministries of the BFC as Bert.



**In Memoriam:**  
**J. Barclay Harley, Jr.**  
**February 6, 1928 – March 9, 2015**

The twin diesel houseboat *The Buena Esperanza* (The Good Hope) could be heard for hours as it lumbered up the Orinoco River toward its destination. The sound of the motor allowed plenty of time for the villagers to prepare for a visit from their beloved capitán, Barclay Harley. He and his wife Judy would remain at each destination for several days, encouraging believers before continuing their journey up the river. In this part of Venezuela, boat transportation was the only way to reach many people who made their homes along the river.



As bridges and roads improved over time, multiple stops along the river became less necessary. The advantageous result of these advancements was that Barclay could travel deeper into the Capanaparo, Cinaruco, and Caura rivers, all tributaries of the Orinoco. In these areas, he continued to find villages that were inaccessible by car during most of the year.

Barclay's final phase of ministry was focused on founding and shepherding a church along the Capanaparo. During their time there, Barclay and Judy Harley hosted many short-term mission teams from various BFC churches and from Rubio and Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela. This body of believers continues to flourish today and has maintained regular contact with the Harleys. Also thriving today is Campamento Mizpa, a camp Barclay fashioned after Bible Fellowship Church's Mizpah Grove in Allentown, PA. It is situated on a delightful oasis in the Grand Savana and provides a beautiful setting for churches to meet for fellowship and spiritual renewal.

Barclay was commissioned in 1956 by Salem Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church (now Maple Glen BFC) and was ordained by the BFC in 1960. He faithfully served as a missionary in Venezuela for 45 years, accompanied first by his wife Dorothy (Brobst), who died in 1976, and then for the last 20 years of ministry by his wife Judy. Barclay and Judy retired from active service in 1997.

Surrounded by family and friends from Mexico, Venezuela, and the U.S., Barclay met his Lord on March 9, 2015 at his home in Macungie, PA. He was 87.

## In Memoriam: Edward Moyer

**March 23, 1931 – February 26, 2015**

Edward Moyer grew up across the street from the Lutheran parsonage and, when he was about 10 years old, he found a discarded clerical collar in the pastor's trash. He put it on and instantly knew that he was called to the ministry. He had a long ways to go. For one thing, he did not yet have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Though his parents were regular churchgoers, it was not until Edward was a teenager that he committed his life to Christ through the outreach of the youth group of Grace Bible Fellowship Church in Quakertown.



He began attending evening classes at Philadelphia Bible Institute while he was still in high school, and his call gradually narrowed down to foreign missionary service. In preparation for that, and knowing that his greatest challenge would be his frequent battles with homesickness, Edward went as far from home as possible to pursue his education; first to Grace Bible Institute in Omaha, NB; then to Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta, Canada; and finally to Pacific Bible Institute in Fresno, CA. Along the way, Edward met his future wife, Ruth Jantz, and spent the summers traveling with three of her brothers throughout central Canada and the Midwest as part of an evangelistic team.

In 1951 Rev. Edward and Ruth were married, and a dedication to missionary service was included in their wedding ceremony. Edward viewed his call as a sacred obligation, and in 1957 the Moyers set out for the Belgian Congo via Brussels, Belgium, where they spent 18 months in French language study. Less than two years after their arrival in the Congo, they were forced to flee in the unrest following the granting of independence to that nation. Faced with the impossibility of returning to Africa, they accepted an invitation to join the rapidly-expanding work in Guadeloupe, West Indies. In his 39 years of service there, Edward built a lasting reputation as a humble servant of Jesus Christ and a man of reconciliation. The recurring themes of his preaching and teaching were forgiveness, restoration and following Christ. It is easy to recognize, to this day, the men that he shaped for ministry.

Edward Moyer retired from active missionary service in 1999 and returned to his family homestead in Perkasio, PA 50 years after he had left it. His diaries reveal

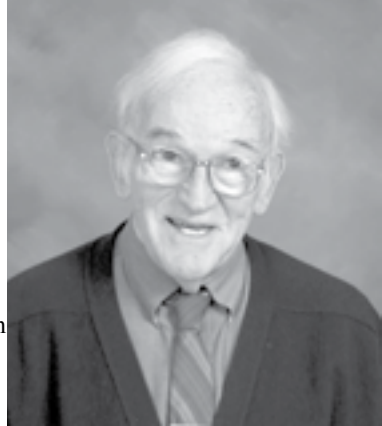
that homesickness had been his frequent companion throughout those years; to his surprise, he continued to feel it even though he now lived in the house where he had grown up. He concluded that, even though he was “home,” he was not Home yet.

He died in his sleep on February 26, 2015, in the same room of the family home where he had been born nearly 85 years earlier. The next morning, his family found Edward’s last message, taken from Psalm 71, on his computer screen; it had been typed sometime during the previous night: “O Lord, You are my refuge. Be to me a protecting rock of safety. You are my rock, my fortress. O Lord, You are my hope. I have trusted You, O Lord, from childhood. Yes, You have been with me from childhood, from my mother’s womb You cared for me. No wonder I am always praising You.”

**In Memoriam:  
D. Thomas Phillips  
July 27, 1936 – July 14, 2014**

D. Thomas Phillips came to the Bible Fellowship Church in 1970. He was a graduate of Philadelphia College of Bible and Reformed Episcopal Seminary. Between these two periods of study, he served in the U. S. Army for two years.

He was married to Marjorie. Tom and Marje were parents of two sons, Eric and Gareth, and a daughter, Susan. Marje preceded him to glory on December 28, 2012. Tom was welcomed into the presence of God on July 14, 2014 at the age of 77.



Tom's first contact with the Bible Fellowship Church came in 1970 when he made application to become a candidate. In 1971, he began to serve in Finesville, NJ, under the direction of the Church Extension Department. For fourteen years he shepherded the congregation there. He was ordained into the gospel ministry in 1976.

In 1992, he came to Red Hill and became part of the effort to begin a church there. God used him to begin this work. Later, he became the assistant serving with several different pastors there. He officially retired in 2003 but, like many with a pastor's heart, retirement was only a word. He continued to serve in whatever capacity he could.

Tom was not one to say much at the annual meetings of the Bible Fellowship Church. While he let others do the talking, when he had something to contribute, he did. He will be remembered for his work with the Board of Fellowship Community.

The comments of those who knew Tom sum him up. He was "a man whose life was his most powerful sermon." "His calm, non-judgmental heart of love toward others enabled him to address even tension packed issues affecting unity with clear truth cutting to the heart of the issues causing love to reign." He will be remembered "as a man of God that loved the Gospel dearly with a childlike faith (and childlike smile!) that finished his race very, very well." "Tom possessed humility, wisdom, and above all kind, Christlike, characteristics that many exhibit on occasion, but by which few can be so totally defined."

## In Memoriam: Robert C. Reichenbach

**September 30, 1914 – September 14, 2014**

Robert Charles Reichenbach, better known as R.C. during his many years of faithful service, died on September 15, 2014, just a couple weeks before his 100th birthday.



While his family had originally come from the Lehigh Valley, R.C. called Chester, PA his home. His spiritual life began in Grace Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church of Chester, when a Gospel Herald named Eugene George shared the gospel and encouraged him to follow the Lord. In 1932, he left to become a minister in what was then known as the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, now the Bible Fellowship Church. His father was not happy with this decision because he might have received a scholarship to go to college, but R.C. believed God had called him to preach.

R.C.'s ministry in the Bible Fellowship Church spanned nine decades. He began his ministry as a Gospel Herald in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, as we were then known. The Gospel Heralds were pastors in training. Their service as Heralds offered a time for them to be disciplined and to prove themselves. Gospel Heralds learned to live with meager resources and were expected to be dedicated to the task of evangelism. New Gospel Heralds like R.C. were teamed with men with experience. At times, they were not sure where or how their next meal would arrive. Because they believed God had called them, they gladly accepted these circumstances and pressed on. As a result of the ministry of the Gospel Heralds, churches were planted and grew.

In 1937, the Annual Conference licensed R.C. as a probationer. He was ordained in 1941. In 1939, he was assigned to the Port Richmond, NY mission, which later became the Staten Island church. He served there until 1946, when he was re-assigned to the church in Terre Hill, PA. In 1955, he was sent to serve Shamokin, PA, where he ministered until 1964, when he was appointed to Harrisburg. R.C. continued in ministry there until 1982, when he officially retired.

Of course, those who knew R.C. knew that he never really retired but continued to serve the BFC and its churches as he was needed or requested. Ultimately, he became part of the Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church 30 years ago, and he continued to serve there.

R.C.'s service included his commitment to denominational leadership. He served diligently on the Board of Foreign Missions. After being elected to the Board in 1970, he was appointed its chairman in 1971 and continued until 1996. Many missionaries spoke with appreciation of his personal interest and support. He was secretary of the pastors' Beneficiary Society from 1968 until 2010. In addition, he served as business manager of *Fellowship News* for a number of years.

He was preceded to glory by his first wife, Alberta, and is survived by his second, Hilda. He was father to sons Bruce and Allan, grandfather to five and great-grandfather to nine.

A word characterizes a man like R.C. – faithfulness. Faithfulness is long distance obedience. There are sprinters and there are long distance runners. RC was a long distance man. His life both challenges and encourages us to think long distance.

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# BFC Conference Proceedings - 2015

## First Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2015, 6:45 P.M.

Conference Moderator Randall A. Grossman called the 132nd BFC Conference to order at 6:45 P.M. The Moderator welcomed the members of conference, introduced the theme, noted an increased emphasis on prayer, and then offered a prayer of adoration, confession of sin and thanksgiving, requesting God's blessings and guidance for the meetings to come. In prayer, he also focused on "the worldwide mission of the gospel," anticipating this year's theme, "Expanding the Church by Focusing on Our Mission(s)."

**Resolved**, that the tables with the green tablecloths constitute the Conference Bar for the 132nd BFC Conference.

### The roll of the 132nd BFC Conference was established as follows:

Allentown, PA	Clifford B. Boone, Ronald C. Erb, Glenn R. Felty, W. Scott Kappes*, Jonathan H. King, Peter J. Everett, Nelson K. Randolph, John E. Schleicher
Bethlehem, PA	Timothy D. Gibson, Richard F. Bickings, Jr., Mark R. Culton*, 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	Daniel R. Wagner (probationer), Albert F. Biddle, Jr.
Carmel, NY	(Vacant), Hans R. Waldvogel
Clinton Corners, NY	Allen R. Mickle Jr. (probationer), Wayne M. Chadwell
Coopersburg, PA	Matthew R. Lynskey, Mark R. Evans, Richard T. Paashaus, David R. Vinson, Michael J. Zettlemoyer
Dauphin, PA	Mark E. Barninger, Harold E. Snyder
Denville, NJ	Richard D. Harris, Guy Warner
Emmaus, PA	David N. Schoen, Joshua D. Edwards, David K. Schlonecker*, Gary E. Karch
Ephrata, PA	Jason L. Hoy, Michael P. Rebman
Finesville, NJ	Byron Widger, Bert R. Roling
Fleetwood, PA	R. Jerome Brush, Beau E. Coffman (probationer), Jeffrey A. Cutler
Graterford, PA	Mark R. Orton, Robert L. Gaugler
Harleysville, PA	Andrew T. Crossgrove, Michael W. Walker*, Glendon R. LeSuer



Harrisburg, PA	Joshua P. Miller, Steven J. DelDuco, William C. Verdon, Richard W. Prensner
Hatfield, PA	Howard N. Wells, Joel B. Klase (probationer), S. Lester Moyer
Hellertown, PA	Keith A. Strunk, John J. Hanner
Howell, NJ	Eric R. North, Alan R. Heinlein
Kutztown, PA	(Vacant), Nickolas T. Timpe
Lagrangeville, NY	Dennis W. Spinney, Charles F. Webb
Lancaster, PA	David A. Thomann, Keith M. Long, Gregory A. Uhrich, Neil J. Franklin, Steven R. Groff, Sr.
Las Cruces, NM	(Vacant), Dan Dunwell
Lebanon, PA	Calvin T. Reed, David E. Brandt, LeRoy S. Heller, Jack S. Herb, Jr.
Lehighton, PA	Robert A. Johnson, II, Charles A. Shearer (probationer), Bruce A. Kellerman
Long Neck, DE	Andrew W. Barnes*
Maple Glen, PA	Louis Prontnicki, Keith R. Howland
Merida, MEXICO	Marcos G. Ramirez, Edgar Navarro
Mt. Carmel, PA	Philip G. Norris, Bryan L. Snyder
Mt. Pocono, PA	(Vacant), Ronald E. Miller
Nazareth, PA	Carl J. Fischer, Jr., Henry U. Sandt
Newark, DE	William G. Schlonecker, Richard C. Dodson*, Robert C. Kaatz, Kenneth J. Klein
Newark, NJ	(Vacant), Thomas J. Boose, Jr.
Old Bridge, NJ	Thomas H. Morrison, Herbert Mitchell
Oley, PA	(Vacant), Jeff Keller
Paradise, PA	David J. Peters, Bruce H. Zurbrick
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 R. Arcieri, William E. Blair

Royersford, PA	Andrew T. Gysi, Michael Gangwer
Shamokin, PA	Ferdie R. Madara, Russell Burd
Sinking Spring, PA	Robert A. Sloan, Jr., Stanley P. Lauterback, Ronald Higley, Thomas Maurer, Donald McKinney
Spring City, PA	Kevin W. Clineff, Douglas Wynne
Steelton, PA	David A. Smith, Edwin B. Suthers
Stroudsburg, PA	Davis E. Duggins, Robert D. Carroll
Sunbury, PA	Charles E. Cole, Joshua P. Gibson*, 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, Scott B. Simmons
Whitehall, PA	Timothy J. Schmoyer, 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 (probationer), John Maricle
York, PA	Timothy J. Bertolet
Zionsville, PA	Bryan C. McNally*, Kevin D. Derr

### **Ordained Ministers Serving Bible Fellowship Ministries**

David T. Allen, BFC Executive Director; Raymond R. Bertolet, Church Extension; Joshua A. Dupiche (probationer), Church Extension; Miguel Gonzalez, Church Extension; David E. Gundrum, Church Extension; Donald E. Kuntzman, Board of Missions; Ronald C. Mahurin, Conference Pastor; Mark L. Morrison, Church Extension; Duane E. Moyer, Board of Missions; Carlos G. Rodriguez, Church Extension; Ronald B. Smith, Church Extension; Aaron J. Susek, Church Extension; R. Scott Wright, Church Extension; Timothy M. Zuck, Church Extension

### **Ordained Missionaries**

Daniel P. Allen, William C. Aukamp, Scott B. Evans, James D. Head, Walter M. Johnston, Frank E. Lenahan, John R. LoRusso,\* Philip E. Morrison, 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**

Kenneth J. Hurst, Richard A. Moyer, Jeffrey L. Ruhl, Jacob J. Susek, Jr.

### **Ordained Ministers in Retirement**

Delbert R. Baker, Kenneth F. Barber, James R. Batchler, Jr., T. James Bigley, Jr., 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, Keith E. Plows, Roger L. Reitz, John H. Riggall, Austin G. Shelley, Thomas P. Shorb, Gene W. Smith, Ralph M. Soper, Carl K. Spackman, Dean A. Stortz, John C. Vandegriff, Jr., Alan R. Vivona, David J. Watkins, David R. Way, Harold C. Weaber, Dana E. Weller, Daniel G. Ziegler, Paul G. Zimmerman

**Ordained Ministers Between Calls**

Albert J. Dommel

**Additional Lay Members of BFC Executive Board**

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

\* pending approval of ordination.

Report of the Committee on Agenda and Arrangements: (page 44)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted and that the agenda for the 132nd Conference be accepted as the guide for the deliberations of the 132nd BFC Conference.

**Resolved**, that the 133rd BFC Conference be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference, April 25-27, 2016.

**Resolved**, that committee reports for the 133rd BFC Conference be sent in digital format to the BFC Executive Board by February 15, 2016. <bfcexecbrd@aol.com>

Conference Host Nathan B. Brosius, Director of Operations at Pinebrook Bible Conference, welcomed the pastors and delegates to the 132nd BFC Conference.

Duane E. Moyer, Director of the Bible Fellowship Church's Board of Missions, greeted Conference and welcomed visiting missionaries, who were then given an opportunity to briefly introduce themselves and share their respective areas of ministry.

The following were introduced to BFC Conference: Sam & Melissa Adams, Dan Allen, Larry & Nancy Allen, Bill Aukamp, Lisa Barnshaw, Scott Evans, Ondrej & Milina Franka, Frank & Sandy Lenehan, John LoRusso, Chris & Beckie Merrick, Nelson Randolph, Norm & Amanda Reynolds, John & Laura Studenroth.

Unable to attend due to circumstances, but expressing their greetings through Duane Moyer, were Bill & Lois Early, Tom & Becky Pollock, and Walt & Sue Johnston.

Vice Moderator Clifford B. Boone, who led Conference in concerted times of prayer, used Psalm 145 to introduce times of corporate and small-group prayer. “I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.” (Psalm 145:1-3)

Musical worship was led by Mark R. Evans, Jeremy Harkins and Aaron Susek as Conference sang “Worthy, You are Worthy,” “Come, Thou Almighty King,” “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior” and “Cornerstone.”

Keynote speaker Dr. Mark Young, President of Denver Seminary, addressed the subject “The Biblical Mandate of Focusing on Missions.” Young, who describes himself as “a missionary trapped in a President’s office,” said, “If you cut me, I bleed mission.”

Dr. Young quoted Emil Brunner: “Where there is no mission there is no church. Where there is no mission and no church, there is no faith.” Using his own words, he added, “Fundamentally, we the people of God are the people of God’s mission.”

The object of Dr. Young’s opening message was the answering of three questions: Who are we? Why are we who we are? When are we who we are?

Drawing Conference’s attention to 1 Peter 2:9-10, he noted similarities between that passage (God’s people as “a royal priesthood”) and Exodus 19 (God’s people as “a kingdom of priests”) as the charter that will describe Israel as “a nation among the nations.” Dr. Young began to trace Israel’s history through Abram/Abraham as God told him to leave his people, his country, his security and his gods. God’s commands to Abraham: (1) “Get up and go;” (2) “Be a blessing.”

In support of that, God provides three promises to provide for Abraham, contingent upon the latter’s obedience: (1) God will make him into a great nation; (2) God will bless him; and (3) God will make his name great.

God’s people are to be “a display-case nation,” a treasured possession – treasured by God more than anything else – which displays the greatness of the One who owns all things. We are called to mediate the very presence of God to all the world. This is who we are.

Why we are who we are is found in 1 Peter 2:9 – “...that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” “We, the people of God, are brought into existence so that this glorious God will be known,” Dr. Young said.

First Peter 2:12 says we are to display God’s excellencies “among the Gentiles” – among those who could just as easily be called infidels or pagans: unbelievers, in other words. We are to create a wholly God-honoring life, one that is worthy of being “a holy nation.” As we live good lives and do our best to mirror the character of God and reflect His holiness, we will be accused of doing wrong (1 Peter 2:12). But when we are accused of doing wrong, others “may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”

Dr. Young says there are many in our congregations who are asking questions like, “Is it worth it to be the people of God?” “Is it worth it to be accused of doing wrong?” But it is worth it, “because the One who has created us and is shaping us, who is the object of our hearts and the person we adore most is excellent in every way,” Dr. Young said. “He is worth it. He is worthy of our lives and our praise.”

Who are we? We are the people of God, created at His initiative and given the privilege of mediating Him to the world around us. We don’t exist to have success. We exist to declare the praises of Him who has created us.

“Mission is not an appendage to the church,” he concluded. “Mission is, in fact, the identity of the church.”

Clifford B. Boone closed the first session in prayer at 8:30 P.M. A reception followed in Pinebrook’s Dining Hall.



Vice Moderator Clifford B. Boone leading in prayer and worship

## Second meeting Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

Timothy S. Cowen opened the morning session of Conference by reading Psalm 121 and then praying. Musical worship, led by Mark R. Evans, Jim Arcieri, Jeremy Harkins and Aaron Susek, featured the songs “Come, Christians, Join to Sing,” “Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)” and “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.”

Dr. Mark Young presented his second address: “The Biblical Mandate of Focusing on Our Mission.” He introduced the topic with this statement: “Mission is, in fact, the rationale for all that we do as the people of God.”

The speaker sought to answer the final question he asked on Monday night: When are we who we are? Turning Conference’s attention to Acts 1, he began to talk about the kingdom of God in relation to Jesus’ disciples, describing the kingdom as “that time when everything that’s wrong will be made right, when everything that is broken will be made whole, and when everything that is ugly will be made beautiful – because God reigns.”

During the 40 days Jesus spent with his disciples after the Resurrection, He talked with them about the kingdom of God. His disciples wondered, “Is now the time of the kingdom?” Acts 1:6 records their question: “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

Jesus’ answer focused on their witness and essentially gives us, His followers, our marching orders: “It is time for the people of God, empowered by the Spirit of God, to testify to the Son of God and to fulfill the mission of God throughout all the earth.”

Now that we know what time it is, Dr. Young noted, we also know what we are called to do – to fulfill the mission of God. The truth of the gospel and the truth of Jesus’ return is the motivating force for our mission.

The Secretary of the 132nd BFC Conference, Ronald L. Kohl, made the following appointments: David E. Brandt, Assistant Secretary; Donald E. Kuntzman and Timothy J. Schmoyer, Assistants to the Secretary.

**The Moderator appointed the following:**

**Tellers:** LeRoy S. Heller, Chairman; Andrew T. Gysi, Jason L. Hoy, Jonathan H. King, Ferdie R. Madara, Mark R. Orton, David J. Peters, Timothy M. Zuck

**Resolutions:** Steven J. DelDuco, Chairman; Mark A. Bickel, Joshua P. Miller

**Examination of BFC Conference Minutes (132nd):** Philip G. Norris, Chairman; Daniel P. Allen, Michael D. Roberts, Richard E. Taylor, Byron Widger

**Parliamentarian:** Timothy J. Bertolet

**Timekeeper:** Mark L. Morrison

**Resolved,** that the appointments be ratified.

The following new members of BFC Conference were introduced:

Jeffrey Cutler, Faith BFC, Fleetwood, PA; Edgar Navarro, La Roca, Merida, Mexico; John Maricle, New Beginnings BFC, Woodbury Heights, NJ; Michael Rebman, Ephrata BFC, Ephrata, PA; Thomas Maurer, Calvary BFC, Sinking Spring, PA; Daniel Wagner, Camden BFC, Wyoming, DE; Ethan Hester, Grace BFC, Las Cruces, NM; Ezekiel Mack, Kutztown BFC, Kutztown, PA; Allen Mickle, Jr., Cornerstone BFC, Clinton Corners, NY; Nickolas Timpe, Kutztown BFC, Kutztown, PA.

**Report of the Nominating Committee.**

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

The following were elected:

**BFC Executive Board:**

Robert A. Sloan (elected to a term as Executive Board President)

Robert T. Evans (3 years)

Hans R. Waldvogel (3 years)

**Credentials Committee:**

Ralph M. Soper (3 years)

**Ministerial Candidate Committee:**

Andrew T. Crossgrove (3 years)

David E. Gundrum (3 years)

**Committee on Nominations:**

Rachel Schmoyer (3 years)

**Conference Judiciary:**

Thomas P. Shorb (3 years)

Dean A. Stortz (3 years)

Ronald W. Reed (3 years)

L. James Roberts, Jr. (3 years)

**Appellate Judiciary:**

John C. Studenroth (3 years)

Charles A. Lavigna (3 years)

**Ministerial Relations Committee:**

Robert Vaughn (3 years)

**Officers for BFC Conference**

**Moderator of 133rd BFC Conference**

Randall A. Grossman (1 year)

**Vice moderator of 133rd BFC Conference**

Clifford B. Boone (1 year)

**Secretary of 133rd BFC Conference**

Ronald L. Kohl (1 year)

David E. Brandt prayed for the upcoming elections.

Report of the Executive Board: (page 47)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

BFC Executive Director David T. Allen thanked Randall A. Grossman for his steadfast service as Executive Board President. Brother Grossman is stepping down from his position as President. Conference gave him a rousing applause.

In a time of increasing persecution, Conference was urged to pray for those whose lives are being cut short for the testimony for Jesus Christ. Col. David H. Jones led Conference in prayer for believers whose lives are in jeopardy.

The Executive Director provided a synopsis of some important events that took place over the past year, including a rebuilding of our York BFC, which has benefited from the ministry of pastors Ralph M. Soper and Timothy J. Bertolet. He briefly discussed the changes in how churches and pastors do ministry due to issues raised by the Affordable Care Act. He then discussed the need for pastors and elder boards to work together on succession and retirement plans for the pastors.

Jay H. Fasnacht presented both a revised budget for 2015 and a proposed budget for 2016.

**Resolved**, that the 2015 revised Executive Board budget be adopted by the 132nd BFC Conference. (page 60)

**Resolved**, that an assessment rate of two (2.0) percent be adopted by the 132nd BFC Conference for 2016 (based on assessable receipts for 2014). (page 61)



**Resolved.** that the 2016 proposed Executive Board budget be adopted by the 132nd BFC Conference. (page 61)

**Pension Fund**

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 2016 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.”

The Executive Director provided a brief review of Pinebrook Bible Conference’s recent history, especially as it pertains to finances. He provided details of facility improvements that have taken place at Pinebrook since Nathan B. Brosius became Director of Operations. Newly-elected Executive Board President Robert A. Sloan conducted an informal discussion about the value of Pinebrook Bible Conference to the Bible Fellowship Church and how Pinebrook fits into the BFC’s future.

Report of Board of Missions: (page 64)

Duane E. Moyer, addressing Conference for the first time in his capacity as Director of the BFC Board of Missions, spoke about the need for a refreshed vision for missions in the Bible Fellowship Church. He talked about the BFC’s new focus: “The collective activities of our churches that are outwardly focused, aimed at (1) proclaiming Christ to those who have the least opportunity to know Him; (2) leading them to follow Him wholeheartedly in community with other believers; (3) and equipping them to propagate the gospel by making disciples themselves.”

Brother Moyer introduced missionary Walt Johnston, who was unable to attend Conference on Monday night – he touched upon the many internationals, including large numbers of students, who live in our respective communities. Cited with thanksgiving for their faithful ministries were retiring missionaries Bill Aukamp and Dana Weller (former Director of the Board of Missions); the homegoings of longtime missionaries Bill Campbell (widow Holly), Ed Moyer (widow Ruth) and Barclay Harley (widow Judy) were also noted.

Ralph M. Soper prayed for the work of missions in the Bible Fellowship Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 P.M.



BFC Conference Moderator, Randell A. Grossman



Keynote speaker Dr. Mark Young, President of Denver Seminary

## Third meeting

### Tuesday Afternoon, April 28, 2014, 1:30 P.M.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Joshua P. Miller, Secretary of the Study Committee on Human Sexuality & Marriage, opened in prayer prior to introducing Michael Geer, President of the Pennsylvania Family Institute, and Randall L. Wenger, the PA Family Institute's Chief Counsel. The PA Family Institute exists "to strengthen families by restoring to public life the traditional, foundational principles and values essential for the well-being of society."

Geer and Wenger discussed many aspects of law and where law appears to be headed in connection with same-sex marriage, gender issues and our faith as Christians. They noted several instances of prosecution and interrogation of those who believe strongly in religious freedom and traditional biblical teaching. They also provided the following suggestions that will help protect churches:

- Are you opening up yourself/your church against charges of same-sex discrimination when you rent out your church facilities?
- Have a good facilities usage policy in place for your church.
- "Gender Identity and Sexual Expression" – the real issue should be that privacy matters to all of us.
- Employment law limits your ability to choose who you hire in several categories, but there is a ministerial exception. It is important for churches to develop a legal definition of what a minister is. Churches need well thought-out job descriptions.
- It is imperative for churches to have written discipline policies.
- We need to be positive in stating our positions, for it is Christians who are truly tolerant.

The Moderator prayed for the ministry of the PA Family Institute and for the issues raised during the previous hour.

Report of Church Extension Ministries: (page 73)

David E. Gundrum thanked our churches, not just for their financial support, but for their increasing desire to support kingdom work, which encompasses evangelism and evangelistic church planting. He discussed the fact that several established churches that are great distances from our general BFC "nucleus" have indicated interest in joining the Bible Fellowship Church and spoke of means by which existing churches can connect with these prospective BFC churches.

Richard E. Taylor prayed for the work of Church Extension Ministries.

Report of Pinebrook Bible Conference: (page 85)

Charles E. Cole, Chairman of the Pinebrook Board, talked about Pinebrook's summer ministry plans and asked pastors and delegates to advertise the ministry of Pinebrook Bible Conference in their respective churches. "We've had our challenges," he admitted. "There are challenges in any ministry like Pinebrook, because Satan doesn't like any ministry like Pinebrook... which is passionate about the Word of God." He asked for prayer for the ministry and for its summer servants.

Hans R. Waldvogel led Conference in prayer for Pinebrook Bible Conference and its ministry.

Report of Victory Valley Camp: (page 86)

Camp Director Douglas J. Manwiller spoke about Victory Valley's ministry, which is entering its 60th summer season. He rejoiced in what the Lord has done in the past and spoke with anticipation about the future. "We're very excited," Manwiller said, unveiling plans for a potential new dining hall.

"We are very deliberate about what we do at Victory Valley Camp," he said after reading a letter from one of the representatives of Merida, Mexico, who was able to spend time on-site during 2014 summer camp and came away encouraged to begin a similar ministry at home.

Victory Valley Camp Board Chairman Timothy J. Schmoyer prayed for the Valley's ministry, its staff and for the upcoming summer season.

Report of the Ministerial Credentials Committee: (page 100)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Whereas**, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended ordination for Mark R. Culton II, Joshua P. Gibson, W. Scott Kappes, John R. LoRusso, Bryan C. McNally and Michael W. Walker for ordination, and has recommended Andrew W. Barnes and Richard C. Dodson 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 Mark R. Culton II, Joshua P. Gibson, W. Scott Kappes, John R. LoRusso, Bryan C. McNally and Michael W. Walker be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church, and further

**Resolved**, that Andrew W. Barnes and Richard C. Dodson be recommended for recognition of previous ordination.

**Resolved**, that an Ordination Service be held at the 132nd BFC Conference.

**Resolved**, that Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church of Bethlehem, PA; Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church of Sunbury, PA; Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church of Allentown, PA; the Bible Fellowship Church of Zionsville, Zionsville, PA; and Faith Bible Fellowship Church of Harleysville, PA be encouraged to have a service in recognition of the ordinations of Mark R. Culton II, Joshua P. Gibson, W. Scott Kappes, John R. LoRusso, Bryan C. McNally and Michael W. Walker, respectively, and that New Life Bible Fellowship Church of Long Neck, DE and the Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, DE be encouraged to have a service in recognition of previous ordination for Andrew W. Barnes and Richard C. Dodson, respectively, and that they be encouraged to invite the Ministerial Credentials Committee to send representation to be present at the service.

Report of the Study Committee on Human Sexuality: (page 124)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

Legislation to be considered at First Reading

**Whereas**, the Study Committee on Human Sexuality 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**, our current Biblical Principles for Living (BPL) do not contain a statement on the biblical standard of sexual holiness, be it

**Resolved**, that Article 103-3 "Sexual Holiness" be included in the Bible Fellowship Church Biblical Principles for Living, and the subsequent BPLs be renumbered accordingly.

### 103-3 Sexual Holiness

103-3.1 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.<sup>1</sup> 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.

103-3.2 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 the unity of the Godhead and God's covenantal relationship with His people.<sup>2</sup> In addition, sexual union was given for the procreation of children and for the mutual enjoyment of husband and wife.<sup>3</sup>

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.<sup>4</sup> The first marriage, and thus the first sexual act, was a recognition, expression, and celebration of this complementary distinction. God designed sexual union such that two complementary sexual halves, one man and one woman, come together and 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.<sup>5</sup> The participation in, or promotion of, any sexual act other than this “one flesh” union, within the marriage covenant,<sup>6</sup> or the willful neglect of this sexual union is a sinful disregard of its intended purpose and fails to glorify God in our bodies.<sup>7</sup>

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.<sup>8</sup> God is dishonored when His design for sexual union is disregarded and perverted, and He will not allow this perversion to go unpunished.<sup>9</sup> In addition, sexual expression outside the biblical standard corrupts the ideal in human relationships and prevents human flourishing.<sup>10</sup>

103-3.3 There is hope in Jesus Christ for the sexual sinner, not only for forgiveness but also for the transformation and redirection of life.<sup>11</sup> The battle against improper sexual desires may persist until our weak and fallen bodies are raised anew with Christ, but the present resurrection power of the indwelling Holy Spirit enables the repentant sinner to overcome the controlling influences of sinful fleshly impulses.<sup>12</sup> 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.<sup>13</sup>

103-3.4 We are to approach all sin, including sexual sin in the Church, with humility and sacrificial resolve.<sup>14</sup> We need to recognize and convey that we are all fallen creatures<sup>15</sup> whose present joy and hope lies in 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.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 1:27, 2:24; 1 Cor. 6:19-20.

<sup>2</sup> Gen. 2:24; Mark 10:6-9 (cf. Deut. 6:4); Mal. 2:14-15; 1 Cor. 6:14-19; Eph. 5:30-32.

<sup>3</sup> Gen 1:27-28; Song of Solomon 7:6.

<sup>4</sup> Gen 1:27.

<sup>5</sup> Gen. 2:24; Mal. 2:14; Matt. 19:4; Mk. 10:7-8; 1 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 5:31.

<sup>6</sup> Mal. 2:14.

<sup>7</sup> 1 Cor 6:20, 7:2-5.

<sup>8</sup> Gen. 2:24; 1 Cor. 7:1-5; 1 Cor. 6:9-11, 13, 18-20; Eph. 5:30-32; Heb. 13:4.

<sup>9</sup> Lev. 18:1-30; Ex. 20:14; Matt. 5:28; Rom. 1:25-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Eph. 5:3; Col. 3:5-6; 1 Thess. 4:3-8; 1 Tim. 1:10; Heb. 13:4; Jude 7; Rev. 21:8, 22:15.

<sup>10</sup> Gen. 19:30–38; 2 Sam. 11:3–12:23; Ps. 51; 2 Sam. 13; Matt. 14:1–12; Mk. 6:14-29.

<sup>11</sup> 1 Cor.6:11.

<sup>12</sup> Gal. 5:16-25; Titus 2:11-14.

<sup>13</sup> Rom 8:1-2.

<sup>14</sup> Gal. 6:1.

<sup>15</sup> Rom. 3:9, 23; Prov. 20:9.

<sup>16</sup> Matt. 18:15-17.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 165; No - 2.

**Whereas**, Article 154, “Homosexuality,” isolates and elevates only one perversion of the biblical standard of sexual holiness, be it

**Resolved**, that Article 154, “Homosexuality,” be replaced with Article 154, “Sexual Immorality.”

Article 154 – Sexual Immorality (rewrite)

154-1 God’s Word declares that the expression of sexual relations is authorized only in the union of male and female within the bond of marriage.<sup>1</sup> Any sexual act outside this biblical standard is sinful in God’s sight.

154-2 The Bible teaches that activities such as adultery, bestiality, fornication, homosexuality (i.e. indulging in a lust for or engaging in a sexual act with a member of the same sex), incest, polygamy and sexual lust are perversions of God’s created order.<sup>2</sup>

154-3 It is a violation of the Word of God to admit into church membership or office any unrepentant man or woman engaged in sexual immorality because such unrepentance invalidates a Christian profession of faith.<sup>3</sup> When a church member yields to sexual immorality, the Bible requires that fellow believers use the means of church discipline in order to urge the individual to repent and be restored.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Gen.2:24.

<sup>2</sup> Ex. 20:14,17; Lev. 18:6-23, 20:13; Matt. 19:4-6; Rom. 1:25-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-10, 7:3-5,9; Heb. 13:4; Rom. 13:13-14, Matt. 5:27-28.

<sup>3</sup> 1 Cor. 6:9-10.

<sup>4</sup> Matt.18:15-17.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 148; No - 1.



The following were elected:

**BFC Executive Board:**

William G. Schlonecker (3 years)

**Committee on Nominations:**

Keith A. Strunk (3 years)

**Ministerial Relations Committee:**

William G. Schlonecker (3 years)

**Resolved,** that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. as David A. Thomann closed in prayer.

## **Fourth meeting Tuesday Evening, April 28, 2014, 6:30 P.M.**

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Clifford B. Boone turned Conference's attention to Psalm 66. He then led Conference in a time of concerted prayer that included petitions for our nation's leaders, for those who were about to be ordained as pastors, and for assistance from God in areas of weakness and sin.

Times of prayer were interspersed with the singing of "Glorify Thy Name," "O Great God," "Spirit of the Living God" and the chorus to "The Solid Rock."

Immediately upon the conclusion of this time of prayer, pastors, delegates and guests reconvened for a service of ordination that saw eight men ordained to the gospel ministry. Newly-ordained men included Mark R. Culton II, Joshua P. Gibson, W. Scott Kappes, John R. LoRusso, Bryan C. McNally and Michael W. Walker. Andrew W. Barnes and Richard C. Dodson had their previous ordinations recognized.

After the ordination service, each pastor and his family was greeted by the other pastors, and a time of celebration followed with fellowship and food.

## Fifth meeting

### Wednesday Morning, April 29, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Andrew W. Barnes opened in prayer, especially remembering Church Extension Aquila and Priscilla team members Harry & Sandra Workman as Sandra is being treated for cancer.

Timothy C. Cowen read Psalm 122 and prayed before Conference entered into musical worship that included the singing of “O, How Good It Is,” “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” and “Rejoice, the Lord is King.”

Duane E. Moyer, who shared that he has 52 years of missionary service in Guadeloupe, both as a child of missionaries and as a missionary himself, spoke on the subject of “A Renewed Focus on Missions.” He introduced the Latin term *missio Dei* – the mission of God – which is intended “to help us to set aside these clichés [missions, for example, defined by Rudyard Kipling’s term “the white man’s burden”] as we talk about God’s mission in the world He has created.” *Missio Dei*, Moyer said, may be paraphrased as “God fetches.”

*Missio* is not something the church does, but something that God does because of who He is and what He does – God acting to “fetch people back.” In John’s gospel, Jesus uses the term “sent” 40 times to describe what Jesus was called by God the Father to do.

In turn, John 20:21 tells us that our Lord entrusted the *missio* of the Father to others: “As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.” The church, Moyer said, is “the servant of the *missio*.” The whole church is sent – not just a part of the church.

