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Woodbury Heights, NJ; Woolwich
Township, NJ

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Brooklyn, NY; El Faro, Allentown, PA;
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Steelton, PA; Wissinoming, PA

Future Easter Dates

16 April 2017	9 April 2023	1 April 2029	25 March 2035
1 April 2018	31 March 2024	21 April 2030	13 April 2036
21 April 2019	20 April 2025	13 April 2031	5 April 2037
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April 26, 2016, Pinebrook Bible Conference



Beau Coffman Family



Joel Klase



Aaron & Karen Smith



R. Daniel & Lee Wagner



Allen R. Mickle family



Joshua A. & Juli Dupiche



L-R, R. Daniel Wagner, Allen R. Mickle, Joel B. Klase,
Beau E. Coffman, and Aaron D. Smith



Dennis M. Cahill addresses BFC Conference during ordination service.

Directory of Boards and Committees

Directory of Boards & Committees

(Elected by BFC Conference)

BFC Executive Board

- (2017) Jay H. Fasnacht, Ronald L. Kohl, Charles A. Lavigna, Randall A. Grossman
(2018) Robert T. Evans, William G. Schlonecker, Hans R. Waldvogel
(2019) Dennis M. Cahill, Stephen J. DelDuco, Steven J. Kauffman, L. James Roberts, Jr.
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- (2017) Ronald L. Erb, Jr., Dana E. Weller
(2018) Ralph M. Soper
(2019) Dennis M. Cahill, Jason L. Hoy
Chairman - Dennis M. Cahill

Ministerial Candidates Committee

- (2017) Richard E. Taylor, Joshua P. Miller
(2018) Andrew T. Crossgrove, David E. Gundrum
(2019) Timothy J. Bertolet
Chairman - Andrew T. Crossgrove
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Seminar Coordinator - David E. Gundrum
Applications Secretary - Timothy J. Bertolet

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- (2017) L. James Roberts, Jr., Timothy J. Schmoyer, Byron Widger
(2018) Robert Vaughn, William G. Schlonecker
(2019) Randall A. Grossman, Ronald W. Reed
Chairman - Byron Widger
Secretary - Timothy J. Schmoyer

Committee on Nominations

- (2017) Wayne W. Batten, Raymond R. Bertolet, David E. Brandt
 (2018) Rachel Schmoyer, Keith A. Strunk
 (2019) Joshua P. Gibson, Charles D. Bomgardner

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 (2018) Richard T. Paashaus, Carl K. Spackman, John W. Sullivan
 (2019) Clyde D. Bomgardner, Richard C. Dodson
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 Vice Chairman - Jason L. Hoy
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- (2017) Carl C. Cassel, William F. Early, Donald E. Kuntzman, Rodney P. Plows
 (2018) Ronald W. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr., Dean A. Stortz, Thomas P. Shorb
 (2019) Richard C. Dodson, Donald D. McKinney
 Secretary - Thomas P. Shorb

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- (2017) Raymond R. Dotts, Hans R. Waldvogel
 (2018) Charles A. Lavigna, John C. Studenroth
 (2019) Randall A. Grossman, Donald D. McKinney, Scott Wright
 Secretary - Hans R. Waldvogel

Officers of 134th BFC Conference

- Moderator - Randall A. Grossman
 Vice Moderator - William G. Schlonecker
 Secretary - Ronald L. Kohl

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- BFC President - Robert A. Sloan, Jr. (2018)
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(Self Elected/Appointed & Ratified by Executive Board)

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Study Committee on Immigration

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Study Committee on Spousal Abuse as Grounds for Divorce

Clyde D. Bomgardner (Convener), Stephen J. DelDuco, John C. Elias, Joshua P. Gibson, Ralph E. Ritter, Aaron D. Smith, John C. Vandegriff, Jr.

Study Committee on Prayer

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Study Committee on the Pauline Exception

Timothy Bertolet (Convener), Timothy Gibson, Joshua Miller, Timothy Schmoyer, Daniel Williams

Directory of BFC Conference Committees

(Appointed Committees)

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

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(Self-appointed & ratified by Executive Board)

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Director - David E. Gundrum

Chairman - Richard E. Taylor

Secretary - William G. Schlonecker

Treasurer - Robert W. Davies

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(2019) Joshua P. Miller, Keith A. Strunk
Chairman - Jason L. Hoy
Secretary - Mark E. Barninger
Treasurer - Keith A. Strunk
Advisor - Ralph M. Soper

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
Coffman, Beau E.	2013	2016	2016
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
Dupiche, Joshua A.	2013	2016	2016
Erb, Ronald C.	1981	1983	2005
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
Grossman, Randall A.	1981	1983	1990
Gundrum, David E.	1986	1988	2000
Harris, Richard D.	1976	1978	1988
Heller, LeRoy S.	1955	1958	1995

Hoy, Jason L.	2011	2014	2014
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
Klase, Joel B.	2013	2016	2016
Kohl, Ronald L.	2004	2007	2004
Kuntzman, Donald E.	2003	2006	1996
Lauterback, Stanley P.	2010	2013	2010
Long, Keith M.	2010	2013	2007
Madara, Ferdie R.	2006	1995	2006
McNally, Bryan C.	2012	2015	2012
Mickle Jr., Allen R.	2014	2016	2016
Miller, Joshua P.	2007	2010	2012
Morrison, Mark L.	1996	1999	2006
Moyer, Duane E.	1998	2001	2014
North, Eric R.	2003	1992	2003
Orton, Mark R.	2009	2006	2009
Paashaus, Richard T.	1988	1990	1976
Peters, David J.	2008	2011	2008
Prontnicki, Louis	1983	1985	1990
Ramirez, Marcos G.	2008	2011	2007
Ramos, Elliot H.	1998	2001	2013
Ravis, Richard B.	1990	1985	2001
Reed, Calvin T.	1982	1984	1983
Ritter, Ralph E.	1991	1994	2000
Rodriguez, Carlos G.	2008	2010	2004
Schlonecker, 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, Aaron D.	2012	2016	2016

Smith, David A.	2011	2014	2011
Smith, Ronald B.	2011	2014	2011
Soper, Ralph M.	1985	1987	2016
Spinney, Dennis W.	1984	1993	2015
Strunk, Keith A.	2011	2014	2011
Susek, Aaron J.	2008	2011	2009
Thomann, David A.	1978	1977	1987
Uhrich, Gregory A.	1989	1983	2001
Wagner, R. Daniel	2014	2016	2016
Walker, Michael W.	2012	2015	2015
Wells, Howard N.	1990	1992	1990
Widger, Byron	1985	1988	1995
Williams, Daniel L.	2006	2009	2014
Wright, Scott	2009	2012	2012
Yerrington, Philip E.	1978	1981	2011
Zuck, Timothy M.	2008	2011	2014

Ordained Ministers under the Direction of the Board of Missions

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Allen, Daniel P.	1982	1979	2012
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

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Hurst, Kenneth J. (Military)	1998	2000	2000
Moyer, Richard A. (Prison)	1995	2000	1999
Susek, Jacob J. (Fellow. Comm.)	1994	1983	2011

Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Bomgardner, Clyde D., Jr.	1997	2000	2012
Dowling, Willis I.	1999	1983	2009
Eyster, Jordan K.	2011	2014	2016
Tannous, Michael J.	2001	2004	2011

Ordained Ministers Working in Non-BFC Churches

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Commerford, Robert S.	1984	1986	2015
Curcio, Louis S.	2002	2004	2015
Dunn, William J.	1999	2002	2015
Edwards, Joshua D.	2008	2011	2015
Hunter, Justin L.	2010	2013	2015
Lawrence, Dennis J.	1993	1996	2015
Lynskey, Matthew L.	2009	2014	2014
Martin, Carl T.	1983	1986	2015

Ordained Ministers Between Calls

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Dommel, Albert J.	1982	1984	2014
Duggins, Davis E.	2005	1997	2016
Evans, Mark R.	2008	2010	2015
Gysi, Andrew T.	2012	2014	2016
Morrison, Thomas H.	2005	2008	2016
Roberts, Michael D.	2008	2011	2016

Ordained Minister On Leave of Absence

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Clark, Gerald D.	2002	2006	2015
Ruhl, Jeffery L.	1997	2000	2016

Ordained Ministers in Retirement

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
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
Cole, Charles E.	1996	1970	2016
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
Mahurin, Ronald C.	1960	1959	2001
Manney, David L.	1961	1976	2011
Munyan, Edgar H.	1989	1955	1993
Norris, Philip G.	2004	2007	2015
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
Spackman, Carl K.	1969	1971	2012
Stortz, Dean A.	1983	1986	2010
Taylor, Richard E.	1973	1975	2016
Vandegriff, John C., Jr.	1974	1972	2013
Way, David R.	1989	1993	2010
Weaber, Harold C.	1963	1967	1998
Weller, Dana E.	1972	1974	2014
Ziegler, Daniel G.	1960	1963	2000
Zimmerman, Paul G.	1966	1971	2006

Ordained Inactive Ministers

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Harding, W. Neil, Jr.	1983	1993	2013

In Memoriam: Alan G. Miller September 18, 1955 – May 11, 2015

On May 11, 2015 Alan Miller was suddenly taken into the presence of his Savior, to delight in unhindered fellowship forevermore. Though some may think Alan departed this life prematurely, none who knew him would say he lived an incomplete life.

Made aware of his sin and need of a Savior, Alan surrendered his life to Christ at the age of seven. In addition to Christian parents and faithful church leaders, the Holy Spirit used the intense memorization of Scripture to seal Alan in the faith. This early habit of Scripture memory would go on to have a deep and lasting impact for the rest of his life.



Having his mind formed and shaped by Scripture at a young age, Alan never doubted its sufficiency, necessity, clarity, and authority. His great delight and driving passion was to see others come in contact with its wonder-working power. As this passion grew, Alan knew he wanted to devote his life to gospel ministry, and decided to enroll for one year in a Bible college with the hope of intensely seeking the Lord's guidance. He enrolled at Northeastern Bible College, and this set him on a course to becoming a pastor in the flock of God.

Following his training at Biblical Seminary in Hatfield, Alan, his wife Nancy, and their two young children moved to Brooks, ME under the guidance of American Mission for Opening Churches (AMOC). In this small isolated community, he began pastoring a church that had recently padlocked its doors shut, and over the course of seven years the Lord used his faithful evangelizing, preaching, and teaching to raise up a healthy flock that was able to fully support a preaching pastor.

Following their years in Maine, Alan and Nancy and their family of then-five children moved to Wawarsing, NY, where he would pastor for the next 15 years and the Millers would fill out their quiver with seven children. Alan's ministry in the BFC began in 2003, when he accepted a co-pastorate at Faith BFC in Harleysville. Then, in 2007, he began his ministry as senior pastor of Trinity BFC in Blandon, PA.

Alan was a man filled with the Spirit, governed by the Word, in love with the church, and fervent for the lost. He took advantage of any opportunity given for him to preach and teach God's Word and to evangelize. He was particularly driven to see men rise up as leaders in their homes, in their churches, and in their communities.

He was a leader of men, and he used every opportunity he could to disciple and train men.

This passion was evidenced by his long-time teaching in prison ministry, leading bicycle trips for 16 straight summers, leading backpacking trips all through the Adirondacks and along the Appalachian Trail, organizing motorcycle trips through the Northeast and Canada, taking men to theology conferences for 30 straight years, and his development of leadership training programs for the local church.

Alan will be remembered as a man given over to the power of the gospel, committed to the purity of the church, faithful to the preaching of the Word, devoted to his family, and burdened for the lost. May the Lord raise up many more like him.

In Memoriam: Allan R. Vivona

January 1, 1948 – August 31, 2015

Prior to coming to the Bible Fellowship Church, Allan R. Vivona already had a fruitful ministry. God had called Allan to be a pastor when Allan was still a teenager. His daughter Carrie noted, “As a young man, he ached for the church to be fed the truth and depth of God’s living word.”

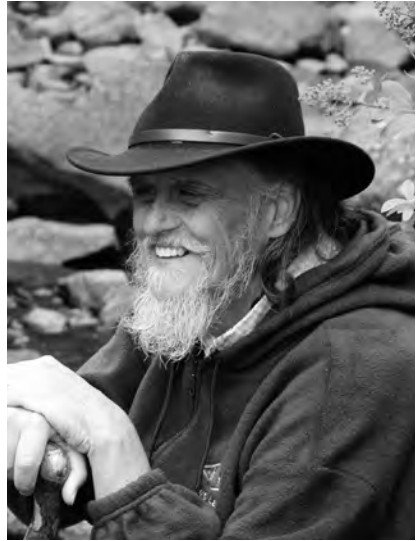
Allan and his future wife Sandy met while students at Columbia Bible College, SC. In 1970 Allan graduated and they were married. They spent their honeymoon driving from Chicago (Sandy’s hometown, where they were married) to California. It was there that they began their ministry together.

From 1970-1971, Allan pastored Grey Eagle Community Church; it was there that, in 1971, son David Vivona was born. Allan attended Grace Seminary in Warsaw, IN from 1971-1973, and in 1973, their daughter Carrie was born. From 1974-1978, Allan served as pastor of West Danby Baptist Church in NY; son Dominic was born there, in 1977. Allan pastored Richfield Springs Bible Church in NY from 1978-1991; their youngest son Nathan was born in 1989 during Allan’s ministry there.

Allan Vivona first came to the Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church in 1991 and came away telling his wife, “I love everything about this group.” He then pastored the Harrisburg BFC from 1991-1999 before serving as pastor at Kutztown from 2000-2013. Upon his retirement, Allan and Sandy moved to Ephrata and attended Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church.

Sandy provided the following insights: “Throughout Allan’s years of attending the yearly Conferences, he would take a tally of the number of times issues were prayed over. He loved the times of fellowship with his brothers. God gifted Allan in preaching, teaching, and counseling. A personal goal of Allan’s was to read the Scriptures through, equal to his age. He did not fulfill that goal but did read through the Scriptures 47 times before going home on August 31, 2015.

“He was an avid reader and loved to quote Charles Haddon Spurgeon, who was his ‘mentor,’” Sandy recalled. “In his last days and just before God called his faithful servant home, Allan repeatedly reminded his family and those around him that God



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is good.”

Allan’s love for God and confidence in His Word was tremendously evident as he accepted the ravages of cancer. Allan entrusted himself to his sovereign God: God’s sovereignty was an attribute Allan considered especially precious. We are grateful to God for the life and ministry of our beloved brother, Allan R. Vivona.

In Memoriam: David J. Watkins

October 23, 1934 – October 26, 2015

A faithful pastor, father, husband, granddad. David J. Watkins was all those things, and much more, enjoying a long, productive, compassionate ministry that only ended when the Lord saw fit to sideline him by illness early in 2015, finally calling him home to glory in late October.

Whatever David Watkins set to do, he did with all of his heart, and for a long, long time. He was Yvonne (Amey) Watkins' loving husband for 57 years – for more than a half-century, they were inseparable, complementary companions. As a pastor, Dave received his licensure in the Bible Fellowship Church in 1962 and was ordained three years later. The BFC was his home, and he gave 50 years of capable, compassionate care in a number of capacities, from serving as President of Pinebrook Junior College to filling pastorates in a number of our churches.



As a pastor, Dave Watkins was both a theologian and a loving father figure. “What I appreciated the most was the way he challenged us from the pulpit to understand why we believed what we did about Jesus Christ,” recalled one of the Dave’s former congregants at Graterford, Joan (Detwiler) McGlone, shortly after her former pastor’s death. “Being born into a Christian family and raised in the church, I rarely questioned my beliefs. But Pastor Watkins usually introduced a thought-provoking question at the start of his sermons, which helped me get a good grounding in the faith.”

As a vital member of the BFC pastoral fraternity, Watkins served on a number of boards and committees, and played an active role in how the denomination operates and how its pastors’ needs are provided. He had a rare combination in that, in addition to being an effective communicator, he was also a gifted administrator, and so the opportunity to serve with Dave on a board or committee was eagerly welcomed by his fellow pastors.

Born in Perkasio, PA, Pastor Watkins felt an early call to pastoral ministry, leading him to study at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Entering ministry immediately upon graduation, he was serving as pastor of a small church in MA when he was approached by Mennonite Brethren in Christ pastors Dan Ziegler and Harvey Fritz. Brothers Ziegler and Fritz asked Watkins if he would consider pursuing ordination in what would shortly become the Bible Fellowship Church. He thought it over and soon

agreed to do so.

That proved to be the start of a long and mutually beneficial relationship, as Pastor Watkins accepted his first pastorate in Binghamton, NY. In 1963, he was called to Graterford – for the first time. From there, he served as President of Pinebrook Junior College and oversaw the college’s move from Stroudsburg to Coopersburg.

Upon leaving Pinebrook in 1985, Watkins became Director of Development at Biblical Theological Seminary. Three years later, he moved on to serve as Headmaster at Phil-Mont Academy. But a short time later, in 1989, Graterford asked him to return as its pastor, and Watkins served that congregation, for the second time – and for a long time.

Officially, he “retired” as Graterford’s pastor in 2005. But retirement was a bit of an alien concept to Dave, and when Grace Bible Fellowship Church in Quakertown asked if he would consider coming to Quakertown to serve as an assistant pastor, he jumped at the opportunity. Dave and Yvonne quickly become beloved members of the Quakertown congregation, and Dave provided wisdom and love for 11 years. “In so many ways, he was a father figure to me,” noted Quakertown’s pastor, Ronald L. Kohl, who was blessed by learning from David for the decade they served together. “He was a great encourager and often checked into my office, just to see how I was doing and to exhort me to stay the course. Our church loved him and Yvonne almost instantly, and love them still.”

Dave and Yvonne Watkins were blessed with two children: Lori, born in 1962 and Steve, born in 1965. In addition to his wife, children, a sister (Mary) and a brother (Phil), Dave is survived by three grandsons: Elijah, Matthew and Cameron.

David Watkins was a faithful expounder of God’s Word, a compassionate visitor of his flock, and a proficient story-teller whose many years in ministry left him with many tales to weave. He loved music and was often heard to whistle his way to his office each morning.

He was a faithful and dutiful husband. “I loved Dave and if his calling was to be a pastor, I was on board with it,” Yvonne explained. “For several of those years, I was a full-time public school teacher which, at the time, was quite unusual for a pastor’s wife to be doing. Dave always encouraged me in my career. I always felt it was a great privilege to serve the Lord next to him.”

“He always put others first,” noted Steve Watkins. “He was very compassionate, very humble. He poured himself into other people’s lives.”

The variety of ministries that David Watkins gave his attention to – in addition to serving as a pastor – attests to the fact that his life was dedicated to service. A partial list includes serving on the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church, the Board of Directors of Willow Grove Counseling Center, on the Penn Christian Academy Board, and usually-lengthy stints the following Bible Fellowship Church boards and committees: Board of Pensions, Ministerial Candidate Committee, Ministerial Relations Committee, Committee on Nominations.

Pastor Watkins was a nurturer of younger pastors, who quickly came to appreciate his input into their lives and ministries. Long after he ceased to be a senior pastor, he played a role in the development of other pastors. He simply saw that as part of his calling. He

was a Barnabas-figure to many men for many, many years.

His ministry is accurately captured by the words of the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:58: “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

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First meeting

Monday, April 25, 2016, 6:45 P.M.

The first meeting of the 133rd Bible Fellowship Church Conference was called to order at 6:45 P.M. in Pinebrook Bible Conference's Fellowship Hall by the Conference Moderator, Randall A. Grossman. The Moderator welcomed the pastors, delegates, pages, guests and others who will diligently serve over the course of the next three days.

The conference theme is "Pressing On!" and is derived from Paul the apostle's letter to the church at Philippi – Philippians 3:12-16. The Moderator read Philippians 3:7-16, with an emphasis on vv. 13-14: "...but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Having set the tone for the Conference, the Moderator asked God's blessings upon Conference.

Resolved, that the tables with the green tablecloths constitute the Conference Bar for the 133rd BFC Conference.

The roll of the 133rd BFC Conference was established as follows:

Allentown, PA (Cedar Crest)	Clifford B. Boone, Ronald C. Erb, Glenn R. Felty, W. Scott Kappes, Jonathan H. King, Benjamin J. Triestman (probationer), Nelson K. Randolph, John E. Schleicher, Timothy P. Sebastian
Bethlehem, PA	Timothy D. Gibson, Richard F. Bickings, Jr., Mark R. Culton II, W. Wayne Batten, Scott G. Holwick
Blandon, PA	Daniel L. Williams, Mark Creyer
Brooklyn, NY	Ralph E. Ritter, R. Edward Snyder-Ritter
Camden, DE	Daniel R. Wagner*, Albert F. Biddle, Jr.
Carmel, NY	(Vacant), Hans R. Waldvogel
Clinton Corners, NY	Allen R. Mickle Jr.*
Coopersburg, PA	Richard T. Paashaus, Michael J. Zettlemoyer, M. David Guttman
Dauphin, PA	Mark E. Barninger, Harold E. Snyder
Denville, NJ	Richard D. Harris, John H. Crouch
Emmaus, PA	David N. Schoen, David K. Schlonecker, Thomas Creeden

Ephrata, PA	Jason L. Hoy, Michael P. Rebman
Finesville, NJ	Byron Widger, Michael P. Emrick
Fleetwood, PA	R. Jerome Brush, David B. Rothenberger
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 (probationer), Richard W. Prensner
Hatfield, PA	Howard N. Wells, Joel B. Klase*, S. Lester Moyer
Hellertown, PA	Keith A. Strunk, John J. Hanner
Howell, NJ	Eric R. North, L. Marc Sweet (probationer), Brian L. Michlich
Kutztown, PA	Ezekiel R. Mack, Nickolas T. Timpe
LaGrangeville, NY	Dennis W. Spinney, Thomas L. Ward
Lancaster, PA	David A. Thomann, Keith M. Long, Gregory A. Uhrich, Neil J. Franklin, Steven R. Groff, Sr.
Las Cruces, NM	Ethan T. Hester (probationer), 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, Freddy A. Chi
Mt. Carmel, PA	(Vacant), Bryan L. Snyder
Mt. Pocono, PA	(Vacant), Ronald E. Miller
Nazareth, PA	Carl J. Fischer, Jr., John B. Wilson
Newark, DE	William G. Schlonecker, Richard C. Dodson, Stephen J. Morton (probationer), Robert C. Kaatz, Scott G. Stevens
Newark, NJ	(Vacant), Thomas Boose
Oley, PA	Jason Blair, James Gresh
Paradise, PA	David J. Peters, Amos Kinert
Philadelphia, PA	(Vacant), Joseph P. Specht

Piscataway, NJ	Dennis M. Cahill, Richard B. Ravis, J. Richard Vroman
Quakertown, PA	Ronald L. Kohl, Beau E. Coffman*, Timothy S. Radcliff (probationer), L. James Roberts Jr.
Reading, PA	Randall A. Grossman, Timothy S. Hogan (probationer), Ronald W. Reed, Glenn D. Ruoss
Red Hill, PA	James R. Arcieri, William E. Blair
Royersford, PA	(Vacant), Tony Zook
Shamokin, PA	Ferdie R. Madara, Russell Burd
Sinking Spring, PA	Robert A. Sloan, Jr., Stanley P. Lauterback, Samuel Wayne Rissmiller (probationer), Gregory W. Carder (probationer), Donald McKinney, Sean A. Fox, Paul S. Harvey.
Spring City, PA	Kevin W. Clineff, Sean McNamara
Steelton, PA	David A. Smith, Carl K. Spackman
Stroudsburg, PA	(Vacant), Thomas R. Altmore
Sunbury, PA	Joshua P. Gibson, Douglas A. Gaugler
Terre Hill, PA	Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Andrew Littlejohn
Townsend, DE**	Ronald B. Smith, Troy A. Geiger
Wallingford, PA	Aaron J. Susek, Mark A. Bickel, Timothy S. Cowen, Scott B. Simmons
Whitehall, PA (Bethany)	Timothy J. Schmoyer, Aaron D. Smith*, Jason P. Musselman
Whitehall, PA (Fell. Comm.)	Philip E. Yerrington, Richard J. Drosnock
Woodbury Heights, NJ	Timothy R. Nessler (probationer), John Maricle
York, PA	Timothy J. Bertolet
Zionsville, PA	Bryan C. McNally, James Pruitt

Ordained Ministers Serving Bible Fellowship Ministries

David T. Allen, BFC Executive Director; Raymond R. Bertolet, Church Extension; Brad Boyer*, Church Extension; Stephen A. Diaz (probationer), Church Extension; Joshua A. Dupiche*, Church Extension; Jason A. Filbert, Church Extension; David E. Gundrum, Church Extension; Donald E. Kuntzman, Board of Missions; Ralph M. Soper, Conference Pastor; Mark L. Morrison, Church Extension; Duane E. Moyer, Board of Missions; Elliot H. Ramos, Church Extension; Carlos G. Rodriguez, Church Extension; R. Scott Wright, Church Extension; Timothy M. Zuck, Church Extension.

Ordained Missionaries

Daniel P. Allen, 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 Working in Other Christian Ministries

Clyde D. Bomgardner Jr., Willis I. Dowling, Jordan K. Eyster, Michael J. Tannous

Ordained Ministers in Retirement

William C. Aukamp, Delbert R. Baker, James R. Batchler, Jr., T. James Bigley, Jr., Terris L. Byrd, Alva C. Cassel, Carl C. Cassel, G. Wayne Clapier, Charles E. Cole, Hugh C. Coulbourn Jr., Raymond R. Dotts, Bruce A. Ellingson, Richard J. Gehman, Frank L. Herb Jr., George E. Herb, John H. Herb, Roy A. Hertzog, Ronald W. Hoyle, David H. Jones, Ronald C. Mahurin, David L. Manney, Philip G. Norris, Keith E. Plows, Roger L. Reitz, John H. Riggall, Austin G. Shelly, Thomas P. Shorb, Gene W. Smith, Dean A. Stortz, Richard E. Taylor, John C. Vandegriff, Jr., David R. Way, Harold C. Weaver, Dana E. Weller, Daniel G. Ziegler, Paul G. Zimmerman

Ordained Ministers Between Calls

Albert J. Dommel, Davis E. Duggins, Mark R. Evans, Andrew T. Gysi, Thomas H. Morrison, Michael D. Roberts

Additional Lay Members of BFC Executive Board

Robert T. Evans, Jay H. Fasnacht, Stephen J. Kauffman, L. James Roberts

pending approval of ordination.

**pending reception as a particular church.

* pending approval of BFC Conference.

Report of the Committee on Agenda and Arrangements: (page 42)

Resolved, that the report be accepted and that the agenda for the 133rd Conference be accepted as the guide for the deliberations of the 133rd BFC Conference.

Resolved, that the 134th BFC Conference be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference, April 24-26, 2017.

Resolved, that committee reports for the 134th BFC Conference be sent in digital format to the BFC Executive Board by February 15, 2017.<bfcexecbrd@aol.com>

Conference Host Dean Vander Wiele, Director of Ministry at Pinebrook Bible Conference, welcomed the pastors and delegates to the 133rd BFC Conference.

Due to digital difficulties that took place during the 132nd BFC Conference, approval of minutes did not take place prior to Conference's adjournment.

Resolved, that all the minutes of all seven sessions of the 132nd BFC Conference be approved.

Duane E. Moyer, Director of the Bible Fellowship Church's Board of Missions, greeted Conference and welcomed several visiting missionaries, who were then given an opportunity to briefly introduce themselves and share their respective areas of ministry. The Bible Fellowship Church oversees the ministry of 154 missionaries, supported through 43 agencies, who are serving in 28 countries and 15 states in the U.S.

The following missionaries were introduced to BFC Conference:

Sam & Melissa Adams, Dan Allen, Lisa Barnshaw, Sanjay Dalavai, Bill Early, Rick Erb, Scott Evans, Walter Johnston, Frank Lenahan, John & Nancy LoRusso, Chris & Beckie Merrick, Kristy Messick, Phil & Jan Morrison, Nelson Randolph, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], John Studenroth, Colby Weinhofer.

Duane E. Moyer prayed for God's blessings upon our missionaries as they serve as envoys throughout the world.

Whereas, the elders currently serving at theMISSION Mission Church of Townsend, DE, meet the qualifications for an elder in the Bible Fellowship Church, and

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

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

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

Resolved, that theMISSION Mission Church of Townsend, DE, be recognized as

a Particular Church and that its delegate be received into membership of the 133rd Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The motion to receive theMISSION of Townsend, DE, as a Particular Church passed unanimously, and Conference responded with enthusiastic applause for this new addition to our family of Particular Churches.

Musical worship was provided by a team from theMISSION, introduced by Troy A. Geiger, theMISSION's delegate to BFC Conference. "This is real exciting for us," Geiger acknowledged. After a prayer of thanksgiving for God's faithfulness in bringing theMISSION to its status as a Particular Church, the team led in the singing of "Behold Our God," "Build Your Kingdom Here," "God of This City," and "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

David E. Gundrum, Director of Church Extension Ministries, introduced the service of recognition for theMISSION, which was developed with the strong encouragement and support of the Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, DE.

Church planter Ronald B. Smith, theMISSION's founding pastor, described the formation of the Townsend, DE, church from its inception over 15 years ago and its birth in 2012. "What happens next is in the Lord's hands, but I do know that what has happened to us and through us has only happened because of the Lord's work in us," Smith said. Troy A. Geiger, theMISSION's first delegate to BFC Conference, noted, "It's amazing to see the Lord's work every day and in every way, and it's all for His glory."

A video presentation highlighted several members of theMISSION's congregation, who testified to theMISSION's importance in their lives. A hearty ovation was directed toward the busload of congregation members who came to Pinebrook from Townsend, DE, to witness the proceedings.

William G. Schlonecker, Secretary of Church Extension Ministries and pastor at the Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, DE, prayed, thanking God for His work in Townsend, DE.

Retired pastor Richard E. Taylor provided the keynote address on the subject of "Pressing On... Where Are We?" Taylor challenged Conference to think – and talk – about where we stand as a denomination by encouraging us to think in the plural, not as individual pastors and churches. "If we're going to think about pressing on, we will have to listen and learn in the plural," Taylor said. "We're not just an individual. We're a part of the body of Christ. We are the Bible Fellowship Church. That's what we are. Rarely do we think, even when we're at BFC Conference, beyond our individual congregations. That's just the way our minds go because we're so individualistic. We don't...hear the plurality in the commands of God."

Thinking in the plural, Taylor suggested, would mean that we as the BFC grieve over the two churches that have closed in the past year while celebrating the birth of a new congregation like theMISSION and becoming excited that we have a church in Merida, Mexico, whose members speak a different language than most of us speak. "That's us," Taylor said – of Merida, of Townsend, DE, and of the churches that have voted to disband. "That's all of us – the Bible Fellowship Church."

Using Philippians 3 and Paul’s autobiographical notes in that chapter, Taylor talked about “pressing on.” Are we pressing on as the BFC? “‘Pressing on’ is an attitude, not a checklist,” he stressed, calling it a way of thinking that encourages us to think, collectively, about where we’re going. “Pressing on makes you look for signs of progress. Just the very words ‘pressing on’ make you think of a journey – some sort of growth that’s going on.”

His question, in that regard, was “How can we cultivate ‘pressing on’ as a way of thinking together – in the plural, not in the singular?”

In terms of measuring our progress, Taylor suggested that we cannot resign ourselves to saying, “We’re OK.” “If we settled for being OK, the issue of pressing on isn’t an issue because we’re not pressing on. People who say ‘We’re OK’ don’t sound like they’re pressing on.”

Instead, Taylor pointed to three of Jesus’ parables to remind us that we need to (collectively) think humbly, think ahead and think boldly. “As a denomination, we need to share Paul’s attitude: ‘I press on toward the goal of the upward call in Christ.’ What would it mean if we made that plural – if we say, as the Bible Fellowship Church, ‘We are pressing on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus?’”

Conference Vice-Moderator Clifford B. Boone closed the meeting in prayer at 8:40 p.m.

After adjournment, a reception in honor of theMISSION and attending missionaries was held in Pinebrook’s dining hall.



Pastor Ronald B. Smith & Delegate Troy Geiger



Worship team from theMISSION

L to R: Theresa Yandell, Preston Russell, Nathan Bradford, Stuart Stocker and Troy Geiger.



Worship Leader Stuart Stocker



Church Extension Ministries
Director David E. Gundrum,
welcomes theMISSION as a
Particular BFC church

Second meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 9:00 A.M.

William Ryan opened the meeting in prayer, after which Clifford B. Boone used Psalm 61 as a springboard to lead Conference in a concerted pairing of prayer and praise. Musical worship was provided by Richard B. Ravis, who was joined by pastor-musicians James Arcieri and Eric North. Conference members worshiped in song by raising their voices to “I Sing the Mighty Power of God,” “Before the Throne of God Above,” and “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord).”

In Psalm 61, David reminds us that God is our refuge, our strong tower, and “the rock that is higher than I.” David E. Gundrum closed the time of prayer focus by asking our faithful God for protection from the evil one.

Timothy D. Gibson of Ebenezer BFC in Bethlehem provided the morning address, entitled, “Pressing On...With Prayer.” Gibson provided a sensory picture of “pressing on,” preaching just a few short weeks after having suffered severe injuries while playing basketball. While admitting he was crippled, Gibson said his voice hadn’t been touched by his injuries, and so he approached the pulpit on crutches and preached sitting down.

John 14:12-14 served as Gibson’s text. Jesus’ words of comfort to His disciples provide the same comfort and encouragement to pastors and churches – providing we are people of prayer, relying upon the faithful preaching of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit’s power as it is unleashed through the Word.

Why would we, as preachers and churchmen, “press on”? Because, Gibson reminded Conference, we have the promise of the Holy Spirit. In John 14:12, Jesus promised His disciples, and all who follow, that they will do “greater works” than He. Those “greater works,” Gibson said, are “the conversion of people, the conversion of sinners, and the advancement of the gospel.” Those things have happened, and will continue to happen, through the Holy Spirit who empowers the preacher and has inspired the Word of God so it goes out with power.

Gibson listed several dangers that preachers face: that we unintentionally do ministry in our own strength (which grieves the Holy Spirit); that we forget that the Holy Spirit empowers greater works through the use of God’s Word; and that we forget that the great work of the Holy Spirit is spiritual brokenness and repentance in our churches.

In answering the question, “How are we to press on?” Gibson pointed to prayer. We press on in prayer. “Spiritual productivity will be the result of the Holy Spirit’s coming through the prayer of the gospel ministers,” he said.

We must pray for ourselves and our ministry, Gibson stressed, and we must teach our respective flocks that, next to the Word of God, prayer is our greatest weapon. He offered several subjects for prayer for pastors: for the vitality of the Holy Spirit in our own personal walks, in our preparation for preaching, in the actual preaching of sermons, and in the conversion of sinners. “Pray for conversions,” he urged. “Pray that the Holy Spirit would bring people to your church...He’ll bring them there, amazingly, and give your congregation opportunities [to proclaim the gospel].”

The Moderator appointed the following:

Registrar: Robert A. Johnson

Assistant Registrar: Timothy J. Bertolet

Tellers: Jason L. Hoy, Chairman; Andrew W. Barnes, Joshua P. Gibson, Jonathan H. King, Ferdie R. Madara, Mark R. Orton, David J. Peters, Timothy Zuck

Resolutions: Mark A. Bickel, Chairman; Timothy S. Cowen, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick

Examination of BFC Conference Minutes (133rd): Daniel P. Allen, Chairman; Philip G. Norris, Ralph E. Ritter, Richard E. Taylor, Byron Widger

Parliamentarian: Timothy J. Schmoyer

Timekeeper: Mark L. Morrison

Resolved, that the appointments be ratified.

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

Resolved, that the appointments be ratified.

The following new members of BFC Conference were introduced:

David Guttman, Calvary BFC, Coopersburg, PA; Joe Specht, Hope Philadelphia Church, Philadelphia, PA; John Wilson, Grace BFC, Nazareth, PA; Russel Burd, Calvary BFC, Shamokin, PA; Tom Creeden, Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA; Scott Stevens, Newark BFC, Newark, DE; Jim Pruitt, Zionsville BFC, Zionsville, PA.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

The following were elected:

BFC Executive Board:

Steven J. Kauffman (3 years)

L. James Roberts (3 years)

Ministerial Candidate Committee:

Timothy J. Bertolet (3 years)

Conference Judicatory:

Richard C. Dodson (3 years)

Appellate Judiciary:

R. Scott Wright (3 years)

Randall A. Grossman (3 years)

Ministerial Relations Committee:

Ronald W. Reed (3 years)

Officers for BFC Conference:

Secretary of 134th BFC Conference:

Ronald L. Kohl (1 year)

Raymond R. Bertolet prayed for the upcoming elections.

Report of the Executive Board: (page 45)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

David T. Allen, Executive Director of the Bible Fellowship Church, reported to Conference. His remarks quickly turned to Ronald C. Mahurin, who is stepping down from his position as Conference Pastor. “His impact cannot be overstated, and I am eternally grateful for the role that he has played in my life, and in the lives of our pastors,” Allen said. Brother Mahurin received a standing ovation as appreciation for pouring his life, first into pastoral ministry, and later into the care of our pastors.

Resolved, that David T. Allen be ratified for another three-year term as Executive Director of the Bible Fellowship Church, with a salary increase of three (3) percent.

Yes – 161; No – 1.

Allen noted that we are almost at the midway point of the 20/20 Vision and provided several updates on the individual “vision points.” He noted the closing of our churches in Old Bridge, NJ, and Toms River, NJ, while informing Conference that the church property in Old Bridge has reached an agreement of sale with an evangelical congregation that even bears our name – yes, a “Bible Fellowship Church” in Aberdeen, NJ (no relation to the BFC).

Hope-Philadelphia (Wissinoming), PA, decided not to close. The Executive Board has provided surrogate elders in Robert T. Evans and David T. Allen. Attendance has stabilized and pulpit supply has supplied preachers on Sunday mornings. It is the Executive Board’s hope that reaching into the multi-cultural community will breathe new life into the Wissinoming church.

Jay H. Fasnacht presented a revised budget for 2016 and a proposed budget for 2017.

Resolved, that the 2016 revised Executive Board budget be adopted by the 133rd BFC Conference.

Resolved, that an assessment rate of two (2.0) percent be adopted by the 133rd BFC Conference for 2017 (based on assessable receipts for 2015).

Resolved, that the 2017 proposed Executive Board budget be adopted by the 133rd BFC Conference.

Resolution Relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for Retired or Disabled Ministers of this Conference for Calendar Year 2017:

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

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

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

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

Resolved,

1. An amount equal to 100% of the pension payments received during the year of 2015 be and is hereby designated as a rental/housing allowance for each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister of The Bible Fellowship Church who is or was a member of the Bible Fellowship Church Minister's Retirement Fund.
2. This rental/housing allowance shall apply to each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister who has been granted the retired relationship or placed on disability leave by the BFC Conference and whose name and relationship to the conference is recorded in the Yearbook of BFC Conference and in other appropriate records maintained by the conference.
3. The pension payment to which this rental/housing allowance applies shall be the pension payment resulting from all service of such retired or disabled ordained or licensed minister from all employment by any local church, BFC Conference or institution of The Bible Fellowship Church or of any former denomination that is now a part of The Bible Fellowship Church, or from any other employer who employed the minister to perform services related to the ministry and who elected to make contributions to the pension funds of The Bible Fellowship Church for such retired minister's pension.

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

a ‘rental allowance’ is an amount equal to the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances such as a garage, plus the cost of utilities.”

Whereas, in the past there has been consideration about merging the ministries of The Bible Fellowship Church’s Board of Missions and Church Extension Ministries, and

Whereas, it is important to leave a permanent record of the BFC Executive Board’s decisions and intentions concerning our 20/20 Vision, and

Whereas, the Executive Board adopted the following resolution in January, 2016:

Resolved, that concerning BFC Vision 20/20 Vision Point #15, the Executive Board approves the recommendation proposed by a sub-committee made up of members of the Executive Board, BOM and Church Extension: that a suggested merger of the BFC Board of Missions and Church Extension Ministries is not currently in the best interests of the Bible Fellowship Church. This constitutes our answer to Vision Point # 15.

Therefore, be it

Resolved that the 133rd BFC Conference concurs with the decision of the Executive Board.

Report of the Board of Missions: (page 62)

Duane E. Moyer, Director of the BFC Board of Missions, expressed his appreciation for the hard work and dedication to ministry he has seen upon assuming his current position while at the same time stressing the importance of looking ahead. “Missions is about reaching people who do not know that we exist,” Moyer said, citing his personal desire for the Bible Fellowship Church “to be increasingly outward-looking and people-focused rather than being inward-looking and institution-focused.”

Moyer informed Conference that next year’s Missions Rally will take place on April 8, 2017.

Ralph M. Soper prayed for the work of missions in the Bible Fellowship Church and for the upcoming meal as Conference adjourned for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Third meeting

Tuesday Afternoon, April 26, 2016, 1:30 P.M.

The afternoon session began with updates. Thomas Boose Jr. provided an update on his former pastor at Newark, NJ, Delbert R. “Bert” Baker II, who is experiencing health concerns, while Conference was also updated on the health of Juli Dupiche, the wife of Joshua A. Dupiche. Juli is experiencing high blood pressure following the birth of twin girls. Randall A. Grossman prayed for God’s care in both instances. Also announced was the birth of a son to Ethan and Sarah Hester. Ethan is pastor at Grace Bible Church, Las Cruces, NM.

Clifford B. Boone guided Conference through another time of organized prayer based on Psalm 67. Conference was led in the singing of hymns and spiritual songs by Richard B. Ravis, Eric North, James Arcieri and Elliot H. Ramos. The men raised their voices to “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name,” “What Can I Do (But Thank You),” and “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone).”

Report of Church Extension Ministries: (page 71)

David E. Gundrum, Director of Church Extension Ministries for the Bible Fellowship Church, presented a video highlighting the work of our church planters and the ministry of church planting in the BFC. He then introduced the members of the BFC’s church planting team.

Gundrum noted that in addition to planting churches, Church Extension Ministries seeks compatibility with existing churches that may seek to join the BFC. He pointed to potential connections with churches in Maryland and New Jersey and asked for prayer for a Hispanic church plant in Lancaster. He praised God for His faithfulness in the revitalized work in New Life BFC, Long Neck, DE.

Citing the graduation of the MISSION in Townsend, DE, Gundrum said he hopes to see several mission churches graduate to particular church status. Five plants, he said, could graduate from Church Extension in the next 2-3 years.

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

Report of Pinebrook Bible Conference: (page 84)

Dean Vander Wiele, Pinebrook’s Director of Ministry, gave the Pinebrook report as a self-professed “newbie,” having only begun his ministry at Pinebrook 10 months ago. Even before he completes a full year in his current position, he noted, “Pinebrook is a special place...It is a place where lives are changed.” He noted that Pinebrook is “pressing on,” embracing a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural focus almost every weekend throughout the year.

Vander Wiele pointed out that Pinebrook is in the best financial condition it has been

in years and finished 2015 in the black. “We are healthier than we have been in many, many years,” he said.

Charles E. Cole, Chairman of the Pinebrook Bible Conference Board, thanked God for His blessings upon Pinebrook Bible Conference and beseeched the Lord to continue to bless and guide Pinebrook’s ministry.

Report of Victory Valley Camp: (page 84)

Victory Valley Camp director Douglas J. Manwiller noted that Victory Valley is in its 60th year and then showed a video that illustrated a cross-section of Victory Valley’s impact upon children and young people. “Victory Valley is a place where we share God’s Word in God’s creation, with godly role models,” Manwiller said.

Manwiller introduced Victory Valley’s capital campaign, designed to raise funds for a three-year, \$1.3 million addition to Victory Hall that will increase its capacity by 75 percent, upgrading both dining room space and equipment.

Timothy J. Schmoyer, Chairman of the Victory Valley Camp Board, prayed for the success of Victory Valley Camp.

Greg Alderfer of Faith BFC, Harleysville, supplied an update from the Communications Committee, highlighting the committee’s work in the BFC OneVoice publication and on pamphlets highlighting the doctrinal positions of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Ministerial Credentials Committee: (page 112)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended ordination for Beau E. Coffman, Joshua A. Dupiche, Joel B. Klase and Aaron D. Smith, and has recommended Allen R. Mickle, Jr. and R. Daniel Wagner for recognition of their 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 Beau E. Coffman, Joshua A. Dupiche, Joel B. Klase and Aaron D. Smith be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church, and further

Resolved, that Allen R. Mickle Jr. and R. Daniel Wagner be recommended for recognition of their previous ordination.

Resolved, that an Ordination Service be held at the 133rd BFC Conference.

Resolved, that Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Quakertown, PA, Bethany Bible Fellowship Church of Hatfield, PA, and Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church, Walnutport, PA be encouraged to have a service in recognition of the ordinations of Beau E. Coffman, Joshua A. Dupiche, Joel B. Klase and Aaron D. Smith, respectively, and that Cornerstone Bible Fellowship Church, Clinton Corners, NY and the Bible Fellowship of Camden, Camden, DE be encouraged to have a service in recognition of previous ordination for Allen R. Mickle Jr. and R. Daniel Wagner, respectively, and that they be encouraged to invite the Ministerial Credentials Committee to send representation to be present at the service.

Note: because of the illness of Joshua Dupiche's wife Juli, Josh is unable to attend his ordination service. It was decided by Conference to approve his ordination; his service of ordination will be held on Sunday, June 26 at 6:30 P.M. at Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Quakertown, PA.

Ministerial Candidate Committee: (page 110)

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:

John J. Hanner, Allentown, PA; Charles A. Shearer, Lehigh, PA; Jason Filbert; Jason Blair; Aaron D. Smith, Whitehall, PA; Sean Fox, Reading, PA; Brad Boyer, Wernersville, PA; Timothy Nessler, Wenonah, NJ; Jules Hull, Sunbury, PA; Joel B. Klase, Hatfield, PA; Ezekiel Mack, Kutztown, PA; Gregory W. Carder, West Reading, PA; Benjamin Triestman, Easton, PA; Stephen A. Diaz, Allentown, PA; Dan King, Collingdale, PA; S. Wayne Rissmiller, Bernville, PA; Stephen Morton, Bear, DE; Timothy S. Radcliff, Quakertown, PA; Timothy S. Hogan, Reading, PA.

Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee: (page 119)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

A round of applause was given to retiring Conference Pastor Ronald C. Mahurin.

Resolved, that the BFC Conference ratify the election of Ralph M. Soper as Conference Pastor for a term of three (3) years.

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

Report of the Conference Pastor: (page 91)

Ronald C. Mahurin expressed his delight in the election of Ralph M. Soper as the new Conference Pastor. He noted that \$51,656 has been given to the Darlene J. Mahurin

Memorial Fund for the aid of pastors since the fund's inception. "On behalf of our pastors, I want to thank you very, very much for your gracious help of [pastors] in their time of need," Mahurin said.

Prayers were offered to God on behalf of faithful servants J. Barclay Harley, Alan G. Miller, Edward Moyer, Allan R. Vivona, and David J. Watkins, who are now seeing the Lord face-to-face in glory.

"The joy of being used by the Lord and the Bible Fellowship Church is the delight of my life," Mahurin said, noting that his legacy will carry on in his grandson, Joel B. Klase, one of six men who would be ordained later in the 133rd BFC Conference.

"What an honor, it really is," Soper said in the equivalent of his "acceptance speech" as the new Conference Pastor. "Nobody can replace Ron Mahurin. The committee assured me they don't want me to do that," but he added that he and wife Sharon are greatly looking forward to this new ministry.

The outgoing Conference Pastor then prayed for Soper while Byron Widger asked for God's blessing upon Mahurin's life.

Church Health Committee: (page 122)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Clyde D. Bomgardner introduced a new paper distributed by the Church Health Committee, "Marks of a Healthy BFC Church." Members of the committee read the paper to Conference and Bomgardner noted that the Church Health Committee welcomes discussion about its contents. Several suggestions were entertained.

Resolved, that these changes to the Faith and Order be implemented upon first reading by rule of exception.

Consideration of Changes to the Faith & Order

BOLD - new addition

511-3.4 Conference Church Health Pastor

Election

(1) The Conference Church Health Pastor 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 be available as a resource to local churches regarding Church Health.

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

(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.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 130; No - 29.

The following were elected:

BFC Executive Board:

Dennis M. Cahill (3 years)

Stephen J. DelDuco (3 years)

Credentials Committee:

Dennis M. Cahill (3 years)

Jason L. Hoy (3 years)

Committee on Nominations:

Joshua P. Gibson (3 years)

Charles D. Bomgardner (3 years)

Conference Judiciary:

Charles W. Webb (3 years)

Appellate Judiciary:

Donald D. McKinney (3 years)

Ministerial Relations Committee:

Randall A. Grossman (3 years)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. as Ronald W. Reed prayed.



Byron Widger, Chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee, leads the conference in thanking Ronald C. Mahurin for his service as Conference Pastor as incoming Conference Pastor Ralph Soper looks on.



Ronald C. Mahurin passes the mantle of Conference Pastor to Ralph M. Soper.

Fourth meeting Tuesday Evening, April 26, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

No Conference business was conducted. The evening was devoted to one of the highlights of any BFC Conference: the service of ordination.

LeRoy S. Heller of the Ministerial Credentials Committee greeted pastors, delegates and guests to the service of ordination, informing his audience that 34 men have been ordained to the gospel ministry in the Bible Fellowship Church in the last four years.

Four men were ordained to the gospel ministry while two others had previous ordinations recognized. After receiving a charge from Dana E. Weller, Beau E. Coffman, Joel B. Klase and Aaron D. Smith were ordained while Allen R. Mickle Jr. and R. Daniel Wagner had previous ordinations recognized by the Bible Fellowship Church. Due to health issues faced by his wife Juli, Joshua A. Dupiche, who has been approved for ordination, was unable to attend. He will be ordained on June 26 at 6:30 P.M. at Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Quakertown.

At the conclusion of the ordination services, the newly-ordained pastors were welcomed into the fraternity of BFC pastors by their fellow pastors, and a time of celebration and refreshments followed in Pinebrook's dining hall.



Dana E. Weller addresses the ordinands during the ordination service.

Fifth meeting

Wednesday Morning, April 27, 2016, 9:00 A.M.

The Moderator called the meeting to order precisely at 9:00 A.M., with Glen R. LeSuer providing a prayer for God's direction on the day's work. Clifford B. Boone used Psalm 99 as a guide for Conference's time of corporate prayer, focusing on God's holiness, the confession of our sins and the forgiveness God offers through His Son's shed blood. Musical worship, directed by Richard B. Ravis, included the singing of "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Spirit of the Living God," and "Jesus, Thank You."

The morning sermon, presented by Joshua P. Gibson of Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury, was entitled, "Striving to be Fully Committed to Our Calling." Paul's words to the elders in the church at Ephesus in Acts 20:17-32 served as Gibson's text as he guided Conference through several ways that Paul displayed his full commitment to the Lord and to His service.

Paul was consistently humble despite his status as an apostle. "The higher the calling, the greater the servant. Likewise, this should be our attitude." That means we give of ourselves, even with tears, to the point where we – at the end of the journey – bear the marks of a fully-exerted life of ministry commitment.

Like a construction worker with callused hands or a veteran hockey player who has lost several teeth in playing the game to maximum effort, the pastor who has shown himself to be fully committed will have what Gibson called "a weary soul." "We're not struck down and destroyed, but we are weary, because we've been on a journey," he said.

Next, Gibson said, Paul unapologetically taught God's Word – what Scripture calls "the full counsel of God." He noted that, as pastors, we are watchmen who will be accountable for the souls of our people. And so we must declare what they need to hear in order to be saved and to live lives that are pleasing to God.

"Preaching and teaching that is profitable must always testify to repentance and faith, because preaching that is profitable always has a hope of changing people," Gibson said.

Finally, Paul was fully resolved to prepare men to strive on after him, and Gibson said that we must do likewise. "We're not fully committed to our calling if we're not training up men for the future." That means preparing our men to be elders, pastors, church planters and missionaries.

Ralph M. Soper prayed for the offering to be taken to replenish the Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund.

Resolved, that the BFC Conference minutes of Sessions 1 and 2 be approved.

The following was elected:

Officers of BFC Conference

Vice-Moderator:

William G. Schlonecker (1 year)

The Church Health Committee continued its presentation, which began Tuesday afternoon.

Consideration of Changes to the Faith & Order – 2015

BOLD - new addition

511-3.2 Composition and Election

(1) The Church Health Committee shall consist of **at least eight (8) men who are either ministers or elders.**

(2) They shall be elected for **terms** of three years **in equal classes, if possible.**

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 142; No - 14.

504-1 Particular Church

504-1.2 Any congregation that reports any of the following criteria will allow the Church Health Committee to **assist** that Particular Church:

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

(2) If there is a pattern of **significant** decline in membership, average attendance, and/or offerings.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 145; No - 6.

Whereas, the Church Health Committee is eager to continue its work under the new legislation, therefore be it

Resolved, that changes to the Faith and Order # 511-3.2 concerning the composition of the Church Health Committee be implemented at First Reading by rule of exception.

The following were elected:

Church Health Committee:

Carl K. Spackman
Richard T. Paashaus
W. Wayne Batten
Clyde D. Bomgardner
Richard C. Dodson
Jason L. Hoy
David N. Schoen
John W. Sullivan

The Moderator instructed the Church Health Committee to elect officers and organize into three classes, and then to inform the Nominating Committee.

James R. Arcieri prayed as Conference adjourned for lunch.



BFC Conference Moderator Randall A. Grossman

Sixth meeting

Wednesday afternoon, April 27, 2016, 1:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order in prayer at 1:30 p.m. as LeRoy S. Heller prayed. Conference then worshiped as a body, singing “By Faith” and using Psalm 133 to guide the brothers into times of prayer. Richard B. Ravis again led singing while Clifford B. Boone organized Conference’s time in prayer, with Marcos G. Ramirez providing a helpful update on the ministries in Merida and Villa Magna, Mexico. Glenn R. Felty gave thanks for God’s faithfulness to the churches in Mexico.

Church Health Committee (continued from previous session): **BOLD** - *new addition*
504-1 Particular Church

504-1.3 If a Particular Church meets one of the following criteria for a period of two years, the Executive Board may place it under the supervisory care of the Church Health Committee (see 511-3.3 Duty 6) upon the recommendation of the Church Health Committee:

- **It does not meet the standards of a Particular Church (Articles of Faith 18-4)**
- **It does not have at least 20 members**
- **It does not have at least two (2) lay elders.**
- **It cannot financially support its work.**

Article 511-3 Church Health Committee

511-3.3 Duties

(1) It shall oversee the compilation of an annual BFC statistical report of the churches which will assist them in this work.

(2) The Church Health Committee shall monitor the health of Particular Churches.

(3) It shall provide counsel and resources for the self-assessment of the health of Particular Churches.

(4) It shall provide a list of recommended consultants to Particular Churches needing assistance in moving toward stronger church health.

(5) It shall offer training and seminars to promote church health.

(6) It may recommend to the BFC Executive Board that a Particular Church be placed under the supervisory care of the Church Health Committee. When a Particular Church is under the supervisory care of the Church Health Committee, the Committee has the right to appoint interim elders to the church. By simple majority, the Executive Board in this case may place the Particular Church under the supervisory care of the Church Health Committee. If a Particular Church resists being placed under the supervisory care of the Church Health Committee, then the Executive Board will recommend its placement to the BFC

Conference for their consideration. This action by BFC Conference shall be by a simple majority. A Particular Church is removed from the supervisory care of the Church Health Committee by a simple majority vote of the BFC Conference.

(7) It shall inform the Ministerial Relations Committee if a matter threatening the pastoral relationship becomes evident at a Particular Church receiving Church Health Committee assistance and shall assist a Particular Church at the request of the Ministerial Relations Committee.

(8) It shall in cooperation with the BFC Executive Board assist Particular Churches to close when necessary.

(9) It shall provide a report on the closing of a Particular Church to BFC Conference.

(10) In the event of a church closing it shall consult with the Board of Church Extension regarding the feasibility of planting a new church in the same area.

(11) It shall develop sources of financial assistance for Particular Churches who cannot afford church health resources.

(12) It shall submit a report to BFC Conference.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 133; No - 11.

Report of the Study Committee on Prayer (page 132)

Resolved, that the report be accepted. The Committee is working on an article as a potential BPL but has nothing to submit this year.

Report of the Study Committee on Domestic Abuse as a Biblical Ground for Divorce

Resolved, that the report be accepted. After lengthy discussion, Conference decided to send the committee's proposed legislation back to the committee so the issues discussed on the floor at Conference may be clarified.

Resolved, that a study committee be formed to study the "Pauline exception" in 1 Cor. 7:1-16.