Moyer engaged Conference in the meanings of biblical terms that have been translated as the word “church.” He noted how drastically the meaning of the word *ekklesia* has changed from an original intention of being outside: a called-out gathering for the purpose of sharing *missio Dei*. The church, he said, bears little resemblance to that original meaning. “Everything that is important to them [the church] is done behind closed doors in what we call our sanctuary – the Lord’s house. Does this sound like *ekklesia*?”

Concerning the Great Commission in Matthew 28, Moyer noted that most of the terms in the passage are participles, not verbs, and therefore not commands. The only command in the passage, he added, is that of “make disciples.” The emphasis is not on going far away, but on what we do as we go – we invite people to follow Jesus as His disciples, just as those to whom Jesus originally gave the Great Commission were invited to go outdoors to invite people to follow the Lord. Missions, then, is about meeting people where they are, just as Jesus did.

Report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee: (page 98)

**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:

Jeremy Field, Royersford, PA; Stephen Morton, Newark, DE; Jules Hull, Sunbury, PA; Allen R. Mickle, Jr., Clinton Corners, NY; Timothy Nessler, Wenonah, NJ; Aaron D. Smith, Walnutport, PA; Marc Sweet, Howell, NJ; Alexandro Ordonez, Merida, Mexico; Joel B. Klase, Hatfield, PA; Ethan Hester, Las Cruces, NM; Stephen A. Diaz, Allentown, PA; Charles A. Shearer, Lehighton, PA; R. Daniel Wagner, Wyoming, DE; William C. Verdon II, Harrisburg, PA; Ezekiel Mack, Kutztown, PA; Freddy Chi, Merida, Mexico; Timothy S. Hogan, Reading, PA; Ben Martin, Doylestown, PA; R. Edward Snyder-Ritter, Brooklyn, NY; James MacArthur, Oley, PA; and Ronnie Burgess, Maplewood, NJ.

Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee: (page 111)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Conference Pastor: (page 90)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

Ronald C. Mahurin asked Conference to remember Delbert R. Baker II and Alan R. Vivona, who are experiencing serious health issues. Prayers were offered by various members of Conference in memory of (and for the families of) our late brothers and faithful servants Joshua M. Allen, Bert N. Brosius, D. Thomas Phillips and R.C. Reichenbach, who was called home to glory just 15 days before his 100th birthday.

Report of the Church Health Committee: (page 114)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

Richard T. Paashauss introduced a video focusing on the ministry and needs of our Hope-Philadelphia church and Pastor Justin L. Hunter.

Report of the Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church: (page 83)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

David E. Gundrum spoke about the Committee's ongoing work and the targeting of different people groups within our respective communities.

Legislation to be considered at Second Reading:

Ministerial Relations Committee – Duties

**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.”

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 185; No - 2.

Proposed Revision to the Faith & 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. Those who are allowed to hold reservations must teach in accordance with the Articles of Faith. Ministers must endeavor to follow the Rules of Order.”

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 160; No - 28.

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 appeal 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.”

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 185; No - 1.

Revision of the Categories of Ordained Men: 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. A written request can be submitted each year for an extension which will be reviewed and may be granted 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 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 READING]

Yes – 179; No - 9.

Revision of the Categories of Ordained Men: 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 that many ordained 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.

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 187; No - 1.

Revision of the Categories of Ordained Men: Ordained Ministers in Retirement

**Whereas**, there have been some retired ordained men who have moved some distance

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.

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 183; No - 4.

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.

[SECOND READING]

Yes -185; No -2.

#### Ministerial Credentials Committee - Duties

**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 the Conference Judicatory. The accused party shall have the right of appeal to the Conference Judicatory. If appeal is made to the Conference Judicatory by the accused minister, his name shall remain on the Eligibility List until the Conference Judicatory has passed judgment on the case.

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 183; No - 5.

The following was elected:

#### **BFC Executive Board:**

Randall A. Grossman (2 years)

David L. Manney closed the session in prayer at 12:40 P.M.



Michael Greer (R) and Randy Wagner (L) of the Pennsylvania Family Institute



Pinebrook Bible Conference Board Chairman Charles E. Cole

## Sixth meeting

### Wednesday afternoon, April 29, 2015, 1:30 P.M.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. The singing of “He is Exalted,” “As the Deer,” “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” and “O Church Arise” helped focus Conference in a time of prayer as pastors and delegates read Psalm 63 and meditated on the truths found there.

Report of the Study Committee on Immigration: (page 121)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Whereas**, Bible Fellowship Churches exist in varying geopolitical situations, and

**Whereas**, in the United States, where the majority of our churches are, there is great flux and redefinition of illegal/undocumented workers, and

**Whereas**, our greatest allegiance is to be to the Kingdom of God and the furtherance of its work and not to a political entity, and

**Whereas**, the relocation of those without the gospel to proximity to biblically-based churches provides great opportunities for Gospel outreach, be it

**Resolved**, that we add the attached article to the BFC Biblical Principles for Living (BPLs).

#### 150 – Declarations on Particular Issues

##### Article 156 – Immigration

156-1 – God has a special love and compassion for the alien—whether an immigrant, stranger, or outsider in our midst.<sup>1</sup> He created all human beings in His image, and therefore all people from all cultural backgrounds are dignified.<sup>2</sup> Mary, Joseph, and Jesus as a child escaped into Egypt, per God’s instructions.<sup>3</sup> Our Savior understands the plight of refugees, who leave hostile conditions.

156-2 – Jesus equated welcoming a stranger with welcoming Him. He gave special attention to people who were not accepted<sup>4</sup> and spent time with those on the fringes of society. His mission included bringing good news to the captives, broken-hearted, and oppressed.<sup>5</sup> The New Testament writers challenge the church to break down barriers of hostility and to recognize that we too are strangers and aliens.<sup>6</sup>

156-3 – People migrate for many reasons, including economics, armed conflicts, and family needs. Such migration provides gospel opportunities which might not otherwise exist. The church should seek ways to reach the alien with the good news of Christ and disciple the new believer in a way that will honor the Lord and obey the laws of government.<sup>7</sup>

156-4 – Christians are to obey the laws of government<sup>8</sup> except in cases where a regulation is in conflict with the law of God.<sup>9</sup> In faithfulness to God, Christians should stand against injustice and be a voice for the oppressed. Circumstances vary from country to country; however, a believer should attempt to follow the legal process in order to remain in the country. Christian employers who have found an employee to be an illegal immigrant should make every effort to comply with the law<sup>10</sup> while seeking ways to minister to the employee in accordance with our Gospel mission.

156-5 – The church must understand the priority of its heavenly citizenship.<sup>11</sup> The church must not allow political issues to surpass her mission of gospel-centered ministry.<sup>12</sup> Pastors and church leaders should give biblical counsel to those illegally residing in a country, proclaim the truth, and pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the believer's life.<sup>13</sup> The church should assist believers seeking legal status.

156-6 - Not all are aliens of their own volition. They are victims of human trafficking and slavery, unwillingly working in situations as diverse as the commercial sex trade and child labor. They are found in places as varied as restaurants, factories, brothels, laundries, and sweatshops. The church needs to stand against this evil by praying and advocating for such victims. The church should be ready to minister to them.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Lev. 19:9-10, 24:19-22; Deut. 10:17-19, 14:28-29, 24:17, 26:12-13

<sup>2</sup> Gen. 1:26-27; I Cor. 11:7; Jas. 3:9

<sup>3</sup> Matt. 2:13-18

<sup>4</sup> Matt. 25:31-46; Lk. 17:11-19, 19:1-10

<sup>5</sup> Isa. 61:1; Mk. 7:24-30; Lk. 4:18-20

<sup>6</sup> Acts 10:28; Eph. 2:11-22

<sup>7</sup> Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Heb. 13:1-2

<sup>8</sup> Rom. 13:1; Tit. 3:1

<sup>9</sup> Acts 5:29

<sup>10</sup> I Pet. 2:13-20

<sup>11</sup> Phil. 3:20; Tit. 2:14

<sup>12</sup> I Cor. 2:2

<sup>13</sup> Heb. 4:12; I Pet. 5:1-2

<sup>14</sup> Philemon 16

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 136; No - 11.

Carlos Rodriguez prayed for wisdom for the Bible Fellowship Church as we deal with those who come, as immigrants, into our country and into our churches.

Report of the Study Committee on Domestic Abuse as a Biblical Ground for Divorce: (page 138)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

After much discussion, the committee's proposed revision to Article 103-5.1 of the Biblical Principles for Living, which was initially intended to come to a vote at first reading, was instead referred back to committee for further study.

David E. Gundrum led Conference in prayer, asking God to provide pastors with wisdom as they counsel their people in difficult situations. He prayed that God would protect victims of abuse and asked that the Lord would grant wisdom to this committee as it continues its work.

Consideration of a petition from Paradise Bible Fellowship Church, Paradise, PA.

**Whereas**, our God desires fellowship with and communication from His chosen people, and

**Whereas**, Scripture emphasizes this fellowship and communication through the realm of prayer and

**Whereas**, God himself teaches His people how to pray, and

**Whereas**, the Bible Fellowship Church rightfully puts a great deal of emphasis on prayer, and

**Whereas**, we believe prayer is essential in our dependence on God and trusting Him for guidance to do His will, and

**Whereas**, there are different views in the world on what is prayer and who we pray to, and

**Whereas**, our Biblical Principles for Living (BPL) state, "The BFC acknowledges the Scriptures as the supreme and final authority of faith and conduct and the Holy Spirit as the source of power and guidance for the believer, and

**Whereas**, we do not have a statement in our Articles of Faith or in our BPLs on prayer, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that Paradise Bible Fellowship Church petitions the 132nd BFC Conference to appoint a study committee to develop an article on prayer for inclusion in the Faith and Order, and further

**Resolved**, that the study committee report to the 133rd BFC Conference.

**Resolved**, that the petition was received.

The Moderator was directed to appoint a committee of five men to prepare a response to the petition from Paradise BFC.

Consideration of a request from the Board of Elders of Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Quakertown, PA

Grace Bible Fellowship Church's request is as follows:

It is a given that the BFC holds that baptism is to be reserved for those who make a profession of faith. And it is also a given that unity among the visible church is something that Christ himself asked of God. These produce a question that we are requesting five men to study:

“Cannot the BFC, which ascribes to believer's baptism by immersion, accept into membership one who also ascribes to believer's baptism and who agrees with our Articles of Faith, but has previously undergone the mode of pouring, without such a one being required to be re-baptized by immersion? And further, can we do so as a denomination without disturbing the unity of the BFC and without depreciating or compromising our current position on baptism?”

We want to make very plain two items we are NOT asking the study committee to undertake:

1. We are not asking the study committee to address the question of believer's baptism versus the practice of paedobaptism. That matter is well-settled by the action taken at the 119th Conference, and is ascribed to by the Board of Elders at Quakertown.

2. We are not asking the study committee to address the question of the meaning of baptism as relating to membership. That subject was also well-defined in the study presented to and voted upon at the 119th Conference.

Therefore, what we are asking for is a study confined to the questions pertaining to the unity of our churches within the BFC and the possible negative impact that receiving into membership those who, having been baptized as believers, but not by immersion, might have on the BFC denomination.

**Resolved**, that the request be received.

Conference voted (Yes – 77; No – 55) to refer the elders of our Quakertown church to the findings of previous study committees as our answer to Quakertown's request for a study committee. The following constitutes Conference's response:

**Whereas**, the Board of Elders of Grace Bible Fellowship Church Quakertown has presented a request to the 132nd BFC Conference with an inquiry as to whether we can “accept into membership one who also ascribes to believer's baptism and who agrees with our Articles of Faith but has previously undergone the mode of pouring without such a one being required to be re-baptized by immersion” and “can we do so as a denomination without disturbing the unity of the BFC and without depreciating or compromising our current position on baptism?”

**Resolved**, that the 132nd BFC Conference offers the following response to our brethren at Grace Bible Fellowship Church (Quakertown):

According to our Article 20 of the Articles of Faith of the Bible Fellowship Church, the only valid form of baptism is by immersion. This was affirmed by the 1999, 2000, and 2002 study committee reports of the Study Committee on Baptism and Membership. For

example, Appendix 1 of the 1999 report B provided “A Biblical example of how baptism properly administered was a safeguard for doctrinal purity and completeness.”

Furthermore, the BFC Conference has already determined that an individual cannot be a member of the BFC church without being legitimately baptized, which is by immersion alone.

We respect the question brought by the brother elders of the Quakertown church and submit that the answer from the 132nd Conference is that the unity of the church is impinged upon and the meaning of baptism is potentially compromised if we accept into membership individuals who have not been baptized by immersion. We believe that previous study committees have affirmed this answer and that the issue has been settled by the BFC Conference.

**Resolved**, that we adjourn. Richard D. Harris closed the meeting in prayer at 5:15 P.M.

## Seventh meeting

### Wednesday evening, April 29, 2015, 6:15 P.M.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M. John R. LoRusso prayed for the proceedings to follow.

Ministerial Relations Committee “Pastor as Elder” Legislation for Consideration at First Reading

**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

#### **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 serves the congregation under the direction of the Board of Elders.*

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 87; No - 34.



Ministerial Credentials Committee Legislation for Consideration at First Reading

ORDAINED MINISTERS WORKING IN CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE BFC

**Whereas**, those in “Other Christian Ministries” (if passed at second reading) can vote at Conference if approved by the Ministerial Credentials Committee, but those in the “Chaplaincy” can vote and do not have to be approved, and

**Whereas**, the Ministerial Credentials Committee views these two categories to be of the same importance, and

**Whereas**, we noticed some inaccurate wording in 511-5.3(3), therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we add “Chaplains may vote at the BFC Conference if approved by the Ministerial Credentials Committee,” 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 we delete the inaccurate wording, “under the endorsement of the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces”, and further

**Resolved**, that the description for this category and its numbering in 511-5.3(3) be as follows:

511-5.3 Categories of Ministry

The categories of ministry are as follows:

(3) Ordained Ministers Working in Chaplaincy Ministries Under the Sponsorship of the BFC. The BFC qualifies to have men with its ministerial credentials to serve under the U.S. Armed Forces Chaplains Board ~~under the endorsement of the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces~~, as well as other Chaplain ministries such as prison and hospital. Applications for such ministries shall be made through the Ministerial Credentials Committee. **Chaplains may vote at the BFC Conference if approved by the Ministerial Credentials Committee.**

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 119; No - 3.

Proposed Revision to Article 511-5.2 Duties (4)

**Whereas**, the BFC Conference believes having credentials in the BFC is necessary for serving in our churches, and

**Whereas**, holding credentials signifies a minister's belief and commitment to the BFC and its doctrines, and

**Whereas**, to hold credentials, a minister must be a member in good standing in a particular BFC church (511-5.3), and

**Whereas**, a minister in the BFC must sign that he is in agreement with our Faith and Order to continue to hold credentials, and

**Whereas**, the Ministerial Credentials Committee (MCC) believes a minister in the BFC should be attending and supporting a local BFC church (if possible) for accountability and encouragement, and

**Whereas**, the MCC has historically held this position without it being in our Faith and Order, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we add the following additional sentence to Article 511-5.2 Duties (4.2), **“No minister shall be allowed to hold credentials in the Bible Fellowship Church who does not attend a BFC church where possible as determined by the Ministerial Credentials Committee. A written request for an exception can be submitted, which will be reviewed and may be granted by the Ministerial Credentials Committee.”**

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 116; No - 7.

**Resolved**, that the Church Health Committee retains its elected representative members for one more year (by rule of exception).

Report of the Conference Judiciary: (page 120)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee: (page 158)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Committee on Examination of 131st BFC Conference Minutes: (page 117)

**Resolved**, that the report be adopted.

Report of the Committee to Examine Minutes of Particular Churches: (page 119)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Registrar

1. The following alternate delegates were seated for part or all of the 132nd Conference.

Andrew N. Brimer, John Crouch, James Gresh

**Resolved**, that their seating be approved.

2. The following delegates requested to be excused from part or all of the 132nd Conference:

Russ Burd, Robert D. Carroll, Daniel Dunwell, John Hanner, Allen Heinlein, Scott Holwick, Jeff Keller, L. James Roberts, Bryan L. Snyder, David R. Vinson, J. Richard Vroman, Guy Warner

**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 132nd Conference. These requests were approved by the Ministerial Credentials Committee.

Delbert R. Baker, Leonard E. Buck, T. James Bigley, G. Wayne Clapier, Davis E. Duggins, Bruce A. Ellingson, Richard J. Gehman, James D. Head, Roy A. Hertzog, Ronald W. Hoyle, Kenneth J. Hurst, Stanley P. Lauterback, Jerry L. Moyer, Thomas A. Pollock, Roger L. Reitz, David W. Riddell, Jeffry L. Ruhl, David A. Smith, Ronald B. Smith, Jacob J. Susek, David J. Watkins, Colby A. Weinhoffer, Byron Widger, R. Scott Wright, Paul G. Zimmerman

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following resolutions:

**Whereas**, Dr. Mark Young refreshed and challenged us with the message that it is time for us, the people of God, to be empowered by the Spirit of God, to testify to the Son of God, to fulfill the mission of God throughout all the earth, and

**Whereas**, Duane E. Moyer encouraged us to consider how each person can take up God's *missio Dei*, being sent by God with His purpose, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we express our appreciation to the Lord for their Spirit-filled ministry among us and be it further

**Resolved**, that we strive, through the enablement of the Holy Spirit, to remain steadfastly committed to God's mission.

**Whereas**, Mark R. Culton II, Joshua P. Gibson, W. Scott Kappes, John R. LoRusso, Bryan C. McNally and Michael W. Walker were ordained at the 132nd BFC Conference, and the previous ordinations of Andrew W. Barnes and Richard C. Dodson 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**, Dana E. Weller and Thomas P. Shorb have retired from their positions of ministry, and

**Whereas**, Timothy Bertolet, Arthur J. Simpson, Keith A. Strunk, and Albert J. Dommel, have resigned from their positions of ministry, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we give thanks to the Lord for their ministry and service at their particular churches and pray for God's guidance as they seek to serve the Lord with the calling and gifts that He has given them.

**Whereas**, the following calls were issued according to the Rules of our Faith & Order: Clinton Corners, NY - Pastor Allen R. Mickle, Jr; Church Extension - Timothy M. Zuck; Director, BFC Board of Missions - Duane E. Moyer; Board of Missions - Daniel Istrate; Camden, DE - R. Daniel Wagner; Woodbury Heights, NJ - Timothy Nessler; Hellertown, PA - Keith A. Strunk; LaGrangeville, NY - Dennis W. Spinney; Howell, NJ - L. Marc Sweet; Kutztown, PA - Ezekiel Mack; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that praise be given to our God for the provision of these men to their respective callings.

**Whereas**, there are a number of churches seeking pastors, and

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

**Resolved**, that we pray for the Lord to raise up gifted, Spirit-filled shepherds for our churches in Carmel, NY; Coopersburg, PA; Las Cruces, NM; Mt Pocono, PA; Newark, NJ; Oley, PA; Wallingford, PA; and York, PA; and be it further

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

**Whereas**, the Board of Church Health has encouraged us to give particular consideration to the needs of Hope-Philadelphia Church in Wissinoming, PA and New Community Church in Brooklyn, NY, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the BFC Conference commit itself to pray for, support, and look for opportunities to partner with these churches.

**Whereas**, Cedar Crest BFC celebrated its 125th anniversary, York BFC celebrated its 100th anniversary, and Ephrata BFC celebrated its 25th anniversary in its building and 50th anniversary as a church, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we thank the Lord for His faithfulness to these congregations and seek His blessing on the years to come.

**Whereas**, Joshua M. Allen, Bert N. Brosius, D. Thomas Phillips, and R.C. Reichenbach, upon living lives of such faith-filled service to Christ's Church, have joined

the saints eternal in the great rest and joy of their King, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we offer sincerest thanks to the head of the Church, who nurtured this fellowship and advanced our cause through the commitment of these men, and be it further

**Resolved**, that we labor on, following their demonstration of love for Christ and surrender to His Kingdom purpose, eagerly awaiting our participation together with them in the resurrection.

**Whereas**, Bill Aukamp and Dana & Lynette Weller have retired from their positions as missionaries with the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that thanksgivings and prayers be offered up to the Lord for their years of faithful service.

**Whereas**, R.C. Reichenbach (former chairman of the Board of Missions), Joyce Musselman (worker for Board of Missions who established a daily prayer calendar), Reba Deily (former chair of the Women's Missionary Society who also established the BFC Missions Rally), and missionaries Bill Campbell, Edward Moyer, and J. Barclay Harley were called home to their Lord and Savior, having fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we offer up sacrifices of praise to the One who sustained their faith to the end and endeavor to follow them with the same measure of perseverance; and be it further

**Resolved**, that prayers be offered up for surviving widows Hilda Reichenbach, Holly Campbell, Ruth Moyer, and Judy Harley.

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

**Whereas**, they have fulfilled well their responsibilities by reporting to the Executive Board and to the 132nd 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**, our Departments faithfully pursue the collective will of the BFC to serve our church and reach our world with the gospel of Jesus Christ, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we offer prayer and practical assistance to the Departments, our missionaries and church planters, and that their endeavors may be blessed with spiritual progress and glorify the cause of Christ.

**Whereas**, Michael Geer and Randy Wenger of the Pennsylvania Family Institute warned about encroachments on our religious freedoms, and provided resources for us to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves as we live as exiles in a foreign land, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all who are in

high positions so that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way, and be it further

**Resolved**, that we seek appropriate and winsome ways to speak to these issues.

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

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

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

**Whereas**, Mark R. Evans has served the 132nd BFC Conference by leading us in the singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, being ably assisted by several others, and

**Whereas**, Clifford B. Boone directed us in times of corporate prayer, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we give thanks to the Lord for their leading us in the worship of His mighty Name.

**Whereas**, the staff and volunteers of Pinebrook Bible Conference, along with wives and family members of our pastors and delegates, have readily, cheerfully, and faithfully served the members of the 132nd BFC Conference, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we extend our earnest gratitude for their wonderful ministry to those attending the 132nd BFC Conference.

**Whereas**, the BFC Conference Secretary, Ronald L. Kohl, and 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**, Head Page Joel B. Klase, and Pages Timothy S. Hogan, Steven J. Morton, S. Wayne Rissmiller, Stephen A. Diaz, Ben Triestman, Ben Martin, Gregory W. Carder, Frank Podlasinski, L. Marc Sweet, and Jules Hull have diligently, humbly and gladly served the 132nd BFC Conference, enabling it to function smoothly, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we express our appreciation for their service and fellowship with a round of applause.

**Whereas**, Randall A. Grossman has served faithfully and more than capably as President of the Bible Fellowship Church from 2009-2015, and

**Whereas**, Randall A. Grossman has served outstandingly as Moderator of the 132nd Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we offer up thanksgiving to the Lord for providing us with this able and willing servant, and further

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

**Whereas**, on the basis of the reports, testimonies, and proceedings of this 132nd Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, we believe that Christ's Spirit is actively advancing His cause in and through us, therefore be it

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

**Resolved**, that we will remain steadfast in carrying out the Lord's mission, faithfully and untiringly proclaiming to the lost our great hope and being intentional in making disciples of Jesus Christ and be it further

**Resolved**, that we will, in all things, give glory to our great and gracious, merciful and sovereign God.

The following were appointed by the Moderator for the 133<sup>rd</sup> BFC Conference:

Registrar: Davis E. Duggins

Assistant Registrar: Robert A. Johnson III

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

Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches: Kevin Kirkpatrick, Chairman; Jason L. Hoy, Mark R. Orton, David J. Peters, Ralph M. Soper, Howard M. Wells

Appointment of Prayer study committee: David J. Peters (Convener); Allen R. Mickle, Jr., Mark L. Morrison, Dennis W. Spinney, Michael Zettlemoyer, Gary Lowe (adjunct committee member)

It was announced that Thomas P. Shorb will serve as Secretary of the Conference Judicatory while the Secretary of the Special Appellate Judicatory is Hans R. Waldvogel.

Ronald C. Mahurin was pleased to report that the offering for the Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund totaled \$5,400.

**Resolved**, that we adjourn. The 132nd BFC Conference was closed in prayer at 7:45 P.M. by Clifford B. Boone.



Board of Missions Director Duane E. Moyer



Church Extension Ministries Director, David E. Gundrum



Victory Valley Camp Director, Douglass Manwiller



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## Report of the Committee on Agenda and Arrangements

The committee met three times in fulfilling its mandate to prepare the agenda and program and to oversee the logistics and hospitality of the 132nd BFC Conference. In addition to the 8 committee members, Nathan B. Brosius and Joel B. Klase attended one or more meetings and contributed to the work of the committee.

This year's BFC Conference will convene at 6:45PM on Monday, April 27 and will continue through the evening of Wednesday, April 29, 2015. The theme of this year's Conference is *Expanding the Church by Focusing on Our Mission(s)*. Pray that the voting members might experience divine enabling, wisdom, fellowship, unity, and effectiveness for the glory of God and that our worship and deliberations might lead to a renewed focus on our mission(s).

**Guest Speaker.** Dr Mark Young serves as President of Denver Seminary, Denver, CO. Mark and his wife, Priscilla, ministered in theological training in Eastern Europe for 14 years. Mark then served as Professor of World Missions and Intercultural Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary for 14 years. He also served in a pastorate for nine years of the years while at Dallas Seminary. His life passion is "to align all that he is and all that he does with the eternal purpose of God - that all people in all places worship Him alone."

**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.

**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 aloud. The Committee on Examination of Minutes of the 132nd Conference is charged with the responsibility to review the minutes as they are produced and to ensure 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.

**Live Streaming.** The sessions of the BFC Conference may be viewed via computer live streaming. 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](http://www.mybfc.org)>.

**Study Committee Appointments.** There are recommendations to the 132nd BFC

Conference which call for the appointment of new study committees. Anyone having interest in serving on any of these study committees, should they be approved, is requested to submit his name to the Moderator prior to Conference or by 6 PM, Tuesday, April 28.

**Recommendations:**

1. **Resolved**, that the agenda and program for the 132nd Conference be accepted as the guide for the deliberations of the 132nd BFC Conference.
2. **Resolved**, that the 133rd BFC Conference be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference, April 25 - 27, 2016.
3. **Resolved**, that committee reports for the 133rd BFC Conference be sent in digital format to the BFC Executive Board by February 15, 2016. <bfcexecbrd@aol.com>

**Committee on Agenda and Arrangements**. Ronald L. Kohl, Chairman; Thomas P. Shorb, Secretary; David T. Allen, Clifford B. Boone, Davis E. Duggins, Randall A. Grossman, Mark R. Orton, Daniel L. Williams



BFC Executive Director, David T. Allen



BFC Conference attendees Calvin T. Reed and Timothy J. Bertolet discussing the Phillies prospects for the post-season.

## Report of the Executive Board

The stated mission of the Bible Fellowship Church is to become an Expanding Fellowship of Churches United to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ. The first part of the phrase isn't really our mission; it's more of an outcome than a mission. Expansion happens when something grows. Many of us resemble that in our physical lives, and it should happen in our spiritual lives, both individually and collectively. An expanding fellowship of churches should be the natural course of affairs. The latter part of that phrase has to be our mission, for Jesus Christ Himself, the author and finisher of our faith and the head of the Church, gave that command, that mission, to us through His disciples at the end of His ministry. Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt 28:19-20 ESV) The eleven disciples started to do that, and almost 2000 years later, we are the ones who are to carry on that effort.

Sometimes, however, we get so caught up in doing the things which an organized body of Christ, a local church, does, that we take our focus off of our ultimate mission. Those things, necessary as they are, are not necessarily wrong or bad, but too often they sidetrack our best efforts, they appeal to our creature comforts, and they consume most of our God-given resources. Occasionally, we need to be reminded that our primary mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ; everything else is secondary. Our 132nd BFC Conference is centered around the theme of "Focusing on our Mission(s)." Being focused on our mission begins by realizing that there are people in our neighborhoods, communities, and cities who need to hear the gospel and to have the opportunity to respond to the truth. And there are people around the world who have not heard the truth and need to respond to its message. We, the members of the Bible Fellowship Church, need to focus our mission and on our missions programs. When we do that, we will become an expanding fellowship, for Jesus said, "I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt 16:18 ESV)

In the Old Testament, there are many examples of Israelites going forth "on mission" with specific goals and outcomes in mind. Many of them were militaristic, and when they went in God's name and for His sake, they prevailed. When they did not achieve their goals because of their own agendas, they failed. Saul, Israel's first king, found out what happens when you do not follow God's will and command. He lost.

In the New Testament, Paul warns the church at Corinth to beware "of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms" as did the apostles, and even disguised themselves as servants of righteousness, but because they were doing their own thing, their way, Paul noted, "Their end will correspond to their deeds" (2 Cor. 11:12 & 15 ESV). They will also lose. But when we are focused on our given mission(s) and do things God's way, we can and will advance, the body of Christ will continue to expand and be built up, and the gospel will be spread at home and abroad. The root of the Greek word translated "mission" – ἀφορμᾶν - is a place or process from which you go forth. The BFC Executive Board, in a sense, functions as that place and assists in the process of enabling the Bible Fellowship Church denomination to

go forth and achieve its mission through each local church, through our departments, and through our missionaries who serve around the world.

As 2014 began to unfold, we completed the sale of the Thompson, CT church property. The initial closing was supposed to occur in September 2013, but as settlements go, the sale was finally completed in January 2014. The proceeds from the sale went to pay back the bank for the mortgage and pay off the BFC loan; and the rest of the money went as “gifts” to missionaries the church had supported. Because the BFC still technically owned the property, the “gifts” became an expense of the BFC Executive Board. Since the sale price of the property had been reduced several times, there was very little “profit” added to the income side of the ledger!

During March and early April, the BFC Departments joined together to support our Las Cruces church following the sudden death of its pastor, Joshua Allen. Dana Weller, Board of Missions, was quickly dispatched to help the congregation through the shock of its loss. Mark Morrison, Church Extension Ministries, spent two weekends and the week in between to help the congregation with the logistics of handling the administrative side of the church. The Executive Director went out three times over a six week period in a dual capacity as Executive Director and uncle, both to grieve and to bring comfort and assurance that the Bible Fellowship Church was there to support the church in its time of need. The last trip involved driving Nelson Randolph’s truck to bring back east the things that Shelley and Josiah needed to continue on with life. Very graciously, the costs for those trips were assumed by the Executive Board, which again added up to an unbudgeted expense item for the Executive Board.

The BFC Board of Missions went through a change in leadership this past year as the baton was passed from Dana Weller to Duane Moyer. Dana had set the terms and time of his retirement, which was announced in plenty of time to allow the BFC Executive Board to seek candidates to assume his position. After receiving half a dozen applications and interviewing several men, Duane Moyer was selected as our new Director of the BFC Board of Missions. Duane needed several months to conclude his ministry with World Team, and Dana stayed at the helm until the end of June, when Duane assumed that position. Since his retirement, Dana has not been idle as he began very quickly to share the pulpit several times a month in our Mt. Pocono Bible Fellowship Church.

Church Extension Ministries, under the able leadership of David E. Gundrum, continued to fulfill its mission of planting BFC churches. Although there were some personnel changes among the church planters, the work continues to prosper. More and more people are attending our mission churches, and disciples are being made by our church planters and those involved in our church plants. Several new works were announced and several new men have been challenged to become involved in this front-line ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Victory Valley Camp, under the leadership of Doug Manwiller, saw its largest number of children in several years attend the camp. The ministry to our children and among our young people who serve these children continues to be significant in changing lives for the cause of Jesus Christ. Scores of young people learn to serve others sacrificially and to present the gospel in an environment that is removed from the clutter of the world. Dozens of children made commitments to live for Jesus Christ. As a part of reaching out

to our Mexican brethren, several individuals from our Merida BFC church joined the staff and were taught how to run a Victory Valley Camp-type program which will occur this summer (2015) near Merida, Mexico.

Pinebrook Bible Conference continues to be a ministry of and to the Bible Fellowship Church. The rebuilding of the infrastructure of the conference grounds has almost been completed, and the facilities are in the best shape that they have been in, perhaps, since the beginning of our ownership of Pinebrook! Throughout the year, the BFC Executive Board continued to support Pinebrook's effort to regain financial stability by providing Pinebrook with the money necessary to pay its employees. Taking seriously the biblical admonition that "a workman is worthy of his hire, the Executive Board fronted Pinebrook's payroll for the first ten months of the year. When it became apparent that our own cash flow was running very low, we informed Pinebrook that we could no longer assist them in this regard, and that they would have to work on a "pay as you go" system, which means if there is no money for payroll, there is no pay! Pinebrook responded by literally shutting down operations for several weeks, laying off some employees with no pay, and giving other employees the option of leaving Pinebrook's employ. Several did take that last option, and the full time staff of Pinebrook now consists of only essential personnel. That also means that the workload for the remaining staff has increased immensely! The Director, Nate Brosius, his wife, Gabby, and the rest of the staff are committed to seeing Pinebrook remain a successful ministry, and they continue to pour their lives and all of their efforts toward that goal. We are grateful for the ministry of Neil Fichthorn, assisting us as Interim Director of Ministries at Pinebrook through 2014.

The Executive Board was pleased to be able to provide those services, but it has become a drain on our financial reserves, to the point where we needed to borrow some cash from the Board of Missions to ensure that we could continue to make our pension obligations for our retired pastors. Now that the Executive Board has taken the responsibility of making the monthly pension payments, the Executive Director has had to assume the role of an actuary and project the longevity of each of our retired pastors and their surviving spouses. Besides having to project a year when a recipient would no longer require a pension payment – which is not, nor can it be, an exact science – a significant observation has been discovered: that is, our pastors and wives tend to live longer than the average person! If longevity is an indication of the Lord's blessing, then our retired pastors are a blessed group! This past year, we paid more than \$168,000 to our retired pastors and widows. We did lose three of our retired brothers in 2014. D. Thomas Phillips was enjoying his time at Pinebrook when he suffered an attack from which he did not recover. Our brother R.C. Reichenbach went to be with the Lord just short of his 100th birthday, although we did enjoy his cake at his memorial service! Bert Brosius had been suffering physical ailments for several years, and the Lord graciously took him home to be with Himself this past fall. So one of our younger pastors (Joshua Allen), two of our retired pastors (Tom Phillips and Bert Brosius), and our oldest retired pastor (R. C. Reichenbach) were all transported to their heavenly homes, and although we miss them, they are enjoying the glories of heaven and their full reward! We are reminded of this by J. Wilbur Chapman, who in 1900 penned these words in a popular hymn of his era:

There's a full reward awaiting us in glory;  
'Tis for service given unto God's dear Son;

It will make the joys of heaven all the brighter;  
 We'll receive it when the victory is won.  
 Crown of life and crown of glory,  
 Crown of righteousness and joy,  
 Crown unfading, full of splendor,  
 And to see Him by and by.

After a tumultuous time with many in our York congregation in 2014, things have settled down considerably. Although many left us, those who remained have exceeded all our expectations in their faithfulness and desire to continue that ministry. During the summer months, after the departing group cleaned out and cleaned up the church and parsonage, the members took the opportunity to upgrade the facilities, return the house to a livable parsonage, and create an inviting atmosphere for worship and fellowship. Several BFC churches donated equipment and furniture and helped to prepare Faith Bible Fellowship Church of York for its 100th anniversary celebration in November. Pastor Ralph Soper shepherded the flock during its time in exile and helped lead the church as it retook its property. Pastor Tim Bertolet has become the Interim Pastor as the congregation rebuilds itself and reaches out to its community.

On behalf of the BFC, the Executive Director was honored to preach at three of our churches which celebrated milestones in their congregational lives. Ephrata celebrated 25 years in its current location; York celebrated 100 years of ministry in York County; and Cedar Crest celebrated 125 years of ministry in Allentown and also celebrated the fact that the church was “debt free” perhaps for the first time in its history! Just a reminder: when your church needs to celebrate, remember to invite the BFC Executive Director; celebrating is part of his job description!

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 2014, the Executive Board retained the following:

- The American Insurance Group as our Health Insurance Administrators,
- JetPay as our payroll processing company,
- Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company as the preferred church liability insurers,
- American Bank of the Lehigh Valley as the depository of our funds,
- The Law Firm of McNees Wallace & Nurick as our Attorney’s, and
- The Accountants at Molanri, Oswald as our CPA 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 toward 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.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has created a challenge for small employers and especially churches and/or denominations. Although it did not repeal or replace a 1961 Act that allowed healthcare for pastors to be reimbursed "pretax," it did establish penalties for those who continued to operate as they had for more than 50 years. Having spent much time, effort, and energy trying to comply with the dynamic nature of the ACA, we ended up adding the amount of money designated for healthcare to the gross salaries of our pastors who did not use our established group healthcare policies. This created an extra tax burden on our pastors. Any church with more than one employee that does not provide a group health insurance plan needs to be careful how it handles the reporting of healthcare for its pastor(s) and/or employees. The Executive Board sought help from both our CPAs and our lawyers and can provide assistance to our pastors and churches as requested.

**Resolved**, that the 2015 revised Executive Board budget be adopted by the 132nd BFC Conference.

**Resolved**, that an assessment rate of two (2.0) percent be adopted by the 132nd BFC Conference for 2016 (based on assessable receipts for 2014).

**Resolved**, that the 2016 proposed Executive Board budget be adopted by the 132nd 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.

#### Pensions Fund (MRF) Report

**2014 Review and Status:** The total of Ministers' Retirement Fund (MRF) annuity payments to beneficiaries in 2014 was \$168,000 (compared to \$170,830 in 2013, \$158,400 in 2012, \$170,600 in 2011 and \$186,300 in 2010). There were three beneficiaries who went home to the Lord in 2014, but only one has a spouse receiving benefits. 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 \$2,000,000.

**Annual Funding:** 2014 was the fourth year that the Executive Board funded the Board of Pensions on a monthly "pay as you go" basis in an amount roughly equal to each month's payments to beneficiaries. Funding is supported by a portion of the BFC Conference-wide assessments.

**403(b) Plan:** Refer to the 2009 Yearbook for details. There are no changes in IRS requirements for 2015. We do have funds established with several companies on a denominational basis. All of our credentialed pastors are eligible to participate in these funds.