After a report on military chaplaincy by (retired) Col. David H. Jones, Ezekiel Mack (who is a Captain in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard) prayed, asking God to support chaplains and raise up new men for chaplaincy ministry.

Legislation to be considered at Second Reading

Article 103-3 Sexual Holiness (2015 Yearbook, pp. 16-18)

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.¹ 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.² In addition, sexual union was given for the procreation of children and for the mutual enjoyment of husband and wife.³

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.⁴ 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.⁵ The participation in, or promotion of, any sexual act other than this "one flesh" union, within the marriage covenant,⁶ or the willful neglect of this sexual union is a sinful disregard of its intended purpose and fails to glorify God in our bodies.⁷

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

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.¹¹ 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.¹² 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.¹³

103-3.4 We are to approach all sin, including sexual sin in the Church, with humility and sacrificial resolve.¹⁴ We need to recognize and convey that we are all fallen creatures¹⁵ 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.¹⁶

¹ Gen. 1:27, 2:24; 1 Cor. 6:19-20.

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

³ Gen 1:27-28; Song of Solomon 7:6.

⁴ Gen 1:27.

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

⁶ Mal. 2:14.

⁷ 1 Corinthians 6:20, 7:2-5.

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

⁹ 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.

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

¹¹ 1 Cor.6:11.

¹² Gal. 5:16-25; Titus 2:11-14.

¹³ Rom.8:1,2.

¹⁴ Gal. 6:1.

¹⁵ Rom. 3:9, 23; Pro. 20:9.

¹⁶ Matt. 18:15-17.

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 132; No - 1.

Article 154 Sexual Immorality (2015 Yearbook, p. 18)

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.¹ 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.²

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.³ 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.⁴

¹ Gen.2:24.

² 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.

³ 1 Cor. 6:9-10.

⁴ Mat.18:15-17.

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 130; No - 1.

Ronald C. Mahurin was delighted to report that \$2,574 was given to the Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund, bringing the present account to about \$6,000.

The following was adopted at Second Reading:

Article 156, Immigration (2015 Yearbook, pp. 29-30)

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.¹ He created all human beings in His image, and therefore all people from all cultural backgrounds are dignified.² Mary, Joseph, and Jesus as a child escaped into Egypt, per God’s instructions.³ 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 accepted⁴ and spent time with those on the fringes of society. His mission included bringing good news to the captives, broken-hearted, and oppressed.⁵ The New Testament writers challenge the church to break down barriers of hostility and to recognize that we too are strangers and aliens.⁶

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.⁷

156-4 – Christians are to obey the laws of government⁸ except in cases where a regulation is in conflict with the law of God.⁹ 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 law¹⁰ 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.¹¹ The church must not allow political issues to surpass her mission of gospel-centered ministry.¹² 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.¹³ 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.¹⁴

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

² Gen. 1:26,27; I Cor. 11:7; Jas. 3:9

³ Matt. 2:13-18

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

⁵ Isa. 61:1; Mk. 7:24-30; Lk. 4:18-20

⁶ Acts 10:28; Eph. 2:11-22

⁷ Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Heb. 13:1-2

⁸ Rom. 13:1; Tit. 3:1

⁹ Acts 5:29

¹⁰ I Pet. 2:13-20¹¹ Phil. 3:20; Tit. 2:14¹² I Cor. 2:2¹³ Heb. 4:12; I Pet. 5:1-2¹⁴ Philemon 16

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 113; No - 1.

The following legislation related to the Ministerial Credentials Committee was passed at Second Reading:

A. Revision Of The Category of Chaplaincy

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

Whereas, those in “Other Christian Ministries” 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 our 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 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.

Resolution adopted at Second Reading by hand vote.

The following legislation related to Church Health was passed at second reading:

Proposed Revision to Article 511-5.2 Duties (4.2) – see 2015 Yearbook, pp. 35-36, for full resolution.

Resolved, that we add the following additional sentence... “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.”

Resolution adopted at Second Reading by hand vote.

Legislation to be considered at First Reading

Revision of the Category Ordained “Ministers in Retirement”

Whereas, in 2012 the Beneficiary Society brought to our attention that there was no category to cover a man who is permanently disabled, but too young for retirement, and

Whereas, we have defined a disabled pastor as one who has a physical or mental handicap, that being disabled is medically determinable, and the disability would prevent a man from performing his duties as a pastor in the Bible Fellowship Church, and

Whereas, this disability would be determined by the Ministerial Credentials Committee in consultation with the pastor’s primary physician, and

Whereas, we resolved that we add “or on permanent disability” to the category of “Ordained Ministers in Retirement” and

Whereas, the definition and title (see below) was approved as Second Reading at the 2013 BFC Conference (2013 Yearbook, pages 19-20), and

Whereas, this title was not added to the Category, and no determination was made as to where the definition of a permanently disabled man would go, therefore be it

Resolved, that the category of retired men in our Faith & Order be “Ordained Ministers in Retirement or on Permanent Disability”, and further

Resolved, that the description for this category and its numbering in 511-5.3(5) be as follows:

(5) Ordained Ministers in Retirement **or on Permanent Disability**

These are men who have retired under the provisions of 501-5 **or men who are on permanent disability as determined by the Ministerial Credentials Committee (see definition below)**. 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 or **when they go on permanent disability in order** to be a member of BFC Conference as a “Minister in Retirement **or on Permanent Disability**.” 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.

Pastors who are permanently disabled, but too young for retirement, are men who have a physical or mental handicap that is medically determinable and would prevent a man from performing his duties as a pastor in the Bible Fellowship Church. This disability would be determined by the Ministerial Credentials Committee in consultation with the pastor’s primary physician.

Resolution adopted at First Reading by hand vote.

Ministerial Relations Committee

Pastor-as-Elder Legislation

The Committee reported that although previous pastor-as-elder legislation passed at First Reading at the 132nd BFC Conference, the Committee will not move those proposals forward but instead presents the following for consideration at First Reading:

Resolved, that we add 204-3.2, which reads, “A pastor may only serve as a voting member of the Board of Elders if he has a congregationally-approved call or has been elected as an elder by the congregation. In churches with multiple pastors, the Board of Elders may wish to limit the number of pastors that are voting members of the Board and must communicate to the congregation the pastors that will be voting members of the Board. A sole or Senior Pastor is always a voting member of the Board.” [First Reading]

Resolved, that we amend 409-1.14 with the addition of “(See 204-3.2 regarding the pastor’s status as elder.)” at the end of the first paragraph of the article.

Resolution adopted at First Reading by hand vote.

Committee on Agenda and Arrangements

510-1.1 Committee on Agenda and Arrangements

Composition

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Duties

(1) It shall implement the BFC Conference program for worship and training that it

receives from the Executive Director and BFC Executive Board.

(2) It shall receive from any Particular Church or Conference entity requests for time on the agenda of BFC Conference. Such requests must be in writing and in the hands of the BFC Conference Secretary by March 1.

(3) It shall develop the proposed agenda and program to recommend to the upcoming BFC Conference and shall establish the times of the meetings of BFC Conference.

(4) It shall submit the proposed agenda of the upcoming BFC Conference to the Executive Director for inclusion in the Report Book.

(5) It shall make provision for the meetings and accompanying hospitality for BFC Conference.

(6) It shall appoint a committee on resolutions, a timekeeper and tellers for meetings of BFC Conference. Those appointed shall be notified of their appointment by the Secretary of the Committee prior to BFC Conference. Guidelines for those appointed shall be provided.

(7) It shall recommend to BFC Conference the place and dates of the succeeding BFC Conference (F&O §502-7).

(8) It shall recommend to the BFC Conference the collection point and deadline for reports for the succeeding BFC Conference. [First Reading]

Resolution adopted at First Reading by hand vote.

It was approved for immediate implementation by the Rule of Exception.

BFC Executive Board Trust Clause

Resolved, that we present the following as First Reading legislation at the 133rd BFC Conference:

Article 408 – Church Properties

408-3 In instances where a Particular Church loses its corporate officers, votes to close, and abandons its property, the BFC Executive Board is authorized to appoint surrogate elders, to settle its affairs in closing the church, and to sell its properties, with any residual proceeds going to the Bible Fellowship Church.

Resolution adopted at First Reading by hand vote.

It was approved for immediate implementation by the Rule of Exception.

The Board of Elders of Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church requested that the 133rd BFC Conference consider the following resolution:

Whereas, BFC Principles of Order paragraph 402-2.3 states that, “All church committees organized shall be subordinate to the Board of Elders. The particular duties, rules of operation, and responsibilities, as well as the interrelationship of church committees, shall be specified in the bylaws of the Particular Church,” and

Whereas, the ability to act in a timely manner to form or disband committees, change

committee duties, rules and responsibilities, as well as to reorganize the relationship between committees is severely restricted by the requirement for all such changes to be included in the bylaws, and

Whereas, the requirement to commit the operating characteristics of committees to the bylaws puts such decisions under the authority of the congregation and is therefore inconsistent with the leading statement of 402-2.3 that “All church committees organized shall be subordinate to the Board of Elders,” therefore be it

Resolved, that the wording of paragraph 402-2.3 be changed to state, “All church committees organized shall be subordinate to the Board of Elders.” [First Reading]

Resolution adopted at First Reading by hand vote.

It was approved for immediate implementation by the Rule of Exception.

Report of the Conference Judiciary: (page 128)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee: (page 136)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Committee on Examination of 132nd BFC Conference Minutes: (page 126)

Resolved, that the report be adopted.

Report of the Registrar

The following alternate delegates were seated for part or all of the 133rd Conference:

James C. Fisher, Blandon; Bill Ryan, Oley; Brett Ryan, Oley; Joseph P. Specht, Philadelphia.

Resolved, that their seating be approved.

The following delegates requested to be excused from part or all of the 133rd Conference:

Mark Creyer, John H. Crouch, Michael P. Emrick, James C. Fisher, Troy Geiger, James Gresh, Andrew Littlejohn, Richard Prensner.

Resolved, that these requests for excuses be granted.

The following licensed and ordained pastors requested to be excused from part or all of the 133rd Conference. These requests were approved by the Ministerial Credentials Committee.

Delbert R. Baker II, Leonard E. Buck, G. Wayne Clapier, Kevin Clineff, Hugh C. Coulbourn Jr., Raymond R. Dotts, Willis I. Dowling, Joshua A. Dupiche, Mark R. Evans, Richard J. Gehman, Richard D. Harris, Jim D. Head, George E. Herb, Roy A. Hertzog, Ethan T. Hester, Ronald W. Hoyle, David H. Jones, Jonathan H. King, David L. Manney, Richard Moyer, Keith E. Plows, Thomas A. Pollock, Roger L. Reitz, David W. Riddell, Michael D. Roberts, Jeffrey L. Ruhl, David K. Schlonecker, Austin Shelly, Thomas P. Shorb, Ronald B. Smith, William C. Verdon III, Paul G. Zimmerman.

The following licensed and ordained pastor was noted as being absent without excuse:

Andrew T. Gysi.

The following were appointed by the Moderator for the 134th BFC Conference:

Registrar: Robert A. Johnson II.

Assistant Registrar: Timothy D. Bertolet.

Committee on Agenda & Arrangements: Ronald L. Kohl, Chairman; David T. Allen, Randall A. Grossman, William G. Schlonecker, Thomas P. Shorb, Robert A. Johnson II, Joel B. Klase.

Committee on the Examination of the Minutes of Particular Churches: Kevin Kirkpatrick, Chairman; Jason L. Hoy, Mark R. Orton, David J. Peters, David A. Smith, Howard N. Wells.

Study Committee on Biblical Grounds for Divorce – “Pauline Exception”: Timothy J. Bertolet, Timothy D. Gibson, Joshua P. Miller, Daniel L. Williams, Timothy J. Schmoyer.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches: (page 127)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions

Whereas, Richard E. Taylor, Timothy D. Gibson and Joshua P. Gibson challenged and refreshed the Conference through the preaching of the Word of God, challenging us to press on to fulfill the calling of God corporately as well as individually, to seek greater things through humble preaching, prayer, and a commitment to God’s calling on our lives, and to work to raise up a future generation of leaders for the BFC, therefore be it

Resolved, that we praise God for their Spirit-empowered ministry in our lives, and be it further

Resolved, that we strive to press on, through the enablement of God’s Spirit, to put into practice the great truths they shared with us.

Whereas, the congregation of the MISSION, Townsend, DE has labored joyfully with much endurance in establishing a healthy and dynamic Church of Christ, and

Whereas, it has met all the qualifications and has been recognized as a particular church in the BFC, therefore be it

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

Whereas, Beau E. Coffman, Joel B. Klase and Aaron D. Smith were ordained at the 133rd BFC Conference, and the previous ordinations of Allen R. Mickle Jr. and R. Daniel Wagner were recognized, and

Whereas, Joshua A. Dupiche will be ordained at Grace Bible Fellowship Church in Quakertown, PA on June 26, 2016, 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, Robert A. Sloan, Charles E. Cole, Philip G. Norris and Richard E. Taylor have retired from their positions of ministry, and

Whereas, Mark R. Evans, Matthew L. Lynskey, Justin L. Hunter, Joshua D. Edwards, Andrew T. Gysi, Michael D. Roberts, Thomas H. Morrison and Davis E. Duggins 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 direction as they strive to use their gifts in serving the Lord in faithfulness.

Whereas, the following calls were issued according to the Rules of our Faith & Order: Church Extension – Stephen A. Diaz, Brad Boyer, and Jason A. Filbert; Blandon, PA – John C. Vandegriff and Daniel L. Williams; Quakertown, PA- Timothy S. Radcliff; Oley, PA – Jason Blair; Allentown, PA – Benjamin J. Triestman; Reading, PA – Timothy S. Hogan; Las Cruces, NM – Ethan T. Hester; Newark, DE – Stephen J. Morton; York, PA – Timothy J. Bertolet; Wallingford, PA – Aaron J. Susek; Sinking Spring, PA – S. Wayne Rissmiller and Gregory W. Carder, 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; Mt. Carmel, PA; Mt. Pocono, PA; Newark, NJ; Royersford, PA; Stroudsburg, PA; Philadelphia/Wissinoming, PA; and Woodbury Heights, NJ, and be it further

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

Whereas, Edward Moyer, Alan G. Miller, J. Barclay Harley, Alan R. Vivona and David J. Watkins, who lived lives of faithful service to Christ's Church, and 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, our missionary families and some of our churches are laboring faithfully while being separated from the close physical fellowship of other BFC churches, be it

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

Whereas, 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 133rd BFC Conference, therefore be it

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

Whereas, Ronald C. Mahurin has served over 15 years as Conference Pastor, and

Whereas, he has given care and counsel to the pastors of our denomination, and

Whereas, he has been available to churches when they have sought his wisdom, and

Whereas, his continuing ministry has been a blessing and given support and comfort to ministry families, therefore be it

Resolved, that we express our appreciation for his faithful ministry.

Whereas, LeRoy S. Heller has served on the Ministerial Credentials Committee since 1989, and

Whereas, he has chosen to step aside from this responsibility, and

Whereas, he has served conscientiously and wisely, therefore be it

Resolved, that we thank God for his service and express our appreciation for his faithfulness and commitment to our denomination.

Whereas, the Executive Board has worked with godly care and diligence in the performance of their duties, and

Whereas, David T. Allen has demonstrated a servant's heart in his faithful and exemplary leadership 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, Richard B. Ravis has served us by leading the 133rd Conference in worshipping the Lord of the Church, assisted ably by several others, and

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

Resolved, that we give thanks to Almighty God for their leadership among us in the corporate worship of our Lord and Savior.

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 133rd BFC Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, that we extend our earnest gratitude for their wonderful ministry to those attending the 133rd BFC Conference.

Whereas, the BFC Conference Secretary, Ronald L. Kohl, Assistant Secretary, 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, Overseer of Pages, Joel B. Klase; Head Page, Timothy S. Hogan; and Pages Benjamin Triestman, Nat LeTowt, Jules J. Hull III, L. Marc Sweet, Benjamin Armstrong, Timothy S. Radcliff, Daniel King, Ronnie Burgess and Benjamin Bailey have diligently, humbly and gladly served the 133rd 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 for the past six years, and

Whereas, Randall A. Grossman has served outstandingly as Moderator of the 133rd 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 be it further

Resolved, that the members of the 133rd BFC Conference show their appreciation for Brother Grossman with a standing ovation.

Whereas, on the basis of the reports, testimonies, and proceedings of this 133rd 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 proceed with much deliberate thankfulness for God's faithful presence and confidence in His promised grace, and be it further

Resolved, that, with prayer-filled humility, we rely on that grace and the Spiritual armament with which we are entrusted for the carrying out our duties, and be it further

Resolved, that we will press on, filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ for the sake of the Church, that the company of His resurrection might continue to grow until the great day of His return.

Clifford B. Boone adjourned the 133rd BFC Conference in prayer.

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Report of the Committee on Agenda and Arrangements

The committee met three times in fulfilling its mandate to formulate the agenda and program and to oversee the logistics and hospitality of the 133rd BFC Conference. In addition to the five committee members, Davis E. Duggins, Joel B. Klase, Timothy S. Hogan, Nathan Brosius, and Robert A. Johnson II attended one or more meetings and served as ex-officio members. Davis E. Duggins served for part of the year until his resignation. Robert A. Johnson II has been appointed by the Moderator to serve as Registrar.

133rd BFC Conference: This year's BFC Conference will convene at 6:45pm on Monday, April 25, 2016 and will conclude on Wednesday, April 27, 2016. The theme of this year's Conference is Pressing On! and is based on Philippians 3:12-16. BFC Pastors representing several generations – Richard E. Taylor, Timothy D. Gibson, and Joshua P. Gibson – will address the Conference on the text and theme.

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.

Live-Streaming: The sessions of the BFC Conference may be viewed via computer live-streaming. This is an asset that allows 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>.

Roles: Robert A. Johnson II will serve as Registrar, assisted by Timothy J. Bertolet. Timothy S. Hogan will serve as Head Page with Joel B. Klase serving as Overseer of the Pages.

Appointments: The Committee has made the following appointments:

Tellers: Jason L. Hoy, Chairman; Andrew W. Barnes, Joshua P. Gibson, Jonathan H. King, Ferdie R. Madara, Mark R. Orton, David J. Peters, Timothy S. Zuck.

Timekeeper: Mark L. Morrison.

Committee on Resolutions: Mark A. Bickel, Chairman; Timothy S. Cowen, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick.

Conference Minutes:

1. Due to failure of the copier and other factors, no minutes were approved during the 132nd BFC Conference in 2015. The Committee to Examine the Minutes of the 132nd BFC Conference has worked with the Conference Secretary to examine and correct the minutes. The Conference Secretary will introduce a recommendation early in the Conference to approve the minutes of all seven (7) meetings of the 132nd BFC Conference.

2. There will be times of reviewing and approving the minutes of the BFC

Conference throughout the sessions, but in most cases the minutes will not be read aloud. The Committee on Examination of Minutes of the 133rd Conference is charged with the responsibility to review the minutes as they are produced and to seek to assure that the minutes are an accurate record of the proceedings.

3. Any minutes of the proceedings of BFC Conference not approved during the BFC Conference will be posted on the BFC website, and BFC Conference voting members will be informed of this posting and instructed to communicate any changes in the posted minutes to the Secretary of BFC Conference as soon as possible after the Conference and before the posted deadline for submission for publication of the BFC Yearbook. Any discrepancies discovered in the minutes after the publication of the BFC Yearbook are to be reported to the Chairman of the Committee to Examine BFC Conference Minutes.

Recommended Legislation:

The Committee recommends the adoption of the following revision at First Reading:

510-1.1 Committee on Agenda and Arrangements

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Recommendations:

1. **Resolved**, that the agenda and program for the 133rd BFC Conference be accepted as the guide for our deliberations.

2. **Resolved**, that the 134th BFC Conference be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference, April 24 - 26, 2017

3. **Resolved**, that committee reports for the 134th BFC Conference be sent in digital format to the BFC Executive Board by February 15, 2017. <bfcexecbrd@aol.com>

Committee on Agenda and Arrangements: Ronald L. Kohl, Chairman; Thomas P. Shorb, Secretary; David T. Allen, Clifford B. Boone, Randall A. Grossman. Ex-officio committee members: Robert A. Johnson II, Registrar; Nathan Brosius, Conference Host; Timothy S. Hogan, Head Page; Joel B. Klase, Overseer of the Pages.

Report of the Executive Board

While sitting imprisoned in Rome, the Apostle Paul wrote a letter to the church in Philippi in which he envisioned himself being on a journey but not yet at the end of that journey. In the first chapter he penned that familiar line, *“For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”* He then describes where he had been, what he was doing, and where he was going. So when we come to the middle of chapter 3 he says, *“I press on.”* His circumstances did not appear to allow him to press on much, but he was certainly planning on continuing to fulfill the mission that had been given to him.

The Bible Fellowship Church finds itself in the same condition as the Apostle Paul as we conclude 2015 and begin 2016. Several years ago, we presented to the BFC Conference a “2020 Vision.” We are now almost halfway through that process, and it is time for an update. Since we presented that vision, the Executive Board and our Departments have been working toward fulfillment of the various vision points that impact them. Since then, we have tried to present to our BFC Conference an awareness of the changing face of the Bible Fellowship Church by inviting Dr. Alejandro Mendes (Director of Hispanic Ministries in the Evangelical Free Church) to speak to us on the issue of immigrants coming to us and our responsibility to minister to them. Last year, we asked Dr. Mark Young (President of Denver Seminary) to speak to us on the importance of fulfilling our mission as a church. This year, we’ll look within ourselves at how well we are doing toward fulfilling both our Mission and our 2020 Vision. We’ve asked a cross-section of our pastors to speak to us from their perspectives.

On Monday night, newly-retired pastor and current Chairman of our Church Extension Ministries Board, Rev. Richard E. Taylor, will be our Keynote Speaker followed by a vote to accept and welcome the Mission, from Townsend, DE, as a particular church. Tuesday morning, Rev. Timothy D. Gibson, pastor of our Bethlehem-Ebenezer church, will challenge us from God’s Word, and on Wednesday morning, Rev. Joshua P. Gibson, pastor of our Sunbury church, will encourage us as we press on together.

Here is a short report on what has transpired during 2015. We began last year with the installation of a full time Interim Pastor, Rev. Timothy J. Bertolet, at our York church, and as of the beginning of this year (2016), he has been called as Senior Pastor and has continued to renew that church! Many thanks to the members of that congregation and to the surrogate elders, Rev. Ralph M. Soper and Rev. Steven J. DelDuco, for their faithfulness and eagerness to renew that congregation.

On the other side of that coin, we saw one of our smaller churches lose its pastor and 75% of its attendees in a short period of time and then ask the BFC Executive Board to step in and provide assistance. At another particular church, an elder named himself as Interim Pastor without approval of either the congregation or the Ministerial Relations Committee. That situation resolved itself, but without any input from the BFC Executive Board, it could have led to undesirable consequences.

At one point during the year, there were 10 openings within the denomination for pastors! Most of them have been filled, and as evidence of “pressing on” we observed

that several of our churches which had interim pastors vote to move these men from Interim to Pastor and were continuing to grow during the process.

Denominationally, we saw the first transition of leadership within the BFC Executive Board, with the presidency of the denomination going from Rev. Randall A. Grossman to Rev. Robert A. Sloan, Jr.! Rev. Grossman, as President of BFC, Inc., and Chairman of the Executive Board, had held that position from the inception of the Executive Board in 2009 until 2015. Under his leadership, a solid foundation for the Bible Fellowship Church Executive Board had been laid and continues to grow and strengthen. Rev. Robert A. Sloan, Jr., had been the Vice President and assumed his new position immediately after the 132nd BFC Conference. It was a smooth transition! A renewed emphasis on “pressing on” toward fulfilling our 2020 Vision was initiated and all of our Departments were challenged to evaluate their progress in light of that vision.

One of the Vision Points of the Executive Board that needed to be resolved was an ongoing discussion concerning a resolution that was made at the 117th BFC Conference. It stated “that the Annual Conference is in agreement with the work of the Task Force in seeking to create a new missions agency from the Board of Church Extension and The Board of Missions, and that the Boards of Church Extension and Missions will then cease to exist” (117th BFC Yearbook, p. 14). For the past 15 years, this has not been resolved. The Executive Board put together a sub-committee consisting of three members of the Executive Board and two apiece from the Board of Missions and Church Extension Ministries in order to present to the Executive Board their findings concerning the feasibility of merging the two boards. The conclusion of their work was presented to the Executive Board, and the following resolution was passed by the Executive Board:

1601-3 **Resolved**, that concerning BFC Vision 2020 Vision Point #15, the Executive Board approves the recommendation proposed by a sub-committee made up of members of the Executive Board, BOM and Church Extension: that a suggested merger of the BFC Board of Missions and Church Extension Ministries is not currently in the best interests of the Bible Fellowship Church. This constitutes our answer to Vision Point #15.

The Executive Board will continue to evaluate and pursue the Vision Points that are directly under its purview. Several of the Vision Points reiterate the Mission of the BFC, and that is to be “*An Expanding Fellowship of Churches United to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.*” The word “expanding” is both qualitative and quantitative, and we encourage each congregation to be actively in *building up the body of Christ!*

The Executive Board completed its Financial Compilation for 2014. Our profit and loss statements which come from Quickbooks have to be reworked to comply with GAAP guidelines and as such are reclassified according to their functionality within the financial statements. Salaries and expenses are separated into classifications such as Program Services, Management, and Fund Raising. Copies are available at the BFC Office should you wish to see them. We have a good team of financial assistants: Donald E. Kuntzman (ExecBrd & BOM); Ruth Richards (Church Extension); Sue Arthur (Victory

Valley); and Jay Reinhard (Pinebrook); they accurately collect and prepare reports for their individual departments. These reports, all using the same format, are reviewed by the Executive Board at each meeting to ensure that our Departments are meeting their budgets. These reports are also used by each Department Board as they review their status and make changes when and if necessary. Financial institutions, such as banks and ECFA, require reporting in a different format, so having a CPA firm do a Compilation, a Financial Review, or an Audit is necessary. We have moved from Compilations to a Review for 2015 in preparation for a complete Audit of our 2016 financial records. When this is completed, we will officially “join” ECFA as a denomination of churches and departments that holds its financial dealings above reproach.

The Executive Board dealt with new IRS regulations concerning medical insurance reimbursements. On July 1, 2015, as a component of the ACA (Affordable Care Act), the IRS declared that small employers could no longer reimburse their employees for the cost of their individual healthcare. This impacted many of our pastors and most of our church planters, who had medical reimbursement as a part of their financial package. Our Departments, therefore, were required to increase the salaries of their employees to ensure that each employee continued to have sufficient funds for healthcare. Our lawyers and accountants urged us to stay above reproach and comply with these directives, even though the specificity of the regulation tends to be ambiguous. It appears that churches with only one employee (the pastor) may not be required to comply with this act, but since it is a moving target, stay tuned!

The Executive Board also complied “up front” with new regulations on whether employees who were exempt from overtime pay (directors and management) would now have to be paid overtime pay unless their salaries were at a particular level. Although this requirement did not go into effect as of this date, it was recommended that we comply with the newer guidelines and either reclassified some employees or increase their salaries. We did both.

During the year it became apparent that the Executive Board did not know if all or any of our particular churches had by-laws that safeguarded them from potential legal liabilities. We were advised by lawyers to review each church’s bylaws and make sure that they contained the necessary language to both protect them and inform their decision making processes accurately. We did this by asking our churches to provide us with their By-Laws to make sure that they complied with current IRS and State rules and regulations. Most of our churches did send them to us and many used this as an opportunity to update their by-laws to include indemnification, a conflict of interest policy, a whistleblower policy, and a gift acceptance policy. Some, however, discovered that through the years their by-laws had been misplaced or lost. The Executive Board will continue to work with those churches, assisting them to renew and/or update their legal documents.

While pursuing an unrelated issue, we discovered that the work begun 20 years ago by members of the BFC Board of Directors had never been completed. This relates to our BFC denominational 501(c)3 status. Currently we are a single entity organization; all of us use the same 501(c)3 exemption, but we should have a group exemption instead of just a single exemption. In consultation with our lawyers at McNees Wallace &

Nurick, Attorney David Watts noted that “The process for obtaining a group exemption is described on page 2 of the pamphlet attached (available on our info.bfc.org website). There will be some work involved to put together the necessary information, including authorization from each church to be included in the group exemption.” We will be asking each particular church to sign this form at BFC Conference so that we can complete the work begun by our brothers Horace Kauffman and James Beil, and make certain governmental inquiries less arduous.