**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.

**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 2016 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, 14	Dec 31, 13	\$ Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Checking/Savings</b>			
100 · Executive Board			
1000 · American Bank - Checking	12,025.04	40,111.75	-28,086.71
1005 · American Bank - Payroll Account	4,364.55	7,630.48	-3,265.93
1074 · American Bank - Pensions	24,459.32	25,147.14	-687.82
1076 · Fidelity - Pensions MoneyMarket	<u>0.05</u>	<u>0.05</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 100 · Executive Board	40,848.96	72,889.42	-32,040.46
101 · BFC Medical/Health Insurance			
1010 · Citizens Bank - Checking	5,755.69	1,245.50	4,510.19
1011 · Citizens Bank - Money Market	1,615.00	25,302.51	-23,687.51
1012 · Citizens Bank - CD	<u>36,261.89</u>	<u>36,171.66</u>	<u>90.23</u>
Total 101 · BFC Medical/Health Insurance	43,632.58	62,719.67	-19,087.09
103 · Youth & Young Adults			
1030 · Quakertown National - Checking	<u>29,565.91</u>	<u>19,254.97</u>	<u>10,310.94</u>
Total 103 · Youth & Young Adults	29,565.91	19,254.97	10,310.94
105 · Pinebrook Education Foundation			
1050 · Lafayette Bank - Checking	2,713.00	18,075.00	-15,362.00
1055 · Brokerage Accounts			
1056 · Verizon Common Stock	5,427.00	5,700.00	-273.00
1058 · Vanguard Bond Funds	81,937.00	79,794.00	2,143.00
1059 · Vanguard Stock Funds			
1059-1 · Vanguard Stock Funds (Restr)	126,030.00	114,467.00	11,563.00
1059 · Vanguard Stock Funds - Other	42,888.00	33,643.00	9,245.00
Total 1059 · Vanguard Stock Funds	<u>168,918.00</u>	<u>148,110.00</u>	<u>20,808.00</u>
Total 1055 · Brokerage Accounts	256,282.00	233,604.00	22,678.00
Total 105 · Pinebrook Education Foundation	<u>258,995.00</u>	<u>251,679.00</u>	<u>7,316.00</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>373,042.45</b>	<b>406,543.06</b>	<b>-33,500.61</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>			
1100 · A/R Church Assessments	-1,754.11	-1,527.86	-226.25
1130 · A/R Payroll	157,303.91	90,663.05	66,640.86
1140 · A/R Workers Comp. Ins.	26,958.95	13,934.70	13,024.25
1200 · Pinebrook Credit Line	<u>120,663.92</u>	<u>98,331.50</u>	<u>22,332.42</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	303,172.67	201,401.39	101,771.28
<b>Other Current Assets</b>			
12000 · Undeposited Funds	<u>14,187.75</u>	<u>10,008.50</u>	<u>4,179.25</u>
Total Other Current Assets	14,187.75	10,008.50	4,179.25
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>690,402.87</b>	<b>617,952.95</b>	<b>72,449.92</b>

<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook			
1401 · PBC Buildings & Equipment	1,701,535.32	1,701,535.32	0.00
1405 · PBC Accumulated Depreciation	-1,401,966.00	-1,352,628.00	-49,338.00
1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook - Other	<u>52,232.68</u>	<u>52,232.68</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook	351,802.00	401,140.00	-49,338.00
<b>1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley</b>			
1451 · VV Buildings & Equipment	427,087.99	427,087.99	0.00
1455 · VV Accumulated Depreciation	-234,913.00	-226,532.00	-8,381.00
1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley - Other	<u>149,197.01</u>	<u>149,197.01</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley	341,372.00	349,753.00	-8,381.00
<b>1500 · Real Estate - Thompson, CT</b>			
1501 · Thmpsn Buildings	0.00	100,645.00	-100,645.00
1505 · Thmpsn Accumulated Depreciation	0.00	-50,320.00	50,320.00
1500 · Real Estate - Thompson, CT - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>31,782.00</u>	<u>-31,782.00</u>
Total 1500 · Real Estate - Thompson, CT	0.00	82,107.00	-82,107.00
<b>1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ</b>			
1511 · CpMay Buildings	43,040.00	43,040.00	0.00
1515 · CpMay Accumulated Depreciation	-28,010.00	-25,209.00	-2,801.00
1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ - Other	<u>1,879.99</u>	<u>1,879.99</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ	16,909.99	19,710.99	-2,801.00
<b>1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA</b>			
1521 · Adms Ctmy Buildings	163,800.00	163,800.00	0.00
1525 · Adms Accumulated Depreciation	-24,570.00	-20,475.00	-4,095.00
1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA - Other	<u>70,200.00</u>	<u>70,200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA	209,430.00	213,525.00	-4,095.00
<b>1530 · Real Estate - Brooklyn, NY</b>			
1531 · Brooklyn Parsonage	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00
1535 · Brklyn Accumulated Depreciation	-70,000.00	-65,000.00	-5,000.00
1530 · Real Estate - Brooklyn, NY - Other	<u>7,750.00</u>	<u>7,750.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 1530 · Real Estate - Brooklyn, NY	137,750.00	142,750.00	-5,000.00
<b>1550 · Real Estate - Dauphin, PA</b>			
1551 · Dauphin Buildings	90,938.50	90,938.50	0.00
1555 · Dphn Accumulated Depreciation	-5,020.00	-2,747.00	-2,273.00
1550 · Real Estate - Dauphin, PA - Other	<u>20,008.00</u>	<u>20,008.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 1550 · Real Estate - Dauphin, PA	105,926.50	108,199.50	-2,273.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>1,163,190.49</b>	<b>1,317,185.49</b>	<b>-153,995.00</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>			
1610 · Office Lease Security Deposit	1,740.00	1,740.00	0.00
1630 · C/P - Notes Receivable	5,296.10	5,296.10	0.00
1635 · Mortgage Rec - ChExtn	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00
1645 · Note Rec. - Toms River, NJ	22,090.34	26,045.99	-3,955.65
1650 · Note Rec. - Cottrell Corners	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00
1670 · Note Rec. - Long Neck, DE	175,000.00	175,000.00	0.00
1680 · Note Rec. - Beraca, Phila	51,188.65	51,888.65	-700.00
1698 · Less C/P - Notes Receivables	-5,296.10	-5,296.10	0.00
1699 · Bad Debt Reserve	<u>-50,000.00</u>	<u>-50,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Other Assets	440,018.99	444,674.64	-4,655.65
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,293,612.35</b>	<b>2,379,813.08</b>	<b>-86,200.73</b>

	Dec 31, 14	Dec 31, 13	\$ Change
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Accounts Payable</b>			
2000 · Accounts Payable	0.00	2,200.00	-2,200.00
Total Accounts Payable	0.00	2,200.00	-2,200.00
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>			
2125 · Short-Term BOM Loan	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
2250 · Due to BFC Church(s)	7,075.00	0.00	7,075.00
2260 · BOM Due To (From) Pensions	2,752.76	0.00	2,752.76
2270 · PrePaid Insurance	-88.75	-88.75	0.00
2310 · Payroll Due To (From) ChExtn	-19,089.51	-9,149.43	-9,940.08
2320 · Payroll Due To (From) BOM	188.41	-622.79	811.20
2330 · Payroll DueTo (From) Pinebrook	-18,302.31	-955.81	-17,346.50
2340 · Payroll Due To (From) VV	-5,679.74	-6,549.91	870.17
2360 · Insurance Due From ChExtn	-1,052.00	858.25	-1,910.25
2361 · Insurance Due From Pinebrook	9,259.50	2,275.50	6,984.00
2362 · Insurance Due From VV	1,638.25	0.00	1,638.25
2363 · Insurance Due From BOM	286.50	0.00	286.50
2370 · Rent Due From ChExtn	-454.47	-1,059.47	605.00
2371 · Rent Due from Board of Miss	-230.00	-1,766.00	1,536.00
2375 · Deferred Gain on Sale of R.E.	8,782.00	13,086.00	-4,304.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	35,085.64	-3,972.41	39,058.05
Total Current Liabilities	35,085.64	-1,772.41	36,858.05
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>			
2500 · C/P-LTD	15,052.78	15,052.78	0.00
2501 · Bnk Mortgage Owed - Thompson	0.00	7,787.38	-7,787.38
2530 · Bnk Mortgage Owed - Brooklyn	97,213.23	101,931.79	-4,718.56
2550 · Bnk Mortgage Owed - Dauphin	32,799.87	35,295.10	-2,495.23
2551 · ChExtn Loan Owed - Dauphin	19,600.00	29,600.00	-10,000.00
2552 · Due to Dauphin	42,946.50	42,946.50	0.00
2560 · ChExtn Loan Owed - Cape May	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
2600 · Less C/P-LTD	-15,052.78	-15,052.78	0.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	202,559.60	227,560.77	-25,001.17
Total Liabilities	237,645.24	225,788.36	11,856.88

<b>Equity</b>			
3000 · General Equity	701,425.43	674,029.94	27,395.49
3100 · Unrestricted-ExecBrd Designated			
3110 · Church Assistance Fund	7,148.05	6,648.05	500.00
3125 · Historical Committee Funds	5,244.00	5,000.00	244.00
3150 · Special Projects Fund	<u>8,034.76</u>	<u>8,034.76</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 3100 · Unrestricted-ExecBrd Designated	20,426.81	19,682.81	744.00
<b>3200 · Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	-87,980.58	-45,158.85	-42,821.73
3201 · Unrestricted - Other Designated			
3210 · Pinebrook Education Foundation	114,495.00	115,243.00	-748.00
3260 · Pensions Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>28,045.85</u>	<u>-28,045.85</u>
Total 3201 · Unrestricted - Other Designated	114,495.00	143,288.85	-28,793.85
<b>3300 · Temporarily Restricted Funds</b>			
3310 · Pinebrook Education Foundation	18,470.00	21,969.00	-3,499.00
3330 · Christian Education	21,770.12	23,679.76	-1,909.64
3340 · Ministerial Convention Funds	<u>341.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>341.00</u>
Total 3300 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	40,581.12	45,648.76	-5,067.64
<b>3400 · Permanently Restricted Funds</b>			
3410 · Pinebrook Education Foundation	<u>126,030.00</u>	<u>114,467.00</u>	<u>11,563.00</u>
Total 3400 · Permanently Restricted Funds	126,030.00	114,467.00	11,563.00
<b>3600 · Real Estate Equity</b>			
3500 · Real Estate Loans due to BFC			
3601 · Principal Due - Thompson, CT	0.00	-46,229.25	46,229.25
3610 · Principal Due - Cape May, NJ	-10,145.90	-10,145.90	0.00
3615 · Principal Due ChExtn - Cape May	-10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.00
3620 · Principal Due - Adams Co., PA	-150,000.00	-150,000.00	0.00
3630 · Principal Due - Brooklyn, NY	<u>-54,498.72</u>	<u>-54,498.72</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 3500 · Real Estate Loans due to BFC	-224,644.62	-270,873.87	46,229.25
3701 · Equity - Thompson, CT	0.00	71,752.39	-71,752.39
3720 · Equity - Adams Co, PA	84,000.00	84,000.00	0.00
3730 · Equity - Brooklyn, NY	30,222.92	30,222.92	0.00
3750 · Equity - Dauphin, PA	52,946.50	42,946.50	10,000.00
3600 · Real Estate Equity - Other	<u>1,305,266.63</u>	<u>1,286,840.00</u>	<u>18,426.63</u>
Total 3600 · Real Estate Equity	1,247,791.43	1,244,887.94	2,903.49
Net Income	<u>-106,802.10</u>	<u>-42,821.73</u>	<u>-63,980.37</u>
Total Equity	<u>2,055,967.11</u>	<u>2,154,024.72</u>	<u>-98,057.61</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>2,293,612.35</u>	<u>2,379,813.08</u>	<u>-86,200.73</u>

# Executive Board 2014 Profit & Loss

	Jan - Dec 14	Jan - Dec 13	\$ Change
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
4000 · Church Assessments	356,667	334,704	21,963
4100 · Department Assessments	10,000	7,500	2,500
4150 · Brotherhood Dividends Received	16,255	15,136	1,119
4175 · General Contributions	337	0	337
4176 · Bequests Received	215	14,091	(13,876)
4177 · Designated Gifts	2,000	2,000	0
4200 · General Interest Income	97	2,628	(2,530)
<b>4201 · Revenues from Sub-Committees</b>			
4210 · Communications Com. Revenues	6,837	3,794	3,043
4220 · Historical Committee Receipts	271	33	238
4230 · Christian Ed Committee Receipts	750	975	(225)
4240 · Youth & Young Adult Revenues	122,210	116,277	5,933
4430 · Pensions - Miscellaneous Income	0	5	(5)
4450 · PEF Investment Income	20,926	35,986	(15,060)
4460 · PEF Contributions Received	8,140	14,992	(6,852)
<b>Total 4201 · Revenues from Sub-Committees</b>	<b>159,135</b>	<b>172,063</b>	<b>(12,928)</b>
<b>4500 · Mortgages &amp; Notes Paid</b>			
4501 · Bank Mortgage - Thompson CT	0	9,043	(9,043)
4532 · Bank Mortgage - Brooklyn	4,719	7,587	(2,869)
4535 · Bank Mortgage-Dauphin	2,495	4,400	(1,905)
4500 · Mortgages & Notes Paid - Other	844	1,666	(821)
<b>Total 4500 · Mortgages &amp; Notes Paid</b>	<b>8,058</b>	<b>22,697</b>	<b>(14,639)</b>
4560 · Current Mortgage Interest Rec'd	9,500	9,500	0
4600 · Gain (Loss) Sale of Real Estate	15,111	3,949	11,162
4800 · Honorarium Income	350	1,077	(727)
4900 · Holmes Settlement	6,000	6,000	0
4950 · Miscellaneous Inc	579	1,833	(1,254)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>584,305</b>	<b>593,177</b>	<b>(8,873)</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>584,305</b>	<b>593,177</b>	<b>(8,873)</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
5010 · Executive Director Salary	78,000	77,967	33
5015 · Executive Director Benefits	25,455	23,256	2,200
5020 · Conference Pastor Salary	26,000	26,000	0
5025 · Conference Pastor Other	23,000	21,500	1,500
<b>5050 · Executive Board Expenses</b>			
5051 · Payroll Taxes & Processing	10,201	9,779	422
5060 · Executive Board Rent/Utilities	2,955	3,000	(45)
5070 · Executive Board Office Supplies	930	1,219	(290)
5080 · Executive Board Insurance/Acctg	14,998	10,729	4,269
5090 · Dues & Subscriptions	10	0	10
5050 · Executive Board Expenses - Other	7,708	6,346	1,363
<b>Total 5050 · Executive Board Expenses</b>	<b>36,801</b>	<b>31,073</b>	<b>5,729</b>
5100 · BFC Conference Costs	8,000	8,000	0
5110 · BFC Conference Arrangements	6,184	7,500	(1,316)
<b>5200 · BFC Committee Expenses</b>			
5115 · BFC Conference Agenda Comm	82	47	35
5120 · BFC Conference Study Committees	2,320	544	1,776
5220 · Ministerial Credentials Comm	1,156	2,761	(1,604)
5225 · Ministerial Candidate Comm	2,000	2,291	(291)
5230 · Ministerial Relations Comm	263	131	132



5235 - Statistical Committee	0	69	(69)
5237 - Committee To Exam Church Minute	88	191	(103)
5240 - Church Health Committee	897	725	172
5244 - Multi-Cultural Church Committee	28	70	(42)
<b>Total 5200 - BFC Committee Expenses</b>	<b>6,835</b>	<b>6,829</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>5201 - Expenses of Sub-Committees</b>			
5203 - Christian Education	2,660	720	1,939
5204 - Youth & Young Adults	111,900	114,364	(2,464)
5205 - Historical Committee	0	60	(60)
5210 - Communications	29,940	25,126	4,815
5430 - Pensions - Admin Expenses	0	470	(470)
5460 - PEF Scholarships Awarded	21,750	10,750	11,000
5465 - PEF Expenses	0	324	(324)
<b>Total 5201 - Expenses of Sub-Committees</b>	<b>166,250</b>	<b>151,814</b>	<b>14,436</b>
5245 - Beneficiary Society	500	500	0
5246 - Ministerial Convention Expense	1,000	1,000	0
5400 - Chaplaincy Expenses	1,141	1,216	(75)
5450 - Pastoral Assistance	10,443	0	10,443
5500 - Ministerial Pensions	168,087	166,253	1,834
5550 - Designated Gifts Expensed	36,000	5,000	31,000
5600 - Real Estate Expense	410	6,000	(5,590)
5800 - Bequest Disbursements	0	14,091	(14,091)
5900 - Holmes Settlement Exp	6,000	6,000	0
5950 - Miscellaneous Expenses	25	2,000	(1,975)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>600,132</b>	<b>555,997</b>	<b>44,135</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(15,827)</b>	<b>37,180</b>	<b>(53,007)</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Income</b>			
4300 - Medical Insurance Fees	418,645	415,016	3,629
4301 - Medical Insurance Interest	99	76	23
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>418,744</b>	<b>415,093</b>	<b>3,652</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>			
5300 - Medical Insurance Prem	425,726	408,516	17,211
5301 - Medical Insurance Admin	12,105	12,175	(70)
5999 - Non-Operating Expenses			
6000 - Depreciation Expense			
6140 - Pinebrook Depreciation	49,338	49,338	0
6145 - Victory Valley Depreciation	8,381	8,381	0
6150 - Thompson Depreciation	0	2,516	(2,516)
6151 - Cape May Depreciation	2,801	2,801	0
6152 - Adams County Depreciation	4,095	4,095	0
6153 - Brooklyn Depreciation	5,000	5,000	0
6154 - Dauphin Depreciation	2,273	2,273	0
Total 6000 - Depreciation Expense	71,888	74,404	(2,516)
Total 5999 - Non-Operating Expenses	71,888	74,404	(2,516)
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>509,719</b>	<b>495,094</b>	<b>14,625</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>(90,975)</b>	<b>(80,002)</b>	<b>(10,973)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(106,802)</b>	<b>(42,822)</b>	<b>(63,980)</b>

## 2015 Executive Board Budget - Revised

### Proposed Revised 2015 Budget

	2015 Budget	Revised 2015 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
<b>Anticipated Receipts</b>			
Assessment from Churches (2%)	\$365,000	\$368,000	\$3,000
Department Contribution	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Brotherhood Contribution	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Investment Interest	\$3,500	\$500	(\$3,000)
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
<b>Total Anticipated Receipts</b>	<b>\$404,000</b>	<b>\$404,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Anticipated Expenses</b>			
Minister's Retirement Fund	\$172,250	\$156,120	(\$16,130)
Board of Communications	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Beneficiary Fund	\$500	\$500	\$0
Ministerial Convention	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
BFC Conference			
Conference Facilitation	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
Conference Expense	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
Committee Expenses			
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	\$24,000	\$1,000
Executive Director Salary	\$78,000	\$78,000	\$0
HealthCare & Benefits	\$23,000	\$25,000	\$2,000
Taxes & Administrative Costs		\$10,000	\$10,000
Rent & Office Expense	\$4,500	\$5,000	\$500
Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Legal & Accounting	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Reserved	\$6,250	\$5,880	(\$370)
Miscellaneous Board Expense	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Executive Board Expense	\$5,500	\$7,500	\$3,000
<b>Total Anticipated Expenses</b>	<b>\$404,000</b>	<b>\$404,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## 2016 Executive Board Budget

### 2016 Budget (based on 2% of 2014 Assessable Receipts)

	Revised 2015 Budget	Proposed 2016 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
Anticipated Receipts			
Assessment from Churches (2%)	\$368,000	\$375,000	\$7,000
Department Contribution	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Brotherhood Contribution	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$2,000
Investment Interest	\$500	\$1,000	\$500
Mortgage Interest	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$0
Communications Reimbursements	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Miscellaneous/General Contributions	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$500
Other	\$0		\$0
<b>Total Anticipated Receipts</b>	<b>\$404,000</b>	<b>\$414,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Anticipated Expenses</b>			
Minister's Retirement Fund	\$156,120	\$156,120	\$0
Board of Communications	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Beneficiary Fund	\$500	\$500	\$0
Ministerial Convention	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
BFC Conference			
Conference Facilitation	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
Conference Expense	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
Committee Expenses			
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	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$0
Executive Director Salary	\$78,000	\$81,000	\$3,000
HealthCare & Benefits	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Taxes & Administrative Costs	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$1,000
Rent & Office Expense	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$1,000
Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Legal & Accounting	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Reserved	\$5,880	\$9,880	\$4,000
Miscellaneous Board Expense	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$1,000
Executive Board Expense	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
<b>Total Anticipated Expenses</b>	<b>\$404,000</b>	<b>\$414,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

## 2014 Combined Balance Sheet

2014	ExecBrd	BOM	ChExtn	PBC	VV	Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Current Assets						
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$130,956	\$232,404	\$158,962	\$27,532	\$141,776	\$691,630
Investments	\$130,244	\$1,263,579	\$474,516		\$7,214	\$1,875,553
Restricted Investments	\$126,030					\$126,030
Prepaid Expenses						\$0
Other Receivables	303,173	\$1,281				\$304,454
Current Maturities of Notes Receivable		\$29,412				\$29,412
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$690,403</b>	<b>\$1,526,676</b>	<b>\$633,478</b>	<b>\$27,532</b>	<b>\$148,990</b>	<b>\$3,027,079</b>
Property And Equipment						
Land	\$301,268					\$301,268
Buildings	\$2,626,401					\$2,626,401
Other Fixed Assets			\$37,334			\$37,334
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(\$1,764,479)		(\$30,899)			(\$1,795,378)
<b>Property And Equipment, Net</b>	<b>\$1,163,190</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,435</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,169,625</b>
Other Assets						
Notes Receivable	\$290,019	\$114,572	\$42,100			\$446,691
Mortgages Receivable	\$200,000					\$200,000
Bad Debt Reserve	(\$50,000)					(\$50,000)
<b>Total Notes Receivable, Net</b>	<b>\$440,019</b>	<b>\$114,572</b>	<b>\$42,100</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$596,691</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$2,293,612</b>	<b>\$1,641,248</b>	<b>\$682,013</b>	<b>\$27,532</b>	<b>\$148,990</b>	<b>\$4,793,395</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Current Liabilities						
Accounts Payable		\$423	\$1,052	\$8,915	\$2,088	\$12,478
Current Maturities of Long Term Debt	\$15,053			\$29,412		\$44,465
Advances and Deposits		\$3,727		\$78,309	\$9,763	\$91,799
Other Current Liabilities	\$35,085	\$461,661	\$11,543		\$7,124	\$515,413
Deferred Income						\$0
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$50,138</b>	<b>\$465,811</b>	<b>\$12,595</b>	<b>\$116,636</b>	<b>\$18,975</b>	<b>\$664,155</b>
Long-Term Debt, less Current Maturities	\$187,507			\$455,304		\$642,811
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$237,645</b>	<b>\$465,811</b>	<b>\$12,595</b>	<b>\$571,940</b>	<b>\$18,975</b>	<b>\$1,306,966</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>						
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$1,996,158	\$1,178,482	\$610,543	(\$539,117)	\$52,556	\$3,298,622
Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$40,581	\$72,537	\$13,723		\$13,612	\$140,453
Restricted Funds	\$126,030		\$20,000			\$146,030
Net Income	(\$106,802)	(\$75,582)	\$25,152	(\$5,291)	\$63,847	(\$98,676)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$2,055,967</b>	<b>\$1,175,437</b>	<b>\$669,418</b>	<b>(\$544,408)</b>	<b>\$130,015</b>	<b>\$3,486,429</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$2,293,612</b>	<b>\$1,641,248</b>	<b>\$682,013</b>	<b>\$27,532</b>	<b>\$148,990</b>	<b>\$4,793,395</b>

## 2014 Combined Statement of Revenues & Expenses

### 2014 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Assets - Modified Cash

	ExecBrd	BOM	ChExtn	PBC	VV	Totals
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Contributions						
Churches	\$ 366,667	\$ 103,580	\$ 617,507	\$ 30,377	\$ 37,700	\$ 1,155,831
Individuals	\$ 8,477	\$ 17,996	\$ 311,579	\$ 65,996	\$ 92,985	\$ 497,033
Other Gifts and Bequests	\$ 2,215	\$ 20		\$ 5,746	\$ 1,250	\$ 9,231
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 377,359</b>	<b>\$ 121,596</b>	<b>\$ 929,086</b>	<b>\$ 102,119</b>	<b>\$ 131,935</b>	<b>\$ 1,662,095</b>
Other Revenues						
Retreats and Conferences				\$ 717,781	\$ 211,650	\$ 929,431
Program Fees	\$ 130,069					\$ 130,069
Rental Income				\$ 14,436	\$ 132,835	\$ 147,271
Program Sales		\$ 3,728		\$ 46,617	\$ 13,483	\$ 63,828
Interest and Dividends	\$ 26,795	\$ 40,127	\$ 18,647	\$ 2	\$ 322	\$ 85,893
Net Realized and Unrealized						\$ 0
Gains on Investments	\$ 28,140	\$ 41,282	\$ 3,412			\$ 72,834
Gain on Sale of Property	\$ 15,111					\$ 15,111
Medical Insurance Contributions	\$ 418,645					\$ 418,645
Other Income	\$ 6,929	\$ 1,810		\$ 16,552	\$ 407	\$ 25,698
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 625,689</b>	<b>\$ 86,947</b>	<b>\$ 22,059</b>	<b>\$ 795,388</b>	<b>\$ 358,697</b>	<b>\$ 1,888,780</b>
Net Assets Released from Restrictions and Other Transfers						
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,500	0	0	\$ 1,500
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,003,048</b>	<b>\$ 208,543</b>	<b>\$ 952,645</b>	<b>\$ 897,507</b>	<b>\$ 490,632</b>	<b>\$ 3,552,375</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Salaries/Benefits/Payroll Taxes	\$ 139,656	\$ 175,115	\$ 132,717	\$ 270,814	\$ 126,894	\$ 845,196
Program Expenses	\$ 318,251	\$ 5,564	\$ 716,068	\$ 23,116	\$ 106,228	\$ 1,169,227
Program Food Expenses				\$ 181,474	\$ 46,714	\$ 228,188
Conference and Meetings	\$ 23,160	\$ 233	\$ 20,821		\$ 2,863	\$ 47,077
Marketing/Communications	\$ 29,940	\$ 11,483	\$ 16,395	\$ 10,338	\$ 8,886	\$ 77,042
Office Expenses	\$ 23,646	\$ 11,597	\$ 15,376	\$ 14,513	\$ 14,337	\$ 79,469
Rents/Real Estate Taxes	\$ 3,365	\$ 21,192	\$ 7,800	\$ 13,437	\$ 6,308	\$ 52,102
Buildings and Grounds Maintenance				\$ 315,482	\$ 93,836	\$ 409,318
Insurance	\$ 425,726		\$ 4,544	\$ 44,113	\$ 16,464	\$ 490,847
Designated	\$ 68,193	\$ 58,941	\$ 5,000	\$ 27,696		\$ 159,830
Depreciation	\$ 71,888		\$ 5,802			\$ 77,690
Other Expenses	\$ 6,025		\$ 2,970	\$ 1,815	\$ 4,255	\$ 15,065
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,109,850</b>	<b>\$ 284,125</b>	<b>\$ 927,493</b>	<b>\$ 902,798</b>	<b>\$ 426,785</b>	<b>\$ 3,651,051</b>
Gain (Loss)	-\$ 106,802	-\$ 75,582	\$ 25,152	-\$ 5,291	\$ 63,847	-\$ 98,676

## Report of the Department of Missions

The Bible Fellowship Church is called to be “An Expanding Fellowship of Churches United to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.” The Board of Missions is charged with reminding our Fellowship of that call, with sharpening our focus in its pursuit, with marshaling the collective resources needed to realize it, and with providing pastoral care and advocacy to our envoys who are charged with carrying it out.

### Reminding

The rich missionary heritage of the Bible Fellowship Church is evident in the diversity of agencies and ministries with which our envoys are involved. Through them, we are engaged in campus ministries, camping ministries and sports ministries. We have people working with refugees, troubled families and orphanages. We have aircraft mechanics, logistical support personnel, school teachers, seminary professors, and administrative workers. We have Bible translators, evangelists, and church planters – 152 adult missionaries in all. They serve in 27 nations and 14 states with 32 different agencies. This list is impressive, yet, as a fellow pastor pointed out to me, we should not congratulate ourselves on mere numbers. We should ask, “What is the focus of all of this activity and how does it support the vocation of the Bible Fellowship Church?” With such diversity, establishing and maintaining focus is certainly a challenge.

### Focusing

The Board of Missions has spent considerable time defining and understanding our missionary mandate in light of the vocation of the Bible Fellowship Church. We have concluded that “Missions” – as it applies to the BFC – describes:

“The collective activities of our churches that are outwardly focused, aimed at: proclaiming Christ to those who have the least opportunity to know Him, leading them to follow Him wholeheartedly in community with other believers, and equipping them to propagate the Gospel by making disciples themselves.”

Such a clear statement could raise misgivings. Its focus is outward on the unreached, whereas we support a number of ministries which, though completely valid, are focused primarily on the internal needs of the Christian community. It envisions the establishment of reproducing communities of disciples, whereas we support a number of ministries that are directly focused neither on discipleship nor on church planting.

In the face of these apparent discrepancies, there are two extremes to which we might go: One extreme would be to say that focus and definition do not matter. “Let us just get as many people out there doing as much good as they can, trusting that somehow it will add up to something strategic.” The other extreme would be to say that focus and definition are everything. “Let us define our focus and eliminate everything that doesn’t fit.” Neither of these positions represents the thinking of the Board of Missions. We are pursuing a third option.

We believe that we should indeed cast a bold and united vision of what we as a fellowship of churches wish to achieve through our missionary outreach, and we

believe that we should move purposefully in that direction. We believe that our future commitments should focus on the establishment of functioning and multiplying communities of disciples where none existed before; communities which are bearing the fruits of the gospel in their locality and beyond. This is the future as we see it.

In the present, we will maintain our whole-hearted commitment to every member of our current missionary family and to the ministries they represent. Many are already directly engaged in building communities of disciples and equipping them for reproduction. Others are engaged in support and service ministries, which are, nevertheless, part of the bigger picture.

We rejoice and celebrate the past and present accomplishments of our entire missionary family. Yet, at the same time, we will work toward sharpening our focus by making every effort to ensure that our future envoys, as well as the agencies under which they serve, and the ministries to which they are assigned, are supportive of our vision and are committed to intentionally and actively contributing to its realization.

### **Marshaling Resources**

A number of particular churches are supporting missionaries outside of Board of Missions channels. We should not be hostile to this reality. We should see it as further evidence of the missionary zeal of our Fellowship. But we should also see it as evidence of a need to make a stronger case for working through established channels. Consider the following:

1. The Board of Missions application process is as rigorous as that of most mission agencies. It provides a second opinion on an applicant's aptitude and preparedness for missionary service.
2. The Board of Missions is independent of any local elder board or congregation, and may therefore be more objective in its assessments than local leadership is able to be.
3. If we seriously pursue the focus described in the preceding section, approval by the Board of Missions would help ensure that a church's missionary resources are being wisely invested.
4. Being able to relate to the entire Bible Fellowship Church through the Board of Missions simplifies accountability and deputation for our missionaries.
5. With good reason, the slogan of the BFC refers twice to the principle of working together: We are "an expanding fellowship of churches united to make disciples of Jesus Christ." When we act in unity and true fellowship, we enrich and strengthen each other, and we multiply the resources – spiritual, human, and material – that we can bring to focus on strategic, shared initiatives.
6. The Director's ability to speak, on behalf of our entire Fellowship, with leaders of various sending agencies has already resulted in several of these agencies agreeing to draw up plans for initiatives specifically suited to our interests and priorities.

### **Pastoral Care**

Daily Prayer, Friday Prayer and the monthly mailing to our entire missionary family seek to minister to the issues that are common to all missionaries and to give them a forum to share burdens. A good portion of the Director's time is devoted to correspondence with individual missionaries about specific situations. The Board of Missions, representing an entire Fellowship of churches, has been very effective in advocating for its missionaries in the unfortunate situations that sometimes arise on fields, between missionaries and their agencies, and between missionaries themselves. Envoys of the Bible Fellowship Church have repeatedly testified that the pastoral care, oversight, and accountability offered by our church surpass what many of them receive from their own sending boards.

### **Office Staff**

Associate Director Don Kuntzman keeps track of all financial matters, receipting contributions and transmitting funds to the various Agencies under which our missionaries serve. He tracks down needed data, names and numbers. He updates the website and keeps all computer, network, and Internet services up and running.

Office Secretary Jodi Shorb is the first person that visitors meet or that callers hear. She receives and distributes all mail, maintains our mailing lists, prepares the various mailings, collects and formats the Prayer Calendar and Friday Prayer, maintains a file of each missionary's communications, and keeps records as requested.

Resources offered to churches by Board of Missions staff include:

- Training in Muslim outreach under the leadership of John Elias.
- Assistance in identifying and mobilizing to reach unreached people groups and publishing information about such opportunities among our individual churches through the email-based journal *Let's Fish*, thanks to John LoRusso.
- Assistance in organizing and deploying work-teams, headed up by Chris and Becky Merrick.
- Hands-on opportunities for children's groups, youth groups, senior citizens and others to get directly involved in missions through Operation Christmas Child and similar initiatives organized by Nelson Randolph. Nelson is willing to work with churches that want to organize community events as well – an innovative way to reach non-churched people.

### **Publications**

The Prayer Calendar, a paper publication distributed monthly to our particular churches, provides daily prayer requests submitted by our field missionaries.

Daily Prayer, the email-based version of the Prayer Calendar, broadcasting the daily prayer request to 346 subscribers around the world.

*Let's Fish*, a monthly email-based newsletter reporting on training opportunities, missions projects and work-team opportunities organized by our particular churches. It goes out to 397 subscribers.



Friday Prayer is a weekly newsletter that aims to help our praying family understand the missionaries' world in order to pray more effectively. It also provides a forum for our missionary family to share happenings, concerns, and progress reports. It goes out to 407 subscribers.

Our website, [www.bfcbom.org](http://www.bfcbom.org), provides links to helpful articles on the status of missions worldwide, as well as resources for both missionaries and mission boards of particular churches.

I end this report with a personal expression of gratitude to my predecessor, Dana Weller. For 19 years he provided counsel, oversight, and pastoral care to me and my fellow missionaries around the world. He was a tireless advocate before our sending agencies and our supporting churches. And when, through the providential workings of God, I was chosen to succeed him as Director of the Board of Missions, I entered into a land (to paraphrase Moses) "filled with cisterns I did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that I did not plant." I wish to thank the members and staff of the Board of Missions, as well as the office staff, for providing both continuity and unflagging support as I work my way through the learning curve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Duane Moyer

Director, Bible Fellowship Church Board of Missions

**Members of the Board of Missions:** Duane E. Moyer, Director; Donald E. Kuntzman, Associate Director; Ralph M. Soper, Chairman; Robert Davies, Suzanne Figard, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Dan Oswald, David J. Peters, C. Robert Roth, Thomas P. Shorb, Craig Tress, Kim Stengele.

# Department of Missions General Statistical Report

## Board of Missions Facts

Adult missionaries in active service		149
Couples		68
Singles		13
New missionaries deployed in 2014	(3 couples)	6
Appointees not yet deployed	(4 couples)	8
Applicants under consideration	(1 couple)	2
Retirees in 2014	(1 couple, 1 single)	3
Agencies fielding BFC missionaries		42
Nations with BFC missionary presence		29
States in with BFC missionary presence		14

## Financial Facts: 1/1/2014-12/31/2014

Number of churches supporting missionaries through the Board of Missions:	53
Contributions of churches through the BFC BOM:	\$1,720,736
Contributions of individual donors through the BFC BOM:	\$ 250,881
Total contributions to Missions projects through the BFC BOM:	\$1,971,855

Total disbursements to Missions projects during 2104: \$1,947,856

Six missionary families received a total of \$18,000 in emergency assistance from the Buttress Fund.

## Geographical Areas where our missionaries are assigned and their number

Area	Families	Adults	Countries
U.S.	41	80	United States
North America	4	8	Canada, Mexico (excluding U.S.)
Central America	3	5	Costa Rica, Panama
South America	2	4	Bolivia, Ecuador
Europe	16	30	Austria Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Northern Ireland, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Spanish Canary Islands
Africa	9	13	Cameroon, Kenya, Morocco, Tanzania, South Sudan
Asia	5	9	India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Thailand
Southeast Asia & Pacific	5	8	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

## NEW TRENDS, NEW CHALLENGES

*“It is He who changes the times and the epochs...” – Daniel 2:21*

The Kingdom of God is near! This was our theme for the year. It gave us a sense of urgency to sow the seeds of the gospel and to plant churches to make disciples while the Lord tarries. Looking back on 2014, we began the year with some concerns. Would the Lord provide for a budget that grew close to \$1,000,000? Would He prosper the church plants and move them ahead to graduation? What challenges would we face? Finally, how would we handle surprises like two valuable planters moving out of the Department and then having to call new men to take their place? As we’ll see from this report, God was more than able to help us meet these challenges, work through them and give us hope to move ahead and build His Kingdom.

The year 2015 will hold a whole set of new challenges for church planting, and many of those challenges will come as a result of the new trends surfacing in American Christianity. The book of Daniel reminds us that it is God who not only brings about the changes of the seasons, but He also brings about all the changes and trends we see taking place in His plan and purpose of redemption. The American Church is experiencing a trending of all sorts: Bible skepticism (although 56% of Americans remain pro-Bible, according to a Barna poll), increasing distractions and busy-ness, the word “Christian” becoming less used and “nominal” [i.e., “nominal” Christians] increasing to “Nones” (according to Ed Stetzer), historical denominationalism and its distinctives giving way to shared mission and ministry, the rediscovery of church planting (including an emergence of the house church model), the merger of churches seeking partnerships multiculturally, financially and resourcing together, multi-site networking churches with the increase of the technological world (5,000 multi-site churches vs. 1,650 mega-churches in U.S., Outreach), and ethnic and socioeconomic trending that will lead to churches either welcoming these changes or churches and denominations reverting to a type of isolationism.

The one trend that Church Extension has tried to stay on the edge of and has attempted to keep the BFC involved with is the rediscovery of church planting. We have been seeking all sorts of ways to encourage the BFC to support and get involved with church planting. Some churches have taken up the baton and are running with their plans to plant. We need to keep working with the churches and presenting ways for our churches to “rediscover” church planting. I say “rediscover” because as our resident BFC Historian and Chairman (Dick Taylor) can attest, there was a time when BFC churches looked for target communities to reproduce themselves, and their first thoughts were to sacrifice themselves and plant neighboring BFC churches. This is evident by the number of BFC clusters we have today within several miles of each other.