As Church Extension Ministries decided to open a church in Florida, the Executive Board needed to provide the legal standing for a church plant. As a “foreign” corporation (foreign to Florida, that is) we needed to have a legal “agent” who resided in Florida until the time when we would incorporate within the state. We do have a formerly-credentialed BFC Pastor, Miguel Gonzalez, who has moved to Florida and has agreed to officially represent us. We are working on creating a Florida Corporation and are pursuing Bible Fellowship Church, Inc., as our official name (although there is a legal corporation by that name already existing: however, they “closed” more than a decade ago, and the name may be available for us).

The Executive Director has made it a practice to visit each one of our churches during each of his three year terms in office. In 2015 he visited our Merida, Mexico church and helped Merida celebrate its 22nd anniversary as a congregation. He was encouraged by both the progress that has been made and the potential for additional church plants in the Yucatan. It may be that the next church plant will be a Mayan church and/or an entry into Cuba!

The Directors of the Board of Missions and Church Extension Ministries, Duane E. Moyer and David E. Gundrum, have been working together toward the possibility of a Haitian congregation in Philadelphia joining with the Bible Fellowship Church. Duane’s understanding of the Caribbean church and culture, along with his ability to speak French and some Creole, has opened this door, and David’s involvement both in Church Extension and on the Ministerial Candidate Committee has created a platform to investigate this potential expansion of the BFC into another ethnic group.

The Executive Board hired Dean Vander Wiele as Director of Ministries at Pinebrook Bible Conference and immediately threw him into the BFC Summer Conference program. Dean had previously pastored Coatesville Bible Fellowship, an independent Presbyterian church, and has a heart for camping ministries. He is still in the process of “learning the ropes” at Pinebrook as he completes his first year of ministry. Pinebrook did have its best financial year in a long time and our prayer is that this can continue as it serves both the Bible Fellowship Church and the greater Christian community.

Victory Valley accomplished one of its Vision Points by assisting our Merida, Mexico church in launching its first-ever summer children’s camp. Several individuals from Mexico came and spent time learning how to conduct a Victory Valley-style camp, and several individuals from our La Roca, Reading church went to Mexico to assist them in running the camp. It was a great success as several children accepted Christ as a result of this cooperative effort that we trust will continue into the future.

As a matter of official record, the officers of the Executive Board are as follows:

Robert A. Sloan, Jr., President; Randall A. Grossman, 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 2015, the Executive Board retained the following:

The American Insurance Group as our Health Insurance Administrators,
 The law firm of McNees Wallace & Nurick, LLC, as our attorneys and advisors,
 JetPay as our payroll processing firm,
 Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company as the preferred church liability insurers,
 American Bank of the Lehigh Valley as the depository of our funds.
 Molinari Oswald, LLC 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 eventually 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.

Resolved, that David T. Allen be ratified for another three-year term as Executive Director of the Bible Fellowship Church, with a salary increase of three (3) percent.

Resolved, that the 2016 revised Executive Board budget be adopted by the 133rd BFC Conference.

Resolved, that an assessment rate of two (2.0) percent be adopted by the 133rd BFC Conference for 2017 (based on assessable receipts for 2015).

Resolved, that the 2017 proposed Executive Board budget be adopted by the 133rd 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.

2015 Review and Status: The total of Ministers’ Retirement Fund (MRF) annuity payments to beneficiaries in 2015 was \$155,930 (compared to \$168,000 in 2014, and \$170,830 in 2013). There was one beneficiary who went home to the Lord in 2015, Pastor David Watkins; his spouse is 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: 2015 was the fifth 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 2016. We do have funds established with several companies on a denominational bases. 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 2017:

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

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

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

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

Resolved,

1. An amount equal to 100% of the pension payments received during the year of 2015 be and is hereby designated as a rental/housing allowance for each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister of The Bible Fellowship Church who is or was a member of the Bible Fellowship Church Minister’s Retirement Fund.
2. This rental/housing allowance shall apply to each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister who has been granted the retired relationship or placed on disability leave by the BFC Conference and whose name and relationship to the conference is recorded in the Yearbook of BFC Conference and in other

appropriate records maintained by the conference.

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

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

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BFC Executive Director David T. Allen

Report of the Executive Board - Balance Sheet

	Dec 31, 15	Dec 31, 14	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
Executive Board			
American Bank - Checking	-1,594	6,893	-8,487
Undeposited Funds on December 31, 2015	2,247	14,188	-11,941
American Bank - Payroll Account	5,100	4,365	736
American Bank - Pensions	16,727	21,846	-5,119
Total BFC Executive Board - American Bank	22,480	47,292	-24,811
BFC Medical/Health Insurance			
Citizens Bank - Checking	604	5,756	-5,152
Citizens Bank - Money Market	28,117	1,615	26,502
Citizens Bank - CD	0	36,262	-36,262
Total BFC Medical/Health Insurance	28,721	43,633	-14,912
Other Banking Accounts			
PNC Bank (Florida Branch)	50	0	50
Youth & Young Adults - Quakertown National Bank	32,205	29,566	2,639
Total Other Banking Accounts	32,255	29,566	2,689
Pinebrook Educational Foundation			
Lafayette Bank - Checking	5,172	2,713	2,459
Verizon Common Stock	5,362	5,427	-65
Vanguard Bond Funds	81,954	81,937	17
Vanguard Stock Funds (Restricted)	131,476	126,030	5,446
Vanguard Stock Funds - Other	30,794	42,888	-12,094
Vanguard Stock Funds	162,270	168,918	-6,648
Total Stock/Bond Funds	249,586	256,282	-6,696
Pinebrook Educational Foundation	254,758	258,995	-4,237
Total Checking/Savings	338,214	379,485	-41,271
Accounts Receivable			
A/R Church Assessments	58	-1,754	1,812
A/R Pinebrook Payroll	158,470	157,304	1,167
A/R Department's Workers Comp. Ins.	17,994	26,959	-8,965
A/R Pinebrook Credit Line	120,664	120,664	0
Total Accounts Receivable	297,186	303,173	-5,987
Other Current Assets			
PrePaid Expenses	0	7,885	-7,885
Total Other Current Assets	0	7,885	-7,885
Total Current Assets	635,400	690,543	-55,143

Fixed Assets			
1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook			
1401 · PBC Buildings & Equipment	1,701,535	1,701,535	0
1405 · PBC Accumulated Depreciation	-1,451,304	-1,401,966	-49,338
1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook - Other	52,233	52,233	0
Total 1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook	<u>302,464</u>	<u>351,802</u>	<u>-49,338</u>
1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley			
1451 · VV Buildings & Equipment	427,088	427,088	0
1455 · VV Accumulated Depreciation	-243,294	-234,913	-8,381
1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley - Other	149,197	149,197	0
Total 1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley	<u>332,991</u>	<u>341,372</u>	<u>-8,381</u>
1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ			
1511 · CpMay Buildings	43,040	43,040	0
1515 · CpMay Accumulated Depreciation	-30,811	-28,010	-2,801
1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ - Other	1,880	1,880	0
Total 1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ	<u>14,109</u>	<u>16,910</u>	<u>-2,801</u>
1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA			
1521 · Adms Ctny Buildings	163,800	163,800	0
1525 · Adms Accumulated Depreciation	-28,665	-24,570	-4,095
1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA - Other	70,200	70,200	0
Total 1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA	<u>205,335</u>	<u>209,430</u>	<u>-4,095</u>
1530 · Real Estate - Brooklyn, NY			
1531 · Brooklyn Parsonage	200,000	200,000	0
1535 · Brklyn Accumulated Depreciation	-75,000	-70,000	-5,000
1530 · Real Estate - Brooklyn, NY - Other	7,750	7,750	0
Total 1530 · Real Estate - Brooklyn, NY	<u>132,750</u>	<u>137,750</u>	<u>-5,000</u>
1550 · Real Estate - Dauphin, PA			
1551 · Dauphin Buildings	90,939	90,939	0
1555 · Dphn Accumulated Depreciation	-7,293	-5,020	-2,273
1550 · Real Estate - Dauphin, PA - Other	20,008	20,008	0
Total 1550 · Real Estate - Dauphin, PA	<u>103,654</u>	<u>105,927</u>	<u>-2,273</u>
Total Fixed Assets	1,091,302	1,163,190	-71,888
Other Assets			
Office Lease Security Deposit	1,740	1,740	0
Mortgage Rec - ChExtn Parsonage	200,000	200,000	0
Note Rec. - Toms River, NJ	22,090	22,090	0
Note Rec. - Old Bridge, NJ	40,000	40,000	0
Note Rec. - Long Neck, DE	175,000	175,000	0
Note Rec. - Beraca, Phila	51,189	51,189	0
Bad Debt Reserve	-50,000	-50,000	0
Total Other Assets	<u>440,019</u>	<u>440,019</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,166,722</u>	<u>2,293,752</u>	<u>-127,031</u>

	Dec 31, 15	Dec 31, 14	\$ Change
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
PrePaid Assessment	3,060	0	3,060
Short-Term BOM Loan	0	50,000	-50,000
Due to BFC Church(s)	3,283	7,075	-3,793
BOM Due To (From) Pensions	2,687	0	2,687
PrePaid Insurance	-89	-89	0
Payroll Due To (From) Departments	-39,831	-32,649	-7,182
Workers Comp Insurance Due From Dept	-1,021	-102	-919
Rent Due From Departments	-1,014	-684	-330
Deferred Gain on Sale of R.E.	4,125	8,782	-4,657
Total Other Current Liabilities	-28,801	32,333	-61,134
Total Current Liabilities	-28,801	32,333	-61,134
Long Term Liabilities			
Bnk Mortgage Owed - Brooklyn	91,549	96,815	-5,266
Bnk Mortgage Owed - Dauphin	30,921	32,800	-1,879
ChExtn Loan Owed - Dauphin	19,600	19,600	0
Due to Dauphin	42,947	42,947	0
ChExtn Loan Owed - Cape May	10,000	10,000	0
Total Long Term Liabilities	195,016	202,161	-7,145
Total Liabilities	166,215	234,494	-68,279
Equity			
General Equity	704,601	704,301	300
Unrestricted Net Assets	-181,486	-87,981	-93,505
Unrestricted-ExecBrd Designated			
Church Assistance Fund	7,148	7,148	0
Historical Committee Funds	5,244	5,244	0
Special Projects Fund	8,035	8,035	0
Total Unrestricted-ExecBrd Designated	20,427	20,427	0
Unrestricted - Pinebrook Educational Foundation	109,759	114,495	-4,736
Temporarily Restricted Funds			
Pinebrook Educational Foundation	13,523	18,470	-4,947
Christian Education	20,440	21,770	-1,330
Ministerial Convention Funds	102	341	-239
Total Temporarily Restricted Funds	34,066	40,581	-6,516

Permanently Restricted Funds			
Pinebrook Educational Foundation	131,476	126,030	5,446
Total Permanently Restricted Funds	<u>131,476</u>	<u>126,030</u>	<u>5,446</u>
Real Estate Equity			
Real Estate Loans due to BFC			
Principal Due - Cape May, NJ	-10,146	-10,146	0
Principal Due ChExtn - Cape May	-10,000	-10,000	0
Principal Due - Adams Co., PA	-150,000	-150,000	0
Principal Due - Brooklyn, NY	-54,499	-54,499	0
Total Real Estate Loans due to BFC	<u>-224,645</u>	<u>-224,645</u>	<u>0</u>
Equity - Adams Co, PA	84,000	84,000	0
Equity - Brooklyn, NY	30,223	30,223	0
Equity - Dauphin, PA	42,947	42,947	0
Real Estate Equity - Other	1,302,363	1,302,363	0
Total 3600 - Real Estate Equity	<u>1,459,533</u>	<u>1,459,533</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income	-53,224	-93,483	40,259
Total Equity	<u>2,000,506</u>	<u>2,059,258</u>	<u>-58,752</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,166,722	2,293,752	-127,031



Jay H. Fasnacht provides a financial review at Conference.

Executive Board 2015 Profit & Loss

	<u>Jan - Dec 15</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 14</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Church Assessments	371,346	356,667	14,679
Department Assessments	17,500	10,000	7,500
Brotherhood Dividends Received	16,860	16,255	605
Contributions &/or Discounts	-2	337	-339
Bequests Received	0	215	-215
Designated Gifts	3,900	2,000	1,900
General Interest Income	76	92	-16
Revenues from Sub-Committees			
Communications Com. Revenues	5,413	6,854	-1,441
Historical Committee Receipts	91	271	-180
Christian Ed Committee Receipts	475	750	-275
Youth & Young Adult Revenues	119,642	122,210	-2,568
Pensions - Miscellaneous Income	0	5	-5
PEF Investment Income	613	20,926	-20,313
PEF Contributions Received	14,150	8,140	6,010
Total Revenues from Sub-Committees	<u>140,384</u>	<u>159,157</u>	<u>-18,772</u>
Mortgages & Notes Paid			
Bank Mortgage - Thompson CT	0	12	-12
Bank Mortgage - Brooklyn	5,266	5,117	149
Bank Mortgage-Dauphin	1,879	2,495	-617
Mortgage Interest Rec'd	9,500	9,500	0
Mortgages & Notes Paid - Other	3,375	10,844	-7,469
Total Mortgages & Notes Paid	<u>20,020</u>	<u>27,969</u>	<u>-7,949</u>
Gain (Loss) Sale of Real Estate	4,657	15,111	-10,454
Honorarium Income	1,095	350	745
Miscellaneous Inc	1,530	3,483	-1,953
Total Income	<u>577,366</u>	<u>591,636</u>	<u>-14,270</u>
Gross Income	<u>577,366</u>	<u>591,636</u>	<u>-14,270</u>
Expense			
Executive Director Salary	78,003	78,000	3
Executive Director Benefits	27,210	25,455	1,754
Conference Pastor Salary	26,000	26,000	0
Conference Pastor Other	23,000	23,000	0
Executive Board Expenses			
Payroll Taxes & Processing	9,037	10,201	-1,163
Executive Board Rent/Utilities	4,124	2,955	1,169
Executive Board Office Supplies	64	930	-865
Executive Board Insurance/Acctg	16,038	14,998	1,040
Dues & Subscriptions	610	10	600
Executive Board Expenses - Other	7,187	7,708	-522
Total Executive Board Expenses	<u>37,060</u>	<u>36,801</u>	<u>259</u>
BFC Conference Costs	8,000	8,000	0
BFC Conference Arrangements	10,363	6,184	4,179
BFC Committee Expenses			
BFC Conference Agenda Comm	120	82	38
BFC Conference Study Committees	1,702	2,320	-619
Ministerial Credentials Comm	776	1,156	-380
Ministerial Candidate Comm	1,518	2,000	-482

Ministerial Relations Comm	243	263	-21
Statistical Committee	0	0	0
Committee To Exam Church Minute	109	88	21
Church Health Committee	816	897	-80
Multi-Cultural Church Committee	0	28	-28
Total BFC Committee Expenses	5,283	6,835	-1,552
Expenses of Sub-Committees			
Christian Education	1,805	2,660	-855
Youth & Young Adults	117,003	111,900	5,103
Communications	25,944	29,940	-3,997
PEF Scholarships Awarded	19,000	21,750	-2,750
Total Expenses of Sub-Committees	163,751	166,250	-2,498
Beneficiary Society	500	500	0
Ministerial Convention Expense	2,239	1,000	1,239
Chaplaincy Expenses	1,302	1,141	160
Pastoral Assistance	0	10,443	-10,443
Ministerial Pensions	155,929	168,087	-12,158
Designated Gifts Expensed	3,832	36,000	-32,168
Real Estate Expense	0	422	-422
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,340	25	1,315
Total Expense	543,812	594,144	-50,332
Net Ordinary Income	33,554	-2,508	36,062
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Medical Insurance Fees	272,588	418,645	-146,057
Medical Insurance Interest	25	99	-74
Total Other Income	272,613	418,744	-146,131
Other Expense			
Medical Insurance Prem	275,323	425,726	-150,403
Medical Insurance Admin	12,181	12,105	76
Non-Operating Expenses			
Depreciation Expense			
Pinebrook Depreciation	49,338	49,338	0
Victory Valley Depreciation	8,381	8,381	0
Cape May Depreciation	2,801	2,801	0
Adams County Depreciation	4,095	4,095	0
Brooklyn Depreciation	5,000	5,000	0
Dauphin Depreciation	2,273	2,273	0
Total Depreciation Expense	71,888	71,888	0
Total Non-Operating Expenses	71,888	71,888	0
Total Other Expense	359,392	509,719	-150,328
Net Other Income	-86,778	-90,975	4,197
Net Income	-53,224	-93,483	40,259

2016 Executive Board Budget - Revised

2016 Budget - REVISED (based on 2014 Assessable Receipts)

	Approved 2016 Budget	Revised 2016 Budget	Increase (Decrease)
Anticipated Receipts			
Assessment from Churches (2%)	\$375,000	\$375,600	\$600
Department Contribution	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Investment Interest	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Mortgage Interest	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$0
Communications Reimbursements	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Miscellaneous/General Contributions	\$1,500	\$1,600	\$100
Other	\$500	\$890	\$390
Total Anticipated Receipts	\$404,000	\$405,090	\$1,090
Anticipated Expenses			
Minister's Retirement Fund	\$156,120	\$153,750	-\$2,370
Board of Communications	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Beneficiary Fund	\$500	\$500	\$0
Ministerial Convention	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
BFC Conference			\$0
Conference Facilitation	\$8,000	\$15,000	\$7,000
Conference Expense	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
Committee Expenses			\$0
Chaplaincy Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
Committee Mtg Expenses	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
Conference Pastor Salary	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$0
Conference Pastor Expenses/Benefits	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$0
Executive Director Salary	\$78,000	\$80,340	\$2,340
HealthCare & Benefits	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Taxes & Administrative Costs	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Rent & Office Expense	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Legal & Accounting	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Reserved	\$5,880	\$0	-\$5,880
Miscellaneous Board Expense	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Executive Board Expense	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
	\$404,000	\$405,090	\$1,090

2017 Executive Board Budget

2017 Budget (based on 2015 Assessable Receipts)

	Revised 2016 Budget	Proposed 2017 Budget	Increase (decrease)
Anticipated Receipts			
Assessment from Churches (2%)	\$375,600	\$380,000	\$4,400
Department Contribution	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Investment Interest	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Mortgage Interest	\$9,500	\$6,000	(\$3,500)
Communications Reimbursements	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Miscellaneous/General Contributions	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0
Other	\$890	\$620	(\$270)
Total Anticipated Receipts	\$405,090	\$405,720	\$630
Anticipated Expenses			
Minister's Retirement Fund	\$153,750	\$146,500	(\$7,250)
Board of Communications	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Beneficiary Fund	\$500	\$500	\$0
Ministerial Convention	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
BFC Conference			\$0
Conference Facilitation	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Conference Expense	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
Committee Expenses			\$0
Chaplaincy Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
Committee Mtg Expenses	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
Conference Pastor Salary	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$0
Conference Pastor Expenses/ Benefits	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$0
Executive Director Salary	\$80,340	\$80,340	\$0
HealthCare & Benefits	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Taxes & Administrative Costs	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Rent & Office Expense	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Legal & Accounting	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$2,000
Reserved	\$0	\$5,880	\$5,880
Miscellaneous Board Expense	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Executive Board Expense	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
	\$405,090	\$405,720	\$630

2015 Combined Balance Sheet

Year Ending December 31, 2015	ExecBrd	BOM	ChExtn	PBC	VV	Totals
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
Cash & Cash Equivalents	88,629	137,604	196,693	40,928	86,033	549,887
Investments	118,110	1,209,192	448,464		100,010	1,875,776
Restricted Investments	131,476					131,476
Other Receivables	297,186	1,431				298,617
Total Current Assets	635,401	1,348,227	645,157	40,928	186,043	2,855,756
Property And Equipment						
Land	301,268					301,268
Buildings	2,626,401					2,626,401
Other Fixed Assets	1,740		37,334		10,219	49,293
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-1,836,367		-35,712		-1,257	-1,873,336
Property And Equipment, Net	1,093,042	0	1,622	0	8,962	1,103,626
Other Assets						
Notes Receivable	288,279	84,461	32,100			404,840
Mortgages Receivable	200,000					200,000
Bad Debt Reserve	-50,000					-50,000
Total Notes Receivable, Net	438,279	84,461	32,100	0	0	554,840
TOTAL ASSETS	2,166,722	1,432,688	678,879	40,928	195,005	4,514,222
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities						
Accounts Payable			1,294	14,050	538	15,882
Advances and Deposits		3,940		44,795	18,341	67,076
Other Current Liabilities	-28,801	398,854	10,359			380,412
Total Current Liabilities	-28,801	402,794	11,653	58,845	18,878	463,369
Long-Term Debt	195,016			167,979		362,995
Total Liabilities	166,215	402,794	11,653	226,824	18,878	826,364
EQUITY						
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,867,762	566,296	631,457	-228,215	115,401	2,952,701
Unrestricted, But Designated Funds	20,427	72,637				93,064
Temporarily Restricted Funds	34,066	533,605	13,723		13,612	595,006
Restricted Funds	131,476		24,238	4,722		160,436
Net Income	-53,224	-142,644	-2,192	37,597	47,114	-113,349
Total Equity	2,000,507	1,029,894	667,226	-185,896	176,127	3,687,858
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,166,722	1,432,688	678,879	40,928	195,005	4,514,222

2015 Combined Statement of Revenues & Expenses

2015 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Assets - Modified Cash

	ExecBrd	BOM	ChExtn	PBC	VV	Totals
REVENUES						
Contributions						
Churches	371,346	108,086	608,098	33,480	33,310	1,154,320
Individuals	15,245	15,945	335,099	80,535	106,747	553,571
Other Gifts and Bequests	20,759	7,166		6,400	2,500	36,825
Total Contributions	407,350	131,197	943,197	120,415	142,557	1,744,716
Other Revenues						
Retreats and Conferences				875,280	217,974	1,093,254
Program Fees	143,121	3,916				147,037
Rental Income				15,266	126,358	141,624
Program Sales		3,877		42,076	14,058	60,011
Interest and Dividends	10,214	49,404	13,620	5		73,243
Net Realized and Unrealized						0
Gains on Investments	10,520	-39,292	-26,852			-55,624
Gain on Sale of Property	4,657					4,657
Medical Insurance Contributions	272,588					272,588
Other Income	7,530	206	310	2,077	552	10,675
Total Other Revenues	448,630	18,111	-12,922	934,704	358,942	1,747,465
Net Assets Released from Restrictions and Other Transfers	0	0	1,500	0	0	1,500
Total Revenues	855,980	149,308	931,775	1,055,119	501,499	3,493,681
EXPENSES						
Salaries/Benefits/Payroll Taxes	140,250	193,461	135,159	306,090	135,427	910,387
Program Expenses	327,964	16,971	727,517	36,399	133,075	1,241,926
Program Food Expenses				245,373	44,302	289,675
Conference and Meetings	23,646	114	3,430	15,613	3,078	45,881
Marketing/Communications	25,944	9,272	13,809	11,383	7,778	68,186
Office Expenses	20,836	11,797	7,826	8,945	20,244	69,648
Rents/Real Estate Taxes	0	21,192	7,800	16,000	6,672	51,664
Buildings and Grounds Maintenance	0			305,250	77,096	382,346
Insurance	287,504		6,027	44,113	25,456	363,100
Designated	9,832	39,098	23,000	26,549		98,479
Other Expenses	1,340	47	4,586	1,807		7,780
Total Expenses	837,316	291,952	929,154	1,017,522	453,128	3,529,072
Ordinary Gain (Loss)	18,664	-142,644	2,621	37,597	48,371	-35,391
Depreciation	71,888		4,812		1,257	77,957
Net Gain (Loss)	-53,224	-142,644	-2,191	37,597	47,114	-113,348

Report of the Department of Missions

The missionary outreach of the Bible Fellowship Church is a diverse and complex enterprise. The Board of Missions itself oversees 150 envoys working with 43 agencies around the world, and in my visits to particular churches, I have noticed that a number of them have missionaries on their rosters who have not gone through the Board appointment process and so are not listed as part of our denominational missionary family.

The Board of Missions is charged with encouraging this enthusiasm for worldwide outreach while working to direct our collective resources toward the most effective strategies for accomplishing our shared vision. Let me summarize our activities for the past year.

As Regards Vision: There is a practically universal tendency for institutions, including churches and even entire denominations, to devote an increasing portion of their resources and energies to ministering to the institution itself and to the established Christian community: maintaining, improving, and developing what already exists. In many cases, any distinctively outward focus has been lost. “Outreach” consists of attempting to attract the unreached/unchurched into our world instead of our stepping out into theirs. The Board of Missions exists to challenge the churches of our Fellowship to resist and overcome that tendency.

To ensure that we maintain that outward-facing perspective, we have developed and adopted the following definition:

“Missions, as it relates to the Bible Fellowship Church, 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 become disciples of Jesus, following Him wholeheartedly in community with other believers, and...*
- *equipping them to propagate the gospel by making disciples themselves.*

The desired outcome of our collective missionary involvement is the establishment of functioning and multiplying communities of disciples that are bearing the fruits of the Gospel in their locality and beyond.

With these guidelines in hand, the Board is working to ensure, as far as possible, that our emphasis going forward, and the passion of those we commission for service, be increasingly outward-looking and people-oriented rather than inward looking and institutionally-oriented.

As Regards Missionary Care: As has always been the case, the bulk of our time was spent in ensuring, insofar as possible, healthy and productive relationships between our envoys, their sending churches, and the agencies with which they serve. The Board interviews, evaluates, and approves missionaries before they are appointed and commissioned by the Bible Fellowship Church. We also debrief field missionaries and hear live reports from them whenever they are available to meet with us. We make every

effort to understand their needs and concerns and, where necessary, to provide pastoral care, make referrals, and intervene on their behalf with their sending churches and agencies.

Our emissaries often tell me that they are the envy of their colleagues and agencies on account of the care and oversight they receive from their sending churches, the Board of Missions, and the BFC church at large.

Several situations this past year have led us to understand that we need to expand our evaluation and approval process to include the agencies with which our envoys will be serving, as well as the ministries to which they will be assigned. We have learned that not all agencies are equally concerned about the well-being of their missionaries or the strategic value of the projects to which they are allocated. We have also learned that we need to be willing to hold our envoys accountable to Board, Agency, and Sending Church standards, in order to help them recognize and assume their responsibilities to those who have sent them.

As Regards Particular Churches: The Director of the Board of Missions can be called to assist churches that have no Missions Pastor or Chairperson. He can advise on Missions strategy, obtain information on support needs and speaker availability, or speak at Missions events. He can address the concerns of particular churches and he is the churches' advocate with regard to the missionaries that they support through the Board of Missions.

Because of their high regard for the missionary call, it has sometimes been hard for particular churches to know how to respond in certain cases: change of agency, change of assignment, crises of various kinds, retirement; these are all situations where sometimes it is advantageous for the Missions Committee of a Particular Church to have someone to whom they can turn for advice. As Director of the Board of Missions and as a former field missionary and team-leader (please forgive the personal reference), I have previous experience with most of these types of circumstance and I have seen them from both sides. I have been able to reassure churches that were on the verge of taking difficult but necessary steps. I have also been able to help them see things otherwise and reconsider. I have urged certain courses of action upon missions committees, and I have backed them up in the ensuing discussions.

Additionally, the following resources are available to particular churches through Board of Missions staff:

- 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 fellowship of 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.

As Regards Current Initiatives:

The Board of Missions currently maintains agreements with 43 Missions Agencies. We are under mandate from the Executive Board to reduce that figure, seeking to have a greater number of missionaries serving with a smaller number of agencies. For this reason, we are asking all particular churches, in their conversations with potential envoys, to vigorously recommend that they contact the Board of Missions before committing irrevocably to an agency, a field, or a project. The reasons for this request are as follows:

- Working with an expanding number of agencies greatly complicates our accounting and the oversight of our missionaries.
- Not all agencies provide an adequate level of care or oversight to their personnel, and the Board has recognized the importance of evaluating agencies as well as missionary candidates. We will not knowingly approve a missionary for service with an agency that does not meet certain standards. These standards are being developed and will appear in the next edition of the Board of Missions Handbook.

The Board of Missions is working with a certain number of Agencies to develop a variety of opportunities that are in harmony with our vision and values.

The current Board of Missions Handbook is being revised and updated.