Dealing with the changing trends and one in particular that I am concerned about, a post-denominational Christian culture, will be a challenge. I believe Church Extension can adapt to the trending, but Church Extension is not a church planting island. We are the servants of the churches in the BFC denomination. If the churches, their leaders and their people fall prey to this post-denominational movement, it will affect how we will be

able to plant churches and will cause the BFC to diminish.

My observations may present a bleak outlook for the future of the BFC, but not so. These stark realities make for a fertile vision for church planting and denominational growth. If we truly desire the BFC to be a strong denominational force for the gospel, then we need to clearly see that reproductive church planting is the answer. The shared planting and clustering of new BFC churches could provide an ongoing renewal and revitalization that the BFC needs to survive and expand. What would it look like if the BFC were to develop a shared ministry and mission approach to building the Kingdom? Each BFC Region coming together with a shared vision, and networking and sharing its resources, people and gifts to reproduce? It may look like what the Lord wanted: His Church united in building the Kingdom. May the Lord give us a united and shared effort to grow the Kingdom and in so doing, grow the Bible Fellowship Church.

### **“45 Years of Service”**

At the December 2104 meeting of the Board of Church Extension, Clyde Snyder was recognized for his 45 years of faithful and committed service to Church Extension Ministries. Clyde served as an Elder in the BFC, was an instructor at Pinebrook Junior College, and served on various denominational boards and committees, along with serving in a number of capacities with Church Extension. Clyde and his wife Carolyn have always maintained a devotion to the Lord’s call to plant churches. For the past several years, Clyde and Carolyn have been part of the leadership team planting the church in Adams County, PA for the last several years. On behalf of the Board of Church Extension we praise God for Clyde and how he demonstrated to all of us what faithful service to the Lord is all about. Thank you Clyde!

### **The 2014 BFC Corps of Church Planters**

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

#### **Stephen Diaz** - South Allentown, PA Mission Church

Lighthouse Bible Fellowship Church (El Faro) meets at: 641 Genesee Street, Allentown, PA 18103

Contact Info: 610-791-9995 Website: [www.lighthousebfc.com](http://www.lighthousebfc.com)

#### **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](mailto:rogoldcya@hotmail.com) or 610-780-4103 Website: [www.estoyenlaroca.com](http://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](mailto:aaronsusek@gmail.com) or 717-476-2340 Website: [www.bfcac.net](http://www.bfcac.net)



**Scott Wright** – Lower Providence Township, PA Mission Church

Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church meets at: 2460 Boulevard of the Generals, W. Norriton, PA 19403

Contact Info: info@redeemberbfc.org or 484-302-0124 Website: www.redeemberbfc.org

**Ron Smith** – Greater Townsend, DE Mission Church

The MISSION, 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)

Covenant Hill Church meets at: several Bible Studies are now being held at various locations

Contact Info: scholarlyspirit@gmail.com or 267-273-4171 Website: covenanthill.com

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

Forks Community Church meets At: Llantrisant Health & Wellness Center 336 Bushkill St, Tatamy, PA 18085 Contact Info: tim@forkscommunitychurch.org or 484-548-0251 Website: www.forkscommunitychurch.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

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

New Life Bible Fellowship Church meets at: 24771 Cannon Road, Long Neck, DE 19966

Contact Info: office@newlife-bfc.org or 302-945-8145 Website: www.newlife-bfc.org

**Aaron Smith** - Northern Lehigh, PA Mission Church

Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church meets at: 840 S. Best Ave, Walnutport, PA

Contact Info: office@lehighbible.com or 610-434-8661 Website: www.northernlehigh.church

Pray for a man to be called to Cape May, NJ.

Pray for a man to be called to Woolwich Township, NJ.

### REVIEW OF 2014 IN CHURCH EXTENSION

The BFC Mission Churches recorded 29 people making professions of faith, and the Mission Churches held 21 baptisms – praise the Lord.

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

Our donor list and donor giving increased.

Some concerns with finances and the provisions needed for the new planters and new plants:

Several churches reduced their support for Church Extension. A number of the churches lowered their support because of their own financial concerns.

A number of struggling churches are not able to give any support to Church Extension. This number has grown again and continues to be something to take note of.

Two Training Days were held for our men; these sessions including guest presenters who spoke. At the May Training Day, Pastor Clyde Bomgardner shared on Conflict Resolution, giving key insights, both biblically and practically, to help us deal with conflict. At the October Training Day, Pastor Josh Edwards shared how the Bethel Emmaus Youth service group could assist at the church plants while Adam Wormann also shared on how to use social media in a ministry context.

A Roundtable was held at Fellowship Community in Whitehall, PA, allowing the planters came together, brainstorm various information and pray as a team.

Door-to-door surveys took place in several of your Mission Churches, and a number of mass mailings were facilitated by the office; 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 Allentown PA; Cape May NJ; and Adams County PA.

In DELMARVA, Ray Bertolet serves diligently as our Assistant Church Planter. Ray concluded his Interim Pastor role at the Camden, DE BFC. He is now assisting at Long Neck, DE BFC and the church plant in Townsend, DE. Ray serves as Property Committee Chairman and does on-site property evaluations. Ron Smith is preparing the Greater Townsend Mission Church for graduation in 2016. Ron ministers bi-vocationally and is transitioning to spending more time to church planting. Harry & Sandra Workman are a faithful Aquila & Priscilla Team in DELMARVA. They continue to assist at the New Life BFC and with other projects when called upon by Church Extension. Church Extension oversees the revival work at the Long Neck, DE BFC. The ministry is growing and the church is going well. Andrew Barnes is doing a fine job pastoring the New Life BFC. If all continues to go well, Church Extension will release the church in 2016. We are continuing our efforts to plant churches in DELMARVA and are investigating a potential plant in Elkton, MD.

Stephen Diaz is planting the Hispanic Church in South Allentown. We have seen some growth this year, and Stephen and his team are reaching more people in the immediate community. The ministry has gone to a blended Hispanic/Anglo form of worship. The Cedar Crest Church has been a great help at Lighthouse and is looking to give more assistance to help Lighthouse reach its goal for graduation.

We praise God for the Aquila & Priscilla Teams that serve the church plants. Jason & Joanne Englehart serve with Carlos Rodriguez at the La Roca Mission Church. Doug & Kashie Boyd assist at the Cape May Mission Church. Harry & Sandra Workman serve as an A&P team in Delaware. We would like to see more A&P teams established.

Joshua Dupiche is planting the church in urban Philadelphia. Joshua is looking to build. If people are interested in urban ministry, here is an opportunity to get involved.

Pastor Mark Morrison serves full-time as Assistant Director. He has been overseeing the Cape May Mission church until we call a new planter. 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 faced a great challenge this year when Keith Strunk answered the call to pastor the BFC church in Hellertown, PA. This caused a setback in plans for graduation, and we have been seeking a man to go there and complete the planting process. We praise God for the leadership team at Cape May who picked up many responsibilities.

Aaron Susek serves as church planter at the Adams County Mission Church. Some changes in ministry approaches are taking place. Please pray for the team to find the Lord's will as these changes are considered. There are still some renovations that need to be completed.

Your Hispanic Church Plants in Reading (La Roca), Allentown (El Faro), and Villa Magna (La Roca), Mexico are aggressively reaching Hispanic people with the gospel. La Roca in Reading, PA, under the leadership of Carlos Rodriguez, has identified some potential leaders; Rodriguez' son Diego is now serving as an intern at the church. Discussions are taking place with a neighboring Hispanic church about merging. Miguel Gonzalez decided that he wanted to leave the ministry and pursue a business venture. We thank Miguel for his diligent ministry at La Roca these past six years. The mission church in Villa Magna, Mexico is doing well under the leadership of church planter Freddy Chi. I visited the mission church and was impressed with its progress. We give \$7,200 to support Marcos Ramirez, pastor of the Merida Mexico BFC, and to Freddy, and need BFC partners to join with Freddy and Marcos and give to their support needs.

Daughter Church Planting: Ron Smith from the Newark, DE BFC; Scott Wright from the Harleysville, PA BFC; Tim Zuck from the Saucon Community, PA BFC, along with several churches from the Lehigh Valley Region, are all daughter church plants. Particular BFC churches and BFC Regions are catching the planting vision.

The Board of Church Extension approved bringing the Northern Lehigh BFC church plant into Church Extension. The Northern Lehigh BFC is a daughter church plant from the Whitehall, PA BFC. Aaron Smith is the church planter at Northern Lehigh

I have been holding numerous meetings with prospective church planters seeking to recruit church planters for Cape May and Woolwich Township, along with some new sites in DELMARVA.

Thirty-one churches were visited this year by the Church Extension staff. We presented our mission and vision, shared in Missions Conferences and were a part of other meetings at the churches. I attended the Lancaster Bible College Mission Conference and completed certification as a leadership coach to enhance my coaching of your planters.

Administrative Assistant Ruth Richards is a significant asset to the Mission. Ruth organizes an active volunteer force that assists with numerous mailings. She assists the

church plants with their financial reporting and gives advice and guidance to the planters and their teams, not to mention how much she does to assist me.

We praise God for blessing our two major fund raising projects: Summer Ten and Christmas Gift Month. A total of around \$175,000 came in through these fundraisers. Praise God for Church Extension's faithful donors. The Board's Development Committee is seeking to hire a part-time Development Manager to care for our donors and raise up more support for Church Extension.

The Hispanic Task Force (HTF) is a sub-committee of Church Extension. It is chaired by Carlos Rodriguez. It reports on the current Hispanic ministries and has a goal to expand the Hispanic ministries of the BFC.

I chaired the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting (now the Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church) this past year. The Committee published a helpful booklet titled Welcoming Diversity to assist churches in becoming more open to ethnic people groups.

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

## **PROJECTIONS FOR 2015 IN CHURCH EXTENSION**

### **The DELMARVA Project**

Long Neck, DE – We will oversee the Long Neck, DE church until it is able to elect elders and be financially self-supporting, hopefully disengaging in 2016.

Greater Townsend – We will help Ron Smith prepare the church plant for graduation.

Projected New Site – We will do the preliminary demographics in Elkton, MD and work with a man interested in planting there, as well as working with the Newark, DE BFC about its involvement.

### **Hispanic Church Planting**

La Roca - Reading, PA Hispanic Church Plant – I will continue to coach Carlos and assist with the possible merger in discussion. I will assist with 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 Hispanic Task Force will assist Pastor Ramirez and Freddy Chi with the church plant in Villa Magna.

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

### **Daughter Church Planting**

Lancaster Region – Possible Hispanic church plant.

Newark, DE – In process.

Harleysville/Bucks-Mont Region – In process.

Lehigh Valley Region – In process.

Woolwich Township, NJ – I will look for a new planter.

Connectional Projects

Staten Island NY; Bangor PA, and Amherstburg, Canada

Recruitment

Hispanic – The Hispanic Task Force will look for more Hispanic men to be called to plant Hispanic churches with the BFC.

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

Church Planting Academy – In 2015, a Steering Committee will be formed to look into ways of launching this training.

Graduation Preparations – We will be assisting Ron Smith and Aaron Susek with their plans for graduation in 2016.

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 continue to work with the Everence Foundation, seeking ways to best invest our funds. We will continue to seek a part-time Development Manager.

Fresh Wind is our Forward Plan for 2013–2020. It is available on our website.

### **Adopt a Church/Church Plant at a Distance**

Church Extension has opportunities to stretch the borders of the BFC. We have had inquiries from several men seeking to plant in their hometowns. One such opportunity is in Naples, FL. How do we connect and keep churches and church plants, which are at a distance, part of the fellowship of the Bible Fellowship Church? For years the York, PA BFC adopted the Las Cruces, NM BFC and worked at keeping La Cruces connected with the BFC. Harleysville, PA BFC and La Roca – Reading, PA Mission Church have, to a degree, adopted the Merida and Villa Magna Churches. These “adoptions” have kept these BFC churches connected. Will your church step up and say, “we will adopt a BFC church or church plant that is located a distance from the nucleus of the BFC?” Your first opportunity would be to get involved with the potential church plant in Naples, FL. Speak with Director Gundrum about adopting a BFC church or church plant at a distance.

The Lord has blessed Church Extension with the resources it needs to expand the Bible Fellowship Church and the Kingdom. It is a great honor to serve an almighty God and be a part of His Kingdom-building enterprise.

The Bible Fellowship Churches provide a solid support base for this vital mission. Many of the BFC churches are catching a church planting vision. Church Extension will continue to look for ways to strengthen the BFC, its churches and the denomination as a whole. We must always be ready to give and assist the churches. I am committed to the vision of Church Extension. My belief that evangelistic church planting is God’s

primary means for building His Kingdom and that evangelistic church planting defines missions has not vacillated. Your BFC church planters are a most valuable asset for the denomination.

Please pray for the Lord's provision and seek ways to assist your BFC planters who are in need of funding.

This year our theme is Earnest Prayer. Pray for God to give us His power to reach people with the gospel and to 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. Pray for 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 to lead this vital mission in His power.

In His Grace & Service,

David E. Gundrum,

**Church Extensions Ministries Board:** Richard E. Taylor, Chairman; David E. Gundrum, Director, James R. Arcieri, Michael Capaldi, Robert W. Davies, Timothy D. Gibson, John Hanner, Alfred G. Roberts, William G. Schlonecker, Carl K. Spackman, James Stapleton,

Resources for Churches & Regions Seeking to Plant and for Prospective Church Planters Churches/Regions (please see our website for all our publications < [www.churchplantingbfc.org](http://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

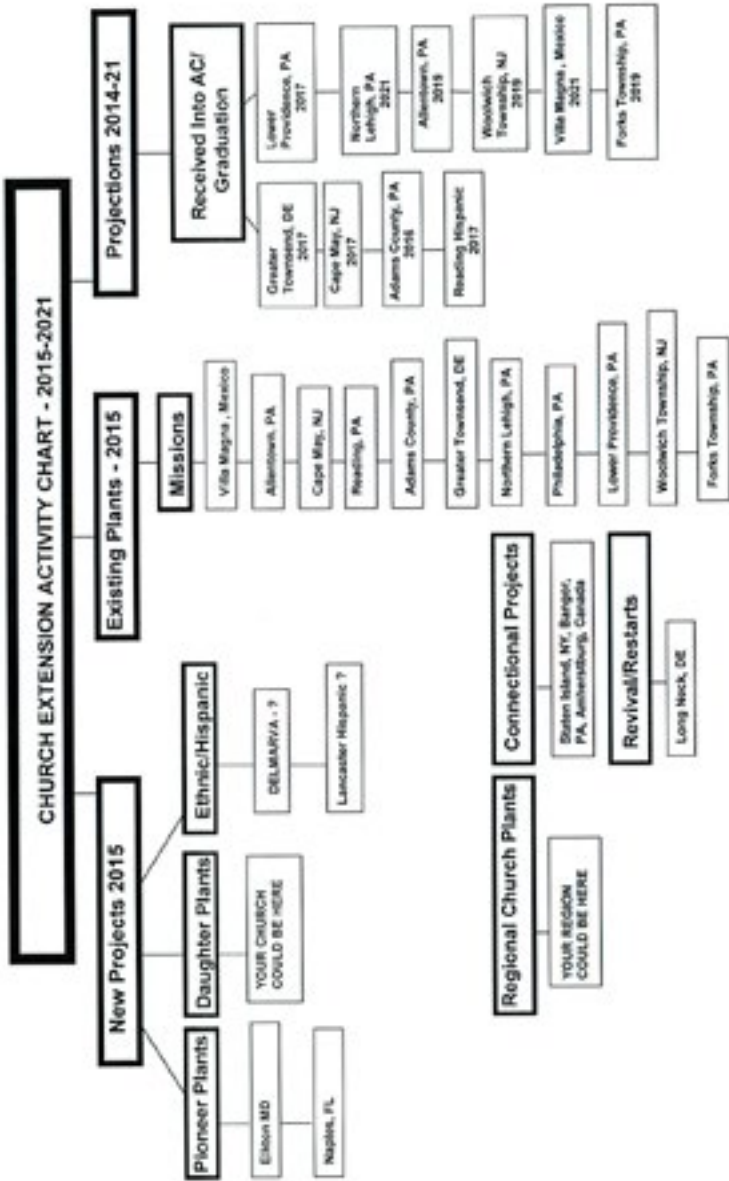
DCPI Pre-Assessment and the BFC Comprehensive Assessment – The DCPI booklet is an inductive and introductory assessment for those looking into church planting. The BFC Assessment is a complete assessment process to determine whether a man has the gifts, abilities and competencies to plant churches.

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 CDs, as well as detailed checklists and action planning worksheets to form a comprehensive package for church planters and their teams.



Clockwise: Stephen Díaz (front center), Alejandro Ordoñez, Marcos Angeles, Marcos Ángeles, Elliot H. Ramos, Edgar Navarro, Freddy Chi, Marcos Ramírez, Carlos Rodríguez, Robert Martínez





## Report of the Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church

The Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church (CMCC) met numerous times during 2014. The CMCC consists of people who have an involvement in specific areas of multi-cultural ministries. The membership at the end of 2014 included David Gundrum (Chairman) – church planting focus; Duane Moyer (Treasurer) – global missions focus; Stephen Diaz (Secretary) – Hispanic focus; Bert Baker – cross cultural urban focus; John Elias – Islamic focus; John LoRusso—unreached people groups focus; and David Smith – cross cultural ministry focus. Also this year, we said goodbye to Dana Weller, who exited the committee upon retirement after many years of faithful serving, and to Mark Wimble, who served since 2013, helping with an Asian focus.

At the beginning of 2014, the committee finalized its by-laws. (Note: These by-laws were revised from the former Ethnic Committee by-laws in order to have them reflect the CMCC’s new focus on the multi-cultural church.) Listed below are the Purpose Statement and Duties of the Committee, according to 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 they relate 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 was excited that the 2014 BFC Conference focused on multi-cultural ministry. The CMCC produced the booklet, “Welcoming Diversity,” to assist churches with assimilating people from various cultures into the church and making them feel welcome. Duane Moyer and John Elias helped lead the CMCC in several discussions on how it can fulfill its “Duties” and assist BFC churches with developing a deeper

sensitivity toward the various people groups God is leading to be part of their ministry target areas. Meanwhile, the committee networked with The Hispanic Task Force, and reached out to many BFC churches currently involved in multi-cultural ministry to network and encourage.

The multi-cultural conference-wide event that was planned for Fall, 2014 was postponed to a future date.

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 office@churchplantingbfc.org.

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 2014 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 multi-cultural church planting in 2015. If your church has not budgeted funds for multi-cultural 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); Duane E. Moyer (Treasurer); Stephen A. Diaz (Secretary); Delbert R. Baker II, John C. Elias, John R. LoRusso, David A. Smith, Mark A. Wimble.

## Report of the Pinebrook Bible Conference

The founding fathers and patriarchs of the Bible Fellowship Church laid a foundation based on the grace and mercy of our Lord and Savior and a deep focus on the biblical principles of God's people gathering together.

The introduction of camp meetings evolved to Mizpah Grove and, in 1969, Pinebrook Bible Conference. The purpose of these gatherings was to encourage the saints of the Bible Fellowship Church to gather together in fellowship and spiritual growth through studying God's Word.

Hebrews 10:24-25 – “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.”

Pinebrook celebrated its 81st year of ministering to God's people and sharing the gospel with those in need of Christ. This has been the sole purpose since its inception in 1933.

God saw fit to provide the Bible Fellowship Church with a place for His people to meet. We contend that Pinebrook is that place!

1 Cor. 3:6-9 – “I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.”

This past year (2014) was a year of blessings and transition. The physical infrastructure entered its third year of recovery, and God has shown His grace and mercy as the projects approach completion. God's people from the Bible Fellowship Church and others from outside our Fellowship were faithful in supporting the ministry through prayer, financial support and thousands of volunteer hours. Our projections for 2015 are that the infrastructure recovery project will be completed and additional guest housing improvements are underway. The 2015 guest attendance projections are also increasing. God is surely blessing Pinebrook.

We encourage all affiliates and members of the Bible Fellowship Church to consider stirring up one another as brothers and sisters in Christ and of the Bible Fellowship Church to meet together at Pinebrook, the place where the full brotherhood of the Bible Fellowship Church is intended to meet.

May God richly bless the Bible Fellowship Church as His people create and build bonds with one another in Christian love, camaraderie and unity.

Nate Brosius

Director of Operations, Pinebrook Bible Conference

**Pinebrook Bible Conference Board Members:** Charles E. Cole, Chairman; Christopher Fellon, Vice Chairman; Charles D. Bomgardner, Secretary; Darian R. Allen, Treasurer; Mark Barninger, Patrick Carl, Gary Karch, Christopher Merrick, Matthew Printz.

## Report of Victory Valley Camp

Once again, we praise the Lord for his goodness to the ministry of Victory Valley Camp. God continues to pour out his many blessings on us, for which we are grateful. This past year (2014) was a year of growth for us. Summer camp registrations increased from 725 in 2013 to 855 in 2014 – praise the Lord for more opportunities to share God’s Word with children. We were also blessed with a growing number of young people serving as Summer Missionaries. These young people not only ministered to the campers but also grew in their relationship with the Lord. We are eagerly looking forward to the summer of 2015, as it will be our 60th summer of children’s camping. Join with us as we celebrate what God has done in the past and look forward to what He will do in the future!

### Winter Blast 2014

The theme for 2014 was “God’s Team.” Bible lessons and activities were based on an Olympic theme. Each week began with an opening ceremony, complete with a parade of nations and the lighting of the Olympic torch. During *God and Me* time, campers learned the importance of listening to God as their Coach, wearing their uniform (the fruit of the Spirit), and using the right equipment (the armor of God). During Bible times, we looked at some members of God’s Team – Saul (also known as Paul), Gideon, and Moses/Aaron/Hur.

God blessed us each weekend with at least a little snow. While there was not enough snow for sledding or tubing the first weekend, we were able to enjoy an impromptu snowball fight. We were able to go tubing, which is always a hit with campers, on the rest of the weekends. By the second weekend, the pond was frozen enough for some ice hockey. The third and fourth weekends involved ice hockey on the pool, providing an exciting experience for campers and staff. We had a total of 136 campers over the course of the four weekends.

### Summer Camp 2014

The theme last summer was “Adventure with a Purpose.” The summer was definitely an adventure! We were reminded of Romans 8:28-30, which tells us that in all things God works out His plan and purpose for believers, ultimately ending with their glorification. “All things” includes positive and negative experiences in our lives. God uses them all for our good and His glory. That is a good way to summarize the summer – yes, there were positive and negative experiences, but God used them all for our good and His glory.

During Bible times, campers learned about various adventures in the Bible. Each adventure showcased a purpose that God had for the people who encountered the adventure. The purpose of these lessons was to remind campers that no matter what adventure they are going through in their lives (good or bad), God has a purpose and a plan for them.

This year we added a second Middle School week, which was definitely a wise decision. We had a total of 142 overnight campers those two weeks, which is more than we can accommodate in one week. We modified the cabin camp schedule for these weeks to include a later wake-up time, since we stay up later with middle school campers.

During Middle School weeks, we offered different Bible electives for campers (taught by our senior staff and leadership team members).

Last summer's staff was excellent. Camper evaluations consistently expressed parents' (and campers') high view of staff friendliness, care, and love for the campers. Summer Missionaries participate in a discipleship program that encourages their spiritual growth. As a staff, we studied the life of Paul as seen in the book of Acts, and we memorized Philippians 3:1-4:1.

God did great things in and through our staff. Most importantly, campers' lives were affected for eternity. Over 40 children made decisions for Christ. Countless others were assured of their salvation, rededicated their lives to God, and were challenged to grow in their faith. That is what the ministry is all about – introducing children to Jesus and encouraging them to grow in Him.

This year we were able to invite a couple from Mexico to come and observe Victory Valley Camp. They were here for pre-camp training and for the first two weeks of camp. Their desire is to have a children's camp in Mexico modeled after VVC. Lord willing, the first camp will take place in 2016.

### **Buildings & Grounds**

We continue to upgrade the cabins. Dale cabin had all its windows and doors replaced and insulated. New bunk beds were constructed, and a donation provided for the replacement of 61 mattresses. Ridge cabin also had windows and doors replaced. New wood furnaces were installed in Victory Hall and the Dining Hall. Many volunteers assisted John Masters, our maintenance supervisor, with various projects throughout the year.

**2015 Calendar of Events**

Jan. 23-25	Winter Blast I
Jan. 30-Feb.1	Winter Blast II
Feb. 6-8	Winter Blast III
March 27-29	Prospective Jr Staff Retreat
April 10-12	VVC Core Challenge
May 16	Open House
June 21-27	Summer Camp Week 1
June 28-July 4	Summer Camp Week 2
July 5-11	Middle School Camp Week 3
July 12-18	Middle School Camp Week 4
July 20-24	Day Camp only Week 5
July 26-Aug. 1	Summer Camp Week 6
Aug. 2-8	Summer Camp Week 7
September 12	2nd Annual Crazy Campership Challenge
October 24	Fall Family Festival
November 21	Thanksgiving Youth Rally
December 6	Friends of the Valley Banquet

Respectfully Submitted,  
Doug Manwiller, Director

**Board of Victory Valley Camp:** Timothy J. Schmoyer, Chairman; Bruce Ellingson, Vice Chairman; Carolyn Cruise, Secretary; Kelly Moono, Treasurer; Colin Bartholomew, Timothy J. Bertolet, Kevin Derr, Jason Englehart, Cindy Ireland, Mark R. Orton, Emily Rice.

## Report of the Communications Committee

The Communications Committee oversees the print and internet media of the Bible Fellowship Church. It met three times since the previous BFC Conference.

1. Donald Kuntzman continues to coordinate the two BFC web sites – mybfc.org and mizpahgrovemedia.org.
2. Four issues of the OneVoice magazine were released in the past year. Ralph Ritter continues as editor.
3. Twelve issues of the Fellowship News bulletin insert were released in the past year. Carolyn Ritter continues as editor.
4. An updated, two-volume edition of the Faith & Order was released. Volume One includes the Articles of Faith and Biblical Principles for Living; Volume Two includes the Principles of Order.
5. Assignments were made for three additional informational brochures. They will cover ordinances, church membership, and BFC theological distinctives. These should be released during 2015.
6. The Committee received publishing income of \$7,419 and had total expenses of \$28,940. Approximately 66 percent of the expenses related to OneVoice magazine.
7. Two members of the Committee have resigned for personal needs – Clyde Snyder and Susan Kalan. The Committee is very grateful for their past service.

The apostle Paul, in his final epistle, asked Timothy to bring his scrolls and parchments (2 Tim. 4:13). Those materials probably included Scripture and perhaps other volumes. Clearly, Paul saw the value of written communication. Technology has changed much since those days, and will certainly change more, but we are thankful for every means to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ.

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

## Report of the Conference Pastor

“...a truthful witness saves lives...” – Proverbs 14:25a

When in conversation with someone I did not know very well, or perhaps not at all, I used to ask, “Are you a Christian?” I don’t ask that question anymore. The reason being, in the minds of many today, if you are not an atheist, agnostic, Jew, Muslim, or profess allegiance to any of the other religions of the world, you are presumed to be a Christian. Wrong!

Don’t you just admire our brothers and sisters who can turn any conversation they have with someone who doesn’t know the Lord into an opportunity to share the hope of salvation we have in Christ? I certainly admire them, but sadly I am not one of them.

Oh yes, I know how to share the gospel; I have been doing that for over 60 years. My problem is getting started. Several years ago, my son gave me a question he uses in turning a conversation into an opportunity to share Christ. The question is this: “Where are you on the journey of faith?” The response I receive tells me immediately where to begin in sharing the gospel.

Proverbs 14:25a reminds us: “a truthful witness saves lives.” We who know the truth are called and commissioned, by God, to share the truth with all who do not know Him. “You are My witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and My servants whom I have chosen” (Acts 22:15). Thankfully, we are not dependent on human resources such as our courage, wisdom, knowledge, skills, or anything else, but we are absolutely dependent on the Holy Spirit to work in and through us and we have His promise that He will. “For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work His good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13). And “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be My witnesses” (Acts 1:8).

We are all touched by the heroic efforts of our First Responders to “save lives” in the physical sense; and so we should be. How much more should we, who know and love the Lord, be First Responders when it comes to “saving lives” in the spiritual sense. “Snatching them out of the fire...” (Jude 23).

May God help all of us to be able to say, with the Apostle Paul, “...I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them” (I Corinthians 9:19). And may we make Dr. Leon Tucker’s prayer our prayer:

“Lord, lay some soul upon my heart  
And love that soul through me;  
And may I nobly do my part  
To win that soul for Thee.”

Then, as God in His sovereign grace and mercy is pleased to use us as His “witnesses,” may we humbly acknowledge, “neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth” (I Corinthians 3:7).

Following a year of special emphasis on prayer, which is being continued this year, it is interesting and encouraging, though not surprising, that several of our churches this



year are giving priority to training our people “to be witnesses.” Sermons, extended classes, reading assignments and practical experiences are all designed to “equip the saints to be intentional about sharing Christ.” As one of our pastors put it, “We are not all evangelists, but we are all witnesses.” Amen!

We give God praise for the 11 men who were ordained to the gospel ministry last year, and urge you to continue to uphold these men and all our pastors, their wives, and children in prayer.

We thank you for praying “the Lord of the harvest” to provide men who are called to the pastoral ministry to serve among us. At present we have 85 men on the list of the Ministerial Credentials Committee.

Our pastors give thanks for the faithfulness of their staff, elders, deacons, teachers, children and youth leaders and a host of others, without whom the local church ministry would not exist.

Because the need for leadership in the local church and our Conference is always increasing, we are pleased with many of our churches, who are offering leadership training courses. May God be pleased to own this endeavor and through this training renew and refresh our present faithful leaders and raise up a host of new leaders.

Some call them home groups, cell groups, small groups, life groups, etc. Whatever they are called, this “church within the church” is learning to “be the church” through close personal, prayerful, caring relationships with each other. May God be pleased to raise up many more such groups, for they serve a vital role in one’s personal development and that of the local church.

It is my honor and privilege to represent our Conference by attending many special services and occasions within our Fellowship, such as ordination and installation services of our pastors; church dedication and anniversary services; pastor appreciation services; pastor retirement banquets; outreach banquets; and a host of other special services. Most Sunday mornings will find me in one of our churches, worshiping God and purposing to be an encouragement to the pastor and congregation. My life has been wonderfully enriched by sitting under the pulpit ministry of our pastors and worshiping with them “in spirit and in truth.”

The months of July and August provided precious times to be with 38 of our pastors and their families during Pinebrook Bible Conference. The monthly Pastors’ regional meetings provide another opportunity for fellowship and prayer.

Following many, many years of faithful and loving ministry to Christ and the Bible Fellowship Church, the Lord called home Pastors Joshua M. Allen, D. Thomas Phillips, Bert N. Brosius, and R. C. Reichenbach. The memory of their commitment to Christ and His Church, as well as their exemplary lives and faithful service, continues to be a blessing and challenge to all of us.

Through the love gifts to the Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund of \$2,734.00, from members of our Conference, we were able to financially assist 27 pastors and their families in the amount of \$4,300.91. These expressions of love were gratefully received and were a real encouragement to these choice servants of Christ.

Please accept my gratitude and thanks for the sheer joy and privilege of serving the Lord, as I serve you, as your Conference Pastor. The encouragement received from our Pastors, Elders, Pastoral Relationship Committee, Ministerial Relations Committee, Executive Board, and many others is both humbling and encouraging. Your prayers on my behalf are both needed and appreciated, and I thank you from a grateful heart.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Your co-laborer in Christ,  
 Ronald C. Mahurin  
 Conference Pastor

**Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund**

January 1, 2014 - Beginning Balance	\$1,852.91
Receipts	\$2,734.00
Families Assisted (27)	\$4,300.91
December 31, 2014 - Ending Balance	\$ 286.00

## Report of the Historical Committee

The Historical Committee met twice since the last conference. Our meetings are pleasant affairs filled with lots of discussion and shared stories. While these meetings are relaxed, the committee believes what it does is significant. We preserve our history not because we enjoy stories of how it used to be, but because our history, our organizational memory, is a resource. Because it charts the path we have followed to get where we are, it helps us to understand who we are and what we do. And because it helps us understand who we are and what we do, it will help us when we seek to understand what we are becoming and what we will do in coming years. Our future is not in the past, but our past is part of our future. What have we done well? What have been our weaknesses? Answers to questions like these help us think about how God is directing us as a denomination, and what our place in the kingdom will be.

To enable us to be a resource, we seek to maintain resources. Our archives contain nearly 3,300 documents or items, and 2,000 photographs. Our collections continue to grow as people discover material in their attics. We would like to encourage people to donate historical materials to the archives, where they become part of the resources that others will use in the future. Churches and denominational agencies should consider placing their older minutes and records in the archives for safekeeping. Most of these files are placed in fire resistant cabinets, where they are preserved.

Perhaps the most available resource is our website, [BFCHistory.org](http://BFCHistory.org). Past minutes of conference, beginning with 1896, are available. Papers presented to the Historical Society can be found. Histories of churches are reprinted there. The website is intended to be a resource as an online library where you can go to find information of all sorts.

The Historical Society is the active arm of the Historical Committee. Several times each year, the Society publishes historical material. The Society continues to meet annually for the presentation of research. In 2014, the Society met at Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church for a presentation celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Allentown Church by Ron Hoyle, and a biography of B. Bryan Musselman, a former pastor there who was known as the Radio Preacher. Both papers are available on the website mentioned above.

The Historical Society will meet this year on October 24, 2015, at Grace Bible Fellowship Church in Quakertown. Presentations will include a survey of our doctrinal journey from our Wesleyan roots to our very different Reformed theological outlook, to be presented by Richard Taylor. We will also hear from Ronald Kohl about those men and women of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church who served in World War 2, and how their lives and faith were affected by their experiences at war.

You are invited to join the Historical Society. Contact Richard Taylor at [retaylor@gracebfc.org](mailto:retaylor@gracebfc.org) for information. The society is now offering e-memberships, a new way to receive our materials. E-members receive all publications through email and internet. The cost of an e-membership is \$3.00 per year.

**Committee:** Jill Davidson, chairperson; Richard E. Taylor, secretary and archivist; Carl C. Cassel, Bruce A. Ellingson, Andrew Geissinger, Ronald W. Hoyle, Ronald L. Kohl.

## Report of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation met three times in 2014. The Foundation received gifts totaling \$8,140 in 2014. The Board approved Scholarship Grants totaling \$21,750 as follows in 2014:

Scholarship Applicant	Educational Institution	Church Attended	Fund	Scholarship Grant
Timothy Bertolet	University of Pretoria	York BFC	Ziegler	\$1,000
Tyler Sterkenberg	Eastern University	Emmaus BFC	Weaver	1,000
Rebecca Bomgardner	Lancaster Bible College	Lebanon BFC	Berean	1,000
Hannah Cassel	Gordon College	Coopersburg BFC	Weaver	1,000
Ashley Dean	Baptist Bible College	Cedar Crest BFC	Weaver	1,000
Jocelyn Englehart	Geneva College	LaRoca BFC	Berean	1,000
Allison Hafner	Grove City College	Coopersburg BFC	Weaver	1,000
Margaret Harvey	Trinity Evangelical	Sinking Spring BFC	Weaver	1,000
Gregory Parker	Gordon-Conwell	Coopersburg BFC	Reichenbach	1,000
Nathaniel Shenk	Gordon-Conwell	Lancaster BFC	Weaver	1,000
Jackie Busolits	Grove City College	Coopersburg BFC	Weaver	1,000
Rachel Carson	Messiah College	Royersford BFC	Temp-Restricted	500
Kimberly Lessig	Cedarville University	Oley BFC	Weaver	1,000
Hannah Lenahan	Pensacola Christian	Adrian, New York	Weaver	1,000
Hannah Merrick	Cedarville University	Reading BFC	Weaver	1,000
Kelvin Scott	Liberty University	Coopersburg BFC	Temp-Restricted	500
Joshua DelDuco	Liberty University	Harrisburg BFC	Temp-Restricted	1,000
Nicholas Loew	Houghton College	Coopersburg BFC	Temp-Restricted	1,000
Seth Loew	Grove City College	Coopersburg BFC	Temp-Restricted	1,000
Callie Sterkenberg	Messiah College	Emmaus BFC	Temp-Restricted	1,000
Timothy Bertolet	University of Pretoria	York BFC	Ziegler	1,000
Olivia Bomgardner C	airn University	Lebanon BFC	Pinebrook Jr. College	750
Tyler Sterkenberg	Eastern University	Emmaus BFC	Temp-Restricted	1,000
		Total		\$21,750

The PEF Board presented Karen Stull and John Sullivan to the BFC Executive Board for approval to serve on the Board of Pinebrook Educational Foundation for a three-year term ending in 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay H. Fasnacht, Secretary

**Pinebrook Foundation Board Members:** Raymond R. Dotts, Chairman; Jay H. Fasnacht, Secretary, Stephen C. Cassel, Judith Rychounsky, Karen Stull, John W. Sullivan.

### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS December 31, 2014 and 2013

	2014	2013
Verizon Common Stock - 116 Shares	\$ 5,427	\$ 5,700
Vanguard:		
Bond Funds	81,937	79,794
Stock Fund	168,918	148,110
Total Investments	\$256,282	\$233,604

**Operations of Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Reichenbach Scholarship Fund  
Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**

	2014	2013
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	\$42,088	\$34,059
Contributions Received	1,000	2,000
Endowment Fund Earnings	3,700	6,029
Scholarship Awarded	(1,000)	
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$45,788	\$42,088

**Pinebrook Educational Foundation Endowment Funds  
Summary of Principal and Accumulated Income (Loss) Accounts  
December 31, 2014**

	PRINCIPAL	ACCUMULATED INCOME	TOTAL
Reichenbach Scholarship (P)	\$42,088	3,700 (1)	\$45,788
Didden Scholarship (P)	\$ 3,823	346 (1)	\$ 4,169
Ziegler Memorial (P)	\$37,179	3,273 (1)	\$40,452
Pinebrook Junior College Scholarship (P)	\$ 3,567	343 (2)	\$ 3,910
Unger Memorial (B)	\$12,808	2,719 (2)	\$15,527
Walker Student Aid (B)	\$27,475	2,419 (1)	\$29,894
Berean Scholarship (P)	\$38,183	8,641 (2)	\$46,764
Memorial Scholarship (P)	\$ 1,190	102 (1)	\$ 1,292
Weaver Memorial (B)	\$63,500	5,018 (3)	\$ 68,518
TOTAL	\$229,813	26,561	\$256,374

Notes:

1. Unspent 2014 accumulated income will be added to principal on December 31, 2015.
  2. 80% of income realized on principal added to accumulated income account, remainder added to principal.
  3. Investment earnings and losses accumulate in accumulated income (loss) account.
- (P) Permanently restricted.  
(B) Board designated.