Talks are being pursued with the Department of Church Extension and various Mission Agencies to initiate church-planting initiatives among the diaspora groups of the Philadelphia-to-New York corridor. We are grateful for expansion of our Spanish-speaking works, but there are growing African, Asian, and Middle Eastern communities among us as well. We ask for your prayers as we work to match the need to the resources and develop an effective strategy for reaching a mission field that is coming to us.

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.

Publications

1. The *Prayer Calendar*, a paper publication distributed monthly to our particular churches, provides daily prayer requests submitted by our field missionaries.
2. *Daily Prayer*, the email-based version of the Prayer Calendar, broadcasts the daily prayer request to 346 subscribers around the world.
3. *Let's Fish*, a monthly email-based newsletter, reports on training opportunities, missions projects and work-team opportunities organized by our particular churches. It goes out to 397 subscribers.
4. *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.
5. Our website, www.bfcbo.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.

Members of the Board of Missions: I conclude this report with a special thank you to the members of the Board of Missions. Their wise counsel and encouragement has been invaluable to me. Their passion as servants of the Great Commission, and their devotion to the well-being of our emissaries, is beyond compare.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Duane Moyer
 Director, Bible Fellowship Church Board of Missions

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

Department of Missions General Statistical Report

Board of Missions Facts

Adult missionaries in active service		154
Couples		70
Singles		14
New missionaries deployed in 2014	(2 couples, 1 single)	5
Appointees not yet deployed	(3 couples)	6
Applicants under consideration	(2 couples)	4
Retirees in 2015	(1 couple)	2
Agencies fielding BFC missionaries		43
Nations with BFC missionary presence		28
States in with BFC missionary presence		15

Financial Facts: 1/1/2015-12/31/2015

Number of churches supporting missionaries through the Board of Missions:	58
Contributions of churches through the BFC BOM:	\$1,676,094
Contributions of individual donors through the BFC BOM:	<u>\$ 394,192</u>
Total contributions to Missions projects through the BFC BOM:	\$2,070,286

Total disbursements to Missions projects during 2015: \$2,074,465

Four missionary families received a total of \$9,800 in emergency assistance from the Buttress Fund.

Geographical Areas where our missionaries are assigned and their number

Area	Families	Adults	Countries
U.S.	43	88	United States
North America	4	8	Canada, Mexico (excluding U.S.)
Central America	2	3	Costa Rica
South America	3	6	Bolivia, Ecuador
Europe	15	28	Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Northern Ireland, Poland, Romania
Africa	10	14	Kenya, Morocco, Tanzania, South Sudan
Asia	5	9	India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Thailand
Southeast Asia & Pacific	5	8	Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia

Report of Church Extension Ministries

“Those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them.” Isaiah 9:2

We live in an increasingly dark American culture! Peter Jones, noted watchdog on paganism in America, states,

“The Millennial Generation is the first generation of the modern era to receive a fully-developed neo-pagan cosmology masquerading as the correct, progressive view of history and demanding to be inscribed in public policy... This has become a cosmology of worldview or network of plausibility structures so radical it can take your breath away, as stated some years ago by the futurist thinker, Jeremy Rifkin, an adviser to the European Union since 2002 and head of the largest global economic development team in the world. In 1983 at a point in the maturation of the [1960s] cultural revolution, he declared in *A New Word—A New World*:

“We no longer feel ourselves to be guests in someone else’s home and therefore obliged to make our behavior conform with a set of preexisting cosmic rules. It is our creation now. We make the rules. We establish the parameters of reality. We create the world, and because we do, we no longer feel beholden to outside forces.

We no longer have to justify our behavior, for we are now the architects of the universe. We are responsible for nothing outside ourselves, for we are the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.” (Rifkin)
Truthxchange, March 2015

What does planting churches have to do with fighting the neo-paganism mindset of the current generation and capturing the minds of our culture for the gospel? First, church planting is the proven means to evangelize and reach this culture with the gospel and to see radical change come about in the worldly and pagan thinking of today. Take a look at how the proclamation of the gospel and true discipleship turned the pagan city of Antioch upside-down for Christ (Acts 11:19ff). Second, church planting is focused on reaching into communities and making the gospel incarnational. It was Christ who left us with this model (John 1:14). Church planting calls for dialoguing with the people who are immersed in the darkness of the world, and new churches can do this in a more liberated fashion than established churches that remain attached to traditional forms of doing church.

Third, with churches in decline and closing their doors (including a number of BFC churches) because of various reasons that include, to a great degree, the failure to reach into their communities with the gospel in a relational and aggressive approach, new churches doing a new style of mission are needed if denominations like the BFC are to survive. Fourth, and simply, church planting is life, and life fights off darkness. In my understanding, the “helmet of salvation” that Paul talks about in Ephesians 6 points to our minds now being filled with Christ as compared to our pre-salvation minds, which were filled with the world. If church planting is focused on gathering people to the gospel and discipling them to maturity – and it is! – we need to plant churches to win the battle for people’s minds.

Last, the planting of churches brings new light to communities and even to churches involved with church planting. We already mentioned that church planting focuses on being light to dark communities but we also need to emphasize that church planting brings light to churches and denominations in decay. I find that when a church, a region, and a denomination get tuned into planting new churches, there is a new light that falls on them: the light of new fervor for the things of the gospel. There is not enough space here to give all the case studies, even those within the BFC, of how when a church planting movement gets going, it stimulates all those churches connected to it.

In closing, the Bible Fellowship Church needs a stimulant, and I believe that stimulant is gathering our churches and our resources around our vision of “being an expanding fellowship of churches,” and the way to carry out this vision to fruition is for every BFC church to prioritize BFC church planting in their philosophy of ministry and to move ahead together to plant more Bible Fellowship churches while in turn we see these new churches eventually expand our global enterprise for the gospel.

Current 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

Carlos Rodriguez – Reading, PA Hispanic Mission Church

The Rock of Reading (La Roca de Reading)

Meets at Grace BFC in Reading

1128 Hampden Blvd., Reading, PA 19604

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

(Planter Needed) Adams County, PA Mission Church

Bible Fellowship Church of Adams County

Meets at: 895 Coleman Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325

Contact Info: 717-337-1900

Website: www.bfcac.net

Scott Wright – Lower Providence Township, PA Mission Church

Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church

Meets at: Audubon YMCA
 2460 Boulevard of the Generals, W. Norriton, PA 19403
 Contact Info: info@redeemerbfc.org or 484-302-0124
 Website: www.redeemerbfc.org

Ron Smith – Greater Townsend, DE Mission Church (graduate 2016)
 theMISSION, a Bible Fellowship Church
 Meets at: Townsend Fire Hall
 107 Main St., Townsend, DE 19734
 Contact Info: ronandkathysmith@verizon.net or 302-545-9049
 Website: www.themissionbfc.org

Joshua Dupiche – Philadelphia, PA Mission Church (new plant)
 Covenant Hill Church
 Meets at: several Bible studies are now being held at various locations
 Contact Info: scholarlyspirit@gmail.com or 267-273-4172
 Website: www.covenanthill.com

Tim Zuck – Forks Township, PA Mission Church
 Forks Community Church
 Meets At: Llantrisant Retreat & Wellness Center
 336 Bushkill St., Tatamy, PA 18085
 Contact Info: tim@forscommunitychurch.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

Jason Filbert – Naples, FL
 Covenant Bible Fellowship
 Meets at: several Bible Studies are now being held at various locations
 Contact Info: jason@cbfnaples.com or 239-464-7856
 Website: www.cbfnaples.com

Brad Boyer – Cape May Court House, NJ
 Cape Community Church
 Meets at: 1159 Route 9 South
 Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
 Contact Info: bvboyer@comcast.net or 609-465-2338
 Website: www.capecommunitychurch.org

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

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

Aaron Smith, Northern Lehigh, PA BFC

Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church
 Meets at: 840 S. Best Ave.
 Walnutport, PA 18088
 Contact Info: pastoraaron@whitehallbfc.org or 610-434-8661
 Website: www.northernlehigh.church

(Planter Needed) **Woolwich Township, NJ Mission Church**

Contact Church Extension for more information.

REVIEW OF 2015 IN CHURCH EXTENSION

- Praise God! The BFC Mission Churches recorded 38 people making professions of faith, and the Mission Churches held 30 baptisms!
- Financial giving from BFC churches increased again, thank you. This year we recorded close to \$1 million in giving to Church Extension.
- Our donor list and donor giving increased. Don Skekel was hired as part-time Development Manager.

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

1. Several churches reduced their support for Church Extension.
2. Again a number of churches are not able to give any support to Church Extension.

- Two Training Days were held for our men and each featured guest presenters: in May, Bob Zentz spoke on leadership and Michael Heath gave his church plant case study. In October, a panel of former church planters shared their experiences.
- A Roundtable was held at Fellowship Community; it allowed all the planters to come together to pray and share.
- Door-to-door surveys took place in several of your Mission Churches' target sites. A number of mass mailings were facilitated by the office, and various publications, prayer letters and other literature were produced to assist your planters.
- Work teams and individuals from various churches assisted with renovations and maintenance repairs.
- In DELMARVA, Ray Bertolet serves as our Assistant Church Planter. Ray assisted the Long Neck, DE BFC, the Church Plant in Townsend, DE and

aided with the connection efforts with a church in Chestertown, MD. Ray is our Property Committee Chairman and does yearly evaluations, along with doing demographic studies for new sites. Ron Smith has prepared the Greater Townsend Mission Church for graduation that will take place at this year's Conference. Harry & Sandra Workman serve faithfully as an Aquila & Priscilla Team in DELMARVA. Pray for Sandra, who is battling cancer. Church Extension continues to oversee the revitalization work at the Long Neck, DE BFC. Hopefully Long Neck will be released by 2017. We are continuing our efforts to plant churches in DELMARVA: potential sites in Elkton, Denton, and Chestertown MD.

- Stephen Diaz is planting the Hispanic Church in South Allentown. There has been growth this year, and Stephen and his team need to decide on whether the current site is advantageous for the future. BFC churches continue to be a great help to the ministry.
- 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.
- Joshua Dupiche is planting in Philadelphia. Joshua continues to hold an exploratory Bible study in his home. He needs people to commit to help him in an urban ministry.
- Mark Morrison serves full-time as Assistant Director. He coaches Stephen Diaz and Joshua Dupiche. He will be assisting at the Adams County Mission Church in 2016. We ask that you consider financially supporting Mark.
- The Cape May County Mission Church - Cape Community Church has a new church planter on site, Brad Boyer. Brad began his ministry in June and has been doing well.
- The Adams County Mission Church is in transition. Aaron Susek accepted the call to pastor at Grace Bible Fellowship Church in Wallingford, PA. We are in a search to replace him while Mark Morrison is acting as Interim Planter/Pastor.
- Your Hispanic Church Plants in Reading (La Roca), Allentown (El Faro), and Villa Magna (La Roca), Mexico continue reaching Hispanic people with the gospel. La Roca in Reading, PA, under the leadership of Carlos Rodriguez, is developing leaders. Carlos' son Diego is assisting at the church. Several local pastors have teamed up with Carlos: Roberto Martinez and Marcos Angeles. A gifted team is developing for future Hispanic BFC ministry. Plans have been developing for a new Hispanic church plant in Lancaster, PA. Villa Magna Mission Church in Mexico has grown this past year under the leadership of church planter Freddy Chi. The Board of Church Extension called Elliot Ramos to be its Hispanic Ministry Liaison to assist with the rapid growth of Hispanic ministries in the BFC.
- Daughter Church Planting: Scott Wright from Faith BFC, Harleysville, PA,

Ron Smith from the Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, DE, Tim Zuck from the Saucon Community BFC in Hellertown, PA, with the support of several churches from the Lehigh Valley Region, are all involved in daughter church plants. Let's see more BFC churches and regions band together to plant.

- The Northern Lehigh BFC church plant is doing well under the leadership of Aaron Smith. The Northern Lehigh BFC is a daughter church plant from the Whitehall, PA BFC.
- There were numerous meetings with prospective church planters and we have been blessed by the quality young men seeking to plant churches.
- Thirty-six churches were visited this year by the Church Extension staff. We presented the mission, and participated in Missions Conferences as well as other meetings at the churches.
- The Board of Church Extension opened the Naples, FL Mission Church under the leadership of Jason Filbert as its planter. This Mission Church is meeting with about 25 people and is preparing to launch services in 2016.
- Administrative Assistant Ruth Richards is a vital part of our mission. Ruth organizes a volunteer force, assists with the church plants, oversees our financial reporting and gives advice and guidance to the planters.
- We praise God for blessing our two major fundraising projects: Summer Ten and Christmas Gift Month. A total of \$153,000 came in through these fundraisers. Praise God for Church Extension's faithful supporting churches and donors.
- The Hispanic Task Force (HTF) is a sub-committee of Church Extension. It reports on the current Hispanic ministries and is developing plans for expanding Hispanic ministries of the BFC.
- Monthly and some quarterly coaching sessions were held with all the Church Planters.
- Four all-day church planters' assessments with potential church planters and their wives were conducted.

PROJECTIONS FOR 2016 IN CHURCH EXTENSION

- **The DELMARVA Project**

Long Neck DE – We will hopefully disengage from the revitalization project at the beginning of 2017. To date it has been a successful revitalization.

Projected New Site & Connection – We will look to Elkton, MD or another site in Maryland to launch our first plant in Maryland and will work with the Newark, DE BFC regarding its involvement.

- **Hispanic Church Planting**

La Roca - Reading, PA Hispanic Church Plant – We will plan a merger with another Hispanic church in Reading, PA.

Lancaster PA Plant – We will plan to begin meetings in Lancaster, PA to launch a new Hispanic plant.

El Faro - Allentown, PA Hispanic Church Plant – Stephen Diaz and his team will determine if a new site would be more viable for growth.

Merida, Mexico – The Hispanic Task Force (HTF) will assist Pastor Ramirez and Freddy Chi with the church plant in Villa Magna and will discuss some ideas Marcos has for another church plant in Mexico and connection in Cuba.

Hispanic Task Force – We continue to consult with the HTF.

- **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 – We are looking for a new Planter.

- **Connectional Projects**

Staten Island, NY, Bangor, PA, Chestertown, MD, and Exeter, PA (campus of Sinking Spring BFC) – We will work with these churches to discuss connection.

- **Recruitment**

Hispanic – We, along with the HTF, will look for more Hispanic men to plant Hispanic churches.

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 2016, we will look into ways of launching a church planting training program.

- **Graduation Preparations**

We will be assisting Scott Wright and Brad Boyer with their graduation plans.

- **Development**

The Development Committee will continue to work with the Everence Foundation, seeking ways to best invest our funds. Our Development Manager will work with our donors.

Fresh Wind is our Forward Plan for 2013-2020. It is available on our website. A current evaluation of *Fresh Wind* is available by contacting the Church Extension office.

The Lord has blessed Church Extension, and it is a great honor to be part of His Kingdom-building enterprise. The BFC churches are catching a church planting vision, but we have a way to go if we want to see a church planting movement surface and truly carry out our vision of being an expanding fellowship of churches. Church Extension will continue to look for ways to strengthen the BFC; it is our charge. We are always eager and ready to assist the churches. We do not waver in our persuasion that evangelistic church planting is God's primary means for building His Kingdom and that evangelistic church planting is missions. Your BFC church planters are men who serve on the cutting edge of growing the BFC.

This year our theme is Sharing Christ: Our Privilege! - Acts 11:19-21. Pray for the Lord to bless the BFC with seeing many saved in 2016. Pray for our team: the Board of Church Extension; Mark Morrison, Assistant Director; Ray Bertolet, Assistant Church Planter; Ruth Richards, Administrative Assistant; Carol Snyder, Special Projects Assistant; Elliot Ramos, Hispanic Ministry Liaison; Don Skekel, Development Manager. Pray also for our Aquila & Priscilla teams and for our volunteers. Pray especially for your church planters and their wives and families, and pray for me as I seek the Lord's leading in directing this Mission.

In His grace & service, and respectfully submitted,
David E. Gundrum, Director of Church Extension

Church Extension Ministries Board: Richard E. Taylor, Chairman; David E. Gundrum, Director; William G. Schlonecker, Secretary; Robert W. Davies, Treasurer; James R. Arcieri, Michael Capaldi, Timothy D. Gibson, John Hanner, Alfred G. Roberts, 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>)
- 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. Provides 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?). Includes 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.

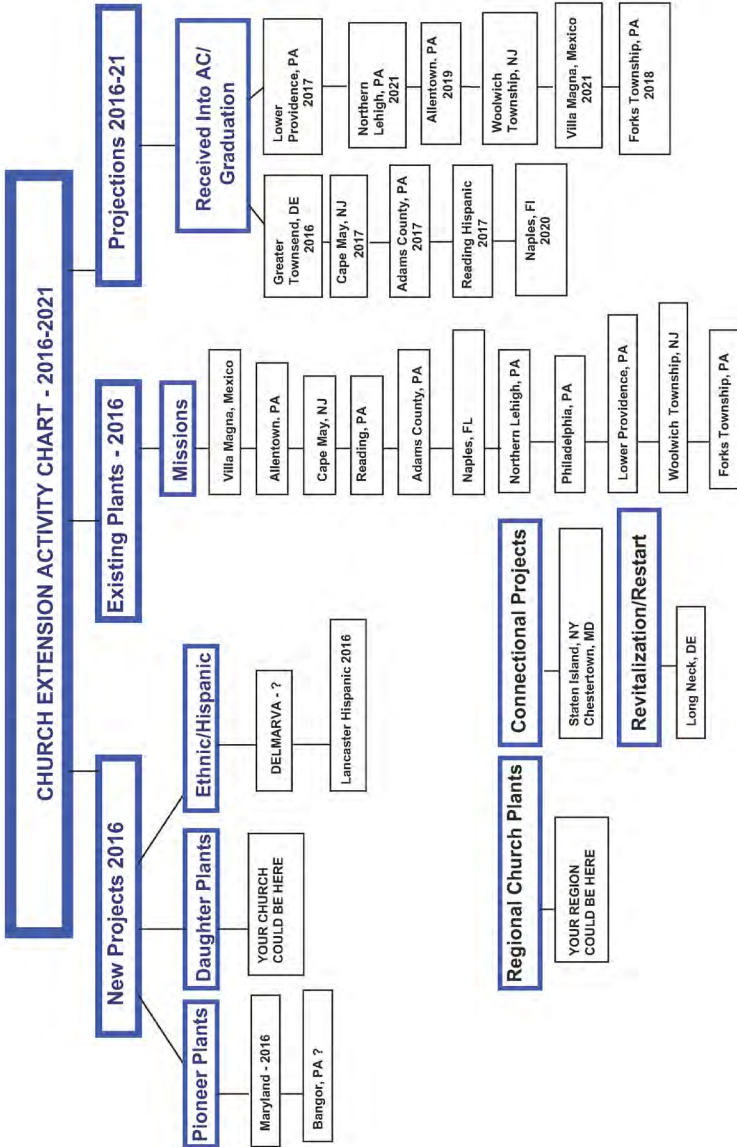
Prospective Planters

- 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.



David E. Gundrum, Director Church Extension Ministries, provides updates on the work of Church Extension

Addendum #1 – Church Extension Activity Chart





Church Extension Pastors (L to R), David Gundrum, Jason Filbert, Scott Wright, Mark Morrison, Aaron Smith, Marcos Ramirez, Andy Barnes, Freddy Chi, Brad Boyer, Ray Bertolet, Stephen Diaz, Carlos Rodriguez, Ron Smith, and Tim Zuck

Report of the Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church

The Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church met numerous times during 2015. The CMCC consists of people involved in various ministries; membership at the end of 2015 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 focus.

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:

1. To encourage and foster multi-cultural church planting.
2. To be a catalyst for local church involvement in multi-cultural church planting.
3. To investigate church planting opportunities among multi-cultural people groups.
4. 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.
5. To foster multi-cultural assimilation in BFC churches and assist BFC churches with their assimilation of multi-cultural people.
6. To have Committee members available to assist, train and counsel BFC churches with assimilating people from multi-cultural people groups into the church.
7. To keep records of those monies designated for multi-cultural church planting.
8. 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.
9. 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.

This past year CMCC printed and distributed the booklet, “Welcoming Diversity,” to assist churches with assimilating people from various cultures into our church families. Meanwhile, the Committee networked with the Hispanic Task Force (a spin-off committee), which is involved in church-planting works both here in the USA and in Mexico. Furthermore, we reached out to many BFC churches currently involved in a variety of other multi-cultural ministries, including work with Chinese, Arabic, Bengali, and others. Also, this past year the CMCC gave financial support to church-planter Stephen Diaz at the Lighthouse (El Faro) Mission Church; provided finances to intern Diego Rodriguez at the La Roca Mission Church; and assisted Elliot Ramos, who is

being called by the Bible Fellowship to be the Hispanic liaison for Church Extension. Finally, we financially gave toward travel expenses for several of our Mexican brothers who attended the 2015 BFC Conference.

Please continue to pray for the efforts of the CMCC as it seeks to welcome people from every tongue, tribe and nation into the BFC. If you have an interest in multi-cultural ministry and would like to help the CMCC please contact David Gundrum at davgun@dejazzd.com. The CMCC would like also 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 2015, we received financial support from a number of BFC churches for multi-cultural church planting. In order to further assist the planting of BFC churches among multi-cultural people groups we encourage all the BFC churches to increase their support for ethnic church planting in 2016. If your church has not budgeted funds for ethnic church planting, please consider doing so.

You may send your contributions for multi-cultural church planting to the Board of Missions; please designate any such contributions for Multi-Cultural Church Planting.

Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church: David E. Gundrum, Chairman; Stephen A. Diaz, Secretary; Duane E. Moyer, Treasurer; Delbert R. Baker II, John Elias, John R. LoRusso, David A. Smith.



L to R, Marcos Ramirez, Mark Morrison, Stephen Diaz, David Gundrum, Freddy Chi, Marcos Angeles, Elliot Ramos, and Carlos Rodriguez

Report of Pinebrook Bible Conference

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. Psalm 19:1-2

God's amazing handiwork is clearly visible as one walks around Pinebrook Bible Conference. His work is visible from the brook that meanders through Pinebrook, to the majestic pines overlooking the grounds, to the rock formations that seem to jut out of nowhere, especially at night. God's handiwork is seen in the abundant wildlife that calls Pinebrook home. The bear, deer, chipmunks, squirrels, ground hogs, ducks, and even the skunks and geese silently declare God's handiwork.

But the greatest declaration of God's amazing handiwork is seen in the lives that have been changed by the grace of God. One guest proclaimed, "There is something special about Pinebrook and the land it stands on. God does amazing work here." Yes, He does. Young or old, lives are changed. One person observed, "Pinebrook is a place where God changes lives in many languages." Whether it's in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean, or Chinese, it's all a declaration of the handiwork of God. It's amazing to hear this declaration take place simultaneously as different groups worship at the same time.

On a quiet fall weekend, 15 couples came to Pinebrook for a couples retreat. Four couples came under protest because their marriages were in trouble. One came planning to get a divorce. A few days later, seven individuals were baptized in Pinebrook's pool and many couples left with a renewed commitment to their marriage and to their Lord. God's handiwork is seen in lives changed at Pinebrook.

God's handiwork is seen in the work of Pinebrook's staff. Though small in number, the staff diligently keeps Pinebrook operating smoothly: cleaning rooms, cooking meals, mowing lawns, repairing facilities and serving guests. It is seen in the 2015 summer staff that truly demonstrated that their ministry was "God providing for you through me."

Volunteers are another example of God's handiwork at Pinebrook. An army of volunteers, who are indispensable to the ministry of Pinebrook, supplements the work of the staff. Along with these volunteers are the many youth groups that serve with willing hands and hearts at Retreat-Within-a-Retreat (RWR) weekends throughout the year.

Pinebrook is in its best financial position in many years. The year was ended in the black and with a significantly increased retreat population. This trend is expected to continue into 2016. Beyond regular facility maintenance, we expect to replace the roofs of the guest services building, the dining hall and the lake house in the spring of 2016. We are also looking at beginning a project to replace guest room windows. Again, God's handiwork is evident.

However, God's work isn't finished. It's not finished until He calls us home. We must be faithful to the end. We must be faithful in 2016. We are currently exploring what ministry events we can add in the future in order to enhance the ministry of Pinebrook: ministry ideas like a family weekend retreat, a summer day camp and a discipleship program for young adults.

Pinebrook is committed to providing a safe, quality environment to minister to the spiritual needs of families. Our summer conference, ladies retreat, seniors retreat, hymn

sings and other ministries are available for you and your congregation's benefit. Please consider Pinebrook in your ministry planning.

Finally, please remember to keep Pinebrook in your prayers. Pray for an open opportunity for ministry. Pray for financial stability. Pray for diligence in the work God has called us to. Pray that we would continue to declare God's glory and handiwork. Pray that we might "do all to the glory of God."

Dean Vander Wiele

Director of Ministries, Pinebrook Bible Conference

Pinebrook Bible Conference Board: 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, Steve Sattazahn, Jon Taylor.



Pinebrook's new Director of Ministries, Dean Vander Wiele, speaks to Conference for the first time.

Report of Victory Valley Camp

Praise God for 60 years of children's camp at Victory Valley Camp. God has richly blessed this camp as thousands of children and young adults have had their lives changed and the Kingdom of God has increased. We continue to pursue the following objectives as stated in the 1956 Yearbook:

1. To seek the salvation of boys and girls.
2. To give practical training toward Christian living.
3. The cultivation of daily devotional-life habits.
4. To provide wholesome recreation in a Christian atmosphere.
5. To foster sportsmanship by group activities.
6. The development of talents and skills.

Winter Blast 2015

The theme was "Following the Good Shepherd." Campers studied Psalm 23 during their "God and Me" time. Campers and staff were reminded that we are Love, Saved, Guided, and Protected by the Good Shepherd. Winter Blast continues to grow, with 185 campers over three weekends – up from 136 in 2014. Four weekends of Winter Blast in 2016 in order to accommodate all the children desiring to come and hear God's Word.

Summer Camp 2015

"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." (Psalm 126:3) This verse well sums up the summer of 2015. The theme this summer was "You're Invited – Come Celebrate with Us!" In the Bible times, campers celebrated the work of Christ – He Came, He Called disciples, He was Crucified, He Conquered death, and He is Coming again! During "God and Me" (personal devotion) time, campers looked at what it means to be a disciple of Christ. As a staff, we studied the life of Christ as found in the book of Luke and memorized Luke 6:27-49.

God did a great work in and through our staff this summer. The discipleship program (consisting of Bible study, personal devotions, Scripture memory, and prayer) challenged our summer missionaries to grow in their own personal walks with the Lord. In addition to personal growth, our staff had the opportunity to pour themselves into the lives of 881 campers this past summer. Over 30 of those children made decisions for Christ – decisions that will affect their lives for eternity! Every child was introduced to Jesus and challenged to grow in their relationship with Him.

Facilities

Upgrading of cabins continues. Cabin Peak was completed in time for the summer season. New windows and doors were installed; the cabin was insulated and a heater was installed. Our Facilities Manager, John Masters, has moved on after 14 years of service. We thank God for his years of service to the Lord here at Victory Valley Camp. Eric Rice is our new Facilities Manager. John and Eric worked together from mid-July through

November.

Over the past 60 years, God has blessed us with growth. We are now in need of a larger dining hall and kitchen. We are moving forward with plans to do just that. The new dining hall will be an addition to the side of Victory Hall. Along with the dining hall and kitchen, there will be additional rooms for the Gift Shop, Offices, and meeting rooms.

2016 Calendar of Events

January 22-24, 2016 – Winter Blast I

January 29-31, 2016 – Winter Blast II

February 5-7, 2016 – Winter Blast III

February 19-21, 2016 – Winter Blast IV

March 18-20, 2016 – Prospective Jr. Staff Retreat

April 8-10, 2016 – Core Challenge

May 14, 2016 – Open House

June 19, 2016 – Summer Camp begins

September 10, 2016 – Third Annual Crazy Campership Challenge

October 29, 2016 – Fall Family Festival

November 19, 2016 – BFC Thanksgiving Youth Rally

December 3, 2016 – Friends of the Valley Banquet

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Manwiller, Director

Board of Victory Valley Camp: Timothy J. Schmoyer, Chairman; Bruce A. 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.



Victory Valley Camp Director Doug Manwiller informs Conference that Victory Valley is preparing for its 60th year of children's camp ministry.



Artist's rendering of proposed new dining hall

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. The Bible Fellowship Church maintains two web sites – mybfc.org and mizpahgrovemedia.org. Donald E. Kuntzman coordinates both sites.
2. Four issues of the OneVoice magazine were released during the past year. Ralph Ritter continues as editor. Many different members of various BFC churches submitted material.
3. Twelve issues of the Fellowship News bulletin insert were released during the past year. Carolyn Ritter continues as editor. She is grateful for all the church secretaries who notify her about new members and baptisms.
4. Again this year, the Committee was responsible for producing the annual Yearbook. Donald E. Kuntzman coordinates this project.
5. Informational brochures on eschatology and church membership were released in 2015. Similar brochures are planned regarding the ordinances and BFC theological distinctives.
6. The Committee received publishing income of \$5,751 and had total expenses of \$20,193. Approximately 73 percent of the expenses related to OneVoice magazine.

The annual Yearbook, informational brochures, and other materials can be ordered through mybfc.org.

The secretary of the Committee, Allan R. Vivona, was called home to glory in 2015. The chairman of the Committee, Davis E. Duggins, resigned in 2016 because of a move out of state. The Committee welcomed a new member, Greg Alderfer; he is a member of Faith Bible Fellowship Church in Harleysville, PA.

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



Greg Alderfer, Communications Committee Secretary, informs Conference of some of the committee's publications (see below).



Report of the Conference Pastor

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! This is the message you have heard from the beginning: we should love one another.” I John 3:1;11

Just as God’s love has been and continues to be poured out to overflowing upon his children, so we his children are to “love one another.”

The big question is: How do I love God and others the way God intends me to do? Apparently, Elizabeth Barrett Browning struggled with this question as expressed in her poem: “How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and breadth and height my soul can reach.” Sounds a bit familiar, doesn’t it?

When Jesus was asked “which is the greatest commandment in the law,” He replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matthew 22:34-39).

Love that is love at all must express itself. In the context of the body of Christ, the apostle Paul had no trouble in expressing his love to the church. As we read Acts and Paul’s epistles, we see many ways Paul expressed his love. For instance, he did so by not hesitating to preach what people needed to hear in public and in private. He also expressed his love by praying for them, by working hard among them, by confronting them, by correcting them, by encouraging them and by comforting them. And the list goes on and on.

While acknowledging I have fallen far short of Paul’s example of what it means to love God and others and to intentionally express this love, it has always been in my heart to love you and encourage you as together we “press toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me [us] heavenward in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14).

Please accept my gratitude and sincere thanks for the honor and absolute privilege of serving God and you as Conference Pastor. Your love, prayers, and support have been a great encouragement.

Throughout the many years of BFC Conference, we have continued with our special emphasis on prayer and evangelism. We give praise to God for His blessing on this emphasis, and for His grace and power to do “immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory...” (Ephesians 3:20-21).

We give praise and thanks to God for the six men who are being ordained to the gospel ministry and the two men whose prior ordination is being recognized.

Following many, many years of faithful and loving ministry to Christ and the Bible Fellowship Church, the Lord called home Pastors Alan Miller, Allan R. Vivona, and David J. Watkins. The memory of 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, we were able to

financially assist 35 pastors and their families in the amount of \$6,985. These tangible expressions of love were gratefully received and are a definite encouragement to these choice servants of Christ.

“This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God” (Philippians 1:9-11).

Respectfully submitted,
Your co-laborer in Christ,

Ronald C. Mahurin
Conference Pastor

Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund

January 1, 2015 - Balance forward	\$ 286.00
Deposits	\$ 12,450.00
Withdrawn throughout this period	\$ 6,985.00
Balance as of December 2015	\$ 5,751.00

35 Families Assisted



Retiring Conference Pastor Ronald C. Mahurin (left)
with his successor, Ralph M. Soper.

Report of the Historical Committee

What's new? That may not be the expected introduction for the report of the Historical Committee. Of usual interest is what's old. But occasionally things are new, even in matters historical.

What's new is the relocation of the archives. For many years, the archives have been stored in the basement of the Wallingford parsonage because the archivist lived there. He no longer lives there necessitating the relocation. The Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church has wonderfully granted an adequate space in which the archives will now be located. Because they will be at a more central location, interested people will have easier access to them. Those who might wish to use them will need to make an appointment and will be able to do so by contacting archivist Richard Taylor at retaylor723@gmail.com.

What's new is technology. Actually, technology is not new, but archival headaches relating to technology are just beginning. Technology has a constant creep toward the new. Once upon a time, audio was recorded on things called "records." Then tapes came along. Reel-to-reel tapes were the latest. They were replaced by things called cassette tapes. Cassette tapes were replaced by compact disks (CDs). Cassettes have disappeared, giving way to digital audio. Here are the headaches: what do you do with a reel-to-reel tape that can no longer be played? In what format should digital recordings be preserved? And what will we do with the video recordings of significant events that we have kept? Video players will go the way of typewriters; moving images are now stored in a computer, with backup copies somewhere in the cloud. Again, which format to use? Photographs are no longer chemicals adhering to special paper, but are an image stored – like videos – in the cloud.

The goal of archives is to preserve historically-relevant materials. But how are they to be preserved for the future, when they might be helpful? Paper issues are easy: put the paper to be preserved in acid-free folders. Maintain a catalogue in order to retrieve them when desired. What format shall we use to preserve minutes of our meetings – paper or digital? Shall we digitize our video recordings?

If the Historical Committee takes the work of preservation seriously, the preservation of technology will be an issue on its agenda. Because the Historical Committee believes that the memory of who and what we have been significantly influences what we will be, the work of preservation must be done with diligence.

The Historical Society continues to be an organization which brings together those who want to learn from the past or are just interested in our journey. In the past year, the Society made it easier for members to stay connected by offering an email membership which allows members to receive our digitized publications instantly.

In the past year, the Society met at Grace Bible Fellowship Church in Quakertown for two presentations. First, Richard Taylor presented a survey of our doctrinal development entitled, "Doctrinal Footprints: Following the Doctrinal Journey of the Bible Fellowship Church." Ronald Kohl then shared the memories of Bible Fellowship veterans of World War II in a paper under the heading of "The BFC at War." Both papers are available at BFCHistory.org.

The Society will hold its next meeting on October 29, 2016. Jill Davidson will explore the roots of the Sunday School ministry in our churches. Andrew Geissinger will show how networks of people and families were part of our early beginnings.

Historical Committee: Jill A. Davidson, Chairperson; Richard E. Taylor, Secretary; Carl C. Cassel, Bruce A. Ellingson, Jack English, Andrew Geissinger, Ronald W. Hoyle, Ronald L. Kohl.

Report of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation met once in 2015.

The Foundation received gifts totaling \$14,150 in 2015.

The Board approved scholarship grants totaling \$19,000 as listed on Attachment (A).

Raymond R. Dotts and Jay H. Fasnacht were presented to the Executive Board for approval to serve on the Board of Pinebrook Educational Foundation, each for a three-year term ending in 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jay H. Fasnacht, Secretary

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

Attachment A

<u>Scholarship Applicant</u>	<u>Educational Institution</u>	<u>Church Attended</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Scholarship Grant</u>
Chas Bomgardner	Grove City College	Lebanon BFC	Weaver	\$ 1,000
Margaret DelDuco	Liberty University	Harrisburg BFC	Weaver	1,000
Austen Hughes	Messiah College	Coopersburg BFC	Weaver	1,000
Elizabeth Lengel	Wheaton College	Reading BFC	Weaver	1,000
Carolynn Pettis	Lancaster Bible College	Lancaster BFC	Reichenbach	1,000
Marco Silva	Bethlehem College & Seminary	Blandon BFC	Weaver	500
David Vroman	Master's Seminary (CA)	Piscataway BFC	Weaver	500
Elijah Watkins	Geneva College	Coopersburg BFC	Weaver	1,000
Timothy Bertolet	University of Pretoria	York BFC	Ziegler	1,000
Olivia Bomgardner	Cairn University	Lebanon BFC	Temp-Restricted	500
Rachel Carson	Messiah College	Royersford BFC	Temp-Restricted	500
Hannah Cassel	Gordon College	Coopersburg BFC	Temp-Restricted	1,000
Ashley Dean	Summit University	Cedar Crest BFC	Temp-Restricted	1,000
Joshua DelDuco	Liberty University	Harrisburg BFC	Temp-Restricted	1,000
Jocelyn Englehart	Geneva College	LaRoca BFC	Temp-Restricted	1,000
Hannah Lenahan	Pensacola Christian College	Scranton, PA	Temp-Restricted	500
Emily Lengel	Wheaton College	Reading BFC	Temp-Restricted	1,000
Kimberly Lessig	Cedarville University	Oley BFC	Temp-Restricted	500
Nicholas Loew	Houghton College	Coopersburg BFC	Temp-Restricted	1,000
Seth Loew	Grove City College	Coopersburg BFC	Temp-Restricted	1,000
Hannah Merrick	Cedarville University	Reading BFC	Temp-Restricted	500
Callie Sterkenberg	Messiah College	Emmaus BFC	Temp-Restricted	1,000
Tyler Sterkenberg	Eastern University	Emmaus BFC	Temp-Restricted	500
				\$ <u>19,000</u>

PINEBROOK EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Schedule of Investments

December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Verizon Common Stock - 116 Shares	\$ 5,362	\$ 5,427
Vanguard:		
Bond Funds	81,954	81,937
Stock Funds	<u>162,270</u>	<u>168,918</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$ 249,586</u>	<u>\$ 256,282</u>

PINEBROOK EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Operations of Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Reichenbach Scholarship Fund

Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	\$ 45,788	\$ 42,088
Contributions Received	—	1,000
Endowment Fund Earnings	108	3,700
Scholarship Awarded	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>
Fund Balance at End of Year	<u>\$ 44,896</u>	<u>\$ 45,788</u>

PINEBROOK EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Endowment Funds

Summary of Principal and Accumulated Income Accounts

December 31, 2015

	Principal	Accumulated Income		Total
Reichenbach Scholarship (P)	\$ 44,788	\$ 108	(1)	\$ 44,896
Didden Scholarship (P)	4,169	10	(1)	4,179
Ziegler Memorial (P)	39,452	95	(1)	39,547
Pinebrook Junior College Scholarship (P)	3,569	351	(2)	3,920
Ungerer Memorial (B)	12,815	2,749	(2)	15,564
Walker Student Aid (B)	29,894	72	(1)	29,966
Berean Scholarship (P)	38,206	8,731	(2)	46,937
Memorial Scholarship (P)	1,292	3	(1)	1,295
Weaver Memorial (B)	63,500	171	(3)	63,671
Total	\$ 237,685	\$ 12,290		\$ 249,975

(1) Unspent 2015 accumulated income will be added to principal on December 31, 2016.

(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 account.

(P) Permanently restricted.

(B) Board designated.

PINEBROOK EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash	\$ 5,172	\$ 2,713
Investments	249,586	256,282
Total assets	<u>\$ 254,758</u>	<u>\$ 258,995</u>
 <u>NET ASSETS</u>		
Unrestricted	\$ 109,759	\$ 114,495
Temporarily Restricted	13,523	18,470
Permanently Restricted	131,476	126,030
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 254,758</u>	<u>\$ 258,995</u>

Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Other Changes in Net Assets

Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2,015</u>	<u>2,014</u>
Investment Income	\$ 613	\$ 20,926
Contributions Received	14,150	8,140
Scholarships Awarded	(19,000)	(21,750)
Increase (decrease) in Net Assets	(4,237)	7,316
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>258,995</u>	<u>251,679</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 254,758</u>	<u>\$ 258,995</u>

Report of the Youth and Young Adults Committee

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

Events Committee:

This committee is charged with the Sno-Glo retreats that are held on three weekends each January. Our keynote speaker this year was Mark R. Evans. Mark did an outstanding job and received excellent evaluations. We had different bands each weekend for the musical worship. The first weekend was RiSE, the band from Summit University. The second weekend was Unforsaken, the Cedar Crest BFC youth band. The third weekend's band was Coram Deo, a band that Nate Radcliff from our Quakertown church put together. All three weekends were a success and the young people who attended were challenged from God's Word. 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:

Nothing to report this year.

Young Adult Committee:

Nothing to report this year.

Board of Youth and Young Adults: Jonathan H. King, Chairman; Timothy S. Radcliff, Vice Chairman; Joel B. Klase, Secretary; Rick Whitmire, Treasurer; Mark R. Culton, Timothy S. Hogan, Jules J. Hull, Lisa F. Kellerman, Bekah Manwiller.



Hispanic Ministry Liaison Elliott H. Ramos



Iglesia Biblica La Roca Pastor Marcos Ramirez



Head Page Timothy S. Hogan



Delegate for Salem BFC, Lehighton, Bruce A. Kellerman serves Conference at dinnertime by carving the roast beast.



Retired Pastor Carl C. Cassel addresses Conference



Pastor Dennis W. Spinney engages in the debate.

BFC Conference Keynote Speakers



Retired Pastor Richard E. Taylor addresses conference on the topic “Pressing On... Where Are We?”



Pastor Timothy D. Gibson deals with the topic “Pressing on... With Prayer.”

BFC Conference Keynote Speakers, Continued



Pastor, Joshua P. Gibson speaks on “Striving to be Fully Committed to Our Calling”



First-time Delegate M. David Guttman of Calvary BFC, Coopersburg is introduced to Conference.



Thomas Boose, Delegate at Newark (NJ) BFC, rises to address Conference.

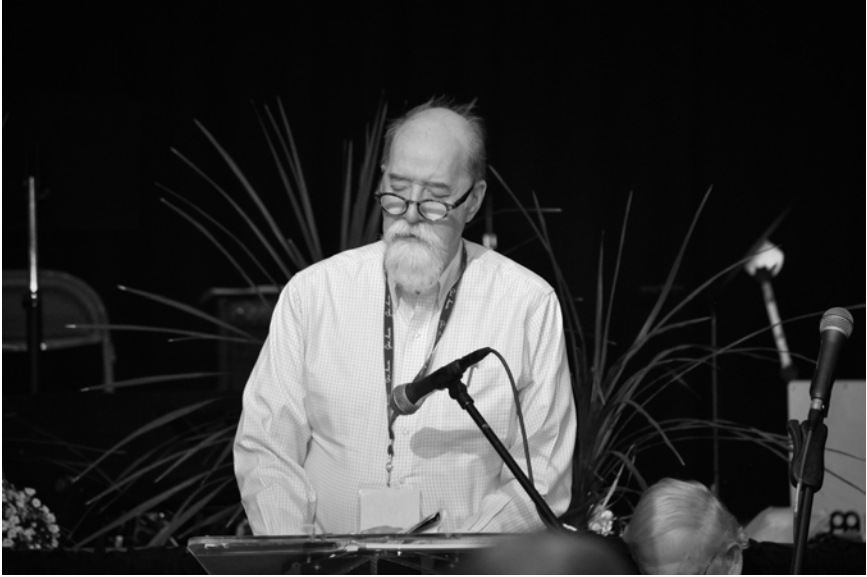


Dinning Hall Helpers

L to R: Ricky Herb, Carla Norris, Nancy Chadwell, Jan Morrison, Jennie Snyder, and Filomena Reed.



Pastor Timothy J. Schmoyer makes a point.



Pastor Calvin T. Reed speaks to Conference



Pastor Steven J. DelDuco presents a Study Committee report.



Pastor Richard B. Ravis leads in musical worship



Pastor Clifford B. Boone makes a point about prayer..

Report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee

The background of men who apply to the Bible Fellowship Church, and the circumstances of their calls, have been changing in recent years. These changes require re-evaluation of our procedures and discussion of our definitions. The Committee will continue to work with men and assure that they are committed to the system of doctrine taught in our Articles of Faith.

The Committee met seven times since the last conference and conducted 14 interviews.

The following men were recommended for ordination examination: Beau E. Coffman, Joshua A. Dupiche, Joel B. Klase, Allen R. Mickle Jr., Aaron D. Smith, R. Daniel Wagner.

The following men were approved as probationers eligible to receive a call: Benjamin Triestman, Jason Blair, Jason Filbert, James D. Reff II, Stephen J. Morton, Brad Boyer, Richard Paquette.

The following men were licensed: Ezekiel Mack, Timothy S. Hogan, Benjamin Triestman, Ethan Hester, Stephen J. Morton, Jason Blair, Brad Boyer, Jason Filbert.

Because of the low number of men able to attend the Annual Seminar in June, 2015, the seminar was not held. This year's seminar will be held June 7-9, 2016.

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.)

Blair, Jason (2015)	Telford, PA
Boyer, Brad (2015)	Cape May Court House, NJ
Coffman, Beau E. (2013)	Fleetwood, PA
Davies, Gregory T.	Tabernacle, NJ
Diaz, Stephen A.	Allentown, PA
Dupiche, Joshua A. (2013)	Philadelphia, PA
Filbert, Jason (2015)	Naples, FL
Hester, Ethan (2015)	Las Cruces, NM
Hogan, Timothy S. (2015)	Reading, PA
Istrate, Daniel (2014)	Romania
Klase, Joel B. (2013)	Hatfield, PA
Mack, Ezekiel (2015)	Kutztown, PA
Martin, Benjamin J.	Mechanicsville, PA
Mickle Jr., Allen R. (2014)	Stanfordville, NY
Mickle Sr., Allen R.	Amherstburg, Canada

Morton, Stephen J. (2015)	Bear, DE
Nessler, Timothy (2014)	Wenonah, NJ
Paquette, Richard	Reading, PA
Podlasinski, Francis	Bethlehem, PA
Radcliff, Timothy	Quakertown, PA
Reff II, James D.	Finksburg, MD
Shearer, Charles A. (2013)	Lehighon, PA
Smith, Aaron D. (2012)	Whitehall, PA
Sweet, Lyle Marc (2015)	Brick, NJ
Triestman, Benjamin J. (2015)	Easton, PA
Verdon II, William C. (2013)	Hershey, PA
Wagner, R. Daniel (2014)	Wyoming, DE

Candidates

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

Burgess, Ronald	Maplewood, NJ
Carder, Gregory W.	West Reading, PA
Chi, Freddie	Mexico
DuPont, Richard	Staten Island, NY
Field, Jeremy	Royersford, PA
Fox, Sean	Reading, PA
Hanner, John J.	Allentown, PA
Hull III, Jules J.	Sunbury, PA
Lenick, Michael A.	Kutztown, PA
MacArthur, James D.	Oley, PA
Ordonez, Alexandro Fuchok	Mexico
Reinke, Brian	Farmingdale, NJ
Rissmiller, Samuel Wayne.	Bernville, PA
Wells, Nathan T.	Hanover Park, IL

Applicants

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

King, Daniel	Collingdale, PA
Shaeffer, Mark A.	Bangor, PA

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

Report of the Ministerial Credentials Committee

The Ministerial Credentials Committee held four meetings since last Conference.

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

The Lord, in His providence this year, has chosen to take home Edward Moyer, Alan G. Miller, J. Barclay Harley, Alan R. Vivona and David J. Watkins of our ministering brethren. We thank God for the many years of ministry they devoted to the Lord. One magnificent day we will worship our Savior with them again. Please be in prayer for their families.

The Committee's practice is to conduct a two-tiered approach to the ordination service that was approved at the 125th Annual Conference. The first tier takes place at the BFC Conference. The second tier is administered in the church where each man serves.

Various members of the Committee had the privilege of being at most of the recognition services of the men who were ordained in 2015. Attending an ordination service in your local region is an important opportunity to show love and support for 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:

Joshua D. Edwards was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers Working in Non-BFC Churches.

Philip G. Norris was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers in Retirement.

Elliot H. Ramos was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to Ordained Ministers Working under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Matthew L. Lynskey was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers Working in Non-BFC Churches.

Jordan K. Eyster was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries.

Andrew T. Gysi was changed from Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers Between Calls.

Mark R. Evans was changed from Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers Between Calls.

Justin L. Hunter was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers Working in Non-BFC Churches.

Miguel A. Gonzalez was changed from Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence to having his credentials removed per his request.

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

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

Davis E. Duggins was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers Between Calls.

Michael D. Roberts was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers Between Calls.

The Committee met with Beau E. Coffman, Joshua A. Dupiche, Joel B. Klase and Aaron D. Smith for ordination examination and also met with Allen R. Mickle Jr. and R. Daniel Wagner for recognition of their 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 Beau E. Coffman, Joshua A. Dupiche, Joel B. Klase and Aaron D. Smith for ordination, and has recommended Allen R. Mickle Jr. and R. Daniel Wagner for recognition of their 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 Beau E. Coffman, Joshua A. Dupiche, Joel B. Klase and Aaron D. Smith be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church, and further

Resolved, that Allen R. Mickle Jr. and R. Daniel Wagner be recommended for recognition of their 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 (Voting Members)

Allen, David T.	Gibson, Timothy D.	Peters, David J.	Wells, Howard N.
Arcieri, James	Grossman, Randall A.	Pronnicki, Louis	Widger, Byron
Barnes, Andrew W.	Gundrum, David E.	Ramirez, Marcos G.	Williams, Daniel L.
Barninger, Mark E.	Harris, Richard D.	Ramos, Elliot H.	Wright, R. Scott
Bertolet, Raymond R.	Heller, LeRoy S.	Ravis, Richard B.	Yerrington, Philip E.
Bertolet, Timothy J.	Hoy, Jason L.	Reed, Calvin T.	Zuck, Timothy M.
Bickel, Mark A.	Johnson, Robert A.	Ritter, Ralph E.	
Bickings, Richard F.	Kappes, W. Scott	Rodriguez, Carlos G.	
Boone, Clifford B.	King, Jonathan H.	Schlonecker, David K.	
Brandt, David E.	Kirkpatrick, Kevin W.	Schlonecker, William G.	
Brush, R. Jerome	*Klase, Joel B.	Schmoyer, Timothy J.	
Cahill, Dennis M.	Kohl, Ronald L.	Schoen, David N.	
Clineff, Kevin W.	Kuntzman, Donald E.	Sloan, Robert A., Jr.	
*Coffman, Beau E.	Lauterback, Stanley P.	*Smith, Aaron D.	
Cowen, Timothy S.	Long, Keith M.	Smith, David A.	
Crossgrove, Andrew T.	Madara, Ferdie R.	Smith, Ronald B.	
Culton II, Mark R.	McNally, Bryan C.	Soper, Ralph M.	
DeIDuco, Steven J.	*Mickle Jr., Allen R.	Spinney, Dennis W.	
Dodson, Richard C.	Miller, Joshua P.	Strunk, Keith A.	
*Dupiche, Joshua A.	Morrison, Mark L.	Susek, Aaron J.	
Erb, Ronald C.	Moyer, Duane E.	Thomann, David A.	
Felty, Glenn R.	North, Eric R.	Walker, Michael W.	
Fischer, Carl J., Jr.	Orton, Mark R.	Uhrich, Gregory A.	
Gibson, Joshua P.	Paashaus, Richard T.	*Wagner, R. Daniel	

* 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: (Voting Members)

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

III. Ordained Ministers Working in the Chaplaincy Under the Sponsorship of the BFC: (May be voting members)

Hurst, Kenneth J. – Military
 Moyer, Richard A. – Prison Ministry
 Susek, Jacob, J., Jr. – Fellowship Manor

IV. Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries: (May be voting members)

Bomgardner, Clyde D., Jr.
 Dowling, Willis I.
 Eyster, Jordan K.
 Tannous, Michael J.

V. Ordained Ministers Working in Non-BFC Churches: (Advisory Members)

Commerford, Robert S. (2015)	Lawrence, Dennis J. (2015)
Curcio, Louis S. (2015)	Lynskey, Matthew L. (2015)
Edwards, Joshua D. (2015)	Martin, Carl T. (2015)
Dunn, William J. (2015)	
Hunter, Justin L. (2015)	

VI. Ordained Ministers Between Calls: (Voting Members)

Dommel, Albert J. (2014)	Gysi, Andrew T. (2016)
Duggins, Davis E.	Morrison, Thomas H.
Evans, Mark R. (2015)	Roberts, Michael D.

VII. Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence: (Advisory members)

Clark, Gerald D. (2013; 2015)

Ruhl, Jeffrey L.

VIII. Ordained Ministers in Retirement or on Permanent Disability: (May be voting members)

Aukamp, William A.

Baker, Delbert R. II.

**Barber, Kenneth F.

Batchler, James R., Jr.

Bigley, T. James, Jr.

Buck, Leonard E.

Byrd, Terris L.

Cassel, Alva C.

Cassel, Carl C.

Clapier, G. Wayne

Cole, Charles E.

Coulbourn, Hugh C., Jr.

Dotts, Raymond R.

Ellingson, Bruce A.

Gehman, Richard J.

Herb, Frank L., Jr.

Herb, George E.

Herb, John H.

Hertzog, Roy A.

Hoyle, Ronald W.

Jones, David H.

Manney, David L.

Mahurin, Ronald C.

**Munyan, Edgar H.

Norris, Philip G.

Plows, Keith E.

Reitz, Roger L.

Riggall, John H.

Shelly, Austin G.

Shorb, Thomas P.

Smith, Gene W.

Spackman, Carl K.

Stortz, Dean A.

Taylor, Richard E.

Vandegriff, John C., Jr.

Way, David R.

Weaber, Harold C.

Weller, Dana E.

Ziegler, Daniel G.

Zimmerman, Paul G.

** do not meet requirements to vote

IX. Ordained Inactive Ministers: (Advisory members)

Harding, W. Neil, Jr. (2010; 2013)



Pastor Timothy J. Bertolet addresses BFC Conference

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 and any reservations they might have.

The reservations reported this year are:

- Documented “grandfathered” disagreement with Article 11; Election – 2
- Article 20-1 - that we should be more inclusive on the mode of post-salvation baptism – 3
- Article 25 – reservation about pre-millennialism – 1
- Reservation about having women deacons – 1
- 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 133rd BFC Conference.
2. **Resolved**, that the Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Fleetwood, PA, the Philadelphia Church, Germantown, PA, the Bethany Bible Fellowship Church of Hatfield, PA, and the Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church, Walnutport, PA be encouraged to have a service in recognition of the ordinations of Beau E. Coffman, Joshua A. Dupiche Joel B. Klase and Aaron D. Smith, respectively, and that the Cornerstone Bible Fellowship Church of Clinton Corners, NY and the Bible Fellowship of Camden, DE be encouraged to have a service in recognition of previous ordination for Allen R. Mickle Jr. and R. Daniel Wagner, respectively, and that they be encouraged to invite the Ministerial Credentials Committee to send representation to be present at the service.

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

A. Revision Of The Category of Chaplaincy

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

Whereas, those in “Other Christian Ministries” 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 our 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 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.

B. 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 ministers 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. Resolution To Be Submitted To The BFC Conference for First Reading:

Revision of the Category Ordained “Ministers in Retirement”

Whereas, in 2012 the Beneficiary Society brought to our attention that there was no category to cover a man who is permanently disabled, but too young for retirement, and

Whereas, we have defined a disabled pastor as one who has a physical or mental handicap, that being disabled is medically determinable, and the disability would prevent a man from performing his duties as a pastor in the Bible Fellowship Church, and

Whereas, this disability would be determined by the Ministerial Credentials Committee in consultation with the pastor’s primary physician, and

Whereas, we resolved that we add “or on permanent disability” to the category of “Ordained Ministers in Retirement” and

Whereas, the definition and title (see below) was approved as Second Reading at the 2013 BFC Conference (2013 Yearbook, pages 19-20), and

Whereas, this title was not added to the Category, and no determination was made as to where the definition of a permanently disabled man would go, therefore be it

Resolved, that the category of retired men in our Faith & Order be “Ordained Ministers in Retirement or on Permanent Disability”, and further

Resolved, that the description for this category and its numbering in 511-5.3(5) be as follows:

(5) Ordained Ministers in Retirement or on Permanent Disability

These are men who have retired under the provisions of 501-5 **or men who are on permanent disability as determined by the Ministerial Credentials Committee (see definition below)**. 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 **or when they go on permanent disability in order** to be a member of BFC Conference as a “Minister in Retirement **or on Permanent Disability**.” 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.

Pastors who are permanently disabled, but too young for retirement, are men who have a physical or mental handicap that is medically determinable, and would prevent a man from performing his duties as a pastor in the Bible Fellowship Church. This disability would be determined by the Ministerial Credentials Committee in consultation with the pastor’s primary physician.