## Report of the Youth and Young Adults Committee

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

### Events Committee

This committee is charged with the Sno-Glo retreats that are held on three successive weekends each January. This year our key speaker was Josh Kappes (Lead Pastor at Gospel Life Church in Newton, NC). Josh did an outstanding job and received excellent evaluations. Jeremy Harkins provided the musical worship and received wonderful reviews. After discussing the evaluations from all three weekends, the board feels that we had another successful year. We will continue to improve our program in hopes that we will have an impact on more teens than the previous year. Any input is welcomed and appreciated by the board.

### Leadership Committee

The leadership committee had a youth pastor or key leader breakfast at one of the combined Sno-Glo weekends. At the breakfast, the facilitator covered the topic of using weekly youth gatherings to teach teens how to study the Bible instead of just teaching the Bible. The attendance of pastors and key leaders this year was less than last year.

### Young Adult Committee

The young adult committee was still in a state of flux in 2014. We did add two members to the committee this year: Mark Bickel and Rick Whitmire. Our hope for 2015 is to revive our ministry to the young adults of the Bible Fellowship Church.

**Board of Youth and Young Adults:** Jonathan H. King, Chairman; Mark R. Evans, Vice Chairman; Jordan Eyster, Secretary; Rick Whitmire, Treasurer; Mark A. Bickel, Mark Culton, Jules Hull, Lisa F. Kellerman, Timothy S. Radcliff, Dorothy L. Ruch-Buck.

## Report of the Christian Education Committee

“For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.” (1 Thessalonians 2:11-13 ESV)

As of the date of this report, our full committee has met once, on Feb 14, 2015. However, our team has continued to produce both adult and children’s curriculum for more effectively teaching our BFC Articles of Faith. The first set was printed and shared with everyone who attended last year’s BFC Conference. The remaining adult materials have been completed and are being made available during BFC Conference and, in the near future, electronically through the BFC website.

The challenge for this year is to reignite the team and seek direction on how to best serve the educational needs of the BFC.

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

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

**Christian Education Committee:** Richard Mastronardo, Chairman; David J. Peters, Michael D. Roberts, Aaron D. Smith, Keith M. Long, Bekah Manwiller, Ian Thompson.

## Report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee

The Ministerial Candidate Committee met eleven times between the conclusion of last year's conference and March 31, 2015, for the purpose of interviewing nineteen (19) men for tests and evaluations.

The following men were recommended for ordination examination: Andrew W. Barnes Sr., Mark R. Culton, Richard C. Dodson, Joshua P. Gibson, W. Scott Kappes, John R. LoRusso, Bryan McNally, and Michael W. Walker.

The following men were approved as probationers eligible to receive a call: Gregory T. Davies, Stephen A. Diaz, Ethan Hester, Timothy S. Hogan, Daniel Istrate, Ezekiel Mack, Benjamin J. Martin, Allen R. Mickle Sr., Timothy Nessler, Timothy S. Radcliff, and L. Marc Sweet.

Timothy Nessler and R. Daniel Wagner were licensed during the year.

A seminar for the ministerial candidates will be held June 2-4, 2015.

**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.)

Barnes Sr., Andrew W. (2013)	Millsboro DE
Coffman, Beau E. (2013)	Fleetwood PA
Culton, Mark R. (2013)	Bethlehem PA
Davies, Gregory T	Tabernacle NJ
Diaz, Stephen A.	Allentown PA
Dodson, Richard C. (2013)	West Grove PA
Dupiche, Joshua A. (2013)	Philadelphia PA
Gibson, Joshua P. (2013)	Northumberland PA
Hester, Ethan	Las Cruces NM
Hogan, Timothy S	Reading PA
Istrate, Daniel (2014)	Romania
Kappes, W. Scott (2012)	Catasauqua PA
Klase, Joel B. (2013)	Hatfield PA
LoRusso, John R. (2012)	Wescosville PA
Mack, Ezekiel	Havertown PA
Martin, Benjamin J.	Mechanicsville PA
McNally, Bryan C. (2012)	Pennsburg PA
Meyer, Philip G.	Perkiomenville PA
Mickle Jr., Allen R. (2014)	Stanfordville NY
Mickle Sr., Allen R.	Canada
Nessler, Timothy (2014)	Wenonah NJ
Podlasinski, Francis	Bethlehem PA



Radcliff, Timothy S.	Quakertown PA
Shearer, Charles A. (2013)	Lehighton PA
Smith, Aaron D. (2012)	Whitehall PA
Suthers, Edwin B.	Camp Hill PA
Sweet, L. Marc	Brick NJ
Verdon II, William C. (2013)	Hershey PA
Wagner, R. Daniel (2014)	Wyoming DE
Walker, Michael W. (2012)	Harleysville PA

### **Candidates**

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

Boyer, Brad	Wernersville PA
Burgess, Ronnie	Maplewood NJ
Carder, Gregory W.	West Reading PA
Chi, Freddie	Mexico
DuPont, Richard	Staten Island NY
Field, Jeremy	Royersford PA
Filbert, Jason	Naples FL
Fox, Sean	Reading PA
Godshall, Lonnie J.	Macungie PA
Hanner, John J.	Allentown PA
Lenick, Michael A.	Kutztown PA
MacArthur, James D.	Oley PA
Morton, Stephen	Bear DE
Ordonez, Alexandro Fuchok	Mexico
Reff II, James D.	Finksburg MD
Reinke, Brian	Farmingdale NJ
Rissmiller, Samuel Wayne	Bernville PA
Triestman, Benjamin	Easton PA
Wells, Nathan T.	Hanover Park IL

### **Applicants**

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

Hull III, Jules J.	Sunbury PA
Lundgren, Robert	Huntingdon Valley PA
Parker, Gregory W..	Wenham MA
Snyder-Ritter, R. Edward	Brooklyn NY
Shorb, Nathan P.	France

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

## Report of the Ministerial Credentials Committee

The Ministerial Credentials Committee held four meetings since last BFC 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, in the past year, has chose to take home D. Thomas Phillips, Robert C. Reichenbach and Bert N. Brosius 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 them in glory.

The Committee once again 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 29, 2014 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 2014. 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.

The following changes in status were approved:

Duane E. Moyer was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Board of Missions of the BFC to Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Dana E. Weller was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers in Retirement.

Gerald D. Clark was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence.

David H. Jones was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence.

Elliot H. Ramos was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence.

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

Arthur J. Simpson, Jr. was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to having his credentials removed per his request.

Jonathan P. Tait was changed from Ordained Inactive Ministers to having his credentials removed per his request.

Jonathan W. Arnold Sr. was changed from Ordained Inactive Ministers to having his credentials removed per his request.

David N. Heineman was changed from Ordained Ministers Working in the Chaplaincy to having his credentials removed per his request.

Thomas P. Shorb was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers in Retirement.

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

J. Mark McCreary was changed from Ordained Inactive Ministers to having his credentials removed due to Article 511-5.3(7).

The Committee met with Mark R. Culton II, Joshua P. Gibson, W. Scott Kappes, John R. LoRusso, Bryan C. McNally and Michael W. Walker for ordination examination, and also met with Andrew W. Barnes and Richard C. Dodson 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 Mark R. Culton II, Joshua P. Gibson, W. Scott Kappes, John R. LoRusso, Bryan C. McNally and Michael W. Walker for ordination, and has recommended Andrew W. Barnes and Richard C. Dodson 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 Mark R. Culton II, Joshua P. Gibson, W. Scott Kappes, John R. LoRusso, Bryan C. McNally and Michael W. Walker be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church, and further

**Resolved**, that Andrew W. Barnes and Richard C. Dodson be recommended for recognition of previous ordination.

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

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

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

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

\*LoRusso, John R.

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

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

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

### **IV. Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries:**

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

### **V. Ordained Ministers Between Calls:**

Dommel, Albert J. (2015)  
 Ramos, Elliot H. (2013)

### **VI. Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence:**

Clark, Gerald D. (2013)

### **VII. Ordained Ministers in Retirement:**

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

### **VIII. Ordained Inactive Ministers:**

Harding, W. Neil, Jr. (2010; 2013)  
 Tannous, Michael J. (2009; 2011)

## **Annual Agreement with the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church**

Each year, all ordained men under the care of the Ministerial Credentials Committee are required to submit a form indicating their agreement with the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The reservations reported this year are as follows:

Documented “grandfathered” disagreement with Article 11; Election – 2

Article 20-1 - that we should be more inclusive on the mode of post-salvation baptism – 4

Article 21 – The Lord’s Day – 1

Article 25 – reservation about the millennium being a literal 1,000 years – 1

Reservation about having women deacons – 2

New articles 21 and 27.3 – 1

## **The Credentials Committee Makes The Following Additional Recommendations:**

1. **Resolved**, that an Ordination Service be held at the 132nd BFC Conference.
2. **Resolved**, that the New Life Bible Fellowship Church of Long Neck, DE; the Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church of Bethlehem, PA; the Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church of Sunbury, PA; the Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church of Allentown, PA; the Bible Fellowship Church of Zionsville, Zionsville, PA; and the Faith Bible Fellowship Church of Harleysville, PA; be encouraged to have a service in recognition of the ordinations of Andrew W. Barnes, Mark R. Culton II, Joshua P. Gibson, W. Scott Kappes, John R. LoRusso, Bryan C. McNally and Michael W. Walker, respectively, and that the Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, DE be encouraged to have a service in recognition of previous ordination for Richard C. Dodson, 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:

## **Revision Of The Category of Chaplaincy**

### **ORDAINED MINISTERS WORKING IN CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE BFC**

**Whereas**, those in “Other Christian Ministries” (if passed at second reading) can vote at Conference if approved by the Ministerial Credentials Committee, but those in the “Chaplaincy” can vote and do not have to be approved, and

**Whereas**, the Ministerial Credentials Committee views these two categories to be of the same importance, and

**Whereas**, we noticed some inaccurate wording in 511-5.3(3), therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we add “Chaplains may vote at the BFC Conference if approved by the Ministerial Credentials Committee,” 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 we delete the inaccurate wording, “under the endorsement of the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces”, and further

**Resolved**, that the description for this category and its numbering in 511-5.3(3) be as follows:

#### 511-5.3 Categories of Ministry

The categories of ministry are as follows:

(3) Ordained Ministers Working in Chaplaincy Ministries Under the Sponsorship of the BFC. The BFC qualifies to have men with its ministerial credentials to serve under the U.S. Armed Forces Chaplains Board under the endorsement of the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces, as well as other Chaplain ministries such as prison and hospital. Applications for such ministries shall be made through the Ministerial Credentials Committee. Chaplains may vote at the BFC Conference if approved by the Ministerial Credentials Committee.

#### **Proposed Revision to Article 511-5.2 Duties(4)**

**Whereas**, the BFC Conference believes having credentials in the BFC is necessary for serving in our churches, and

**Whereas**, holding credentials signifies a minister’s belief and commitment to the BFC and its doctrines, and

**Whereas**, to hold credentials, a minister must be a member in good standing in a particular BFC church (511-5.3), and

**Whereas**, a minister in the BFC must sign that he is in agreement with our Faith and Order to continue to hold credentials, and

**Whereas**, the Ministerial Credentials Committee (MCC) believes a minister in the BFC should be attending and supporting a local BFC church (if possible) for accountability and encouragement, and

**Whereas**, the MCC has historically held this position without it being in our Faith and Order, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we add the following additional sentence to Article 511-5.2 Duties (4.2), “No minister shall be allowed to hold credentials in the Bible Fellowship Church who does not attend a BFC church where possible as determined by the Ministerial Credentials Committee. A written request for an exception can be submitted, which will be reviewed and may be granted by the Ministerial Credentials Committee.”

4. Resolutions To Be Submitted To The BFC Conference for Second Reading:

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 (4.1)-new addition not in last year], 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.”

**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.”



## **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 (with an addition in bold that was not in last year’s description) 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. A written request can be submitted each year for an extension which will be reviewed and may be granted 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 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 that 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.

**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.

## 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.

**Ministerial Credentials Committee**: Dennis M. Cahill, Chairman; LeRoy S. Heller, Vice Chairman; Ralph M. Soper, Secretary; Ronald C. Erb, Dana E. Weller.

## Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee

*“Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.” 1 Peter 5:2-4*

The task of the Ministerial Relations Committee is to assist churches and pastors in the transition of ministry. The Lord, our Chief Shepherd, has graciously provided under-shepherds for our churches this year, for which we are thankful.

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 occurred according to our rules this year:

Church	Pastor	Effective Date
Board of Missions	Dana E. Weller	June 30, 2014
Mount Pocono, PA	Timothy Bertolet	June 30, 2014
Hellertown, PA	Timothy M. Zuck	June 30, 2014
Oley, PA	Arthur J. Simpson	August 17, 2014
Church Extension	Keith A. Strunk	August 31, 2014
Whitehall, PA	Albert J. Dommel	November 2, 2014
Coopersburg, PA	Thomas P. Shorb	March 31, 2015

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

Church	Pastor	Effective Date
Clinton Corners, NY	Allen R. Mickle, Jr	May 18, 2014
Church Extension	Timothy M. Zuck	July 1, 2014
Executive Board	Duane E. Moyer	July 1, 2014
Board of Missions	Daniel Istrate	November 1, 2014
Camden, DE	R. Daniel Wagner	August 1, 2014
Woodbury Heights, NJ	Timothy Nessler	August 20, 2014
Hellertown, PA	Keith A. Strunk	September 2, 2014
LaGrangeville, NY	Dennis W. Spinney	December 1, 2014
Howell, NJ	L. Marc Sweet	January 25, 2015
Kutztown, PA	Ezekiel Mack	March 22, 2015

The following churches are seeking a pastor (either a senior pastor or other pastoral staff member): Carmel, NY; Coopersburg, PA; Kutztown, PA; Las Cruces, NM; Mt. Pocono, PA; Newark, NJ; Oley, PA; Wallingford, PA; 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 fourteenth year of service in this ministry of care and counsel for the pastors of Conference. The committee gladly thanks him for his ministry to the churches and pastors of our fellowship.

### **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.

One matter 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**, that we adopt the following change to 511-6.3(7) at SECOND READING. "(7) The committee shall submit a report to BFC Conference, including recommendations concerning compensation for pastors called under our rules."

Having offered this resolution, the Committee makes the following recommendation and resolution to the 132st 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**

Please review our proposed legislation in the 2014 BFC Yearbook, p. 109 and

following. We intend to move this at First Reading at the 2015 Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ministerial Relations Committee

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

## Report of the Church Health Committee

The Church Health Committee met together quarterly during the past year in an effort to serve the Bible Fellowship Church by promoting strong church health. In each meeting we reviewed the health status of churches in need, determined and implemented means of ministering to such churches, made recommendations to individual pastors and boards of elders, and spent time in prayer for our local congregations. In addition we carried out our responsibility to oversee the compilation of the annual statistical report.

This year we gave priority to giving input to eight local congregations in need. Committee members met on site with pastors of particular churches. Those meetings included both formal and informal evaluations, encouragement, and prayer with the pastors and elders involved. Most of those interactions involved taking the pastor to lunch as well for further fellowship and encouragement. Those gatherings were deeply appreciated and of significant value.

One church that was and is of greatest concern is the New Community Bible Fellowship Church in Brooklyn. Committee members interacted and met with Pastor Ralph Ritter several times and offered counsel, encouragement, and practical help in his work. In an effort to provide safe, livable housing conditions for the Ritter family, the Committee established a fund that would provide the finances needed to do major repairs to the house in Brooklyn. The generous response of several churches and individuals raised \$7,300 to pay for necessary electrical and plumbing repairs in the Ritters' housing. Steps have been taken to make those repairs and bring the building back to a safe, livable state. The Church is now under the care of the Church Health Committee. Please join us in prayer for wisdom and direction for the Ritter's, and the members of the Brooklyn Church.

After many years of faithful service on the Church Health Committee, Clyde W. Snyder resigned due to health concerns. The Committee appointed Richard C. Dodson to take his place.

The Committee developed and approved internal policies for better functioning of this area of the Bible Fellowship Church ministry. We bring proposals to the BFC Conference that we believe will strengthen and extend the ministry. Thank you for your prayer, your cooperation, and your input that allows us to serve effectively. We exist to serve you and invite your questions, requests for help, or offers of assistance. May the Lord grow and strengthen this, His Church.

Church Health Committee

Consideration of Changes to the Faith & Order

~~Strikeouts~~ - remove from original, **Bold** - new addition

504-1 Particular Church

504-1.2 Any congregation that reports any ~~one~~ of the following criteria will allow the Board of Church Health to initiate discussion with that Particular Church:

Strikeout:

~~-(1) Three consecutive years where attendance declined more than 5% per year.~~



~~(2) Three consecutive years of declining offerings.~~

~~(3) A Board of Elders that has declined to fewer than two lay elders.~~

Replace with:

(1) A Board of Elders that has declined to fewer than two **functioning** lay elders.

**(2) If there is a pattern of decline in any of the following:**

**Membership**

**Church Family Size**

**Average Attendance**

**Finances**

### **511-3 Church Health Committee**

#### **511-3.1 Purpose**

The Church Health Committee exists to serve the Particular Churches of the BFC by promoting strong church health.

#### **511-3.2 Composition and Election**

Change:

(1) The Church Health Committee shall consist of four ministers and four elders.

Replace with:

**(1) The Church Health Committee shall consist of ministers and elders.**

Change:

(2) They shall be elected for a term of three years in **equal** classes ~~as follows~~.

Note: Strikeout the three classes!

Add:

**(3) The committee shall elect its own members, subject to the ratification of the BFC Executive Board.**

#### **511-3.3 Duties**

Change:

(3) It shall ~~approach~~ **place**, based on its discretion, a Particular Church **under its care** to ~~offer~~ **provide** assistance for strengthening church health.

Add the following section:

#### **511-3.4 Church Health Director**

With the consent, counsel, and cooperation of the BFC Executive Board, the Committee may hire a Church Health Director to carry out its duties.

#### **Election**

(1) The Church Health Director shall be an ordained minister of the Bible Fellowship Church. He may, at the discretion of the Church Health Committee and the BFC Executive Board, serve either full-time or part-time.

(2) He shall be elected for a three-year term by the Church Health Committee and his election shall be ratified by the BFC Conference. He shall not be a voting member of the Church Health Committee but shall serve under the direction of the committee, where full authority shall reside.

**Duties**

(1) He shall, in the performance of his duties, work according to policies and directives of the Church Health Committee.

(2) He shall, as requested by the committee, represent the Church Health Committee in its dealings with pastors, elders, and churches.

(3) He shall recommend to the Church Health Committee that a particular church be placed under the care of the Church Health Committee according to their policies and directives.

(4) He shall recommend to the Church Health Committee that a church under the care of the Church Health Committee be restored to full particular church status.

(5) He shall give a full report to the Church Health Committee at each of its meetings, and be available to report to the BFC Executive Board as requested.

(6) He shall report both to the BFC Executive Board and to BFC Conference on the status of any church under the care of the Church Health Committee.

(7) He shall be available as a resource to local churches regarding Church Health.

(8) He shall be available to meet with pastors, boards of elders, and congregations for consultation, evaluation, exhortation, and advice.

**The Church Health Committee:** Carl K. Spackman, Chairman; Richard T. Paashaus, Secretary; Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr., W. Wayne Batten, Richard C. Dodson, Jason L. Hoy, David N. Schoen, John W. Sullivan.

## Report of the Committee to Examine 131<sup>st</sup> 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 2014 official minutes:

- p. 11 In the resolve the word "an" should not be capitalized.
- p. 12 In the last line of the paragraph under Report of Pinebrook Bible Conference his should be capitalized in "His glory."
- p. 16 In the third line on the page "fulfil" should be spelled "fulfill."
- p. 19 It should read the "Report of the Department of Missions."
- p. 22 In (1) and (5) under 510-1.1 "conference" should not be separated from the previous line with the extra space.
- p. 25 In the sentence beginning "Replace 600 Bylaws..." the 600 Regionalization should not be separated from the previous line.
- p. 25 Under 600-2 the third line should not be separated from the first two lines.
- p. 29 In the second whereas delete "in other Christian men serving" (see the second whereas on page 104 for the correct reading).

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

- iv Under the South West Region, Villa Magna is in Mexico not NM. There should be a hyphen in Mid-Hudson NY Region.
- v The listing under the contents should be Table of Contents.
- xvi The year of ordination for Timothy D. Gibson should be 1998 since the BFC recognized his prior ordination.
- xvii The year of ordination for Andrew T. Gysi should be 1996 since the BFC recognized his prior ordination and the year of present status should be 2007 for Keith M. Long and 2002 for David K. Schlonecker,
- xxii In the fifth line of the fourth paragraph "of the of the" should read "of the."
- xxiv In the first full paragraph it should read Carlos G. Rodriguez and Mark E. Barninger to be consistent.
- xxviii In the ninth line of the third paragraph the word "to" should be inserted in "moved on to attend."
- p. 39 In the listing of reports "Executive Board.....43" should be added.
- p. 80 In the last line of the second asterisk paragraph it should read "short-term trips."
- p. 94 In the second line it should read "long-serving members."
- p. 106 In the last line of the second paragraph under 4 it should read "is to be sent."
- p. 123 The second sentence of 154-1 should read: "When believers' 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."
- p. 129 Ministers should be plural in "Ordained Ministers Under the Board of

- Missions” (also p. 160), “Ordained Ministers in the Chaplaincy” (also p. 161), “Ordained Ministers in Other Christian Ministries” (also p. 161), and “Ordained Ministers Between Calls” (also page 162).
- p. 129 “Others” should be plural in “Others Working in the BFC” (also page 167).
- p. 132-137 The spelling of Bethany should be corrected in Bethany BFC, Hatfield, PA.
- p. 138 In the last sentence of the first paragraph the word “was” is needlessly duplicated.
- p. 146 The first listing should be “Gettysburg, PA.”
- p. 150 The last listing should be “Reading (la Roca), PA.”
- p. 171 Clinton Corners, NY should be written out.
- p. 175 Woodbury Heights, NJ should be written out.
- p. 190 A space should be inserted in “BFC Executive Board.”

**Committee to Examine the BFC Conference Minutes:** Philip G. Norris, Chairman; Robert C. Kaatz, Joshua P. Miller, Michael D. Roberts, R. Scott Wright.

## Report of the Committee to Examine Minutes of Particular Churches

The Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches met on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 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 6, 2015.

Once again, the committee greatly appreciates the churches using the checklist that was sent with the letter to the churches. The committee is also thankful for 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, the BFC Conference voted a couple of years ago to have reports in earlier than in previous years. Sixteen 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 6. This may mean an adjustment as to when your congregational meeting is held, but we do appreciate your cooperation.

A significant number of churches did not report having a financial review. This is important and should be done each year.

There were two petitions found this year. One was from the Paradise Bible Fellowship Church and it was adopted by the Paradise Bible Fellowship congregation at their annual meeting. The second petition was from the elders at Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church, Sunbury.

**Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches:** Ralph M. Soper Chairman/Secretary; Andrew T. Gysi, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Mark R. Orton, David J. Peters, Howard N. Wells.

## Report of the Conference Judicatory

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

**Conference Judicatory:** Gregory A. Uhrich, Secretary; Carl C. Cassel, William F. Early, Donald E. Kuntzman, Rodney P. Plows, Calvin T. Reed, Ronald W. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr., Clyde W. Snyder, Dean A. Stortz.

## Report of the Study Committee on Immigration

The committee met five (5) times in 2014. We appreciate the opportunity that we have had to serve in this task.

At the 130th BFC Conference, it was Resolved, “That the Moderator of the 130th BFC Conference appoint two study committees to study the following issues and review pertinent statements of the Biblical Principles for Living after completing their study.” One of the committees was Immigration, which was tasked with exploring these two questions:

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

In our report to the 131st BFC Conference, we included these observations:

- 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.

Conference accepted our report and we understood that to be a mandate to compose a new BPL addressing immigration issues.

**Whereas**, Bible Fellowship Churches exist in varying geopolitical situations, and

**Whereas**, in the United States, where the majority of our churches are, there is great flux and redefinition of illegal/undocumented workers, and

**Whereas**, our greatest allegiance is to be to the Kingdom of God and the furtherance

of its work and not to a political entity, and

**Whereas**, the relocation of those without the gospel to proximity to biblically-based churches provides great opportunities for Gospel outreach, be it

**Resolved**, that we add the attached article to the BFC BPLs.

**Study Committee on Immigration:** John Elias, Chairman; Michael D. Roberts, Secretary; Miguel Gonzalez, David E. Gundrum, Cali Magallanes, and Dana E. Weller.

## 150 – Declarations on Particular Issues

### Article 156 – Immigration

**156-1** – God has a special love and compassion for the alien—whether an immigrant, stranger, or outsider in our midst.<sup>1</sup> He created all human beings in His image, and therefore all people from all cultural backgrounds are sacred.<sup>2</sup> Mary, Joseph, and Jesus as a child escaped into Egypt, per God’s instructions.<sup>3</sup> Our Savior understands the plight of refugees, who leave hostile conditions.

**156-2** – Jesus equated welcoming a stranger with welcoming Him. He gave special attention to people who were not accepted<sup>4</sup> and spent time with those on the fringes of society. His mission included bringing good news to the captives, broken-hearted, and oppressed.<sup>5</sup> The New Testament writers challenge the church to break down barriers of hostility and to recognize that we too are strangers and aliens.<sup>6</sup>

**156-3** – People migrate for many reasons, including economics, armed conflicts, and family needs. Such migration provides gospel opportunities which might not otherwise exist. The church should seek ways to reach the alien with the good news of Christ and disciple the new believer in a way that will honor the Lord and obey the laws of government.<sup>7</sup>

**156-4** – Christians are to obey the laws of government,<sup>8</sup> except in cases where a regulation is in conflict with the law of God.<sup>9</sup> Circumstances vary from country to country; however, a believer should attempt to follow the legal process in order to remain in the country. Christian employers should make every effort to comply with the law<sup>10</sup> while seeking ways to assist the employee.

**156-5** – The church must understand the priority of its heavenly citizenship.<sup>11</sup> The church must not allow political issues to surpass her mission of gospel-centered ministry.<sup>12</sup> Pastors and church leaders should give biblical counsel to those illegally residing in a country, proclaim the truth, and pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the believer’s life.<sup>13</sup> The church should assist believers seeking legal status.

**156-6** - Not all are aliens of their own volition. They are victims of human trafficking and slavery, unwillingly working in situations as diverse as the commercial sex trade and child labor. They are found in places as varied as restaurants, factories, brothels, laundries, and sweatshops. The church needs to stand against this evil by praying and advocating for such victims. The church should be ready to minister to them.<sup>14</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Lev. 19:9-10, 24:19-22; Deut. 10:17-19, 14:28-29, 24:17, 26:12-13

<sup>2</sup> Gen. 1:26,27; I Cor. 11:7; Jas. 3:9

<sup>3</sup> Matt. 2:13-18

<sup>4</sup> Matt. 25:31-46; Lk. 17:11-19, 19:1-10

<sup>5</sup> Isa. 61:1; Mk. 7:24-30; Lk. 4:18-20

<sup>6</sup> Acts 10:28; Eph. 2:11-22

<sup>7</sup> Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Heb. 13:1-2

<sup>8</sup> Rom. 13:1; Tit. 3:1

<sup>9</sup> Acts 5:29

<sup>10</sup> I Pet. 2:13-20

<sup>11</sup> Phil. 3:20; Tit. 2:14

<sup>12</sup> I Cor. 2:2

<sup>13</sup> Heb. 4:12; I Pet. 5:1-2

<sup>14</sup> Philemon 16

## 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, and 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 sexual brokenness and confronting 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 Declaration on Particular Issues (DPI) Article 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. Research was done on the biblical teaching concerning gender and who determines it, the definition of family, the moral evaluation of sexual self-gratification, the definition of marriage, the distinction between civil and sacred marriage, whether or not a “homosexual orientation” is inherently sinful, and whether or not the term “homosexual” is best understood as an identity or as a behavior, particularly for the believer.

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. First, we hoped to put the beauty of holiness in a positive light and not as a restraint on freedom. Second, we wanted to avoid singling out one sexual sin as more egregious and enslaving than others. And third, we

wanted a more 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 constructed an article (BPL 103-3 “Sexual Holiness”) that represents the biblical standard of sexual holiness, and an article that replaces the DPI Article 154 - “Homosexuality” (DPI Article 154 – “Sexual Immorality”). In so doing we did not change the BFC’s position on homosexuality. Instead, we enhanced the BFC’s position by treating homosexuality in light of the Bible’s full teaching on sexual holiness and immorality.

## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**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**, our current Biblical Principles for Living (BPL) do not contain a statement on the biblical standard of sexual holiness be it

**Resolved**, that Article 103-3 “Sexual Holiness” be included in the Bible Fellowship Church Biblical Principles for Living, and the subsequent BPLs be renumbered accordingly.

**Whereas**, Article 154, “Homosexuality,” isolates and elevates only one perversion of the biblical standard of sexual holiness be it

**Resolved**, that Article 154 “Homosexuality” be replaced with Article 154 “Sexual Immorality.”

## PROPOSED LEGISLATION

### 103-3 Sexual Holiness

**103-3.1** 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.<sup>1</sup> 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.

**103-3.2** 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 the unity of the Godhead and God’s covenantal relationship with His people.<sup>2</sup> In addition, sexual union was given for the procreation of children and for the mutual enjoyment of husband and wife.<sup>3</sup>

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.<sup>4</sup> The first marriage, and thus the first sexual act, was a recognition,

expression, and celebration of this complementary distinction. God designed sexual union such that two complementary sexual halves, one man and one woman, come together and 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.<sup>5</sup> The participation in, or promotion of, any sexual act other than this “one flesh” union, within the marriage covenant,<sup>6</sup> or the willful neglect of this sexual union is a sinful disregard of its intended purpose and fails to glorify God in our bodies.<sup>7</sup>

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.<sup>8</sup> God is dishonored when His design for sexual union is disregarded and perverted, and He will not allow this perversion to go unpunished.<sup>9</sup> In addition, sexual expression outside the biblical standard corrupts the ideal in human relationships and prevents human flourishing.<sup>10</sup>

**103-3.3** There is hope in Jesus Christ for the sexual sinner, not only for forgiveness but also for the transformation and redirection of life.<sup>11</sup> The battle against improper sexual desires may persist until our weak and fallen bodies are raised anew with Christ, but the present resurrection power of the indwelling Holy Spirit enables the repentant sinner to overcome the controlling influences of sinful fleshly impulses.<sup>12</sup> 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.<sup>13</sup>

**103-3.4** We are to approach all sin, including sexual sin in the Church, with humility and sacrificial resolve.<sup>14</sup> We need to recognize and convey that we are all fallen creatures<sup>15</sup> whose present joy and hope lies in 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.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 1:27, 2:24; 1 Cor. 6:19-20.

<sup>2</sup> Gen. 2:24; Mark 10:6-9 (cf. Deut 6:4); Mal. 2:14-15; 1 Cor. 6:14-19; Eph. 5:30-32.

<sup>3</sup> Gen 1:27-28; Song of Solomon 7:6.

<sup>4</sup> Gen 1:27.

<sup>5</sup> Gen. 2:24; Mal. 2:14; Matt. 19:4; Mk. 10:7-8; 1 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 5:31.

<sup>6</sup> Mal. 2:14.

<sup>7</sup> 1 Cor. 6:20, 7:2-5.

<sup>8</sup> Gen. 2:24; 1 Cor. 7:1-5; 1 Cor. 6:9-11, 13, 18-20; Eph. 5:30-32; Heb. 13:4.

<sup>9</sup> Lev. 18:1-30; Ex. 20:14; Matt. 5:28; Rom. 1:25-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Eph. 5:3; Col. 3:5-6; 1 Thess. 4:3-8; 1 Tim. 1:10; Heb. 13:4; Jude 7; Rev. 21:8, 22:15.

<sup>10</sup> Gen. 19:30-38; 2 Sam. 11:3-12:23; Ps. 51; 2 Sam. 13; Matt. 14:1-12; Mk. 6:14-29.

<sup>11</sup> 1 Cor. 6:11.

<sup>12</sup> Gal. 5:16-25; Titus 2:11-14.

<sup>13</sup> Rom. 8:1,2.

<sup>14</sup> Gal. 6:1.

<sup>15</sup> Rom. 3:9, 23; Prov. 20:9.

<sup>16</sup> Mat. 18:15-17.

#### **Article 154 - Homosexuality (original wording)**

**154-1** A homosexual is a man or woman who indulges a lust for or engages in sexual acts with a member of the same sex.

**154-2** God's Word declares that the expression of sexual relations is authorized only in the union of male and female within the bond of marriage.<sup>1</sup> Scripture plainly teaches that homosexual lust and practice are sinful in God's sight.<sup>2</sup> Regardless of any claim to the contrary, the Bible explicitly declares that homosexuality is a perversion of God's created order.<sup>3</sup>

**154-3** It would be a violation of the Word of God to admit unrepentant homosexuals into church membership or office because the sin of homosexuality invalidates a Christian profession of faith.<sup>4</sup> When a Christian yields to homosexual temptation, the Bible requires that fellow believers use the means of church discipline in order to urge the individual to repent and be restored.<sup>5</sup>

**154-4** There is hope in Jesus Christ for the homosexual, not only for forgiveness but also for the transformation and redirection of life.<sup>6</sup> 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 redemption.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 2:24.

<sup>2</sup> Lev.18:22, 20:13.

<sup>3</sup> Rom.1:25-27.

<sup>4</sup> 1Cor. 6:9, 10.

<sup>5</sup> Mat.18:15-17.

<sup>6</sup> 1Cor. 6:11.

<sup>7</sup> Rom. 8:1, 2.

#### **Article 154 – Sexual Immorality (rewrite)**

**154-1** God's Word declares that the expression of sexual relations is authorized only in the union of male and female within the bond of marriage.<sup>1</sup> Any sexual act outside this biblical standard is sinful in God's sight.

**154-2** Regardless of any claim to the contrary, the Bible teaches that activities such as adultery, bestiality, fornication, homosexuality (i.e. indulging in a lust for or engaging in a sexual act with a member of the same sex), incest, polygamy, sexual lust and sexual self-gratification are perversions of God's created order.<sup>2</sup>

**154-3** It is a violation of the Word of God to admit into church membership or office any unrepentant man or woman engaged in sexual immorality because such unrepentance invalidates a Christian profession of faith.<sup>3</sup> When a church member yields to sexual immorality, the Bible requires that fellow believers use the means of church discipline in order to urge the individual to repent and be restored.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Gen.2:24.

<sup>2</sup> Ex. 20:14,17; Lev. 18:6-23; 20:13; Matt. 5:27-28; Matt. 19:4-6; Rom. 1:25-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-10, 7:3-5,9; Heb. 13:4; Rom. 13:13-14.

<sup>3</sup> 1 Cor. 6:9-10.

<sup>4</sup> Mat.18:15-17.

## APPENDICES

The following statements are not conclusive nor comprehensive, but represent some of the topics we researched as a committee. Our desire is that the appendices will help begin the discussion among your local elder boards.

### APPENDIX A: CIVIL MARRIAGE VS. SACRED MARRIAGE

By Dan Allen

Each BFC-credentialed and ordained minister holds a dual licensing credential with the state in which they reside. Thus, when performing a marriage ceremony, the pastor is also acting on behalf of the state. Although religious freedom has kept the state at bay and, thus, it is doubtful that this will happen in the near future, there may come a day in which all licensed agents of the state will be required to perform marriage ceremonies for same-sex couples. (This is already happening with non-religious agents of the state in states in which same-sex marriage is legal.)

One has to believe that if the Supreme Court of the United States lifts the ban on same-sex marriages before the end of their term in June, 2015, which appears to be an almost certainty, there will be test cases in which same-sex couples will attempt to have ministers who are religious objectors to their life-choice perform their ceremonies. (Cake decorators in several states which have legalized same-sex marriages, as well as at least one private reception venue in upstate New York, were sued in court. All offending entities lost in court).

Our committee discussed the following option for pastors. Perhaps other options could be explored.

- Opting out of the state licensing. Religious marriage would be performed by the minister, but the couple would have to seek other options to fulfill state requirements:
  - A civil ceremony before a judge, Justice of the Peace or some other agent of the State. This is done in some European countries.
  - Obtain a “Self Unity Certificate,” also known as a “Quaker License” (which is used by some Quakers as well as Amish, but may not be available in all states).

## **APPENDIX B: CHURCH POLICY AND PRACTICE WITH REGARD TO HOMOSEXUALITY**

By Clyde Bomgardner and Tim Zuck

As a particular church seeks to deal with the fact that there will be those who will come to their services of worship who are practicing homosexuality, we offer the following suggestions:

1. With regard to church policy and practice, those who are engaged in homosexual activity should be treated as any other persons engaging in persistent, unrepentant acts of immoral sexual behavior.
2. Because we are the church of Jesus Christ, in remembrance of our Founder, who was made perfect in suffering, we must love them, minister to them, and partner with them in the struggles they are facing as the Spirit groans as He shares in our struggles.
3. Recognizing that those who have, or are engaged in homosexual activity, may have experienced alienation by the Church in the past and/or have been exposed to caricatures of Christian teaching regarding sexual holiness, we ought to express Christ-like empathy toward such persons and seek to clarify Christian teaching about sexual holiness.
4. Because we believe that same-sex intercourse is sin, we believe that those who practice homosexuality, along with those who unrepentantly practice polygamy, adultery, prostitution, or fornication, must be denied membership into a particular church until such time as they are repentant.<sup>1</sup>
5. Because God is holy and calls us to be holy, we must call them to a higher standard of behavior and a holier way of thinking. At least, this means that those who do not abstain from same-sex intercourse should not be able to hold church membership or church office.
6. A particular church ought to take to heart Christ's words when dealing with one who practices homosexual behavior and who 'backslides' into homosexual intercourse, taking every opportunity to restore this person to the fellowship of believers.<sup>2</sup>
7. When persons refuse indefinitely to repent, it is the responsibility of the church to declare them to be wrong and, with sorrow and regret, to administer church discipline for the purpose of restoring them to the fellowship of believers.<sup>3</sup>
8. We recommend that a particular church ought to put no impediment in the way for church membership or church office for someone with an homosexual orientation or preference who remains celibate, does not endorse homosexual behavior, and gives every evidence of wanting to remain committed to the Bible's and the church's teaching on homosexuality.
9. As a particular church seeks to communicate the gospel, even to those who practice homosexuality, who cannot meet the minimal standards for church membership and who desire to attend services and meetings, the church ought to show hospitality (e.g. welcoming them as visitors to church meetings, reaching

out to them in their homes) just as it would to others who are sinning.<sup>4</sup>

10. Due to cultural acceptance of homosexuality and so-called “gay marriage,” which may embolden activists to disrupt worship services by protests and public displays of affection, we strongly encourage each particular church to devise a plan of action to respond wisely to such possible scenarios with grace and truth.

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<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 6:9-11.

<sup>2</sup> Luke 17:3-4.

<sup>3</sup> 1 Cor. 5:11-13.

<sup>4</sup> Gagnon, Robert, A.J. *The Bible and Homosexual Practice* (Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2002) pp. 489-491. This list is adapted from Gagnon’s section entitled, “Church and Civil Policy Matters.”

## APPENDIX C: SEXUAL IDENTITY

By Clyde Bomgardner

God created human beings in His image as male and female.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, every human being’s sexual identity (herein understood as gender) has been ordained by God.<sup>2</sup> As human beings multiplied, God directed husbands and wives to call their children sons or daughters.<sup>3</sup>

The sexual identity of a man or a woman, though defined by other things, certainly cannot be the opposite of a human being’s sexual physiology.<sup>4</sup> God placed order in human relationships. Yet, God’s order of creation of humankind, and the roles and responsibilities and curses He has given to each gender, show that masculinity and femininity are significantly more than just having unique and complimentary sexual physiology.<sup>5,6</sup>

No human being has the authority to change the gender that God has given.<sup>7</sup> In the rare case that a human being is born with neither or both male and female sexual organs, this requires prayerful wisdom for the biological and spiritual family to know how to make decisions regarding the sexual identity of this human being created by God.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Gen. 1:27, 5:1-2.

<sup>2</sup> Ps. 139:13.

<sup>3</sup> Gen. 4:1, 5:3-4, 6-8, 9-11ff; Num. 26:28-29, 33; 1 Chron. 14:3; Joel 2:28-29; Acts 1:12-14.

<sup>4</sup> Gen. 4:1

<sup>5</sup> Gen. 2:22-24; 3:16, 17-19, 20; 1 Cor. 11:8-12; Eph. 5:21-33; 1 Tim. 2:8-15

<sup>6</sup> For a more in depth list of masculinity and femininity, read *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood*, John Piper and Wayne Grudem, eds. (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012), ch. 1, pp 35ff.

<sup>7</sup> Isa. 46:3-5, 8-10.

<sup>8</sup> Gen. 5:3; Ps. 127:1,3.

## APPENDIX D: SEXUAL HOLINESS

What is Sexual Purity?

By Joshua Miller

The topic of sexual ethics in the life of a believer brings with it a litany of questions



regarding what is natural, what is permissible, what is immoral, etc.; and even more foundational questions like what is the purpose and meaning of sex?

With tongue firmly planted in cheek, this list of questions makes me all the more thankful for the first century church in Corinth. As this young church sought to understand what it meant to have “the mind of Christ,” (2:16) it didn’t take long for questions and misunderstandings to arise regarding the practice and application of the gospel to everyday life. One area of concern and confusion was that of sexual ethics, both inside and outside of marriage. And it will do us well to follow Paul’s theological and rational arguments as we seek to apply the gospel to the complicated world of sexual ethics.

First Corinthians 6 and 7 are the epicenter of this exchange between Paul and the Corinthian church concerning the Corinthians’ misunderstanding of sex. Paul confronts their perversions regarding sex in four distinct areas; 1) They were abusing their freedom within the New Covenant; 2) They confused functionality with purpose; 3) They misunderstood the future relevance of their physical body; 4) They misunderstood the present relevance of their physical bodies.

In 1 Cor. 6:12-20, Paul confronts them by responding to three different Corinthian slogans that were used in defense of their immoral lifestyle; 1) “All things are lawful for me” (v.12); 2) “Food is meant for the stomach and stomach for food, and God will destroy both one and the other.”(v. 13) 3) “Every sin a man commits is outside the body” (v. 18).<sup>1</sup>

#### **They were abusing the freedom found within the new covenant:**

Paul’s confrontation begins in verse 12, where he takes on their first argument, “All things are lawful for me.”

It is worth noting that Paul’s confrontation does not begin with their behavior of immorality, but begins with their wrong thinking. He knew their visits to the local brothels grew out of a misapplication of the gospel. Their understanding that they had been delivered from the regulations of the law somehow gave them license to practice sexual immorality.

Paul initially combats this thinking by responding, “but not all things are profitable (helpful).”<sup>2</sup> This response by Paul confronts their antinomian practice with a higher standard. They are bound, not by the law, but by their responsibility to one another. Their freedom was to be used to serve and love one another nor to gratify the desires of the flesh. “This liberty must be lived out in the spirit of Augustine’s maxim, ‘Love, and do what you will.’”<sup>3</sup>

Paul then responds to this phrase with a second argument, “but I will not be enslaved by anything.” Again, Paul could have simply stated that adultery and fornication is an abuse of God’s plan for sex but he still doesn’t go there in his argument against immorality. Instead, Paul makes use of a play on words to emphasize his point here. He is in a sense saying, “I will not be enslaved by freedom.” We are not to allow our freedom to control us because we now have another master, the Lord Jesus Christ. Which is where Paul eventually takes the Corinthian believers, “You are not your own, for you were

bought with a price.” (vv. 19-20)

So Paul responds to the Corinthian argument, “All things are lawful for me,” by reminding them that their freedom is constrained by love for one another and by the Lordship of Christ.<sup>4</sup>

**They confused functionality with purpose:**

Paul now responds to the fallacious statement, “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food and God will destroy both one and the other.”

The Corinthians were making a very rational argument for their sexual escapades. “It’s natural. Just as food and the stomach are meant for each other so are sexual acts meant for the sexual organs of the body.” Denny Burk summarizes their argument, “Their teleological justification for immorality consisted in the observation that the human body’s design reveals its purpose.”<sup>5</sup>

Paul responds in the second half of verse 13, “The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord and the Lord for the body.” Our sexual organs, sexual impulses and sexual cravings do not determine a sexual ethic. Our need for release, our pent-up sexual appetite, and our sexual frustration do not justify behavior. Once again, Paul brings us back to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Our bodies were not meant for any sexual act that falls outside the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

They misunderstood the future relevance of their physical body:

In 6:14, Paul responds to the second part of this argument. “Just as God raised the Lord and will raise us up by his power.”

Libertines had . . . used the fact that food did not raise a moral issue to support their contention that sexual conduct also had no moral significance. Paul grants that both food and the stomach belong to the transient sphere . . . But . . . the body is not something transient, but will be raised from the dead.<sup>6</sup>

With this argument we see the remnants of Platonic dualism creeping into the justification for their sin. God must not care much about the body, if he is just going to destroy it. As Ben Witherington observed, “Many Corinthian Christians apparently thought that salvation did not involve the body.”<sup>7</sup> This belief in the moral irrelevance of the body was a foundational error. The Christian is not waiting for God to destroy his body but to resurrect it. It becomes clear in 1 Corinthians 15:12 that this church had entertained a theological aberration regarding the future resurrection. But here in chapter 6 we see how they were using this aberration to excuse their immorality.

Paul goes on in 6:15-17 to teach that this future resurrection of our body is an indication that we are unified with Christ in the present. When we commit a sexual act we become one flesh with our partner. And thus the Christian’s union with Christ through the Spirit makes the sin all the more grave.

It is at this point that Paul grounds his sexual ethic in this institution of marriage in the garden (v. 16). The union of man and woman in the covenant of marriage is how the body was designed to function. This is the only sexual act that honors the lordship of Christ and so uses the members of our body for his glory.

This leads to the fourth error in their thinking. Not only does the body have a future dignity but our union with the Spirit gives our body a present relevance.

**They misunderstood the present relevance of their physical body:**

With their slogan, “Every sin a person commits is outside the body,” the Corinthians were indicating that the body is morally irrelevant. The body to them was amoral. They certainly acknowledged the presence of sin, but it was not to be fought in the realm of the physical but internally. The body was going to do what the body was going to do, and they were fine with letting it run its course. “This is not to say that the Corinthians denied the possibility of sin. Sin was possible but only on the level of motive and intention, and they refused to concede that these could be evaluated on the basis of the actions in which they were embodied. Hence, ‘every sin which a man may commit is outside the body.’”<sup>8</sup>

Paul responds by telling them that the body has been marked out and set apart for a sacred service, to serve as the Temple of the Holy Spirit. The body is to be used for God’s purposes, thus the Christian is not his own but has relinquished all claims to ownership over his body.

Paul closes this discussion in chapter 6 by commanding them to use glorify God with their body. And within the context of Paul’s exchange with the Corinthians he means, “Glorify God with your sex.”

There are subordinate purposes for sex given to us throughout the Bible; procreation, pleasure, expression of love, and the consummation of marriage. But neither of them must surpass the significance and weight of using our sexuality to glorify God. One does not need to participate in sex to glorify God. And thus to surrender my impulses, my natural inclination, my cravings and my freedom to the lordship of Christ is to glorify God in your body.

Paul could have simply told the Corinthians to stop fornicating, but Paul was more concerned with a worldview that needed to be adjusted. This world is not the end. The true telos of the Christian is not death but eternal life. Our physical bodies are eternally significant because of the resurrection. And our physical makeup and bodily impulses do not determine the purpose for sex. God has delivered the purpose for sex, and that purpose is, to glorify him. With Paul’s use of Gen 2:24, which is the clearest and most comprehensive explanation for the design of sex (Mal. 2:14; Matt. 19:4; Mk. 10:7-8; 1 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 5:31), we are given how this act is to be used to glorify God. Using our sexuality to adulterate, fornicate, masturbate, lust after, fantasize, sodomize, seduce, rape, etc. is to fall outside of God’s design.

So when one asks, “What is sexual purity?” Paul would recommend that we first take a step back and ask, “Is there a purpose for human sexuality?” Because in finding and understanding the purpose, one will find the standard by which purity is measured. If human sexuality has no ultimate purpose outside of what each individual assigns to it, then there is no point in discussing its purity. In such cases, purity becomes as fluid as its purpose. With no standard, sexual purity becomes measured by how successful I am in using my sexuality to accomplish the purpose I intended for it. With the simple statement, “glorify God with your body” I am no longer left to create my own purpose for sexuality

and sexual expression. Thus its purity and purpose are not fluid, and this truth is most offensive to the world.

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<sup>1</sup> The first two slogans in this list are almost universally accepted as Corinthian statements (see commentaries by Anthony Thiselton, Gordon Fee, and Leon Morris). The most controversial of these interpretations is the final slogan from 1 Cor. 6:18. For defense of my stance, see Denny Burk, *What is the Meaning of Sex?* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2013), pp. 54-57.

<sup>2</sup> “The idea of “profitability” comes from the Greek word *sumphero*, a word that appears two other times in this book: 10:23-24 and 12:7. In both instances, the term refers to that which is profitable for the common good of the whole body of Christ.

<sup>3</sup> Leon Morris, TNTC: *1 Corinthians*, p. 94.

<sup>4</sup> “Paul does not deny the statement ‘All things are lawful to me’ (v.12). He may even had said something like that himself when explaining the believer’s freedom from the multiple prohibitions of Jewish Law. What he does is to attach two restrictions which bring it in line with his understanding of Christian community. “Jerome Murphy-O’Connor, *1 Corinthians*, (Liturgical Press, New Testament Message 10, 1991), p. 52.

<sup>5</sup> Denny Burk, *What is the Meaning of Sex?*, p. 50.

<sup>6</sup> Murphy-O’Connor, pp.73-74.

<sup>7</sup> Ben Witherington III, *Conflict and Community in Corinth: A Socio-Rhetorical Commentary on 1 and 2 Corinthians* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1995), p. 164n11. Quoted in *The Meaning of Sex* by Denny Burk.

<sup>8</sup> Murphy-O’Connor, *1 Corinthians*, 51.

## APPENDIX E: DEFINING SEXUAL PERSONS

By Aaron Susek

### 1. Basic Position

I am increasing uncomfortable with the notion of defining persons in relation to their sexual desires or activity and am of the opinion we should restrict statements to specific activity, not persons.

### 2. Reasons

- a. One frank reason is because there are no homosexuals in the body of Christ. It is categorically incorrect to say a homosexual is one who indulges a lust for or engages in sexual activity with a member of the same sex. A fundamental benefit of the gospel is that in union with Christ and His resurrection, we are not defined by our sin or our sinful inclinations, but rather by Christ’s exalted status and righteous accomplishments.

So at the very least, it seems to me that if we are going to define persons as we do in 154-1, we should be careful to say something to the effect, Homosexuals within the Church are men and women, dearly loved of the Father, redeemed by the death and resurrection of the Son, assured of eternal grace by the testimony of Christ’s Spirit, who wrestle with a lust for and temptation towards sexual acts with members of the same sex.

- b. Definitions can perhaps reinforce a false dichotomy among Christians that homosexuality = bad and heterosexuality = good. In reality, the majority of what falls under heterosexuality in our culture (perhaps even in our churches) is not “good.” Using only the labels of homo/heterosexuality seems to leave

much off heterosexuality off the hook...or at least on a lesser hook. It can allow heterosexuals to stand on a pedestal of moral superiority. In truth, though, heterosexuality holds as many latent moral dangers and as many desires and inclinations to be sacrificed to the Lordship of Christ as does homosexuality. This seems of particular importance given the Church has had a tendency to escalate sexual sins and also struggled to love escalated sinners.

For instance, why do we have no statement with the heading, heterosexuality? Why is there no statement on heterosexual lust being grounds for church discipline or heterosexual lust as perversion?

- c. In the broader culture, sexual definitions involve so much more than just lust and sexual activity. It (unfortunately) encompasses much deeper issues of personal identity. It deals with behaviors, choices, relationships and peer groups, memories, marriage, physical health, fantasy, love and hopes, etc. To have a statement that defines a homosexual simply as one who indulges a lust or engages in certain activity, and defines that person negatively, might be to have a statement that at best is rightly irrelevant to the culture at large and at worst deeply wounding. For instance:
  - i. Through the lens of this broader understanding of sexual identity, homosexuality is at times less a perversion of God's created order, and more a result of the creation's curse (154-2).
  - ii. Again, through this lens, heterosexuality can often invalidate Christian professions as much, if not more so, than homosexuality (154-3).
  - iii. Furthermore, it is increasingly the perspective of sexual theorists that the heterosexual/homosexual classification is an oppressive social construct that need to be deconstructed.<sup>1</sup> So if we kept the same definitions and identities in our statements, it is possible that in the near future, we would have a term neither defined for us by Scripture nor agreed upon by the culture.
- d. The broader culture has given far too much defining power to our sexuality. The culture has bought wholesale into the lie that we are what we desire. The Church should be identity-subversive – living testimonies in a drowning world that our deepest identity lies in what God desires for us and how He has acted on our behalf.
  - i. Are we reinforcing a negative cultural intuition when we define sexual persons? Have we bought into part of that lie ourselves?
  - ii. I also wonder if defining persons hinders our ability to counsel people toward healing, growth, and self-giving in areas of love and sexuality. For instance, could we ever counsel a homosexual to marry a member of the opposite sex? If we (or they, those who are undergoing counseling) resist that, I wonder if that isn't because we've placed too much weight on sexual identity.

- iii. Lastly, as homosexuality is such a convoluted and even debated term in the culture, labeling a person a homosexual can perhaps unintentionally leave them at the mercy of a whole host of unbiblical truths, explanations, and counsel.

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<sup>1</sup> Hammon, Michael. "Against Heterosexuality." *First Things*. March 2014

## **APPENDIX F: SEXUAL SELF-GRATIFICATION**

### **What does the Bible teach about seeking sexual self-gratification?**

By Joshua Miller

At the heart of this issue is the question of whether or not sexual self-gratification, in and of itself, can be given a moral valuation. Can sexual self-gratification be good or bad, right or wrong; or is it merely an amoral act with no necessary valuation? For the Christian, this question forces us back to God's design and purpose for sexual gratification.

When one evaluates the texts that deal with the act of sexual union, it is apparent that the goal is not sexual independence but sexual dependence. First Corinthians 7:3-5 and Song of Solomon 2:7, 3:5 and 7:4 all indicate that the delight and passion that is enjoyed in the "coming together" of a man and a woman is to be for their mutual satisfaction and is to be enjoyed in its proper time. By implication, this would mean that sex is to be mutually participated in and that it is possible for it to be practiced at an improper time.

In addition, 1 Corinthians 7:9 offers the proper way to view and to handle one's "burning passion." This burning passion is an indication that God has called you to pursue a spouse and commit yourself to fulfill your role as a husband or wife. This burning passion is motivation to pursue the mutual participation of physical intimacy which can only be properly enjoyed within the covenant of marriage.

Finally, sexual lust and fantasizing are often an integral part of this self-gratification, and the Word of God strictly forbids the practice of sexual lust.

In conclusion, sexual self-gratification is a rejection of God's intention of using our burning passion to drive us to dependence upon another, and instead making us sexually independent in regard to satisfying this burning passion.

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## Report of the Study Committee on Domestic Abuse as a Biblical Ground for Divorce

At the 2014 BFC Conference, the elders of Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury, having discussed the issue of whether spousal abuse presents a “legitimate, biblical” ground for divorce, and having been unable to reach a majority decision on this important issue, presented a request to BFC Conference, seeking Conference’s wisdom and counsel. In response to Emmanuel BFC’s request, a study committee was appointed to study this very issue.

The study committee met five (5) times at the BFC offices on Brookside Road in Wescosville (June 17, August 19, November 4, and December 16, 2014 and February 3, 2015). The committee divided its work along three main lines of study:

- Defining spousal abuse
- Determining if spousal abuse is a legitimate (biblical) ground for divorce
- Establishing basic guidelines for the church in handling suspected spousal abuse situations

The committee is grateful to Rachel Miller (Grace BFC, Harrisburg, Masters in Biblical Counseling), who reviewed the report and shared much-welcomed feedback, giving a female perspective. It was the intent of the committee to have other women counselors interact with our work, but Rachel’s was the only feedback we received.

The result of our work as a committee is put forward in the report that follows. In addition to report, and as a direct result of our work, the committee would like to also put forward the following resolution:

**Resolved**, that the following proposed revision to Article 103-5.1 of the Biblical Principles of Living be adopted as first reading (changes in italics):

**103-5.1** Divorce is the breaking of the marriage covenant instituted and ordained of God. God hates it because it is inconsistent with His purpose<sup>1</sup> and creates problems for all those associated with it. It is not permitted for any reason other than adultery<sup>2</sup> *or abandonment by divorce of an unbelieving spouse*<sup>3</sup> and should be considered only after careful and prayerful attempts for forgiveness and reconciliation.<sup>4</sup> Scripture permits but never requires that a person divorce a marriage partner who has committed adultery.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Gen.2:24; Prov. 2:17; Mal.2:14-16

<sup>2</sup> Matt. 5:32; Rom.7:2

<sup>3</sup> 1 Cor. 7:10-16

<sup>4</sup> Mark 10:6-9; 1Cor. 7:10-11

<sup>5</sup> Matt. 19:9

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### Study Committee:

**Is spousal abuse a legitimate, biblical ground for divorce?**



At the 2014 Annual Conference, Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church petitioned BFC Conference to answer the question, “Is spousal abuse a legitimate, biblical ground for divorce?” The church’s question has brought the topic of domestic violence to the BFC’s doorstep. Domestic violence is a reality that our churches can no longer ignore.

According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline (<http://www.thehotline.org/resources/statistics/>):

- *On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the U.S. — more than 12 million women and men over the course of a year.*
- *Nearly 3 in 10 women (29 percent) and 1 in 10 men (10 percent) in the U.S. have experienced rape, physical violence and/or stalking by a partner and report a related impact on their functioning.*
- *1 in 4 women (24.3 percent) and 1 in 7 men (13.8 percent) aged 18 and older in the U.S. have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.*

Despite these staggering statistics, the Church as a whole remains silent on the matter. According to a survey conducted by LifeWay Research in June 2014 (<http://www.lifewayresearch.com/2014/06/27/pastors-seldom-preach-about-domestic-violence/>), roughly 42% of the 1000 Protestant senior pastors surveyed “rarely” or “never” speak about domestic violence, and less than a quarter speak to their church about the issue once a year. For those who don’t address the issue, 30% believe domestic abuse is not a problem in their congregations (despite the above statistics).

Just as concerning is an indication that the Church, as a whole, is ill-equipped to handle cases of domestic violence. LifeWay found that less than half of the pastors they surveyed were trained to help victims of domestic violence.

We as the Bible Fellowship Church need to be prepared to be safe places for victims of domestic violence. We need to be places of healing, forgiveness and hope for victims and their abusers. We need to be prepared to face this issue with boldness and confidence, informed by the Scriptures.

### **What is Abuse?**

God instituted the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:18-24). This blessed institution was given to humanity prior to the fall of mankind in Adam’s sin. When sin entered the world, the effects of sin corrupted all things. The marriage covenant between a man and his wife was also corrupted (Genesis 3:16). One of the most destructive sins in the marriage relationship is that of spousal abuse. Spousal abuse is the physical, emotional, or sexual mistreatment of the marriage partner. It is any kind of behavior that a person uses, or threatens to use, to control an intimate partner. The two key elements are threat and control.

Abuse can take various forms. For the purposes of this document, abuse shall be defined as:

- Any recent act or failure to act by an individual which causes non-accidental

serious physical or mental injury.

- Any recent act or failure to act by an individual which causes non-accidental sexual mistreatment or sexual exploitation.
- Any recent act, failure to act or series of such acts or failures to act by an individual which creates an imminent risk of serious physical injury or sexual mistreatment or sexual exploitation.
- Serious physical neglect by an individual, constituting the failure to provide the essentials of life, including adequate medical care.

“Serious physical injury” shall be defined as an injury that causes severe pain or significantly impairs a victim’s physical functioning, either temporarily or permanently.

“Serious mental injury” shall be defined as a psychological condition, as diagnosed by a physician or licensed psychologist, including the refusal of appropriate treatment, that:

- Renders a victim chronically and severely anxious, agitated, depressed, socially withdrawn, psychotic or in reasonable fear that the victim’s life or safety is threatened; or
- Seriously interferes with a victim’s ability to accomplish appropriate social tasks.

\*For a fuller definition of abuse, visit the National Domestic Violence Hotline website: <http://www.thehotline.org/is-this-abuse/abuse-defined/>

### **Guidelines for the church in handling suspected spousal abuse situations**

As those who minister in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to bear forth the hope of the gospel to the hurting and oppressed. And we are not only to represent Christ in bringing his message, but also by displaying his manner. We need to be ready with a word of truth, but we must also readily show forth Christ in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. As pastoral under-shepherds, we must hunger for justice and be quick to the cause of the oppressed.

Following are guidelines for churches in addressing suspected spousal abuse situation. Note: these are only basic guidelines. A good resource for Elders dealing with domestic violence may be the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-7233, <http://www.thehotline.org/>). Each church should develop a policy for managing the process of responding to domestic abuse situations in their church.

When an Elder receives a report of spousal abuse, those first moments of interaction with the accuser (and sometimes the accused) are critical.

- Pause to pray. Seek the Lord’s wisdom. Situations involving suspected spousal abuse are among the most challenging an Elder can face, and call for great discernment.
- Listen attentively and take seriously the initial report of the accuser about the alleged abuse. We must be ready, without reservation, to come to the aid of the oppressed. All reports of domestic violence should be received and believed as presented. However, the Elder should remain committed to pursuing the truth in the situation.

At the onset of ministering in a spousal abuse situation, the Elder needs to make clear to the accuser the process with regard to the accusation and continue throughout to inform her/him of progress in its resolution. The Elder must be committed to continue to give pastoral care, bringing healing and reconciliation when possible to the accuser, the accused and their respective families. Perhaps most importantly, the Elder must be careful not to move to reconciliation of the marriage without the repentance of the accused (and perhaps the accuser).

In cases of the report of immediate physical (or sexual) abuse:

- If possible before authorities are contacted, secure the safety of the accuser. Protect and care for the accuser when the accuser is, for whatever reason, unable to care for her/himself and her/his family.
- The authorities ought to be contacted, preferably with the accuser's consent. If the accuser will not consent to involving the authorities, much wisdom is needed. If there is sufficient reason to believe the accuser is in danger, shepherds must act to protect those who are being oppressed.
- If a safe place for the accuser to stay has not already been arranged, make such arrangements.
- Inform the accuser that he/she may wish to seek legal counsel.
- Minister comfort to the accuser (see below).
- Where possible, minister to the accused. It should be the desire of the shepherd to seek to speak the gospel into the life of the accused as well as the accuser, but this is not always possible. If the accused is an unbeliever, he/she needs to be shown his/her wickedness and see the hope of the gospel. If the accused is a believer, he/she needs to be pursued in accordance with Matthew 18.

In cases where an Elder receives a report of a history of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional, neglect), but there is no immediate physical violence:

- Ensure the safety of the accuser and establish appropriate protections. Make sure that the accuser has a safety plan in place (<http://www.domesticviolence.org/personalized-safety-plan/> or <http://www.thehotline.org/help/path-to-safety/>).
- If there is sufficient reason to believe the accuser is in danger, suggest the involvement of authorities. (The Elder may need to involve the authorities even if the accuser is against this idea. Again, great wisdom is needed here.)
- Inform the accuser that she/he may wish to seek legal counsel.
- Minister comfort to the accuser (See **Tripp, Paul David; Powlison, David; Welch; Edward T., "Queries and Controversies: How should you counsel a couple in a case of domestic violence,"** *The Journal of Biblical Counseling*, Vol. 15, No. 2, 1997, pp. 51-55).
  - If the accuser is a woman, it would be wise to have another woman present as comfort and counsel is given.
  - Hear the cries of the oppressed. The Psalms are a great place to turn to hear

confident cries of those who are helpless.

- The helpless needs to hear that she/he is not powerless in the situation.
- The victim of abuse needs to hear that she/he is not at fault.
- Bring them to hope in God in the midst of their sufferings. God doesn't forget us. He knows our sufferings. He loves His people. He is a God of justice.
- Teach them how to disarm their oppressor. The accuser must resist going toward either timidity or revenge. They must not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good (see Rom. 12:21). The accuser should seek to disarm her/his tormenter with gentleness and love (Prov. 15:1). The accuser should be directed toward pursuing peace with her/his spouse (Rom. 12:18). Accusers should also be encouraged to confess their own sins, and be ready to forgive.
- Confront the accused (See **Tripp, Paul David; Powlison, David; Welch; Edward T., "Queries and Controversies: How should you counsel a couple in a case of domestic violence,"** *The Journal of Biblical Counseling*, Vol. 15, No. 2, 1997, pp. 51-55).
  - Elders must represent Christ in message and manner to one accused of abuse.
  - Elders should recognize a common need of grace. We are not so very different from one accused of abuse. Paul Tripp, in an article in the *Journal of Biblical Counseling*, writes, "Every argument is, in principle, on a continuum with outbreaks of actual violence."<sup>1</sup> However the Elders should not be reticent to confront sin in the accused.
  - Elders should expect that the accused is not the only sinner in the home.
  - Elders should be aware of common personality traits of those who are oppressors:
    - Evasiveness. Violent people don't know themselves, and don't want others to know them. They live in self-deceit, and are liars, hidiers, and manipulators. They are winsome and smooth talkers. Elders should expect to find patterns of pseudo-confession/repentance.
    - Selfishness at the core. The abuser is fixated on his pleasure, his agenda, his desires, and his demands.
    - Manipulative. Those who oppress others tend to manipulate their victims.
  - Ministering to the accused:
    - Their heart issues that motivate violence (desire for power, love, control, comfort...) need to be exposed. Oppression of others is primarily not about those who are oppressed, but about the sin of the oppressor.

- Be prepared to deal with minor versions of the major sins. Judgmentalism, grumbling, and bickering can be preludes to violence. The oppressor must repent of these.
- Point them to Christ. Christ died for the ungodly, the wicked. They also need to know the fear of the Lord and His righteous wrath.
- Bring them to God-centered repentance.
- Show them God-honoring alternatives to their behavior.

### **Is spousal abuse grounds for divorce?**

This study committee has concluded that spousal abuse is not a legitimate, biblical ground for divorce. The Bible only addresses two allowable reasons for divorce: a case of adultery, or an unbelieving spouse abandons the marriage and requests divorce.<sup>2</sup> Abuse does not clearly fit within one of those two categories.<sup>3</sup>

### **What remedies are available to the victim?**

Separation is a legitimate recourse for a victim of abuse, especially in cases where the victim is in imminent danger. First, the church should take an active role to remove the person out of that abusive situation.<sup>4</sup> Second, a plan should be in place that actively provides for reconciliation in view of resolving the abuse problems and ultimately restoring the marriage.<sup>5</sup> Third, if the abuser does not want to resolve his abuse at the counsel and instruction of the church and decides he would rather have a divorce, the victim is allowed to get a divorce and is free to get remarried. If the abuser decides he doesn't want to get divorced but shows no concern for resolving his abuse problems, then the victim remains in an indefinite state of separation.<sup>6</sup>

### **Is separation valid according to Scriptures?**

At first glance, it may appear that the Scriptures speak against separation. In 1 Cor. 7:10 in the ESV version, Paul directs the wife not to separate from her husband.<sup>7</sup> In actuality, the Greek term *χωρίζω* used here is better translated as “divorce.”<sup>8</sup> It is not referring to a planned separation that is applied for future resolve and protection. The Scriptures neither speak for nor against planned separation. What can be advocated from Scripture is care for the helpless and afflicted, and the goal to reconcile a broken marriage. If the intent of a separation is to accomplish these ends, it is in harmony with Scripture.

The question might arise as to how separation can be supported by the church in light of the exhortation by Paul in 1 Cor. 7:3-5. What if an abuser is not in agreement with the proposed separation and being deprived of his “rights”? Indeed, this is a question that has come before the men on this committee in their own counseling experiences. Suffice it to say that it is highly inappropriate for the abuser to appeal to Scripture to demand sexual relations with his wife when he does not appeal to Scripture for guidance on his

own conduct in the marriage.<sup>9</sup> (We have assumed this question would arise from a man.) Further, suggesting a woman return to the bedroom to submit to her abuser and meet his desires for sexual intimacy would hurt rather than help move the relationship toward restoration. Such a suggestion would only further enable the abuser to continue in their self-centered and unloving ways and add to the victimization of the abused.

### **Is abandonment a valid allowance for divorce and remarriage?**

It appears that Jesus gives only one clear allowance for divorce (and remarriage), namely adultery (Matt 19:3ff).<sup>10</sup> The situation Jesus was addressing caused him to give such a specific response.<sup>11</sup> Furthermore, the Apostle Paul, speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, provides another valid exception for divorce and remarriage: abandonment.<sup>12</sup> This type of abandonment is an active pursuit of divorce by an unbelieving spouse. Once again, the term *χωρίζω* is used. In this circumstance, the believing spouse who was abandoned is no longer enslaved and is thus free to remarry.<sup>13</sup> This would include the times when a church exhorts an abuser to change his ways, and he chooses instead to divorce his spouse. If such an abuser claims to be a brother in the Lord, such claims will be invalidated if he refuses to follow the guidance of the church (Matt. 18:17).

<sup>1</sup> Powlison, David; Tripp, David Paul; and Welch, Edward. *Domestic Abuse* (Phillipsburg, P & R Publishing, 2002).

<sup>2</sup> See Matt. 5:32; Matt. 19:9; 1 Cor. 7:15.

<sup>3</sup> The difficulty and tension of telling a severely-abused person that she/he is not allowed to get a divorce is certainly felt in this study. It is acknowledged that abuse may cause just as much physical and emotional damage in a marriage as adultery (which is a form of abuse). The difficulty is that the Bible only speaks of two allowances for divorce. If it could be proven that the Bible didn't intend to provide every possible scenario and allowance, then an abused victim could leave a marriage. Our study group did not see enough proof to allow for such an option. In addition, it would open another gray area in which people could claim abuse when it is not abuse. It would provide difficulty as to where to draw the line on allowable divorces. The committee is reluctant to speak where Scripture is silent. This view places a higher value on marriage, God's miraculous reconciliation, and perpetual singleness (in the state of indefinite separation).

<sup>4</sup> In Matt. 12:9-14, Jesus heals a leprosy man on the Sabbath in a synagogue in the presence of Pharisees. He asks the question in defense of His actions, "What person would not rescue a sheep when it falls in a pit on the Sabbath?" It is an argument from lesser to greater, invoking the need to rescue someone in need. If the opportunity to rescue a victim arises and the church has the means to do it, it should take place. The very heart of God resounds in bringing forth resolve to the injured victim. See Isa. 61:1; Ezek. 34:16; Matt. 25:35-40.

<sup>5</sup> 2 Cor. 5:16-21 suggests that the message of Christianity is reconciliation with God and becoming a new creation. This reconciliation with God includes reconciliation with one another. Both of these solutions should be sought in the marriage where applicable. Darrell Bock, Gary C. Barnes, and Debby Wade. "What Does the Bible

Say about Divorce and Redemption in Cases of Spousal Abuse?" [Video Podcast]. Dallas Theological Seminary. Retrieved from <http://www.dts.edu/thetable/play/are-there-biblical-grounds-for-divorce/#resources>. 9/10/2013. Barnes acknowledges that statistically, reconciliation in marriage rarely happens when separation has taken place. The best way to accomplish reconciliation is to have a clear plan in place so that the couple knows when to return to living together. That plan includes active individual counseling for the abuser, and perhaps counseling together to allow the couple to build up a healthy level of trust, along with consistent prayer.

<sup>6</sup> This situation seems unfair and can add to suffering for the believer. As long as divorce has not been initiated by the unbeliever (referring to the unrepentant abuser as an unbeliever, there is an opportunity for reconciliation. If divorce is initiated by the unbeliever, then the victim is free to leave and free to remarry according to 1 Cor. 7:15-16. It is hopeful that the abuser will be motivated by the separation and the prayers of the church to turn to God for help and resolution for his depravity.

<sup>7</sup> Translated as 'separate' in ESV, NIV, 'leave' in NASB, and 'depart' in KJV.

<sup>8</sup> Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on Semantic Domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 456). New York: United Bible Societies. This term means, "to divorce" or "to dissolve the marriage ban." In Matt 19:6 χωριζω refers to the breaking of the bond that God has instituted. Rom 8:35 uses it similarly to speak of breaking of the bond of love that God has with His people, which is impossible to do. J.H. Moulton and G. Milligan, *Vocabulary of the Greek Testament*, (Peabody: Hendrickson, 1930), 695-696. Moulton and Milligan refer to the word as a technical term for divorce at the time of 1 Cor. and it is also used in papyrus as a mutual agreement for divorce. Paul instructs women not to divorce, χωριζω, their husbands in 1 Cor. 7:10, but if they do so they are told to remain unmarried or be reconciled. The word for unmarried, ἄγαμος, could only refer to one who was divorced.

<sup>9</sup> It is highly inappropriate for the abuser to appeal to Scripture for sexual relations with his wife when he does not appeal to the Scriptures for guidance on his own conduct in the marriage. The Scriptures aren't meant to be used for an abusive person to fulfill their own lusts. The same Bible urges husbands to love their wives in the same way Christ loves the Church (Eph. 5:25). The husband is called to nourish and cherish his wife as his own body (Eph. 5:29). God calls us to keep the marriage bed undefiled (Heb. 13:4). Sexual relations with an abuser create more pain for a victim and could be a source of such defilement. John Peter Lange further clarifies how Paul is using the word "deprive" in 1 Cor. 7:5, noting that this word speaks against the arbitrary refusal of sexual rights; therefore it does not speak to a refusal caused by separation in the midst of something as serious as abuse. [John Peter Lange et al., *A Commentary on the Holy Scriptures: 1 Corinthians* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2008), 141.]

<sup>10</sup> Matt. 19:9 - This is a longer description of what Mark 10 and Luke 16 deal with, thus providing more details of the same situation.

<sup>11</sup> David Instone-Brewer, *Divorce and Remarriage in the Bible* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2002), pp. 7-11, 23. Gerhard Kittel, G.W. Bromiley and Gerhard Friedrichs, Eds., *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, Electronic ed., 1964-, Vol. 6, p. 591). There is strong evidence that Jesus was only correcting an improper interpretation of Deuteronomy 24:1 and was not speaking to every area of allowable divorce. His response reflected the

language used in that passage, along with a commonly-known debate between rabbis that centered around this passage. Jesus' view agreed with the position of the Shamaaites, a rabbinical group in Jesus' time. In opposition to the Shamaaites were the Hillelites, who believed that someone could get a divorce for "any cause." They divided a phrase in Deut. 24:1 "וְהָיָה כִּי יִרְעוּ אֶת הַדָּבָר" into two different ideas: "a thing" and "indecentcy." Hillel laid the emphasis on דָּבָר and took this to mean "any cause" (of offense), e.g., letting food burn. This then opened the doors for all kinds of reasons for getting a divorce. According to their viewpoint, one could get divorced for "a thing" or for "indecentcy." Jesus spoke to a culture where people used this argument to divorce their spouses for whatever reasons they felt appropriate, interpreting the Scriptures in a liberal way. Jesus' response was essentially saying, "In Deut. 24:1, Moses was only permitting divorce for indecentcy, not for whatever you feel like." וְהָיָה was almost always translated as "adultery" in the OT, whereas in the NT, πορνεία usually carries the same idea. Since Deut. 24:1 only dealt with adultery, and since Jesus was only addressing Deut. 24:1, he mentions this as the only means for divorce in this specific circumstance.

<sup>12</sup> Where Paul says that it is "I and not the Lord" who gives the instruction in v.12, what he writes must not be construed as something that isn't inspired but is equally authoritative in comparison to the other canonical writings of Paul and the Lord Jesus. What we have is a new scenario, where the religion of a family is now divided by conversions. Paul is addressing a scenario that previously wasn't a problem and was left unaddressed by Jesus; he is now applying the teachings of Jesus with a new application in 1 Cor. 7.