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

“Look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace.”
Exodus 18:21-23

The task of the Ministerial Relations Committee is to assist churches and pastors in the transition of ministry. We look over our conference of churches and see able men, as Jethro told Moses, who bear the burden of the congregation together, both elders and pastors working in harmony. We give joyful praise to the Lord for His handiwork in pairing up ministry teams so well in our midst!

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
Mt. Carmel, PA	Philip G. Norris	4/30/2015
Coopersburg, PA	Mark R. Evans	5/31/2015
Coopersburg, PA	Matthew L. Lynskey	6/28/2015
Phila./Wissinoming, PA	Justin L. Hunter	7/31/2015
Emmaus, PA	Joshua D. Edwards	7/31/2015
Royersford, PA	Andrew T. Gysi	12/31/2015
Quakertown, PA	Michael D. Roberts	12/31/2015
Old Bridge, NJ	Thomas H. Morrison	1/24/2016
Sinking Spring, PA	Robert A. Sloan, Jr.	5/1/2016
Stroudsburg, PA	Davis E. Duggins	1/31/2016
Wallingford, PA	Richard E. Taylor	1/31/2016
Woodbury Heights, NJ	Daniel L. Williams	2/29/2016
Sunbury, PA	Charles E. Cole	6/1/2016

Additionally, the following pastorate ended due to death:

Church	Pastor	Effective Date
Blandon, PA	Alan G. Miller	5/11/2015

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

Church	Pastor	Effective Date
Blandon, PA	John C. Vandegriff	6/1/2014
Church Extension	Stephen A. Diaz	2/5/2015
Quakertown, PA	Timothy S. Radcliff	5/31/2015
Oley, PA	Jason Blair	6/1/2015
Allentown, PA (Cedar Crest)	Benjamin J. Triestman	6/16/2015
Reading, PA	Timothy S. Hogan	6/28/2015
Church Extension	Jason A. Filbert	9/3/2015
Las Cruces, NM	Ethan T. Hester	11/1/2015
Newark, DE	Stephen J. Morton	12/1/2015
Church Extension	Brad Boyer	12/3/2015
York, PA	Timothy J. Bertolet	1/10/2016
Wallingford, PA	Aaron J. Susek	2/1/2016
Blandon, PA	Daniel L. Williams	3/1/2016
Sinking Spring, PA	S. Wayne Rissmiller	3/20/2016
Sinking Spring, PA	Gregory W. Carder	3/20/2016

The following churches are seeking a pastor (either a senior pastor or other pastoral staff member): Carmel, NY; Coopersburg, PA; Mt. Carmel, PA; Mt Pocono, PA; Newark, NJ; Royersford, PA; Stroudsburg, PA; Phila./Wissinoming, PA; Woodbury Heights, NJ.

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 fifteenth 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. Like many churches, we, too, are in a time of transition; Brother Mahurin is retiring from his ministry as our Conference Pastor. We are beginning our own search process for his successor. We could not have asked for a man better suited to this task of being a wise, loving, passion-filled, and Spirit-led confidant to our pastors. Pastor Mahurin has been to each of us a source of wisdom and a listening ear. Pray that God would raise up a man that would bring his own experience and gifting to the role and that God would prepare our next Conference Pastor and all of us for the next generation of this important ministry!

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 online at MyBFC.org from our committee chairman, Byron Widger.

A third resource is also newly available: *Guidelines for Preparing for Pastoral Retirement*. We encourage pastors, boards of elders, and Pastoral Relations Committees to review these and to always be mutually conversational about plans, timing, and preparation for a pastor's retirement.

The Committee makes the following recommendation and resolution to the 133rd 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

We introduced a lengthy piece of legislation at last Conference to guide Elder Boards in their decisions as to which members of the pastoral staff are voting members of the Elder Board. The legislation passed narrowly and we took that, as well as the conversation from the floor of Conference, to be a sign that the proposal was needlessly complicated.

We will not be moving those proposals forward; instead we believe we have found a more streamlined solution to the problem. To state the problem succinctly, 204-1.5 states that “Elders, as leaders of the people, are chosen by the membership of the church,” but 409-1.14 permits the calling of a non-senior pastor by an Elder Board without a vote of the congregation. So can that pastor be a voting elder?

In order to solve this dilemma, the Committee introduces the following resolutions at First Reading:

First, note that we are dropping all legislative proposals in our 2014 report to Conference.

Resolved, that we add 204-3.2, which reads, “A pastor may only serve as a voting member of the Board of Elders if he has a congregationally-approved call or has been elected as an elder by the congregation. In churches with multiple pastors, the Board of Elders may wish to limit the number of pastors that are voting members of the Board and must communicate to the congregation the pastors that will be voting members of the Board. A sole or Senior Pastor is always a voting member of the Board.” [First Reading]

Resolved, that we amend 409-1.14 with the addition of “(See 204-3.2 regarding the pastor’s status as elder.)” at the end of the first paragraph of the article.

Interim Pastor Legislation Proposal

Resolved, that we amend 409-1.1 to read as follows:

(New wording in bold & underlined)

Article 409 Pastoral Change Procedure

409-1 Instituting the Pastoral Relationship

409-1.1 When a church is seeking a Pastor, the Board of Elders shall meet with representatives of the Ministerial Relations Committee to discuss the following:

(1) Temporary pulpit supply. The Board of Elders shall provide for temporary pulpit supply on an interim basis. Pastors serving in this capacity shall be in sympathy with the F&O of the BFC. **If the Board of Elders decides to hire an Interim Pastor, he shall be in sympathy with the F&O of the BFC, approved by the Ministerial Relations Committee, and approved by a simple majority vote of the congregation. Terms of service shall be established by the Board of Elders.**

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 five times this past year to promote strong church health and to assist pastors and congregations in regaining and maintaining that health. While both statistics and ongoing contact with each of the Bible Fellowship Churches show that many are growing and healthy or at least stable, there are many who are struggling with decline. We as a committee have spent significant time seeking to work through the challenges facing several churches while also encouraging many who are progressing through their struggles.

Hope Church, Wisconsin (Philadelphia) dealt with the loss of its pastor, Justin Hunter. Justin resigned, effective July 24, 2015, and is now pastor of Fellowship Church in Phillipsburg, NJ. Hope Church has been placed under the supervisory care of the Church Health Committee. Surrogate elders Rev. David T. Allen and Robert Evans have been appointed to serve alongside Hope's remaining elders to see the church through this crisis.

On January 10, 2016 the remaining elders of Grace Church of Old Bridge, NJ held a congregational meeting, at which time the congregation voted to close the ministry there. The Church Health Committee was saddened by this decision and had little opportunity to be supportive of the pastor or elders before this action took place.

A sub-committee composed of Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jason L. Hoy, and Richard C. Dodson is preparing a report that will define and clarify the marks/indicators of a healthy congregation in the Bible Fellowship Church. This report, once completed, will be submitted to the Church Health Committee and the Executive Board of the Bible Fellowship Church for acceptance.

The Annual Statistical and Assessment Questionnaire was circulated to the pastors and particular churches. Thank you to all who responded quickly, allowing us to compile an accurate record of the ongoing ministries of the Bible Fellowship Church. This information is foundational to our consideration of the status of the health of individual churches and the BFC as a whole.

As we enter a new year of ministry for the denomination, we urge each church to undergo a formal evaluation with a reputable church consultant. We have provided suggestions in the Appendix to this report. If costs for a survey are prohibitive for your congregation, please contact the Church Health Committee for assistance. When you do complete your survey, whether as a follow up to past surveys or as a first time event, please forward a copy of your results to the Church Health Committee.

We want to be of assistance to you to encourage you and affirm you when you are thriving, as well as to assist you and support you when challenges come. Please respond when we initiate the conversations and never hesitate to contact us in time of need. We want to work beside you to see the Bible Fellowship Church become a fellowship of healthy churches united to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Resolved, that the following proposed changes to the Faith and Order be approved:

Consideration of Changes to the Faith & Order – 2015 BOLD - new addition

504-1 Particular Church

504-1.2 Any congregation that reports any of the following criteria will allow the Church Health Committee to **assist** that Particular Church:

- (1) A Board of Elders that has declined to fewer than two active lay elders.
- (2) If there is a pattern of **significant** decline in membership, average attendance, and/or offerings

504-1.3 If a Particular Church is below the standards established by Church Extension Ministries for reception as a Particular Church (according to Article 18) for a period of two years, it may be placed under the supervisory care of the Church Health Committee (see 511-3.3 Duty 6) by the Executive Board upon recommendation of the Church Health Committee.

Article 511 - Boards and Committees Elected or **Ratified** by BFC Conference.

Article 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

- (1) The Church Health Committee shall consist of ministers and elders.**
- (2) They shall be elected for terms of three years **in equal classes, if possible.**
- (3) The committee shall elect its own members, subject to the ratification of the BFC Conference.**

511-3.3 Duties

- (1) It shall oversee the compilation of an annual BFC statistical report of the churches which will assist them in this work.
- (2) The Church Health Committee shall monitor the health of Particular Churches.
- (3) It shall provide counsel and resources for the self-assessment of the health of Par-

tical Churches.

(4) It shall provide a list of recommended consultants to Particular Churches needing assistance in moving toward stronger church health.

(5) It shall offer training and seminars to promote church health.

(6) It may recommend to the BFC Executive Board that a Particular Church be placed under the supervisory care of the Church Health Committee. When a Particular Church is under the supervisory care of the Church Health Committee, the Committee has the right to appoint surrogate elders to the church. By simple majority, the Executive Board in this case may place the Particular Church under the supervisory care of the Church Health Committee. If a Particular Church resists being placed under the supervisory care of the Church Health Committee, then the Executive Board will recommend its placement to the BFC Conference for their consideration. This action by BFC Conference shall be by a simple majority. A Particular Church is removed from the supervisory care of the Church Health Committee by a simple majority vote of the BFC Conference.

(7) It shall inform the Ministerial Relations Committee if a matter threatening the pastoral relationship becomes evident at a Particular Church receiving Church Health Committee assistance and shall assist a Particular Church at the request of the Ministerial Relations Committee.

(8) It shall in cooperation with the BFC Executive Board assist Particular Churches to close when necessary.

(9) It shall provide a report on the closing of a Particular Church to BFC Conference.

(10) In the event of a church closing it shall consult with the Board of Church Extension regarding the feasibility of planting a new church in the same area.

(11) It shall develop sources of financial assistance for Particular Churches who cannot afford church health resources.

(12) It shall submit a report to BFC Conference.

511-3.4 Conference Church Health Pastor

Election

(1) The Conference Church Health Pastor 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 be available as a resource to local churches regarding Church Health.
- (4) He shall be available to meet with pastors, boards of elders, and congregations for consultation, evaluation, exhortation, and advice.
- (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.

Resolved, that these changes to the Faith and Order be implemented upon first reading by rule of exception.

Resolved, that the following committee membership of the Church Health Committee be presented to the BFC Conference for ratification:

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

Appendix

Suggested Church Consultant Organizations providing evaluation:

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| 1. | Natural Church Development
Carl Shank – administrator
Phone 717-385-6468 | NCD-International.org
CarlShankConsulting.com |
| 2. | REVEAL – the Willow Creek Organization
Phone 872-267-2121 | RevealNow.com |
| 3. | Nine Marks Organization – Mark Dever
Phone 202-543-1224 | 9Marks.org |
| 4. | The Center Consulting – Jay Desko
Phone 215-723-2325 | CenterConsulting.org |
| 5. | Catalyst for Missional Leadership
Phone 800.235.4021 x153 | c4ml.com |
| 6. | Church Consulting Service, Inc.
Richard C. Dodson – redodson26@gmail.com
7391 | Phone: 302-740- |

Report of the Committee to Examine 132nd 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 2015 official minutes:

- p. 12 It should read "Report of the Department of Missions."
- p. 14 The Third Meeting minutes should be dated April 28, 2015.
- p. 16 In the middle of the page it should read "Study Committee on Human Sexuality and Marriage..."
- p. 20 The Fourth Meeting minutes should be dated April 28, 2015.
- p. 24 At the end of line four of the first Resolved, it should read "This record shall be certified..."
- p. 24 At the bottom in 511-5.3 (9) "Ordained Ministers Working in Non-BFC Churches." should be in bold print since it is a category heading.
- p. 37 In the middle of the page it should list Jeffrey L. Ruhl.

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

- iv. It should read Villa Magna, Mexico under South West Region.
- v. Delete the second entry "Announcing...ii"
- xxiii Last word in paragraph five should be "grandchildren."
In the last paragraph it should read "Bible Fellowship Church Board of Directors"
- xxix The third paragraph should read "Gospel Heralds."
- p. 74 The second paragraph should read "At the December 2014 meeting..."
- p. 75 Under Tim Zuck entry the second line should read "meets at:"
- p. 76 In the fourth paragraph first line it should read "these sessions..."
- p. 76 In the fifth paragraph it should read "allowing the church planters to come together..."
- p. 83 In the second paragraph it should read "These bi-laws were revised..."
- p. 94 The educational institution for Olivia Bomgardner should be Cairn University.
- p. 100 Change David H. Jones entry to "David H. Jones was changed from Ordained Ministers Between calls to Ordained Ministers in Retirement."
- p. 100 Delete entry for Elliot Ramos since his category stayed the same.
- p. 105 Delete or put a line through "under the endorsement of the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces" in the revised 511-5.3 (3) proposed legislation (see page 35).
- p. 110 In the first whereas it should read Faith and Order.
- p. 112 In the second paragraph under Resolved it should read 132nd BFC Conference.

Committee to Examine the BFC Conference Minutes: Philip G. Norris, Chairman; Daniel P. Allen, Michael D. Roberts, Richard E. Taylor, Byron Widger.

Report of the Committee to Examine Minutes of Particular Churches

The Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches met on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at Terre Hill Bible Fellowship Church, Terre Hill, 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 Principles of Order of the Bible Fellowship Church in 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. Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, P. O. Box 519, Terre Hill, PA 17581 no later than February 5, 2016.

The Committee greatly appreciates the churches that use the checklist that was sent with the letter to the churches. We are finding that many churches are sending the checklist along with their minutes so that it is much easier to examine the minutes to find the necessary information. In fact, many churches are sending the requested documentation in exactly the precise order found on the checklist. A couple of things that we noticed were that some churches are not including a report of a financial review. This is important so that our churches remain above reproach. Also, we noted that some churches aren't submitting their Pastoral Relations Committee report. But overall, we found the vast majority 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. Twenty one 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, and 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.

On a sad note, this year marks the final reports for two of our congregations as our Old Bridge, NJ and Toms River, NJ congregations met in January to vote to close their doors. Each church sent its final minutes to the committee for our review.

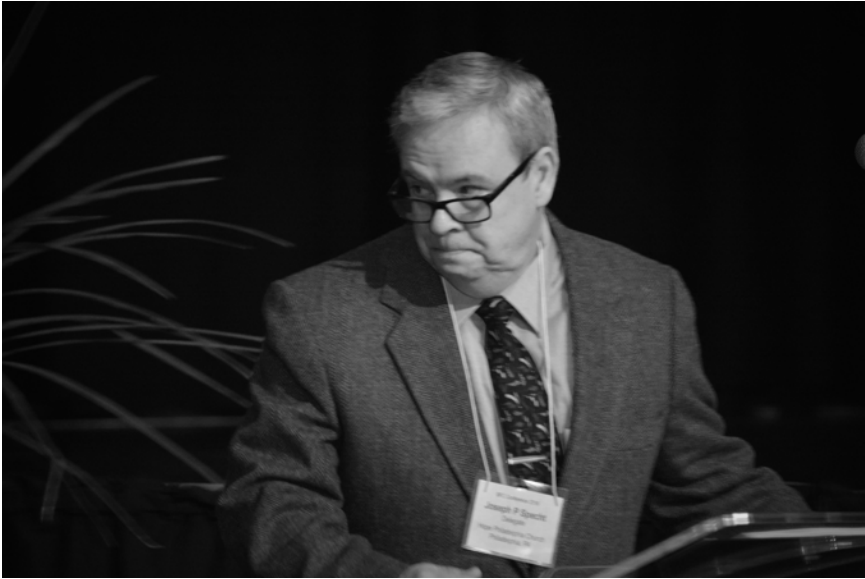
This year, there were no petitions from any of those congregations who submitted their reports for BFC Conference to consider.

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

Report of the Conference Judicatory

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

Conference Judicatory: Thomas P. Shorb, Secretary; Carl C. Cassel, Richard Dodson, William F. Early, Donald E. Kuntzman, Rodney P. Plows, Calvin T. Reed, Ronald W. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr., Dean A. Stortz.



Joseph P. Specht, Delegate of Hope-Philadelphia, introduces himself to Conference.

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 the Conference’s wisdom and counsel. In response to Emmanuel BFC’s request, a study committee was appointed to study this very issue.

At the 2015 Annual Conference, the study committee presented a report which provided initial study and answers the following questions:

- What is abuse?
- What are some guidelines a church could follow in handling suspected spousal abuse situations?
- Is spousal abuse grounds for divorce? And if not, what other remedies are available to the victims of spousal abuse? Is separation a biblical alternative to divorce in cases of spousal abuse?

The report was received with vigorous discussion and it was the pleasure of BFC Conference to send the committee back to re-examine its work. Since the 2015 BFC Conference, the committee met three (3) times to assess our prior work, asking ourselves, first of all, if we had answered Emmanuel BFC’s original question and, secondly, whether we had answered it correctly (biblically).

The committee went back to its work with much sobriety. As stated in our initial report, 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.

In the past year, the committee had its work reviewed by two additional women. We are indebted to Heather Evans and Joylane Bartron for critical review of our report. The committee also received feedback from Emmanuel BFC, suggesting that they were satisfied with the work and answers provided by the committee at the 2015 Annual Conference.

Following the discussion at the 2015 Annual Conference, the committee thought it prudent that a statement be included in the BFC Biblical Principles of Living regarding spousal abuse. The statement would summarize some of the conclusions of the study committee, and be included in section 103-4 The Family. Therefore, the committee makes the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the following paragraph, an addition to Article 103-4 of the Biblical Principles of Living, be adopted as first reading:

103-4.3 Spousal abuse is the physical, emotional, or sexual mistreatment of the marriage partner. Such abuse is clearly put forward as sin in God’s Word.¹ It is any kind of behavior that a person uses, or threatens to use, to control one’s spouse. This is a distortion of God’s revealed design for marriage.² The Church is to rebuke the abuser for their sin and exhort them to confess, repent, and be reconciled through Christ.³ The Church is to be the place where the abused is quickly protected and given comfort⁴ and hope in the gospel.⁵

¹Ex. 20:13; Matt. 5:21-22; 1 Cor. 7:3-4; 1 Tim. 5:8.

²Lev. 19:17; Col. 3:19; 1 Pet. 3:7.

³Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5:4-12; Gal. 6:1; 2 Tim. 4:2; James 5:19-20.

⁴Isa. 1:12-17; Micah 6:8.

⁵Rom 5:2-7; 2 Cor. 1:3-7; 2 Cor. 4:17-18; 1 Thess. 4:9-11; James 1:2-4; 1 Pet. 1:3-6.

And be it further **Resolved**, that the current paragraphs **103-4.3** through **4.9** be renumbered accordingly.

The committee also critically evaluated the answer provided to the main question posed by Emmanuel BFC – is spousal abuse grounds for divorce? After much discussion, the committee continues to stand with its original conclusion that spousal abuse is not legitimate grounds for divorce. As stated at last year’s conference, the committee feels the weight of having to tell an individual suffering at the hands of their spouse that the Bible does not allow for divorce in their situation. Many of us have ministered to people in these situations. We weep with those so horribly afflicted, and sympathize with their feeling trapped in some regard, not able to be completely and finally free of their abusing spouse. But that said, the committee is reluctant to speak where the Scriptures are silent.

Regarding legitimate grounds for divorce, the Report of the Study Committee to Study Divorce (1987) provides the following important definition:

“To speak of a divorce as legitimate or illegitimate is not to distinguish between that which pleases or displeases God (for God hates all divorce), but rather to distinguish between divorces which are and which are not lawful according to God’s Word.” (pg. 134 of the 1987 *Yearbook*)

In our report submitted to conference last year, the committee stated the following:

“The Bible only addresses two allowable reasons for divorce: a case of adultery or an unbelieving spouse abandons the marriage and requests divorce. Abuse does not clearly fit within one of those two categories.” (pg. 143 of the 2015 *Yearbook*)

Based on that statement, the committee put forward a proposed change to Article 103-5.1 (concerning divorce) of the Biblical Principles of Living that would include abandonment (divorce) of a believer by an unbelieving spouse as a legitimate divorce. The committee subsequently withdrew this resolution, and under the advisement of BFC Conference, went back to reassess our conclusion.

The committee critically reviewed the Report of the Study Committee to Study Divorce (1987) and following this review, the study committee was split as to whether or not divorce of a believer by an unbelieving spouse was a legitimate divorce.

It is in light of this that the committee is recommending that BFC Conference form a study committee to re-examine the Pauline exception (1 Cor. 7:1-16) as it relates to legitimate divorce. The outcome of this study will either validate or amend some of the conclusions reached by this study committee in its 2015 report.

It is this committee's sincere prayer that the Lord will equip us to minister more effectively to those in our society who are afflicted, abused, and downtrodden. We pray that we all may be vigilant to "stand in the gap" on behalf of these individuals as we show them compassion, grace, and mercy, and as we stand alongside them, suffering with them, showing comfort as we have been shown comfort.

Study Committee on Domestic Abuse and Divorce: Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr, Chairman; Steven J. DelDuco, Secretary; John Elias, Joshua P. Gibson, Ralph E. Ritter, Aaron D. Smith, John C. Vandegriff.

Report of the Study Committee on Prayer

At the 2015 BFC Conference, the elders of Paradise BFC, Paradise, PA, issued a petition to Conference regarding the topic of prayer. It was noted that, within the *Articles of Faith, Biblical Principles for Living, and Principles for Order*, there was little definitive information laid out regarding a theology or practice of prayer. The elders of Paradise BFC therefore petitioned Conference to form a study committee to determine if there was a need for further material to be developed on the topic of prayer for possible inclusion within our official denominational publications. In response to this request, Conference appointed a study committee to investigate this issue.

The study committee met five (5) times at the BFC offices on Brookside Road in Wescosville, PA (August 19, October 14, and December 2, 2015 and January 13, and February 3, 2016). Some met physically at that location; some joined via Skype. The committee, based on the mandate issued in the petition mentioned above, considered the following as its main tasks:

- To examine the *Articles of Faith, Biblical Principles of Living, and Principles of Order* to determine the extent that prayer was addressed in each, and upon evaluation, to determine if further material was warranted to be considered for inclusion.
- Assuming material was warranted for inclusion, to determine what this material might look like, and where it might be included within above-mentioned documents.
- To perform research in various aspects of prayer to be utilized in the formulation of any suggested material for inclusion.
- Finally, to write any required material for possible inclusion based upon the above-stated research and to present said material to Conference for review and possible adoption.

Upon study of the official documents of the BFC, it was determined that little was included that specifically addressed a theology or practice of prayer, and noting the vast importance that prayer occupied in the formation and development of the BFC, it was decided that research would be undertaken to serve as a backdrop to writing a statement that may be presented to Conference for possible inclusion.

The following topics were examined by the committee:

- A historical examination of the topic of prayer in the creeds and confessions of the Church, undertaken by Dennis W. Spinney.
- A biblical and theological examination of Union with Christ as a foundation for prayer, undertaken by Allen R. Mickle.
- A biblical and theological examination yielding a definition of prayer, by Michael J. Zettlemoyer.
- An examination of biblical prayers in the Old and New Testaments, by Mark L. Morrison.

- An examination of the biblical instruction on prayer, by David J. Peters.

Upon this foundational backdrop, it was determined that the Scriptures and the history of the church have much to say on the topic of prayer, and therefore the committee agreed to prepare a written statement on prayer that would be recommended for inclusion as a *Biblical Principle for Living* (potentially numbered as 101-2). Dennis W. Spinney and Allen R. Mickle were tasked by the committee to prepare such a statement, with attached scriptural references.

After a rough draft of this statement was completed and examined by the rest of the committee, changes were made and additional material was offered. At the time of the committee's most recent meeting, it was determined that the statement was not sufficiently ready to be presented formally to Conference.

Therefore, we humbly report that while much work has gone on within this committee, it is felt the committee should wait until BFC Conference 2017 before a presentation is made regarding this possible statement.

Prayer Study Committee: Mark L. Morrison, Chairman; Allen R. Mickle, Jr., Secretary; David J. Peters, Dennis W. Spinney, Michael J. Zettlemoyer.



Pastors and Delegates shared precious times of prayer during during public worship sessions.

Report of the Beneficiary Society

So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. Galatians 6:10

The Beneficiary Society continued to offer assistance to our brothers and their families throughout 2015.

The officers of the society feel that the balances of our funds remain sufficient for the coming year without the need to increase dues.

Assistance was given to the following throughout 2015:

- Nancy Miller on the death of Alan Miller
- Sandy Vivona on the death of Allan Vivona
- Yvonne Watkins on the death of David Watkins

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

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

Income and Expense January 1, to December 31, 2015

	Jan - Dec 15	Jan - Dec 14	\$ Change
Income			
4100 · Dues Income	10,550	11,100	-550
4110 · Other Receipts	500	500	0
4200 · Investment Income			
4210 · Checking Account Interest	4	16	-11
4220 · Savings Account Interest	34	34	0
4230 · Investment Account Interest	5,605	5,935	-329
Total 4200 · Investment Income	5,644	5,985	-340
4300 · Investment Inc/Dec Market Value	-3,563	6,595	-10,158
Total Income	13,131	24,180	-11,049
Expense			
5100 · Board Expenses	0	35	-35
5160 · Benefits Paid	18,000	20,750	-2,750
Total Expense	18,000	20,785	-2,785
Net Income	-4,869	3,395	-8,264

Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2015

	<u>Dec 31, 15</u>	<u>Dec 31, 14</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
1000 · Cash & Cash Equivalents			
1001 · American Bank - Checking	5,577	8,351	-2,773
1003 · ING Savings	8,613	8,578	34
Total 1000 · Cash & Cash Equivalents	<u>14,190</u>	<u>16,929</u>	<u>-2,739</u>
1030 · Fidelity Investmentsts	102,809	103,424	-615
1050 · Wells Fargo Investment Accounts			
1051 · Wells Fargo Securities	72,390	79,773	-7,383
1052 · Wells Fargo Cash	8,374	2,683	5,691
Total 1050 · Wells Fargo Investment Accounts	<u>80,764</u>	<u>82,456</u>	<u>-1,693</u>
Total Checking/Savings	197,763	202,809	-5,047
Other Current Assets			
12000 · Undeposited Funds	-100	0	-100
Total Other Current Assets	<u>-100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-100</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>197,663</u>	<u>202,809</u>	<u>-5,147</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>197,663</u>	<u>202,809</u>	<u>-5,147</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Equity			
30000 · Previous Year Balance	181,023	181,023	0
32000 · Retained Earnings	21,508	18,391	3,117
Net Income	-4,869	3,395	-8,264
Total Equity	<u>197,663</u>	<u>202,809</u>	<u>-5,147</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>197,663</u>	<u>202,809</u>	<u>-5,147</u>

Benefits Paid
As of December 31, 2015

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
Benefits Paid				
	05/13/2015	Nancy Miller	Alan Miller	6,000
	09/02/2015	Sandy Vivona	Allan Vivona	6,000
	10/27/2015	Yvonne Watkins	David Watkins	6,000
Total Benefits Paid				<u>18,000</u>
TOTAL				<u>18,000</u>

Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee

The Bible Fellowship Church's annual Ministerial Convention was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 6-7, 2015 at Pinebrook Bible Conference. Our speakers were 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."

Sessions included the following topics:

- 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 2015 convention and topic were well received. The Committee would like to thank everyone for their involvement and words of encouragement regarding the convention.

At the business meeting, Joshua P. Miller and Keith A. Strunk were elected to serve on the Convention Committee, replacing Ralph E. Ritter and David A. Smith. We offer our thanks for the service of Brother Smith, and for the work of Brother Ritter, who served for 11 years, including three as chairman.