<sup>13</sup> Instone-Brewer, 204. Perhaps there is a case where divorce has taken place ill-advisedly, and a person is not free to get remarried. This appears to be what 1 Cor. 7:10-11 is addressing. But in cases where an unbelieving spouse pursues divorce, the believing remaining party is said to not be enslaved. Such an idea most naturally leads to a God-ordained freedom to remarry. If Paul was trying to hinder remarriage, he provides no such teaching. In the same chapter in v. 39, Paul states that a person is bound to their spouse as long as they live, but when the spouse dies, she is free to marry whom she wishes, only in the Lord. Here Paul defines what it means to be free: free to marry someone else. Even the concept of "in the Lord" is repeated, referring back to the importance of being with a believer, since the former leaver was an unbeliever. This same idea is spoken of in Rom. 7:2, though the application is a bit different. The point of the matter is that a believer who has an unbelieving spouse choosing divorce is legitimately divorced and has the same freedom to remarry as the widow has. Another factor that makes it clear that Paul was referring to remarriage is that he was referring to the same ideas used on divorce certificates at the time of his writing. The divorce certificates would declare a person's freedom in regard to remarriage. In other words, the very purpose of divorce was to provide a person the freedom to remarry. See William A. Heth, "Remarriage for Adultery or Desertion" in Mark L. Strauss and Paul E. Engle, eds., *Remarriage After Divorce in Today's Church: 3 Views*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2006), p. 75. The Jewish bill of divorce was "you are free to marry any man." A bill of divorce found in AD 71 at Wadi Murabba'at states "You are free for your part to go and become the wife of any Jewish man that you wish." Paul changes this type of phrasing from a Jewish man to one in the Lord. See also Instone-Brewer, pp. 200-201. Instone-Brewer contributes the notion that Paul's idea of freedom is an answer to the question,



“Should the believer remain single and try to be reconciled, as commanded in verse 11?” The answer is, “The brother or sister is not bound in such cases for God has called us to peace.”

## Appendix A

### What does the Bible have to say about spousal abuse?

#### General Scriptures that speak against spousal abuse

**Gen. 1:27**— A husband and wife have equal value in the eyes of God as His image-bearers. All human beings have entered into a covenant relationship with God. He is the Creator; we are the created. We bear His image.

--Things such as gender, sexuality, value of human life, role of humanity, and proper relationship of male and female are stipulated in this covenant. They are initiated by God, maintained by Him, and overseen by Him. Any deviation is a violation of this covenant.

**Gen. 1:28**-- The institution of marriage was blessed by God.

--Be fruitful and multiply.

--Marriage is the means whereby God covers the earth with other image bearers.

--Subduing and having dominion were reserved for humans over the rest of God’s creation. There is a partnership between men and women.

--Subdue the creation = put under subjugation. It means that there is a struggle. Man’s strength will put the creation into submission (yet even this was not a command to violently carry out).

--The one negative use of this is in Esther 7:8, where the king accuses Haman of assaulting Esther (rape). Nowhere in the OT is there a command to subdue a spouse.

**1 Cor. 11:3**—The head of every man is Christ.

--Man is not independent and in fact, based upon Ephesians 5, our example in husband/wife relationships is Jesus Christ, our Head.

--This also does not mean that women are not accountable to Christ; Eph. 5:21 says that we are all to submit out of reverence to Christ. The headship of Christ over the husband gives the rationale and understanding for the headship of husband over wife.

--The head of a wife is her husband.

--The man has headship authority over his wife because God has appointed this as such, but a husband’s example of ruling would be his head, Jesus Christ.

--The head of Christ is God.

--The role of headship has a Trinitarian view.

--The members of the Trinity are equal in being but different in role. This is the same for God’s image-bearers. Husbands and wives are equal

in being (made in God's image) but different in role (the head of a wife is her husband).

**Eph. 5:22-23**—Submission is not demanded by the husband; it is given by the wife.

--The love that husbands have for their wives has been demonstrated by Jesus Christ and His love for His bride, the church

--Unconditional

--Sacrificial

--Honoring

--Nourishing and cherishing

**Col. 3:19**—There is a positive and negative imperative in this verse that directs us to the godly conduct husbands should have toward their wives. Love them; don't be harsh with them.

--The idea of being harsh to the wife is to be embittered or resentful. The husband cannot properly love his wife because love has been replaced with an attitude of anger, annoyance, or infuriation. The husband cannot let himself be mastered by this attitude in thought, word, or deed.

Spousal abuse can be exhibited in many different ways: physical, emotional, neglect, and sexual abuse.

### 1. Physical Abuse

Key verse: Exod. 20:13—"You shall not murder."

Spousal abuse was not the norm in Israelite culture, and while the Bible says nothing explicitly about spousal abuse, the Bible does address violence toward our neighbor. The sixth commandment, "You shall not murder," deals with the most extreme form of violence one can commit against his/her neighbor. In prohibiting the most extreme form of violence, this commandment addresses all acts of violence against one's neighbor.

### The Heidelberg Catechism addresses it this way:

#### 105:

Q: What is God's will for you in the sixth commandment?

A: I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor—not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds.

#### 106:

Q: Does this commandment refer only to murder?

A: By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vindictiveness. In God's sight all such are disguised forms of murder.

Spousal abuse is a violation of the sixth commandment. My spouse is my neighbor.

## 2. Emotional Abuse

Key verse: Matt. 5:21-22—“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.”

Jesus expanded the intention of the sixth commandment when he revealed that man can violate the sixth commandment by his words and thoughts (Matt. 5:21-22; 12:34; 15:19). The information from the Heidelberg Catechism in the previous section would also apply to emotional abuse as.

## 3. Neglect

Key verse: 1 Tim. 5:8—“But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for the members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

--Withholding the basic necessities of life from one’s spouse, such as food, shelter, clothing or medical attention, constitutes neglect. This withholding can be considered neglect whether the act is done by refusal or indifference.

Eph. 5:28-29—“In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church.”

--A husband’s love for his wife would be similar to the way he takes care of his own body. He doesn’t neglect his own flesh by withholding the basic necessities of life from himself. “Nourish” (*ektrephei*) carries the idea of providing or sustaining, and “cherish” (*thalpei*) carries the idea of treating with tenderness and affection, as if warming something up.

--Neglect is an unloving action from the abuser to the victim.

## 4. Sexual Abuse

Key verse: 1 Cor. 7:3-4—“The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, the wife does.”

--Sex within marriage is a gift. Each spouse has given himself/herself to his/her spouse in love and submission. This does not give freedom to dominate. One’s spouse does not have a right to any sexual demand that goes against his or her partner’s conscience or will.

## Appendix B

### Some Indicators of Abuse

#### 1. Physical Abuse

--The abuser hits, pushes, whips, bites, punches, slaps, or burns the victim, resulting in injuries that are left on the body.

--Any intentional injury (one time or a series of incidents) that the abuser inflicts on a victim is considered physical abuse.

--Factors which may indicate physical abuse:

--Bruises, welts or other marks

--Broken bones

--Wearing clothing inappropriate to weather (sweaters in the summer)

#### 2. Emotional Abuse

--The wounds may be less visible but often are just as damaging to the spouse.

--The goal of emotional abuse is for the abuser to control the victim.

--Consistent yelling, name-calling, blaming or shaming are verbal forms of emotional abuse. Emotional abuse can also be seen in intimidation and other controlling behavior. Often the abuser will use threats of physical violence, but physical abuse is not always combined with emotional abuse.

#### 3. Neglect

--In most cases, but not always, the husband is the abuser by neglect.

--Spousal abuse that involves negligence will involve a consistent practice of withholding basic necessities. It is likely that other family members are also being neglected. The spouse may be “covering up” for the abuser by doing everything she/he can to nourish and cherish the children.

--As Elders, we need to see that neglect by refusal or indifference is a serious sinful issue. It is a breakdown in the Christian marriage and is unloving. Factors which may indicate consistent negligence:

--Malnourishment

--Ongoing fatigue due to lack of proper nutrients

--Untreated illnesses and injuries

--Lack of needed medical care, dental care, or eye care

#### 4. Sexual Abuse

--Sexual abuse is indicated whenever a person has been tricked, trapped, forced, or bribed into a sexual act.

--Sexual abuse toward a spouse is similar to physical abuse in the fact that the abuse is tied into violence, power, rage, and control. Any forced sexual act, even in marriage, is a form of rape or sexual assault.

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ABSTRACT. All of us may appreciate how repentance can lead to new life. What is harder to discern is the equation between repentance and resurrection. Because we have been accustomed to considering repentance as an obligation, even perhaps an unpleasant one, it is an overwhelming task to see an image of this vital principle of the Christian life as being positive, beautiful, or even joyful. It is important to hold together this apparent contradiction through four paradoxes that lie at the heart of the meaning of repentance: (1) repentance as referring primarily to the future, not simply to the past; (2) forgiveness as resulting in resurrection, but only through a preceding death; (3) the paradox of spiritual direction: the notion of knowing oneself through consultation with another; (4) the paradox of community: the conviction that our life and death lie with our brother and sister.

Grudem, Wayne A., and Dennis Rainey, eds. *Pastoral Leadership for Manhood and Womanhood*. Foundations for the Family Series. (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2002).

ABSTRACT. As the shepherd of the flock, a pastor has many responsibilities--few as great as leading and training families. The pervasive attitude and beliefs of the world have only added stress and confusion to this task. Sixteen highly regarded men and women help bring clarity and guidance to this important issue. They tackle practical topics such as how and why to preach on biblical manhood and womanhood, putting the Internet to use, church discipline, small groups, and handling domestic violence. They discuss personal applications within the pastor's marriage, and they examine the biblical views of ministering to singles, homosexuality, leadership and submission, and much more. This compilation is thorough, potent, and a must-have for any pastor's library.

Heth, William, A. "Remarriage for Adultery or Desertion" in *Remarriage After Divorce in Today's Church: 3 Views*, ed. Mark L. Strauss and Paul E. Engle (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2006).

ABSTRACT. This resource provides for interaction between three differing views; No

Remarriage After Divorce, Remarriage for Adultery or Desertion, and Remarriage for Circumstances Beyond Adultery or Desertion. This is a great starter book for discerning between the different viewpoints; however, it doesn't go into great depth on all of the details.

Holcomb, Lindsey A., and Holcomb, Justin S. *Is It My Fault?* (Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2014).

ABSTRACT. This husband and wife team desires that those who are enduring or have endured domestic violence know that Jesus understands and does respond to the pain involved. "In Jesus, the God who delivers us from evil also offers us a path to healing." The authors lay out a gospel-centered, grace-filled plan to healing through trusting in Jesus Christ, who understands violence, has endured suffering and pain for us, and offers hope and healing through the stories of violence and suffering in the Old and New Testaments.

Holcomb, Lindsey A., and Holcomb, Justin S. *Rid of My Disgrace: Hope and Healing for Victims of Sexual Assault* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2011).

ABSTRACT. This pastor and his counseling wife define what sexual assault is, how it affects those whom have experienced it, and the biblical message of grace and redemption given by God in His Word and through His Son. The victim's story does not end with the assault. The Holcombs point out that shame, guilt, despair, pain, and denial were not what a sexual assault victim's life was intended to be. The gospel brings hope as Jesus responds to the pain and suffering in our past and present circumstances. "The message of the gospel redeems what has been destroyed and applies grace to disgrace."

Hunt, Richard A. *Marriage as Dramatizing Theology. Journal of Pastoral Care* Volume 41(2), Pp. 119-131 Year 1987

ABSTRACT. Marriage dramatizes theological themes. It is an expression of religion, the central relationship of the family, and a laboratory of love. Spouses enact their understandings of God with each other through the ways they live. How spouses learn to love is a living parable of God's ways. A dramatizing theology approach to marriage challenges each spouse to grow in Christian love and to become a corporate unit in order to benefit children, careers, community, and church.

Instone-Brewer, David. *Divorce and Remarriage in the Bible* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2002).

ABSTRACT. This is an excellent treatment, written by a Cambridge Scholar who has devoted much of his life to this topic. David Instone-Brewer makes a significant contribution to providing great understanding to the cultural setting of which the various passages of Scripture dealing with divorce address.

Instone-Brewer, David. *What God Has Joined, What does the Bible really teach about divorce? –Christianity Today.* October 5, 2007.

ABSTRACT. This is a very concise version of Instone-Brewer's view on Divorce and Remarriage. It would be a great resource for someone to read through quickly while

still becoming acquainted with his vantage point. It received strong negative critique from readers of *Christianity Today*; however, much of the critique is the lack of room to develop his ideas.

Keener, Craig and Heth, William A. *Remarriage: Two Views, Two New Testament professors debate whether remarriage is acceptable for Christians. Christianity Today*. August 31, 2000.

ABSTRACT. Two opposing views reveal the difference between their arguments. Keener provides for remarriage based on the cultural background, Whereas Heth supports remarriage for adultery and desertion.

Kittel, Gerhard, Bromiley, G. W., & Friedrich, Gerhard, Eds. *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, electronic ed., 1964-, Vol. 6, p. 591). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. There is a lot of information provided on divorce and remarriage, along with great background information. This background information is extremely important in understanding many of the arguments.

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 456). New York: United Bible Societies. This lexicon is highly respected and provides short, accurate definitions.

Miles, Al. *When Words Abuse. Journal Leadership*, Volume 20(2): Pages 97-100. Year 1999,

ABSTRACT. How to care for both victim and victimizer in an emotionally abusive marriage. Emotional abuse in the form of domestic violence does not occur in view of others. It may be witnessed by children in the house. Emotional abuse does not leave physical marks, but ones which are even deeper. Some things are not to be said. (1) Are you submitting totally to your husband? (2) Marriage is sacred; you have to do everything to keep your family together. (3) Perhaps your husband was just kidding. Are you sure you aren't overreacting? (4) Your husband is such a great guy; he wouldn't harm a flea. (5) Why did you wait so long to disclose this story? Never confront an abusive husband without discussing with the wife. Make sure the wife has a safety plan. Several reminders when caring for someone who emotionally abuses his wife. (1) Give him tough love. (2) Be wary of the "I'm a changed man" claim. (3) Redirect his Scripture reading. (4) Hold out hope.

Powlison, David, "Predator, Prey and Protector: Helping Victims Think and Act from Psalm 10," *The Journal of Biblical Counseling*, Vol. 16, No. 3, 1998, pp. 27-37.

ABSTRACT. Psalm 10 maps out how the heart thinks and talks before God when facing sufferings and conflicts that are insoluble at a human level. The psalm has four movements. First, the sufferer who believes in God honestly cries, "Where are You?" Second, the sufferer thinks hard about what harmful people are like. Third, the sufferer cries to God, "Act to aid the hurting." Finally, the sufferer rests in the confident affirmation, "The Lord will right wrongs." Includes a detailed case study, and many application questions and suggestions.



Powlison, David, Tripp, David Paul, and Welch, Edward. *Domestic Abuse*. (Phillipsburg, NJ: P & R Publishing, 2002).

The authors of this short-but-helpful booklet remind us that helping those who are victims of domestic violence and those who perpetrate domestic violence have much in common with other people. Dealing with the sins of anger, we can better help others who struggle with violence. Putting our hope in God and realizing our common need for God's grace in our lives are biblical ways to think and live out the truth that we need the gospel of Jesus every day. These truths are what the authors believe will bring about healing in the lives of victims and change in the hearts of their abusers.

Ramsay, Nancy J. *Confronting Family Violence and Its Spiritual Damage*. *Journal Family Ministry*, Volume 13(3): Pages 46-59. 1999

ABSTRACT. Family violence is a public health crisis in the USA that leaves no congregation unscathed. Explores the spiritual consequences and theological distortions that predictably arise from experiences of sexual and physical violence at the hands of family members. Suggests theological and scriptural resources that contribute to healing. Themes investigated include creation in the image of God; suffering, hope, love, marriage and divorce; and forgiveness.

Tripp, Paul David; Powlison, David; Welch, Edward T., "Queries and Controversies: How should you counsel a couple in a case of domestic violence," *The Journal of Biblical Counseling*, Vol. 15, No. 2, 1997, pp. 51-55.

ABSTRACT. Brief guidelines for helping a person who has been violated. First, hear the cries of the oppressed. Second, teach the oppressed to put their hope in God. Third, teach the oppressed to "disarm" the abuser by bold godliness in the love of Christ, rather than fluctuating between timidity and revenge. Guidelines for helping the perpetrator of domestic violence. Define the common need for grace carefully. Penetrate the fog of confusion and evasion. Bring the word of grace in Jesus Christ that aims for fundamental restructuring of heart and lifestyle.

Welch, Edward T., "Exalting Pain? Ignoring Pain? What Do We Do with Suffering?" *The Journal of Biblical Counseling*, Vol. XII, No. 3, 1994, pp. 4-19.

ABSTRACT. When the influence of painful experiences is exalted by a victimization theology, then our pain problem becomes deeper than our sin problem, and the gospel is compromised. But when painful experiences are minimized or ignored, stoicism and a "fix-it" mentality replace the ministry of the gospel. Identifies different levels of causality for suffering: other people, ourselves, Adam and the curse, Satan, God. Helps sufferers (1) by encouraging them to put suffering into words, like the Psalms; (2) by noting "You have been sinned against" when there is overt victimization; (3) by inviting faith because God says, "I am with you and love you"; (4) inviting faith because God says, "Know that I am God"; and (5) by helping people understand God's purposes in suffering.

## Report of the Beneficiary Society

*“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”* Lamentations 3:22-23

The Beneficiary Society continued to offer assistance to our brothers and their families throughout 2014.

Though the demands on the Society’s resources were significant, the balances of our funds remain sufficient for the coming year without the need to increase dues.

Assistance was given to the following throughout 2014:

- Shelley Allen on the death of Joshua Allen,
- Rev. Edgar Munyan on the passing of his wife Doris,
- Joan Brosius on the passing of Bert Brosius, and
- The families Tom Phillips and R.C. Reichenbach.

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

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

### Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2014

	Dec 31, 14	Dec 31, 13	\$ Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
1000 · Cash & Cash Equivalents			
1001 · American Bank - Checking	8,350.55	6,910.55	1,440.00
1003 · ING Savings	8,578.38	8,543.20	35.18
Total 1000 · Cash & Cash Equivalents	16,928.93	15,453.75	1,475.18
1030 · Fidelity Investmentns	103,424.14	100,000.00	3,424.14
1050 · Wells Fargo Investment Accounts			
1051 · Wells Fargo Securities	79,773.09	81,645.10	-1,872.01
1052 · Wells Fargo Cash	2,683.23	2,315.87	367.36
Total 1050 · Wells Fargo Investment Accounts	82,456.32	83,960.97	-1,504.65
Total Checking/Savings	202,809.39	199,414.72	3,394.67
Total Current Assets	202,809.39	199,414.72	3,394.67
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>202,809.39</b>	<b>199,414.72</b>	<b>3,394.67</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Equity			
30000 · Previous Year Balance	181,023.43	181,023.43	0.00
32000 · Retained Earnings	18,391.29	13,714.88	4,676.41
Net Income	3,394.67	4,676.41	-1,281.74
Total Equity	202,809.39	199,414.72	3,394.67
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>202,809.39</b>	<b>199,414.72</b>	<b>3,394.67</b>

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Jan - Dec 2013**

	Jan - Dec 14	Jan - Dec 13	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Income</b>				
4100 · Dues Income	11,100.00	10,850.00	250.00	2.3%
4110 · Other Receipts	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.0%
4200 · Investment Income				
4210 · Checking Account Interest	15.54	96.10	-80.56	-83.83%
4220 · Savings Account Interest	34.18	34.05	0.13	0.38%
4230 · Investment Account Interest	<u>5,934.79</u>	<u>4,813.98</u>	<u>1,120.81</u>	<u>23.28%</u>
Total 4200 · Investment Income	5,984.51	4,944.13	1,040.38	21.04%
4300 · Investment Inc/Dec Market Value	<u>6,595.16</u>	<u>-5,465.32</u>	<u>12,060.48</u>	<u>-220.67%</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>24,179.67</u>	<u>10,828.81</u>	<u>13,350.86</u>	<u>123.29%</u>
<b>Expense</b>				
5100 · Board Expenses	35.00	52.40	-17.40	-33.21%
5140 · Return of Dues	0.00	100.00	-100.00	-100.0%
5160 · Benefits Paid	<u>20,750.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>14,750.00</u>	<u>245.83%</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>20,785.00</u>	<u>6,152.40</u>	<u>14,632.60</u>	<u>237.84%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>3,394.67</u>	<u>4,676.41</u>	<u>-1,281.74</u>	<u>-27.41%</u>

**Benefits Paid**  
**As of December 31, 2014**

	Date	Name	Memo	Paid Amount
<b>Benefits Paid</b>				
	02/26/2014	Allen, Joshua M.	Joshua Allen Benefit	1,500.00
	06/09/2014	Rev. Edgar Munyan	Spouse Benefit	1,250.00
	07/21/2014	Susan Milillo	Benefits for Tom Phillips	6,000.00
	09/18/2014	Allen Reichenbach	Benefit for R.C. Reichenbach	6,000.00
	11/06/2014	Joan E. Brosius	Benefit for Bert Brosius	<u>6,000.00</u>
<b>Total Benefits Paid</b>				<u>20,750.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>				20,750.00

## Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee

The annual Ministerial Convention was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 7-8, 2014 at Pinebrook Bible Conference. The Convention theme was “Christ-Centered Pastoral Counseling.” Our speaker, Clyde Bomgardner, challenged us to trust the sufficiency of Scripture for our counseling, the power of the message of the cross for the struggling, and strength of discipleship to meet the life needs of individuals/families. The sessions were well received. Q & A times promoted enthusiastic sharing and helpful exchanges of pastoral experience. Lisa Bomgardner’s session with the wives was also much appreciated.

At the business meeting, Jason L. Hoy and Allen R. Mickle, Jr. were elected to serve on the Convention Committee, replacing Steven J. DelDuco and Mark L. Morrison. We offer our thanks for the faithful service of Brothers DelDuco and Morrison.

The Committee is constituted as follows:

<u>2014 Committee</u>	<u>2015 Committee</u>
Ralph E. Ritter, Chairman	Ralph E. Ritter, Chairman
Steven J. DelDuco, Secretary	Mark Barninger, Secretary
Mark L. Morrison, Treasurer	Jason L. Hoy, Treasurer
Mark E. Barninger	Clifford B. Boone
Clifford B. Boone	Allen R. Mickle, Jr.
David A. Smith	David A. Smith
Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor	Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor

### Lengths of terms are as follows:

- 1 year – Ralph E. Ritter, David A. Smith
- 2 years – Mark E. Barninger, Clifford B. Boone
- 3 years – Jason L. Hoy, Allen R. Mickle, Jr.

The 2015 Ministerial Convention is scheduled for October 6-7, 2015. Our speakers will be representatives from Harvest USA. The purpose of this ministry, begun 1983 in Philadelphia, is to *partner with and equip the Church in bringing the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to transform the lives of those affected by sexual sin.*

### Planned sessions include:

- Sexual Sin: How it Develops and Getting to its Roots
- Sexual Strugglers in Our Churches: Will Our Leadership Be a Help or Hindrance?
- Living with Same-Sex Attraction in the Church: Ministering Truth & Mercy
- Homosexuality and the Allure of the “Pro-Gay” Theology Culture
- Testimonies (DVD) - Wrap Up & Q & A

The Committee is hopeful that many of our ministering brethren will attend and be helped in our care of this ever growing, hurting segment of the population.

**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.



Worship leaders (L-R), Jermey Harkins, James Arcieri,  
Aaron Susek, and Mark Evans.

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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

# BFC Statistics

Church Name/Location	Senior Pastor's name	Ordained/ Prophets	Elders	Deacons	Baptisms	B/M Membership	New Members	Members Lost	Net Gain/Loss	Membership	Church Family Size	SS	AW	PM/SG	Mid/Week
Cedar Crest, Allentown, PA	Boone	11	11	11	13	593	27	11	16	609	1400	320	773	300	270
Ebenezer BFC, Bethlehem, PA	Gibson	7	14	8	10	396	28	25	3	399	756	287	534	219	325
Trinity BFC, Blandon, PA	A. Miller	3	8	10	8	146	22	24	2	144	268	124	185	93	68
New Community Church, Brooklyn, NY	Ritter	1	2	0	0	21	1	0	0	22	303	8	18	0	8
Camden BFC, Camden, DE	Wagner	2	3	0	0	50	2	2	0	50	25	11	22	9	7
New Life Bible Church, Carmel, NY	Vacant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comerstone BFC, Clinton Cms. NY	Mickle	2	4	1	0	23	5	0	5	28	40	18	27	0	10
Calvary BFC, Coopersburg, PA	Lynsky	9	14	13	23	395	43	14	29	424	846	262	460	200	315
Freedom BFC, Dauphin, PA	Baminger	1	4	3	1	0	34	2	0	34	100	10	86	20	20
BFC of Denville, Denville, NJ	Harris	1	2	1	0	26	0	0	0	26	50	20	30	0	5
Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA	Schoen	5	12	8	3	297	4	11	7	290	664	300	410	160	218
BFC of Ephrata, Ephrata, PA	Hoy	1	7	5	3	134	11	4	7	141	160	84	158	0	170
Calvary BFC, Finesville, NJ	Widger	2	2	1	0	36	0	0	0	36	100	16	38	0	7
Faith, Fleetwood, PA	Brush	1	7	6	0	60	0	0	0	60	100	67	97	0	39
Graterford BFC, Graterford, PA	Orton	1	6	5	10	78	2	2	0	78	155	0	113	10	30
Faith BFC, Harleysville, PA	Crossgrove	3	5	6	3	152	6	6	0	152	264	88	193	65	120
Grace BFC, Harrisburg, PA	J. Miller	3	6	4	2	142	5	33	28	114	144	109	186	105	90
Bethany BFC, Hatfield, PA	Wells	4	6	8	1	123	4	2	2	125	150	54	110	70	25
Saucon Community BFC, Hellertown, PA	Strunk	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community BFC, Howell, NJ	North	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kutztown BFC, Kutztown, PA	Vacant	2	3	0	0	40	6	13	-7	33	47	10	33	0	5
Valley BFC, Lagrangeville, NY	Spinney	1	2	1	0	26	1	0	1	21	60	15	35	0	6
Faith BFC, Lancaster, PA	Thomann	5	11	12	22	461	26	26	0	461	700	348	569	0	0
Grace Bible, Las Cruces, NM	Hester (Interim)	1	2	1	0	20	9	7	2	22	51	0	45	21	0
Lebanon BFC, Lebanon, PA	Reed	3	10	7	12	212	9	5	4	216	450	203	264	161	113
Salem BFC, Lehighton, PA	Johnson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life BFC, Longneck DE	Barnes	2	0	2	7	32	5	0	5	37	70	21	60	10	8
Grace Church of Old Bridge, Old Bridge, NJ	Morrison	1	3	0	0	18	0	0	0	18	34	0	28	0	0
Maple Glen Church, Maple Glen, PA	Pronitnicki	2	1	1	0	30	0	1	-1	29	40	14	30	22	0
Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida, Merida, Mexico	Ramirez	1	4	0	6	48	0	0	0	48	100	25	100	0	45
Pocono Mountain BFC, Mt. Pocono, PA	Vacant	0	2	2	8	57	3	10	7	50	68	15	46	0	5
Bethany BFC, Mt. Carmel, PA	Norris	2	4	0	0	83	2	7	-5	78	100	55	65	27	16
Grace BFC, Nazareth, Nazareth, PA	Fischer	2	4	8	2	134	4	17	13	121	240	97	150	0	55
BFC of Newark, Newark, DE	Schlonecker	3	12	11	16	343	19	7	12	355	750	250	540	300	225
Newark BFC, Newark, NJ	Vacant	2	2	1	4	63	5	2	3	66	120	25	40	0	10
New Life BFC, Oley, PA	Vacant	0	6	21	7	244	18	3	15	259	456	248	425	238	383
Paradise BFC, Paradise, PA	Peters	2	4	4	2	85	1	0	0	86	105	69	105	57	22
Wissinoming BFC, Philadelphia, PA	Hunter	1	4	3	0	33	1	4	-3	24	42	0	30	0	8
Christ Community Church, Piscataway, NJ	Cahill/Ravis	2	5	7	9	119	8	5	3	122	214	59	149	66	0
Grace BFC, Quakertown, PA	Kohl	5	8	9	0	231	6	15	9	222	380	173	271	84	135
Grace BFC, Reading, PA	Grossman	3	11	10	6	306	19	20	-1	305	400	176	260	90	73
Community BFC, Red Hill, PA	Arcler	2	5	4	1	107	3	0	3	110	130	0	97	10	0
The BFC of Royersford, Royersford, PA	Gysi	1	3	3	0	97	0	22	75	97	115	53	95	0	40
Calvary BFC, Shamokin, PA	Madara	4	6	0	0	72	14	1	13	85	120	56	123	48	0
Calvary BFC, Sinking Spring, PA	Sloan	2	12	18	20	569	39	65	-26	543	1591	342	966	328	256
Faith BFC, Spring City, PA	Clineff	2	5	8	6	88	10	0	0	98	95	38	98	0	40
Grace Fellowship, Steelton, PA	D. Smith	2	5	1	0	39	10	0	10	49	95	12	82	35	0
Berean BFC, Stroudsburg, PA	Duggins	1	5	5	0	86	1	1	0	86	171	45	122	0	0
Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury, PA	Cole	1	9	12	8	268	4	5	-1	267	325	162	286	117	71
Berean BFC, Terre Hill, PA	Kirkpatrick	1	2	4	0	65	0	2	-2	63	95	55	78	15	40
Church of the Cross, Toms River, NJ	Dorst (Interim)	0	1	0	0	12	0	0	0	12	17	0	17	0	6
Grace BFC, Wallingford, PA	Taylor	3	10	8	2	244	5	61	56	188	350	140	230	0	0
Bethany BFC, Whitehall, PA	Schmoyer	3	8	8	7	130	18	16	2	132	348	60	213	63	160
Fellowship Community BFC, Whitehall PA	Yernington	2	4	4	0	29	3	1	2	31	128	8	128	84	40
New Beginnings BFC, Woodbury Heights, NJ	Williams	2	4	5	7	71	6	2	4	75	130	65	115	0	40
Faith BFC, York, PA	Berতো	1	2	0	0	145	4	127	123	24	30	0	24	0	7
Zionsville BFC, Zionsville, PA	McNally	1	4	0	1	46	0	11	-11	35	63	23	47	0	46
<b>Totals</b>		<b>128</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>7325</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>7200</b>	<b>13755</b>	<b>4640</b>	<b>9406</b>	<b>3027</b>	<b>3522</b>
El Faro (Lighthouse), Allentown, PA	Diaz	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cape Community Church, Cape May Court House, NJ		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BFC of Adams County, Gettysburg, PA	Susek	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	32	42	36	0
Redeemer BFC, Eageville, PA	Wright	1	0	0	0	0	5	3	2	52	52	0	0	8	0
theMission, Townsend, DE	R. Smith	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	68	8	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>132</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>7325</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>7252</b>	<b>13907</b>	<b>4672</b>	<b>9516</b>	<b>3079</b>	<b>3522</b>

Church Name/Location	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Total Debt of Facilities	[Unrestricted offerings	Total Income
Cedar Crest, Allentown, PA	1	0	\$0.00	\$1,551,960.00	\$2,001,086.00
Ebenezer BFC, Bethlehem, PA	1	1	\$0.00	\$940,434.00	\$1,130,934.00
Trinity BFC, Blandon, PA	1	0	\$0.00	\$318,541.00	\$319,551.00
New Community Church, Brooklyn, NY	0	1	\$97,213.00	\$21,786.00	\$32,448.00
Camden BFC, Camden, DE	1	0	\$0.00	\$43,713.00	\$45,520.00
New Life Bible Church, Carmel, NY	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Comerstone BFC, Clinton Crms. NY	1	0	\$0.00	\$70,268.00	\$72,147.00
Calvary BFC, Coopersburg, PA	3	0	\$0.00	\$881,883.00	\$935,990.00
Freedom BFC, Dauphin, PA	2	0	\$55,000.00	\$99,691.00	\$99,691.00
BFC of Denville, Denville, NJ	2	1	\$0.00	\$52,672.30	\$52,672.33
Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA	0	0	\$0.00	\$819,450.00	\$947,619.00
BFC of Ephrata, Ephrata, PA	1	0	\$0.00	\$290,590.00	\$301,382.26
Calvary BFC, Finesville, NJ	1	1	\$0.00	\$74,197.00	\$87,928.00
Faith, Fleetwood, PA	1	1	\$0.00	\$184,527.00	\$184,563.00
Graterford BFC, Graterford, PA	5	2	\$69,157.00	\$267,810.00	\$289,600.00
Faith BFC, Harleysville, PA	1	2	\$0.00	\$430,939.00	\$476,825.00
Grace BFC, Harrisburg, PA	1	1	\$20,000.00	\$375,432.00	\$487,925.00
Bethany BFC, Hatfield, PA	4	1	\$0.00	\$288,962.00	\$433,884.00
Saucon Community BFC, Hellertown, PA	0	0	\$0.00	\$167,543.00	\$188,928.00
Community BFC, Howell, NJ	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kutztown BFC, Kutztown, PA	1	0	\$0.00	\$77,056.00	\$190,514.00
Valley BFC, Lagrangeville, NY	1	1	\$0.00	\$77,265.00	\$97,389.00
Faith BFC, Lancaster, PA	2	0	\$2.00	\$1,077,770.00	\$1,309,969.00
Grace Bible, Las Cruces, NM	0	0	\$0.00	\$81,963.30	\$82,140.04
Lebanon BFC, Lebanon, PA	1	1	\$0.00	\$512,160.00	\$555,457.00
Salem BFC, Lehighton, PA	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Life BFC, Longneck DE	1	0	\$445,000.00	\$82,585.00	\$0.00
Grace Church of Old Bridge, Old Bridge, NJ	1	1	\$376,350.00	\$51,852.00	\$66,495.00
Maple Glen Church, Maple Glen, PA	1	0	\$0.00	\$106,960.00	\$119,124.00
Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida, Merida, Mexico	1	1	\$0.00	\$24,944.80	\$24,944.75
Pocono Mountain BFC, Mt. Pocono, PA	1	0	\$0.00	\$115,197.00	\$151,749.00
Bethany BFC, Mt. Carmel, PA	1	1	\$0.00	\$98,403.00	\$126,424.00
Grace BFC, Nazareth, Nazareth, PA	1	1	\$0.00	\$266,851.00	\$283,117.00
BFC of Newark, Newark, DE	1	2	\$2,858,650.00	\$1,158,080.00	\$1,407,249.00
Newark BFC, Newark, NJ	1	0	\$0.00	\$63,882.20	\$84,441.77
New Life BFC, Oley, PA	2	1	\$202,777.00	\$747,737.00	\$1,048,643.00
Paradise BFC, Paradise, PA	2	0	\$0.00	\$219,614.00	\$225,529.00
Wissinoming BFC, Philadelphia, PA	1	1	\$47,842.00	\$54,650.00	\$60,126.00
Christ Community Church, Piscataway, NJ	0	0	\$0.00	\$317,468.00	\$340,990.00
Grace BFC, Quakertown, PA	1	1	\$0.00	\$561,715.00	\$696,065.00
Grace BFC, Reading, PA	1	1	\$0.00	\$504,092.00	\$510,527.00
Community BFC, Red Hill, PA	1	0	\$0.00	\$185,538.00	\$185,537.76
The BFC of Royersford, Royersford, PA	1	1	\$0.00	\$203,783.00	\$205,855.00
Calvary BFC, Shamokin, PA	2	1	\$0.00	\$134,921.00	\$135,047.48
Calvary BFC, Sinking Spring, PA	1	0	\$0.00	\$1,385,650.00	\$1,505,585.00
Faith BFC, Spring City, PA	1	1	\$8,000.00	\$112,000.00	\$112,000.00
Grace Fellowship, Steelton, PA	1	0	\$149,177.00	\$115,072.00	\$115,071.88
Berean BFC, Stroudsburg, PA	1	1	\$0.00	\$199,435.00	\$202,150.00
Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury, PA	1	1	\$0.00	\$469,946.00	\$650,230.88
Berean BFC, Terre Hill, PA	2	1	\$0.00	\$106,242.00	\$109,314.00
Church of the Cross, Toms River, NJ	1	0	\$22,718.20	\$19,168.00	\$19,168.00
Grace BFC, Wallingford, PA	1	2	\$0.00	\$641,335.00	\$699,394.00
Bethany BFC, Whitehall, PA	3	1	\$1,000,960.00	\$306,074.00	\$344,205.65
Fellowship Community BFC, Whitehall PA	0	0	\$0.00	\$72,047.00	\$72,047.00
New Beginnings BFC, Woodbury Heights, NJ	1	1	\$450,000.00	\$171,207.00	\$192,000.00
Faith BFC, York, PA	1	1	\$0.00	\$90,685.00	\$305,038.00
Zionsville BFC, Zionsville, PA	2	1	\$0.00	\$77,260.50	\$94,255.02
Totals	67	35	\$5,802,846.20	\$17,371,007.10	\$20,416,486.82
El Faro (Lighthouse), Allentown, PA	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cape Community Church, Cape May Court House, NJ	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BFC of Adams County, Gettysburg, PA	1	1	\$150,000.00	\$59,796.40	\$60,803.39
Redeemer BFC, Egelville, PA	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
theMission, Townsend, DE	0	0	\$0.00	\$67,045.00	\$86,015.00
Total	1	1	\$150,000.00	\$126,841.40	\$146,818.39
Grand Total	68	36	\$5,952,846.20	\$17,497,848.50	\$20,563,305.21

Church Name/Location	BFC Assessment	BFC Board of					Pinebrook Bible Conference	Victory Valley Camp	Total Conference Disbursements
		Missions	Other Missions	Extension Ministries					
Cedar Crest, Allentown, PA	\$35,056.00	\$250,359.00	\$114,641.00	\$30,900.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$323,817.00		
Ebenezer BFC, Bethlehem, PA	\$18,821.00	\$96,850.00	\$149,446.00	\$35,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$159,671.00		
Trinity BFC, Blanton, PA	\$6,909.00	\$27,176.00	\$4,578.00	\$21,957.00	\$0.00	\$375.00	\$29,641.00		
New Community Church, Brooklyn, NY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$145.00		
Camden BFC, Camden, DE	\$1,341.00	\$3,242.00	\$2,517.00	\$9,700.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$14,583.00		
New Life Bible Church, Carmel, NY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Cornerstone BFC, Clinton Cms. NY	\$2,056.00	\$1,220.00	\$3,687.00	\$2,880.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,156.00		
Calvary BFC, Coopersburg, PA	\$16,564.00	\$123,777.00	\$39,176.00	\$29,740.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,300.00	\$175,881.00		
Freedom BFC, Dauphin, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
BFC of Denville, Denville, NJ	\$1,505.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,505.00		
Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA	\$18,810.00	\$141,273.00	\$32,594.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$163,083.00		
BFC of Ephrata, Ephrata, PA	\$6,663.00	\$56,215.30	\$3,904.87	\$5,821.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68,700.00		
Calvary BFC, Finesville, NJ	\$1,780.00	\$12,140.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$14,920.00		
Faith, Fleetwood, PA	\$3,699.00	\$14,964.00	\$0.00	\$255.00	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$19,518.00		
Graterford BFC, Graterford, PA	\$6,382.00	\$43,000.00	\$11,157.00	\$9,670.00	\$600.00	\$2,564.00	\$82,216.00		
Faith BFC, Hartleysville, PA	\$8,908.00	\$43,600.00	\$8,140.00	\$17,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$71,508.00		
Grace BFC, Harrisburg, PA	\$7,717.00	\$29,371.00	\$53,389.00	\$15,000.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$53,888.00		
Bethany BFC, Hatfield, PA	\$7,635.00	\$18,600.00	\$19,819.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$31,235.00		
Saucon Community BFC, Hellertown, PA	\$3,591.00	\$10,161.00	\$4,500.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,752.00		
Community BFC, Howell, NJ	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Kutztown BFC, Kutztown, PA	\$2,037.00	\$11,025.00	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,262.00		
Valley BFC, Lagrangeville, NY	\$2,336.00	\$4,135.00	\$4,707.00	\$1,320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,791.00		
Faith BFC, Lancaster, PA	\$22,058.00	\$71,550.00	\$30,760.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	\$700.00	\$97,808.00		
Grace Bible, Las Cruces, NM	\$1,601.00	\$1,040.00	\$3,990.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,881.00		
Lebanon BFC, Lebanon, PA	\$11,410.00	\$39,740.00	\$27,931.00	\$20,750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$72,650.00		
Salem BFC, Lehighton, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
New Life BFC, Longneck, DE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00		
Grace Church of Old Bridge, Old Bridge, NJ	\$2,009.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,309.00		
Maple Glen Church, Maple Glen, PA	\$1,909.00	\$9,850.00	\$7,710.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,159.00		
Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida, Merida, Mexico	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Pocono Mountain BFC, Mt. Pocono, PA	\$3,455.00	\$5,706.00	\$8,326.00	\$3,240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,401.00		
Bethany BFC, Mt. Carmel, PA	\$2,540.00	\$22,622.00	\$700.00	\$200.00	\$190.00	\$50.00	\$25,602.00		
Grace BFC, Nazareth, Nazareth, PA	\$4,761.00	\$19,365.00	\$5,390.00	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$29,876.00		
BFC of Newark, Newark, DE	\$20,317.00	\$25,840.00	\$180,501.00	\$26,884.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$77,541.00		
Newark BFC, Newark, NJ	\$1,962.00	\$23.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,385.00		
New Life BFC, Oley, PA	\$19,993.00	\$101,184.00	\$54,480.00	\$16,281.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$138,458.00		
Paradise BFC, Paradise, PA	\$3,890.00	\$40,104.00	\$1,985.00	\$1,608.00	\$1,000.00	\$700.00	\$47,302.00		
Wissinoming BFC, Philadelphia, PA	\$1,218.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,218.00		
Christ Community Church, Piscataway, NJ	\$6,275.00	\$34,200.00	\$6,750.00	\$2,500.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$43,675.00		
Grace BFC, Quakertown, PA	\$10,800.00	\$91,250.00	\$91,250.00	\$39,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$147,550.00		
Grace BFC, Reading, PA	\$10,040.00	\$73,600.00	\$18,100.00	\$14,900.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$101,040.00		
Community BFC, Red Hill, PA	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$14,350.00	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$7,000.00		
The BFC of Royersford, Royersford, PA	\$4,127.00	\$375.00	\$22,742.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,252.00		
Calvary BFC, Shamokin, PA	\$2,897.00	\$7,300.00	\$14,005.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$10,797.00		
Calvary BFC, Sinking Spring, PA	\$29,352.00	\$62,200.00	\$81,544.00	\$10,880.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$103,432.00		
Faith BFC, Spring City, PA	\$2,460.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,460.00		
Grace Fellowship, Steelton, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Berean BFC, Stroudsburg, PA	\$5,350.00	\$32,680.00	\$15,280.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$39,630.00		
Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury, PA	\$10,825.00	\$45,111.00	\$36,387.20	\$7,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$700.00	\$66,636.00		
Berean BFC, Terre Hill, PA	\$2,712.00	\$23,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$28,012.00		
Church of the Cross, Toms River, NJ	\$662.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,062.00		
Grace BFC, Wallingford, PA	\$12,763.00	\$45,150.00	\$45,500.00	\$22,000.00	\$500.00	\$549.00	\$68,199.00		
Bethany BFC, Whitehall, PA	\$4,375.00	\$18,060.00	\$4,487.00	\$6,700.00	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$30,385.00		
Fellowship Community BFC, Whitehall, PA	\$1,400.00	\$6,100.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,100.00		
New Beginnings BFC, Woodbury Heights, NJ	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$14,050.00	\$3,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00		
Faith BFC, York, PA	\$0.00	\$2,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Zionsville BFC, Zionsville, PA	\$1,785.00	\$6,206.55	\$609.28	\$1,200.00	\$600.00	\$1,000.00	\$10,787.50		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$358,393.00</b>	<b>\$1,673,214.85</b>	<b>\$1,143,233.35</b>	<b>\$425,686.65</b>	<b>\$31,440.00</b>	<b>\$33,238.00</b>	<b>\$2,476,879.50</b>		
El Faro (Lighthouse), Allentown, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Cape Community Church, Cape May Court House, NJ	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
BFC of Adams County, Gettysburg, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,700.00		
Redeemer BFC, Eggelville, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
theMission, Townsend, DE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,045.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,045.00</b>	<b>\$38,100.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$37,700.00</b>		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$358,393.00</b>	<b>\$1,673,214.85</b>	<b>\$1,147,278.35</b>	<b>\$463,786.65</b>	<b>\$31,440.00</b>	<b>\$33,238.00</b>	<b>\$2,514,579.50</b>		

Church Name/Location	Senior Pastor's Salary	Senior Pastor's Benefits	Senior Pastor's Housing Allowance	Church Ministry Staff Salaries and Benefits	Total Church Ministry Staff Salaries and Benefits
Cedar Crest, Allentown, PA	\$43,477.00	\$21,590.00	\$38,000.00	\$477,699.00	\$480,766.00
Ebenezer BFC, Bethlehem, PA	\$60,856.00	\$23,925.00	\$32,342.00	\$372,125.00	\$489,248.00
Trinity BFC, Blandon, PA	\$33,500.00	\$25,720.00	\$29,500.00	\$59,877.00	\$148,598.00
New Community Church, Brooklyn, NY	\$7,525.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Camden BFC, Camden, DE	\$6,413.00	\$2,889.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$13,802.00
New Life Bible Church, Carmel, NY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cornerstone BFC, Clinton Crns. NY	\$30,993.00	\$4,506.00	\$13,600.00	\$0.00	\$49,039.00
Calvary BFC, Coopersburg, PA	\$23,640.00	\$45,521.00	\$28,000.00	\$287,868.00	\$385,029.00
Freedom BFC, Dauphin, PA	\$35,025.00	\$16,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$69,000.00
BFC of Denville, Denville, NJ	\$28,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,125.00	\$0.00	\$36,125.00
Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA	\$61,610.00	\$29,373.00	\$25,000.00	\$294,489.00	\$385,472.00
BFC of Ephrata, Ephrata, PA	\$44,497.90	\$7,185.72	\$15,101.90	\$50,057.90	\$116,843.00
Calvary BFC, Finesville, NJ	\$36,000.00	\$14,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faith, Fleetwood, PA	\$55,000.00	\$25,145.00	\$0.00	\$23,077.00	\$103,222.00
Graterford BFC, Graterford, PA	\$57,200.00	\$15,351.00	\$0.00	\$5,783.00	\$78,334.00
Faith BFC, Hartleysville, PA	\$58,474.00	\$26,369.00	\$18,219.00	\$140,449.00	\$198,923.00
Grace BFC, Harrisburg, PA	\$47,034.00	\$17,534.00	\$10,000.00	\$116,223.00	\$190,791.00
Bethany BFC, Hatfield, PA	\$50,069.00	\$21,261.00	\$12,000.00	\$54,611.00	\$137,941.00
Saucon Community BFC, Hellertown, PA	\$41,171.00	\$5,907.00	\$17,000.00	\$7,829.00	\$71,907.00
Community BFC, Howell, NJ	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kutztown BFC, Kutztown, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Valley BFC, Lagrangeville, NY	\$2,917.00	\$2,286.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,203.00
Faith BFC, Lancaster, PA	\$44,315.00	\$26,104.00	\$46,623.00	\$172,117.00	\$289,159.00
Grace Bible, Las Cruces, NM	\$3,666.68	\$290.00	\$2,000.00	\$9,777.50	\$15,734.20
Lebanon BFC, Lebanon, PA	\$52,300.00	\$43,422.00	\$23,000.00	\$135,287.00	\$254,009.00
Salem BFC, Lehighton, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Life BFC, Longneck DE	\$900.00	\$9,575.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,475.80
Grace Church of Old Bridge, Old Bridge, NJ	\$14,030.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,030.00
Maple Glen Church, Maple Glen, PA	\$29,000.00	\$7,340.00	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$54,601.00
Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida, Merida, Mexico	\$7,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,306.67	\$13,506.70
Pocono Mountain BFC, Mt. Pocono, PA	\$22,107.00	\$15,723.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$46,830.00
Bethany BFC, Mt. Carmel, PA	\$30,000.00	\$23,918.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53,918.00
Grace BFC, Nazareth, Nazareth, PA	\$50,000.00	\$29,297.00	\$15,820.00	\$0.00	\$95,117.00
BFC of Newark, Newark, DE	\$60,350.00	\$37,046.00	\$26,042.00	\$198,030.00	\$321,468.00
Newark BFC, Newark, NJ	\$14,789.50	\$2,328.96	\$3,798.00	\$10,000.00	\$31,516.46
New Life BFC, Oley, PA	\$45,213.00	\$19,906.00	\$15,333.00	\$230,469.00	\$312,921.00
Paradise BFC, Paradise, PA	\$27,220.00	\$8,564.00	\$25,400.00	\$21,757.00	\$82,941.00
Wissinoming BFC, Philadelphia, PA	\$34,000.00	\$9,445.00	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community Church, Piscataway, NJ	\$59,223.00	\$34,364.00	\$0.00	\$96,501.00	\$190,088.00
Grace BFC, Quakertown, PA	\$57,400.00	\$18,100.00	\$0.00	\$55,600.00	\$131,100.00
Grace BFC, Reading, PA	\$40,300.00	\$20,586.00	\$24,000.00	\$94,803.00	\$179,689.00
Community BFC, Red Hill, PA	\$42,040.80	\$21,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$4,278.31	\$87,319.10
The BFC of Royersford, Royersford, PA	\$38,000.00	\$7,665.00	\$0.00	\$51,825.00	\$97,490.00
Calvary BFC, Shamokin, PA	\$40,676.80	\$10,531.50	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$57,708.30
Calvary BFC, Sinking Spring, PA	\$74,734.00	\$14,167.00	\$18,000.00	\$478,633.00	\$585,535.00
Faith BFC, Spring City, PA	\$34,936.00	\$16,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grace Fellowship, Steelton, PA	\$21,687.50	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$46,687.50
Berean BFC, Stroudsburg, PA	\$40,000.00	\$14,188.00	\$6,859.00	\$30,760.00	\$91,807.00
Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury, PA	\$48,195.00	\$15,315.90	\$5,200.00	\$94,831.70	\$158,343.00
Berean BFC, Terre Hill, PA	\$32,700.00	\$16,184.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church of the Cross, Toms River, NJ	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
Grace BFC, Wallingford, PA	\$63,055.00	\$18,958.00	\$0.00	\$177,461.00	\$259,474.00
Bethany BFC, Whitehall, PA	\$35,000.00	\$11,354.30	\$18,000.00	\$93,686.10	\$158,040.00
Fellowship Community BFC, Whitehall, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Beginnings BFC, Woodbury Heights, NJ	\$36,200.00	\$14,000.00	\$19,400.00	\$35,000.00	\$104,600.00
Faith BFC, York, PA	\$16,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,529.00	\$30,329.00
Zionsville BFC, Zionsville, PA	\$25,115.00	\$11,033.30	\$21,070.00	\$0.00	\$57,218.30
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,864,556.18</b>	<b>\$784,669.48</b>	<b>\$639,732.90</b>	<b>\$3,807,240.18</b>	<b>\$6,805,898.36</b>
El Faro (Lighthouse), Allentown, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cape Community Church, Cape May Court House, NJ	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BFC of Adams County, Gettysburg, PA	\$33,000.00	\$8,912.00	\$12,897.00	\$0.00	\$54,809.00
Redeemer BFC, Eggsville, PA	\$37,793.00	\$14,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$0.00	\$78,793.00
theMission, Townsend, DE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$70,793.00</b>	<b>\$22,912.00</b>	<b>\$51,897.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$133,602.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,935,349.18</b>	<b>\$807,581.48</b>	<b>\$691,629.90</b>	<b>\$3,807,240.18</b>	<b>\$6,939,500.36</b>

Church Name/Location	Debt Service	Benevolence	Operating Costs	Total Operations		Grand Total Disbursements
				Disbursements	Total Disbursements	
Cedar Crest, Allentown, PA	\$142,286.00	\$46,000.00	\$705,068.00	\$1,012,010.00	\$1,816,600.00	\$1,985,820.00
Ebenezer BFC, Bethlehem, PA	\$0.00	\$22,727.00	\$233,813.00	\$405,986.00	\$1,054,900.00	\$1,054,900.00
Trinity BFC, Blandon, PA	\$0.00	\$8,040.00	\$93,136.00	\$105,754.00	\$312,064.00	\$312,064.00
New Community Church, Brooklyn, NY	\$7,584.00	\$347.00	\$10,475.00	\$18,556.00	\$32,245.00	\$0.00
Camden BFC, Camden, DE	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$21,410.00	\$24,402.00	\$52,787.00	\$52,787.00
New Life Bible Church, Carmel, NY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cornerstone BFC, Clinton Cms. NY	\$0.00	\$1,125.00	\$16,271.00	\$21,083.00	\$76,278.00	\$76,278.00
Calvary BFC, Coopersburg, PA	\$0.00	\$19,013.00	\$2,544,900.00	\$312,679.00	\$873,589.00	\$920,626.00
Freedom BFC, Dauphin, PA	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$15,740.00	\$26,915.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BFC of Denville, Denville, NJ	\$0.00	\$2,177.82	\$58,870.00	\$59,870.00	\$1,505.00	\$58,870.00
Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA	\$154,627.00	\$0.00	\$199,775.00	\$386,996.00	\$935,551.00	\$0.00
BFC of Ephrata, Ephrata, PA	\$0.00	\$4,427.49	\$171,281.00	\$288,124.00	\$288,124.00	\$303,242.00
Calvary BFC, Finesville, NJ	\$0.00	\$2,382.00	\$19,176.00	\$21,558.00	\$89,077.00	\$89,077.00
Faith, Fleetwood, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69,888.00	\$69,888.00	\$192,628.00	\$192,628.00
Graterford BFC, Graterford, PA	\$18,504.00	\$0.00	\$90,050.00	\$119,711.00	\$260,261.00	\$274,448.00
Faith BFC, Harleysville, PA	\$0.00	\$6,819.00	\$163,674.00	\$178,633.00	\$449,064.00	\$449,064.00
Grace BFC, Harrisburg, PA	\$5,588.00	\$14,946.00	\$224,968.00	\$299,891.00	\$543,570.00	\$543,570.00
Bethany BFC, Hatfield, PA	\$78,493.00	\$10,719.00	\$165,677.00	\$294,807.00	\$463,884.00	\$463,884.00
Saucon Community BFC, Hellertown, PA	\$0.00	\$9,785.00	\$77,828.00	\$92,113.00	\$190,772.00	\$191,772.00
Community BFC, Howell, NJ	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kutztown BFC, Kutztown, PA	\$0.00	\$1,650.00	\$89,176.00	\$0.00	\$91,213.00	\$103,651.00
Valley BFC, Lagrangeville, NY	\$0.00	\$5,420.00	\$41,288.00	\$51,415.00	\$64,400.00	\$78,084.00
Faith BFC, Lancaster, PA	\$291,230.00	\$42,992.00	\$448,346.00	\$813,330.00	\$1,200,300.00	\$1,236,530.00
Grace Bible, Las Cruces, NM	\$0.00	\$1,183.00	\$50,334.50	\$55,507.50	\$74,112.00	\$74,122.70
Lebanon BFC, Lebanon, PA	\$0.00	\$7,460.00	\$172,734.00	\$462,134.00	\$72,650.00	\$534,784.00
Salem BFC, Lehighton, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Life BFC, Longneck, DE	\$21,745.20	\$1,060.70	\$30,327.50	\$53,733.40	\$83,209.20	\$83,209.20
Grace Church of Old Bridge, Old Bridge, NJ	\$31,226.00	\$0.00	\$34,731.00	\$65,957.00	\$82,296.00	\$82,296.00
Maple Glen Church, Maple Glen, PA	\$0.00	\$27,497.00	\$36,842.00	\$72,049.00	\$111,452.00	\$111,452.00
Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida, Merida, Mexico	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,438.10	\$11,438.10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pocono Mountain BFC, Mt. Pocono, PA	\$0.00	\$4,935.00	\$41,683.00	\$54,944.00	\$114,175.00	\$152,121.00
Bethany BFC, Mt. Carmel, PA	\$0.00	\$709.00	\$37,832.00	\$39,241.00	\$118,761.00	\$123,400.00
Grace BFC, Nazareth, Nazareth, PA	\$0.00	\$7,969.00	\$87,102.00	\$100,461.00	\$225,454.00	\$273,552.00
BFC of Newark, Newark, DE	\$366,528.00	\$21,087.00	\$438,090.00	\$1,405,220.00	\$1,409,060.00	\$1,417,430.00
Newark BFC, Newark, NJ	\$0.00	\$1,988.49	\$39,366.19	\$75,756.09	\$109,657.55	\$166,244.58
New Life BFC, Oley, PA	\$12,101.00	\$24,956.00	\$93,964.00	\$185,501.00	\$636,880.00	\$932,104.00
Paradise BFC, Paradise, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,316.00	\$62,301.00	\$192,544.00	\$192,544.00
Wissinoming BFC, Philadelphia, PA	\$47,842.00	\$0.00	\$72,790.00	\$72,790.00	\$71,572.00	\$72,790.00
Christ Community Church, Piscataway, NJ	\$0.00	\$4,824.00	\$87,345.00	\$98,919.00	\$332,582.00	\$343,390.00
Grace BFC, Quakertown, PA	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$346,425.00	\$447,675.00	\$696,065.00	\$698,499.00
Grace BFC, Reading, PA	\$0.00	\$14,681.00	\$175,887.00	\$208,668.00	\$489,397.00	\$489,397.00
Community BFC, Red Hill, PA	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$67,942.20	\$178,611.00	\$178,611.00	\$178,611.00
The BFC of Royersford, Royersford, PA	\$0.00	\$559.00	\$86,163.00	\$108,464.00	\$211,206.00	\$211,206.00
Calvary BFC, Shamokin, PA	\$0.00	\$1,450.00	\$42,514.70	\$57,969.00	\$126,475.00	\$135,013.00
Calvary BFC, Sinking Spring, PA	\$0.00	\$48,178.00	\$688,806.00	\$1,507,500.00	\$1,642,070.00	\$1,642,070.00
Faith BFC, Spring City, PA	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$31,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$113,000.00	\$113,000.00
Grace Fellowship, Steelton, PA	\$0.00	\$3,163.85	\$78,245.50	\$83,209.30	\$129,023.00	\$129,023.00
Berean BFC, Stroudsburg, PA	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$46,452.00	\$64,232.00	\$195,669.00	\$195,669.00
Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury, PA	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$43,974.50	\$81,861.70	\$306,840.00	\$650,499.00
Berean BFC, Terre Hill, PA	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$38,339.00	\$115,435.00	\$115,435.00	\$120,801.00
Church of the Cross, Toms River, NJ	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$9,209.74	\$14,009.70	\$34,009.80	\$34,009.80
Grace BFC, Wallingford, PA	\$0.00	\$8,226.00	\$191,571.00	\$245,297.00	\$572,970.00	\$699,395.00
Bethany BFC, Whitehall, PA	\$84,825.10	\$7,950.00	\$104,902.00	\$202,164.00	\$390,590.00	\$390,590.00
Fellowship Community BFC, Whitehall, PA	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54,700.00	\$70,000.00
New Beginnings BFC, Woodbury Heights, NJ	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$88,439.00	\$104,989.00	\$209,589.00	\$209,589.00
Faith BFC, York, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,217.00	\$38,217.00	\$71,296.00	\$267,501.00
Zionsville BFC, Zionsville, PA	\$0.00	\$575.82	\$23,627.40	\$24,812.50	\$92,818.30	\$94,957.80
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,275,379.30</b>	<b>\$407,698.17</b>	<b>\$8,880,440.33</b>	<b>\$10,939,787.29</b>	<b>\$18,252,990.55</b>	<b>\$19,276,565.08</b>
El Faro (Lighthouse), Allentown, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cape Community Church, Cape May Court House, NJ	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BFC of Adams County, Gettysburg, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,391.10	\$0.00	\$66,091.10	\$0.00
Redeemer BFC, Egelville, PA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
theMission, Townsend, DE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$63,558.00	\$0.00	\$93,558.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$28,391.10</b>	<b>\$63,558.00</b>	<b>\$66,091.10</b>	<b>\$93,558.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,275,379.30</b>	<b>\$407,698.17</b>	<b>\$8,908,831.43</b>	<b>\$11,003,345.29</b>	<b>\$18,319,081.65</b>	<b>\$19,370,123.08</b>



## Directory of Churches & Missions

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Allentown, PA Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church	9:45 a.m.	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Various	7:00 p.m.
610-432-2200 610-435-4006 info@cedarcrestbfc.org Clifford Boone, Ronald Erb, Glenn Felty, Jonathan King, Ben Triestman, Scott Kappes	1151 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18103 Mailing: Same www.cedarcrestbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Allentown, PA Lighthouse Church	11:00 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. children's church	11:00 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.		Wed. 7-8:30 p.m. youth group
484-387-0936 lighthousebfc@gmail.com Stephen Diaz	641 Genesee St., Allentown, PA 18103 Mailing: Same www.lighthousebfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Bethlehem, PA Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church	10:05 a.m.	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
610-868-5501 610-868-6939 office@aplaceforyou.org Tim Gibson, Dick Bickings, Mark Culton, Jeremy Harkins	3100 Hecktown Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18020 Mailing: Same www.aplaceforyou.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Blandon, PA Trinity Bible Fellowship Church	10:45 a.m.	9:00 a.m.		6:30 p.m.- Youth; 7:00 p.m.-Kids Club, Young Adults, Family Prayer
610-926-4594 610-916-4777 trinitybfc@gmail.com Jordan Eyster, John Vandegriff	220 Main Street, Blandon, PA 19510 Mailing: PO Box 739, 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. 7:30 p.m.
718-209-9469 nccbfc@gmail.com Ralph E. Ritter	Mailing: PO 340022, Brooklyn, New York 11234 nccbrooklyn.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Camden, DE Bible Fellowship Church of Camden	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	Wed. 7:00 p.m.
302-697-0434 Info@CamdenBFC.org R. Daniel Wagner	201 E. Camden Wyoming Avenue, Camden, DE 19934 Mailing: Same www.camdenbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Cape May Court House, NJ Cape Community Church		10:30 a.m.		Wed. 7:00 p.m.
609-465-2338 office@capecommunitychurch.org Brad Boyer	1159 Route 9 South, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 Mailing: Same www.capecommunitychurch.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Carmel, NY New Life Bible Church	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	
Hans Waldvogel, Elder	476 Farmers Mills Road, Carmel, NY 10512 Mailing: PO Box 79, Holmes, NY 10514			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Clinton Corners, NY Cornerstone Bible Fellowship Church	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
845-266-8057 cornerstonebfc@optimum.net Allen R. Mickle, Jr.	1592 Hollow Road, Clinton Corners, NY 12581 Mailing: Same www.cornerstonebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Coopersburg, PA Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	10:00 a.m.	8:30 & 11:10 a.m.	--	6:30 p.m.
610-282-3161 610-282-9546 church@calvarybfc.org Richard T. Paashaus, Thomas P. Shorb, Carl Spackman	6782 North Main Street, Coopersburg, PA 18036 Mailing: PO Box 166, Coopersburg, PA 18036 www.calvarybfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Dauphin, PA Freedom Bible Fellowship Church	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		Wed. 6:45 Youth Group & 7:00 Adult Prayer Meeting
717-579-4414 church@freedombfc.com Mark E. Barninger	409 Allegheny Street, Dauphin, PA 17018 Mailing: PO Box 265, Dauphin, Pa 17018 www.freedombfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Denville, NJ Bible Fellowship Church	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.		Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
973-625-1880 Richard D. Harris	263 Diamond Spring Rd, Denville, NJ 07834 Mailing: Same www.bfcdenville.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Emmaus, PA Bethel Bible Fellowship Church	9:45 a.m.	8:30 and 10:45 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
610-965-2682 610-965-4534 bethel@bethelbfc.org David Schoen, David Schlonecker, Josh Edwards	418 Elm Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 Mailing: Same www.bethelbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Ephrata, PA Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata	9:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
717-733-2526 717-733-4122 ebfc@ephratabfc.com Jason Hoy	491 Peach Road, Ephrata, PA 17522 Mailing: PO Box 299, Ephrata, PA 17522 www.ephratabfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Fleetwood, PA Faith Bible Fellowship Church	11:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
610-944-7080 faithbfcfleetwood@gmail.com Jerry Brush, Beau Coffman	236 S Richmond Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522 Mailing: Same www.FaithBFCFleetwood.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Gettysburg, PA Bible Fellowship Church of Adams County	11:45 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		
717-337-1900 Aaron Susek	895 Coleman Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 Mailing: Same www.bfcac.net			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Graterford, PA Graterford Bible Fellowship Church	9:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
610-489-9389 markgbfc@gmail.com Mark Orton	693 Church Road, Graterford, PA 19426 Mailing: Same www.graterfordbible.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Harleysville, PA Faith Bible Fellowship Church	9:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
215-256-6026 215-256-6459 office@faithbfc.org Andrew Crossgrove, Michael Walker	140 Harleysville Pike, Harleysville, PA 19438 Mailing: Same www.faithbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Harrisburg, PA Grace Bible Fellowship	9:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
717-652-5229 717-671-4760 church@gracebfc.com Joshua P. Miller, Steven J. DelDuco, William C. Verdon, III	1250 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112 Mailing: Same www.gracebfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Hatfield, PA Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	9:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
215-855-2449 215-855-8756 bethanyBFC@verizon.net Howard Wells, Joel Klase	75 West Broad Street, Hatfield, PA 19440 Mailing: Same www.bethanybfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Hellertown, PA Saucon Community Bible Fellowship Church	10:45 a.m.	9:00 a.m.		
610-838-3111 info@sauconbfc.org Keith A. Strunk	2190 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA 18015 Mailing: 45 W. Water Street, Hellertown, PA 18055 www.sauconbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Horsham, PA Maple Glen Bible Fellowship Church	9:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		Various
215-646-1220 mgbfc@juno.com Louis Prontnicki	700 E. Welsh Rd, Horsham, PA 19044 Mailing: PO Box 3102, Ambler, PA 19002 www.mapleglenchurch.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Howell, NJ Community		10:30 a.m.		
732-363-8941 communitybfc@optonline.net Eric North	3071 Lakewood Allenwood Road, Howell, NJ 07731 Mailing: Same www.communitybfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Kutztown, PA Kutztown Bible Fellowship Church	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		7:00 p.m. Thursday
484-601-2610 info@kutztownbfc.org Ezekiel Mack	15170 Kutztown Road, Kutztown, PA 19530 Mailing: Same www.kutztownbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
LaGrangeville, NY Valley Bible Fellowship Church	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
845-724-3984 valleybible@optonline.net Dennis W. Spinney	1875 Clove Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540 Mailing: Same www.valleybfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Lancaster, PA Faith Bible Fellowship Church	9:00 a.m.; 10:45 a.m.	9:00 a.m.; 10:45 a.m.		
717-285-1900 717-285-1913 office@faithbfc.com David A. Thomann, Gregory A. Uhrich, Keith M. Long	151 Donerville Road, Lancaster, PA 17603 Mailing: Same www.faithbfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Las Cruces, NM Grace Bible Church	8:45 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
575-532-1234 gracebiblechurchLC@gmail.com Ethan Hester (Interim)	2801 Missouri Ave. Suite 15, Las Cruces, NM 88011 Mailing: PO Box 7964, Las Cruces, NM 88011 www.gracalascruces.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Lebanon, PA Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church	9:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	Wed. 7:30 p.m.
717-273-4802 717-273-1568 info@lebanonbfc.org Rev. Calvin T. Reed, Rev. David E. Brandt, Rev. LeRoy S. Heller	1635 Mill Rd, Lebanon, PA 17042 Mailing: Same www.lebanonbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Lehighton, PA Salem Bible Fellowship Church	11:15:00 a.m.	9:30:00 a.m.		Tuesdays, Supper 5:30 p.m. Study 6:30 p.m.
570-386-2578 570-386-2578 saalebfc@ptd.net Robert Johnson, Charles Shearer	11105 Fredericks Grove Road, Lehighton, PA 18235 Mailing: Same			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Long Neck , DE New Life Bible Fellowship Church	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
302-945-8145 office@newlife-bfc.org Andrew Barnes Sr.	24771 Cannon Rd, Long Neck , DE 19966 Mailing: Same www.newlife-bfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Matawan, NJ Grace Church of Old Bridge	12:10 p.m.	11:00 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
732-588-5906 732-588-5906 tompaulam@cs.com Thomas H. Morrison	442 Cottrell Rd., Matawan, NJ 07747 Mailing: Same www.gracechurchob.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Merida, YUCATAN Iglesia Biblica La Roca	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.		Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Prayer meeting
999-195-2093 administracion@iblaroca.org Marcos Ramirez	Calle 42 #303A entre 53 and 53C Francisco de Montejo, Merida, YUCATAN 97203 Mailing: Same			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Mt. Carmel, PA Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	9:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
570-339-4693 blstls@yahoo.com Bryan Snyder, Elder	654 Wilburton Road, Mt. Carmel, PA 17851-1284 Mailing: Same www.bethanybfc-mtcarmel.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Mt. Pocono, PA Pocono Mountain Bible Fellowship Church	9:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	none	7:00 a.m.
570-839-6922 none office@pmbfc.org Ron Miller, Elder	141 Montanesca Lane, Mt. Pocono, PA 18344 Mailing: PO Box 300, Mt Pocono, PA 18344 www.pmbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Nazareth, PA Grace Bible Fellowship Church	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
610-759-7036 gracebfcnaz@rcn.com Carl J. Fischer, Jr.	100 E. Beil Ave., Nazareth, PA 18064 Mailing: Same www.gbfcnaz.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Newark, DE Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, Delaware	10:00 a.m.	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Growth Groups	Wed activities 6:30 p.m.
302-366-8539 302-366-8542 bfcnewark@verizon.net Bill Schlonecker, Rich Dodson, Steve Morton	808 Old Baltimore Pike, Newark, DE 19702 Mailing: Same www.bfcnewarkde.org			



City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Newark, NJ Newark Bible Fellowship Church				
973-373-3677 Interim Pastor Ron Burgess	30 Randolph Place, Newark, NJ 7108 Mailing: Same			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Norristown, PA Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church		10:00 a.m.		
484-302-0124 info@redeemerbfc.org Scott Wright	2460 Boulevard of the Generals (Audubon YMCA), Norristown, PA 19403 Mailing: PO Box 170, Eagleville, Pa 19408 www.redeemerbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Oley, PA New Life Bible Fellowship Church	9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	8:00 a.m.		
610-987-3192 610-987-6654 info@newlifebfc.org Jason Blair, James MacArthur, Benjamin Bailey	2960 W Philadelphia Ave, Oley, PA 19547 Mailing: Same www.newlifebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Paradise, PA Paradise Bible Fellowship Church	9:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
717-687-7577 office@paradisebfc.org David Peters, Ralph Soper	3092 Lincoln Hwy E., Box 217, Paradise, PA 17562 Mailing: Same www.paradisebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Philadelphia, PA Hope Philadelphia Church		10:30 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
215-743-3751 office@hopephilly.org Justin L. Hunter	4414 Van Kirk St., Philadelphia, PA 19135 Mailing: Same www.hopephilly.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Phillipsburg, NJ Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	9:00 a.m. Sept-May	10:00 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
908-995-7678 Byron Widger	191 County Road 627, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865 Mailing: Same www.finesvillebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Piscataway, NJ Christ Community Church	9:45 am	11:00 a.m.		
732-393-9800 church@christcommunitynj.com Dennis M. Cahill, Richard B. Ravis	1347 Stelton Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854 Mailing: 1347 Stelton Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854 www.christcommunitynj.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Quakertown, PA Grace Bible Fellowship Church	9:00 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m. AWANA/ TFC & 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible study & prayer
215-536-6096 215-536-7335 grace@quakertownbfc.org Ronald L. Kohl, Michael D. Roberts, David J. Watkins	1811 Old Bethlehem Pike N., Quakertown, PA 18951 Mailing: Same www.quakertownbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Reading, PA Grace Bible Fellowship Church	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
610-375-2333 610-375-6002 info@gracbfcreading.org Randall A. Grossman	1128 Hampden Blvd., Reading, PA 19604 Mailing: Same www.gracbfcreading.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Reading, PA La Roca de Reading				
hispanicbfcinreading@hotmail.com Carlos Rodriguez	1128 Hampden Blvd., Reading, PA 19604 Mailing: Same			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Red Hill, PA Community Bible Fellowship Church		10:00 a.m.		
215-541-4880 communityredhill@verizon.net James Arcieri	426 Main St, PO Box 281, Red Hill, PA 18076 Mailing: Same www.communityredhill.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Royersford, PA Royersford Bible Fellowship	9:10	10:15 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
610-948-9764 info@rbfconnect.org Andrew T. Gysi	431 N. Lewis Road, Royersford, PA 19468 Mailing: Same www.rbfconnect.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Shamokin, PA Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	9:30 a.m.	10:35 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	
570-648-1466 570-648-1466 calvarybfc1@verizon.net Ferdie Madara	35 South Second St., Shamokin, PA 17872 Mailing: Same www.shamokinbfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Sinking Spring, PA Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	9:47 & 11:11 a.m.	8:30, 9:47 & 11:11 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
610-678-5166 610-678-6727 cbfc@cbfc.net Robert A. Sloan, Jr., Wayne Rissmiller	4891 Penn Ave, Sinking Spring, PA 19608 Mailing: Same www.cbfc.net			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Spring City, PA Faith Bible Fellowship Church	9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
610-948-9448 ExcitingFaith@gmail.com Kevin Clineff	25 Pennhurst Rd, Spring City, PA 19475 Mailing: Same www.myfaithbfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Steelton, PA Grace Fellowship	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		
717-982-6779 gracesteelton@gmail.com David Smith	747 N. Front St., Steelton, PA 17113 Mailing: Same www.graceinbhc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Stroudsburg, PA Berean Bible Fellowship Church	9:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		
570-421-0617 bereanbfc@verizon.net Davis Duggins	1028 Tara View Dr., Stroudsburg, PA 18360 Mailing: Same www.bereanbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Sunbury, PA Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church	9:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
570-286-8313 Charles E. Cole, Josh P. Gibson, Jules J. Hull	967 Mile Hill Road, Sunbury, PA 17801 Mailing: Same www.emmanuelbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Terre Hill, PA Terre Hill Bible Fellowship Church	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	(first Sunday night) 7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
717-445-4401 terrehillbfc@gmail.com Kevin Kirkpatrick	407 W. Main St., Terre Hill, PA 17581 Mailing: PO Box 208, Terre Hill, PA 17581 www.terrehillbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Toms River, N.J. Church of the Cross		10:30 a.m.		7:30 p.m.
732-505-8174 Allen Dorst	1060 Church Rd., Toms River, N.J. 08755 Mailing: Same			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Townsend, DE theMISSION		10:00 a.m.		
302-449-4225 themissionbfc@gmail.com Ron Smith	107 Main Street, Townsend, DE 19734 Mailing: PO Box 1252, Middletown, DE 19709 www.themissionbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Wallingford, PA Grace Bible Fellowship Church	10:45 a.m.	9:00 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
610-876-8725 office@gracebfc.org Richard E. Taylor, Timothy S. Cowen, Mark A. Bickel	723 S Providence Rd, Wallingford, PA 19086 Mailing: Same www.gracebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Walnutport, PA Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church		10:30 a.m.		Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m. / AWANA Thur. 6:15 p.m.
610-434-8661 Aaron Smith	840 S. Best Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088 Mailing: Same www.lehighbible.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Whitehall, PA Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
610-434-8661 office@WhitehallBFC.org Timothy J. Schmoyer	3300 Seventh Street, Whitehall, PA 18052 Mailing: Same www.Whitehall.Church			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Whitehall, PA Fellowship Community Church	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	6:30 p.m. monthly	6:30 p.m.
610-769-4312 610-799-0399 Fell Comm. Philip E. Yerrington	3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052 Mailing: 3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Woodbury Heights, NJ New Beginnings Bible Fellowship Church	9:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
856-686-0555 856-686-0557 newbeginningsbfc@gmail.com Dan Williams, Tim Nessler	335 Glassboro Road Bldg A, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097 Mailing: Same www.newbeginningsbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
York, PA. Faith Bible Fellowship Church	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		Wed. 11 a.m.
717-846-7749 yorkbfc@gmail.com Timothy J. Bertolet	675 Woodland View Drive, York, PA. 17406 Mailing: Same www.faithbfcyork.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Zionsville, PA Bible Fellowship Church of Zionsville	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		Thursday Awana 7:00 p.m. - Adult 8:00 p.m.
610-967-3048 zionsvillebiblefellowship@gmail.com Bryan McNally	6401 Vera Cruz Rd. S, Zionsville, PA 18092 Mailing: Same www.zbfcchurch.org			

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