The Committee is constituted as follows:

<u>2015 Committee</u>	<u>2016 Committee</u>
Ralph E. Ritter, Chairman	Allen R. Mickle, Jr.,
Mark Barniger, Secretary	Mark E. Barninger, Secretary
Jason L. Hoy, Treasurer	Jason L. Hoy, Chairman
Clifford B. Boone	Clifford B. Boone, Alternate Chairman
Allen R. Mickle, Jr.	Joshua P. Miller
David A. Smith	Keith A. Strunk, Treasurer
Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor	Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor

Lengths of terms are as follows:

- 1 year – Mark E. Barninger, Clifford B. Boone
- 2 years – Jason L. Hoy, Allen R. Mickle, Jr.
- 3 years – Joshua P. Miller, Keith A. Strunk

The 2016 Ministerial Convention is scheduled for October 4-5, 2016. Our speaker will be Dr. Michael A. G. Haykin (Th.D., University of Toronto), who is Professor of Church History and Biblical Spirituality at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. He is also the Director of the Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies

and has authored numerous books on subjects pertaining to early Christianity, Puritan and Evangelical Christianity, and spirituality.

Dr. Haykin will address the topic of “A History of Prayer.” He will consider what our Puritan and Evangelical forebears taught regarding prayer, and how their wisdom can inform and challenge our own prayer today.

Ministerial Convention Committee: Allen Mickle Jr., Chairman; Mark Barninger, Secretary; Jason L. Hoy, Treasurer; Clifford B. Boone, Joshua P. Miller, Keith A. Strunk, Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor.

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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
PO Box 3555
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
PO Box 3555
Allentown, PA 18106

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
PO Box 3555
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
PO Box 3555, Allentown, PA 18106

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,
5339 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 Location; Name	Senior Pastor	# Ordained/ Probationers	Elders	Deacons	Baptisms 2015	Membership	New Members	Members Lost	Net Gain/Loss	Membership Church	Family Size	SS	All	PW/SG	W/4 Week
Allentown, PA; Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church	Boone	6	11	10	18	609	32	9	23	632	1,425	330	768	300	210
Bethlehem, PA; Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church	Gibson	5	13	7	33	399	39	40	-1	398	764	205	525	275	328
Blandon, PA; Trinity Bible Fellowship Church	Williams	2	6	9	7	144	8	7	1	145	235	122	180	91	70
Brooklyn, NY; New Community Church	Ritter	1	3	0	0	20	0	0	0	20	35	10	20	0	6
Camden, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Camden	Wagner	4	4	0	4	50	4	3	1	51	30	11	22	11	8
Carmel, NY; New Life Bible Church	Vacant	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	16	0	21	30	0	15
Clinton Corners, NY; Cornerstone Bible Fellowship Church	Mickle, Jr	2	2	1	0	28	0	6	-6	22	37	19	28	0	10
Coopersburg, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	Vacant	9	12	12	10	424	10	21	-11	413	751	197	379	81	260
Dauphin, PA; Freedom Bible Fellowship Church	Barninger	1	3	3	0	34	5	0	5	39	108	15	85	30	20
Denville, NJ; Bible Fellowship Church	Harns	1	2	1	0	26	0	0	0	26	35	15	27	0	6
Emmaus, PA; Bethel Bible Fellowship Church	Schoen	3	13	9	16	290	2	3	-1	289	624	270	376	150	169
Ephrata, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata	Hoy	1	7	6	8	141	0	21	21	120	200	67	158	0	155
Finesville, NJ; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	Widger	2	3	1	1	36	0	0	0	36	100	12	36	0	7
Fleetwood, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	Brush	1	6	8	0	60	0	0	0	60	102	61	81	0	47
Graterford, PA; Graterford Bible Fellowship Church	Orton	1	6	5	4	78	3	8	5	73	115	60	115	20	15
Harleysville, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	Crossgrove	3	5	9	5	152	7	19	12	140	273	83	192	36	126
Harrisburg, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	Miller	3	5	4	1	114	10	3	7	121	150	103	189	110	95
Hatfield, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	Wells	3	7	8	3	125	10	5	5	130	180	65	106	70	15
Hellertown, PA; Sacon Community Bible Fellowship Church	Strunk	1	4	4	2	48	6	4	2	50	150	20	99	0	4
Howell, NJ; Community Bible Fellowship Church	North	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	-2	20	60	0	55	20	0
Kutztown, PA; Kutztown Bible Fellowship Church	Mack	3	4	0	0	33	2	1	1	34	70	10	43	6	0
LaGrangeville, NY; Valley Bible Fellowship Church	Spinney	1	2	1	0	21	4	0	4	25	65	12	27	0	7
Lancaster, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	Thomann	5	10	13	16	461	11	17	-6	455	700	338	549	125	205
Las Cruces, NM; Grace Church	Hester	1	2	1	1	19	19	2	17	36	61	0	0	0	0
Lebanon, PA; Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church	Reed	4	11	8	6	216	0	6	6	210	450	213	257	157	115
Lehighton, PA; Salem Bible Fellowship Church	Johnson	1	0	2	1	43	0	3	-3	40	105	72	85	0	45
Longneck DE; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	Barnes	2	3	2	3	27	6	1	34	34	70	15	65	0	8
Maple Glen, PA; Maple Glen Bible Fellowship Church	Prontnicki	2	2	1	1	29	2	2	0	29	42	12	29	21	0
Merida, Mexico; Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida	Ramirez	1	3	0	3	48	6	0	0	54	110	30	95	40	25
Mt. Carmel, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	Vacant	0	0	0	0	78	0	0	0	78	100	55	67	30	15
Mt. Pocono, PA; Pocono Mountain Bible Fellowship Church	Vacant	0	4	1	7	47	7	1	6	52	78	23	50	0	4
Nazareth, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	Fischer	2	5	8	0	121	1	11	10	111	268	106	163	0	59
Newark, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, Delaware	Schlonecker	3	14	11	25	355	28	13	15	370	1,000	280	583	300	235
Newark, NJ; Newark Bible Fellowship Church	Vacant	2	2	1	2	66	0	0	0	66	100	25	40	0	12
Old Bridge, NJ; Grace Church of Old Bridge	Morrison	1	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	18	0	0	24	0	4
Oley, PA; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	Blair	1	6	23	34	259	17	5	12	271	530	230	452	206	355
Paradise, PA; Paradise Bible Fellowship Church	Peters	2	6	4	3	86	0	1	85	113	58	92	41	21	0
Vacant	Vacant	0	4	3	0	24	0	11	11	13	25	0	20	0	0
Piscataway, NJ; Christ Community Church	Chahill	2	5	9	2	122	7	1	6	128	214	57	148	0	0
Quakertown, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	Kohl	6	5	7	8	222	10	18	8	214	390	159	260	80	166
Reading, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	Grossman	3	10	8	8	306	9	12	-3	303	400	159	247	69	94
Reading, PA; La Roca de Reading	Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	48	107	18	55	5
Red Hill, PA; Community Bible Fellowship Church	Arcieri	2	5	4	4	110	0	0	0	110	130	0	100	0	0
Royersford, PA; Royersford Bible Fellowship Church	Taylor, Interim	1	2	3	2	97	0	0	0	65	20	85	0	25	0
Shamokin, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	Madara	4	7	0	4	85	0	0	0	85	124	62	124	69	20
Sinking Spring, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	Rissmiller	2	13	10	25	569	18	25	-7	562	1,593	342	982	350	251
Spring City, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	Clineff	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steelton, PA; Grace Fellowship	Smith	2	2	1	0	49	0	3	3	46	80	12	80	30	0
Stroudsburg, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	Vacant	0	5	5	3	86	3	8	5	81	175	48	129	65	0
Sunbury, PA; Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church	Gibson	2	8	14	6	267	3	4	-1	266	350	155	289	123	72
Terre Hill, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	Kirkpatrick	2	3	4	0	63	0	0	0	63	107	48	76	20	46
Wallingford, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	Susek	4	11	8	4	188	5	7	-2	186	350	130	181	0	99
Whitehall, PA; Fellowship Community Church	Yerrington	2	4	4	0	31	4	2	3	33	131	11	129	84	45
Whitehall, PA; Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	Schmoyer	2	9	8	16	130	12	8	4	139	345	57	205	75	105
Woodbury Heights, NJ; New Beginnings Bible Fellowship Church	Williams	2	5	5	4	75	6	5	1	76	120	50	105	30	0
York, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	Bertolet	1	3	0	1	24	2	0	2	26	35	18	35	0	6
Zionsville, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Zionsville	McNally	1	5	0	1	50	6	4	2	53	89	22	47	0	42
Totals		121	293	269	304	7,203	324	322	191	7,153	14,089	4,563	9,441	3,133	3,702
Allentown, PA; El Faro (Lighthouse Church)	Diaz	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cape May Court House, NJ; Cape Community Church	Boyer	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	57	0	51	0	12	0
Forks, PA; Forks Community Church	Zuck	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	0	0
Gettysburg, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Adams County	Morrison, Interim	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	55	29	42	40	0	0
Naples, FL; Covenant Bible Fellowship	Filbert	1	0	0	0	20	26	7	19	19	19	0	0	0	15
Norristown, PA; Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church	Wright	1	0	0	3	52	5	5	0	52	52	0	45	7	0
Townsend, DE; theMission	Smith	1	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	0
Walnutport, PA Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church	Smith	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		11	0	0	21	72	31	12	19	71	183	29	297	47	27
Grand Total		132	293	269	325	7275	355	334	210	7224	14272	4592	9738	3180	3729

Church Location; Name	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Total Debt of Facilities	Unrestricted Offerings	Total Income
Allentown, PA; Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church	1	0	\$-	\$1,768,170	\$2,053,511
Bethlehem, PA; Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$-	\$917,052	\$1,075,445
Blandon, PA; Trinity Bible Fellowship Church	1	0	\$-	\$328,270	\$328,945
Brooklyn, NY; New Community Church	0	1	\$92,000	\$25,149	\$28,588
Camden, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Camden	1	0	\$-	\$50,073	\$51,350
Camel, NY; New Life Bible Church	1	0	\$-	\$38,974	\$-
Clinton Corners, NY; Cornerstone Bible Fellowship Church	1	0	\$-	\$76,481	\$80,293
Coopersburg, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	3	0	\$-	\$750,895	\$815,344
Dauphin, PA; Freedom Bible Fellowship Church	2	0	\$50,000	\$99,438	\$99,438
Denville, NJ; Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$-	\$59,545	\$59,545
Emmaus, PA; Bethel Bible Fellowship Church	1	0	\$1,806,240	\$840,768	\$925,762
Ephrata, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata	1	0	\$-	\$287,956	\$297,843
Finesville, NJ; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$-	\$77,226	\$106,558
Fleetwood, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	1	0	\$-	\$174,463	\$174,494
Graterford, PA; Graterford Bible Fellowship Church	2	2	\$53,513	\$198,452	\$272,997
Harleysville, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	1	2	\$-	\$450,899	\$494,147
Harrisburg, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$-	\$411,079	\$464,189
Hatfield, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$339,109	\$306,132	\$416,630
Hellertown, PA; Saucon Community Bible Fellowship Church	1	0	\$240,000	\$183,362	\$207,416
Howell, NJ; Community Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$123,500	\$147,595	\$147,595
Kutztown, PA; Kutztown Bible Fellowship Church	1	0	\$-	\$84,515	\$96,823
LaGrangeville, NY; Valley Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$-	\$79,374	\$79,423
Lancaster, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	2	0	\$612,870	\$1,085,700	\$1,267,876
Las Cruces, NM; Grace Bible Church	1	0	\$-	\$88,115	\$88,339
Lebanon, PA; Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$-	\$498,062	\$539,581
Lehighton, PA; Salem Bible Fellowship Church	3	1	\$-	\$79,499	\$86,367
Longneck DE; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	1	0	\$425,000	\$105,636	\$120,987
Maple Glen, PA; Maple Glen Bible Fellowship Church	1	0	\$-	\$106,503	\$116,017
Merida, Mexico; Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida	1	0	\$-	\$-	\$-
Mt. Carmel, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$-	\$84,989	\$113,307
Mt. Pocono, PA; Pocono Mountain Bible Fellowship Church	1	0	\$-	\$90,258	\$122,014
Nazareth, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$-	\$279,070	\$296,525
Newark, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, Delaware	1	2	\$2,720,880	\$1,248,790	\$1,433,702
Newark, NJ; Newark Bible Fellowship Church	1	0	\$-	\$-	\$75,720
Old Bridge, NJ; Grace Church of Old Bridge	1	1	\$364,610	\$-	\$74,264
Oley, PA; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	2	1	\$130,388	\$782,781	\$1,096,042
Paradise, PA; Paradise Bible Fellowship Church	2	0	\$-	\$199,912	\$207,032
Philadelphia, PA; Hope Philadelphia Church	1	1	\$44,437	\$34,024	\$43,428
Piscataway, NJ; Christ Community Church	0	0	\$-	\$347,431	\$363,719
Quakertown, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$-	\$462,138	\$656,777
Reading, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$-	\$477,047	\$477,157
Reading, PA; La Roca de Reading	0	0	\$-	\$72,788	\$75,022
Red Hill, PA; Community Bible Fellowship Church	1	0	\$-	\$202,527	\$202,527
Royersford, PA; Royersford Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$-	\$166,222	\$194,854
Shamokin, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	2	1	\$-	\$137,902	\$149,298
Sinking Spring, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	1	0	\$-	\$1,430,310	\$1,546,315
Spring City, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	0	0	\$-	\$-	\$-
Steelton, PA; Grace Fellowship	1	0	\$-	\$99,192	\$115,967
Stroudsburg, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$-	\$210,743	\$213,742
Sunbury, PA; Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$-	\$471,179	\$595,164
Terre Hill, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$-	\$110,774	\$112,045
Wallingford, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	1	2	\$-	\$632,285	\$733,247
Walnutport, PA Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church	0	0	\$-	\$-	\$-
Whitehall, PA; Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	2	0	\$833,566	\$325,351	\$550,109
Woodbury Heights, NJ; New Beginnings Bible Fellowship Church	1	0	\$500,000	\$189,434	\$195,434
York, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	1	1	\$-	\$145,657	\$376,859
Zionsville, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Zionsville	1	1	\$-	\$71,521	\$79,732
Total	63	32	\$8,336,113	\$17,591,707	\$20,597,505
Allentown, PA; El Faro (Lighthouse Church)	0	0	\$-	\$-	\$-
Cape May Court House, NJ; Cape Community Church	3	1	\$-	\$55,149	\$55,149
Forks, PA; Forks Community Church	0	0	\$-	\$77,039	\$77,539
Gettysburg, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Adams County	1	0	\$150,000	\$47,032	\$66,520
Naples, FL; Covenant Bible Fellowship	0	0	\$-	\$-	\$-
Norristown, PA; Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church	0	0	\$-	\$-	\$-
Townsend, DE; theMission	0	0	\$-	\$103,000	\$130,240
Whitehall, PA; Fellowship Community Church	0	0	\$-	\$80,568	\$80,561
Total	4	1	\$150,000	\$362,788	\$410,009
Grand Total	67	33	\$8,486,113	\$17,954,495	\$21,007,514

Church Location; Name	BFC Assessment	BFC Board of Missions	Other Missions	BFC Church Extension	Pinebrook Bible Conference	Victory Valley Camp	Total Conference Disbursements
Allentown, PA; Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church	\$40,511	\$257,964	\$112,670	\$30,900	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$336,875
Bethlehem, PA; Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church	\$18,561	\$87,800	\$55,650	\$33,000	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$150,161
Blandon, PA; Trinity Bible Fellowship Church	\$6,686	\$400	\$37,424	\$22,300	\$-	\$400	\$29,786
Brooklyn, NY; New Community Church	\$908	\$46	\$300	\$10	\$-	\$-	\$964
Camden, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Camden	\$1,096	\$2,227	\$2,515	\$680	\$-	\$-	\$4,303
Carmel, NY; New Life Bible Church	\$593	\$1,900	\$-	\$100	\$100	\$-	\$2,693
Clinton Corners, NY; Cornerstone Bible Fellowship Church	\$1,477	\$1,220	\$3,687	\$2,880	\$-	\$-	\$5,577
Coopersburg, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$17,522	\$115,625	\$31,762	\$33,740	\$2,000	\$3,300	\$172,187
Dauphin, PA; Freedom Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$500	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$500
Denville, NJ; Bible Fellowship Church	\$1,746	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,746
Emmaus, PA; Bethel Bible Fellowship Church	\$16,580	\$137,208	\$98,351	\$3,000	\$-	\$-	\$156,788
Ephrata, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata	\$5,516	\$54,416	\$-	\$5,958	\$-	\$-	\$65,891
Finesville, NJ; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$1,783	\$12,140	\$2,821	\$1,000	\$100	\$100	\$15,123
Fleetwood, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$3,654	\$14,825	\$602	\$255	\$100	\$500	\$18,834
Graterford, PA; Graterford Bible Fellowship Church	\$5,326	\$42,805	\$10,896	\$9,850	\$600	\$1,800	\$60,381
Harleysville, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$8,908	\$43,600	\$8,113	\$18,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$72,508
Harrisburg, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$7,575	\$32,210	\$38,415	\$15,000	\$900	\$900	\$56,589
Hatfield, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	\$7,624	\$18,940	\$29,027	\$3,100	\$1,400	\$1,000	\$32,064
Hellertown, PA; Saucon Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$3,478	\$10,518	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$-	\$1,000	\$24,996
Howell, NJ; Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$625	\$1,000	\$1,810	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,625
Kutztown, PA; Kutztown Bible Fellowship Church	\$1,922	\$6,225	\$2,949	\$600	\$-	\$-	\$8,747
LaGrangeville, NY; Valley Bible Fellowship Church	\$2,162	\$4,345	\$18,260	\$1,440	\$-	\$-	\$7,947
Lancaster, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$21,943	\$64,600	\$37,489	\$3,000	\$500	\$700	\$90,743
Las Cruces, NM; Grace Bible Church	\$1,690	\$1,200	\$7,015	\$240	\$-	\$-	\$3,130
Lebanon, PA; Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church	\$10,200	\$66,000	\$14,353	\$15,500	\$1,500	\$850	\$94,050
Lehighton, PA; Salem Bible Fellowship Church	\$1,921	\$266	\$678	\$225	\$-	\$-	\$2,412
Longneck DE; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$-	\$600	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Maple Glen, PA; Maple Glen Bible Fellowship Church	\$1,966	\$8,740	\$8,005	\$1,400	\$-	\$-	\$12,106
Merida, Mexico; Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Mt. Carmel, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	\$2,378	\$11,870	\$-	\$200	\$50	\$50	\$14,548
Mt. Pocono, PA; Pocono Mountain Bible Fellowship Church	\$3,174	\$6,481	\$14,092	\$3,240	\$-	\$-	\$12,895
Nazareth, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$4,990	\$19,665	\$5,325	\$2,500	\$500	\$250	\$27,905
Newark, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, Delaware	\$22,723	\$30,576	\$145,769	\$24,450	\$1,800	\$3,000	\$82,548
Newark, NJ; Newark Bible Fellowship Church	\$1,850	\$25	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,875
Old Bridge, NJ; Grace Church of Old Bridge	\$1,399	\$-	\$130	\$300	\$-	\$-	\$1,699
Oley, PA; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	\$19,353	\$101,520	\$67,463	\$17,082	\$-	\$1,500	\$139,455
Paradise, PA; Paradise Fellowship Church	\$4,576	\$41,664	\$-	\$1,608	\$700	\$700	\$49,284
Philadelphia, PA; Hope Philadelphia Church	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Piscataway, NJ; Christ Community Church	\$6,206	\$39,898	\$4,446	\$2,625	\$350	\$350	\$49,429
Quakertown, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$11,100	\$90,000	\$110,292	\$40,000	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$147,600
Reading, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$9,999	\$43,200	\$34,400	\$13,000	\$500	\$2,000	\$66,699
Reading, PA; La Roca de Reading	\$-	\$1,200	\$525	\$1,200	\$-	\$-	\$2,400
Red Hill, PA; Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$1,000	\$12,350	\$5,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Royersford, PA; Royersford Bible Fellowship Church	\$4,373	\$375	\$22,466	\$750	\$-	\$-	\$5,498
Shamokin, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$2,888	\$7,300	\$11,800	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$10,788
Sinking Spring, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$30,112	\$61,000	\$83,810	\$10,997	\$450	\$-	\$102,540
Spring City, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Steelton, PA; Grace Fellowship	\$-	\$-	\$3,000	\$1,200	\$-	\$-	\$1,200
Stroudsburg, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	\$4,500	\$31,512	\$11,032	\$1,000	\$456	\$90	\$37,558
Sunbury, PA; Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church	\$9,530	\$43,720	\$35,869	\$7,000	\$3,000	\$700	\$63,950
Terre Hill, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	\$2,301	\$22,600	\$1,193	\$1,500	\$-	\$-	\$3,861
Wallingford, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$11,994	\$49,140	\$56,396	\$8,600	\$500	\$500	\$70,734
Walnutport, PA; Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Whitehall, PA; Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	\$9,457	\$20,820	\$9,260	\$6,700	\$500	\$750	\$38,227
Woodbury Heights, NJ; New Beginnings Bible Fellowship Church	\$3,800	\$150	\$16,800	\$1,900	\$-	\$-	\$5,850
York, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$1,700	\$4,250	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$5,950
Zionsville, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Zionsville	\$1,927	\$4,798	\$4,798	\$1,400	\$500	\$1,000	\$9,625
Total	\$362,303	\$1,619,483	\$1,177,108	\$364,630	\$28,806	\$33,740	\$2,389,843
Allentown, PA; El Faro (Lighthouse Church)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Cape May Court House, NJ; Cape Community Church	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Forks, PA; Forks Community Church	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$9,890	\$-	\$-	\$9,890
Gettysburg, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Adams County	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$33,900	\$-	\$-	\$-
Naples, FL; Covenant Bible Fellowship	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Norristown, PA; Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$-	\$50,514	\$48,450	\$-	\$-	\$48,450
Townsend, DE; theMission	\$-	\$-	\$6,240	\$40,000	\$-	\$-	\$40,000
Whitehall, PA; Fellowship Community Church	\$1,400	\$6,100	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$-	\$12,500
Total	\$1,400	\$6,100	\$57,754	\$136,240	\$1,000	\$-	\$110,840
Grand Total	\$363,703	\$1,625,583	\$1,234,862	\$500,870	\$29,806	\$33,740	\$2,500,683

Church Location; Name	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
Allentown, PA; Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church	\$53,514	\$23,196	\$30,000	\$421,445	\$528,155
Bethlehem, PA; Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church	\$62,606	\$26,948	\$32,342	\$430,001	\$551,897
Blandon, PA; Trinity Bible Fellowship Church	\$68,026	\$68,026	\$-	\$61,269	\$129,295
Brooklyn, NY; New Community Church	\$7,655	\$50	\$-	\$-	\$7,705
Camden, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Camden	\$14,628	\$4,572	\$10,800	\$-	\$30,000
Carmel, NY; New Life Bible Church	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$781	\$-
Clinton Corners, NY; Cornerstone Bible Fellowship Church	\$41,900	\$764	\$16,800	\$-	\$59,464
Coopersburg, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$35,091	\$22,510	\$13,610	\$195,860	\$267,071
Dauphin, PA; Freedom Bible Fellowship Church	\$38,000	\$16,740	\$18,000	\$-	\$72,740
Denville, NJ; Bible Fellowship Church	\$26,000	\$-	\$8,125	\$-	\$36,010
Emmaus, PA; Bethel Bible Fellowship Church	\$62,794	\$35,023	\$-	\$286,477	\$384,294
Ephrata, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata	\$39,622	\$3,780	\$18,615	\$53,755	\$115,772
Finesville, NJ; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$36,000	\$14,200	\$2,200	\$-	\$-
Fleetwood, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$19,948	\$25,336	\$35,000	\$23,483	\$102,767
Graterford, PA; Graterford Bible Fellowship Church	\$55,000	\$24,642	\$-	\$19,515	\$99,157
Harleysville, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$60,610	\$26,624	\$18,219	\$81,908	\$187,361
Harrisburg, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$55,742	\$17,534	\$10,000	\$117,298	\$190,108
Hatfield, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	\$50,069	\$7,479	\$12,000	\$56,082	\$125,630
Hellertown, PA; Saucon Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$59,769	\$8,128	\$24,700	\$8,081	\$100,678
Howell, NJ; Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$23,500	\$17,814	\$4,000	\$57,874	\$103,187
Kutztown, PA; Kutztown Bible Fellowship Church	\$22,981	\$500	\$11,049	\$-	\$34,530
LaGrangeville, NY; Valley Bible Fellowship Church	\$35,000	\$18,147	\$-	\$-	\$53,147
Lancaster, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$46,919	\$16,212	\$44,623	\$238,636	\$344,390
Las Cruces, NM; Grace Bible Church	\$21,900	\$-	\$8,100	\$-	\$30,000
Lebanon, PA; Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church	\$52,300	\$49,329	\$23,000	\$136,720	\$261,349
Lehighton, PA; Salem Bible Fellowship Church	\$16,490	\$17,778	\$5,000	\$4,350	\$43,618
Longneck DE; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	\$45,342	\$-	\$21,000	\$-	\$-
Maple Glen, PA; Maple Glen Bible Fellowship Church	\$29,000	\$9,786	\$14,000	\$-	\$52,786
Merida, Mexico; Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida	\$8,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Mt. Carmel, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	\$16,423	\$8,285	\$2,000	\$-	\$26,708
Mt. Pocono, PA; Pocono Mountain Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Nazareth, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$55,120	\$30,992	\$11,000	\$-	\$97,112
Newark, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, Delaware	\$52,661	\$58,270	\$32,000	\$234,989	\$377,920
Newark, NJ; Newark Bible Fellowship Church	\$28,800	\$-	\$7,200	\$3,000	\$39,000
Old Bridge, NJ; Grace Church of Old Bridge	\$14,204	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$14,204
Oley, PA; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	\$33,427	\$14,688	\$16,800	\$186,979	\$251,894
Paradise, PA; Paradise Bible Fellowship Church	\$55,139	\$7,484	\$-	\$30,614	\$93,237
Philadelphia, PA; Hope Philadelphia Church	\$19,833	\$3,223	\$-	\$-	\$23,056
Piscataway, NJ; Christ Community Church	\$113,876	\$66,313	\$-	\$11,460	\$191,649
Quakertown, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$58,550	\$20,120	\$-	\$109,813	\$188,483
Reading, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$40,300	\$27,430	\$26,040	\$50,054	\$143,824
Reading, PA; La Roca de Reading	\$32,300	\$50	\$-	\$16,200	\$38,550
Red Hill, PA; Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$44,544	\$21,000	\$20,000	\$-	\$85,544
Royersford, PA; Royersford Bible Fellowship Church	\$39,009	\$8,685	\$-	\$37,784	\$85,478
Shamokin, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$41,177	\$13,831	\$-	\$-	\$55,008
Sinking Spring, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$76,581	\$15,987	\$18,000	\$501,399	\$611,975
Spring City, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Steeleton, PA; Grace Fellowship	\$18,480	\$6,259	\$24,480	\$-	\$49,219
Stroudsburg, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	\$40,196	\$14,493	\$6,435	\$17,263	\$88,413
Sunbury, PA; Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church	\$49,195	\$14,172	\$5,200	\$106,430	\$174,997
Terre Hill, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	\$32,700	\$13,527	\$-	\$-	\$-
Wallingford, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$64,326	\$12,014	\$-	\$183,355	\$259,695
Wainutport, PA Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Whitehall, PA; Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	\$36,600	\$16,959	\$18,000	\$72,959	\$180,600
Woodbury Heights, NJ; New Beginnings Bible Fellowship Church	\$30,100	\$13,500	\$19,400	\$35,800	\$98,800
York, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$36,000	\$5,647	\$18,000	\$-	\$59,647
Zionsville, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Zionsville	\$20,922	\$5,352	\$23,000	\$-	\$49,274
Total	\$2,140,867	\$853,399	\$626,738	\$3,791,634	\$7,032,857
Allentown, PA; El Faro (Lighthouse Church)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Cape May Court House, NJ; Cape Community Church	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Forks, PA; Forks Community Church	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Gettysburg, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Adams County	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Naples, FL; Covenant Bible Fellowship	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Norristown, PA; Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church	\$33,793	\$14,000	\$31,000	\$-	\$78,793
Townsend, DE; theMission	\$24,000	\$26,000	\$12,000	\$-	\$72,000
Whitehall, PA; Fellowship Community Church	\$30,000	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$30,000
Total	\$87,793	\$40,000	\$43,000	\$-	\$180,793
Grand Total	\$2,228,660	\$893,399	\$669,738	\$3,791,634	\$7,213,650

Church Location; Name	Debt Service	Benevolence	Operating Costs	Total Operations Disbursements	Total Disbursements	Grand Total Disbursements
Allentown, PA; Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$52,000	\$752,521	\$917,191	\$1,782,220	\$1,922,230
Bethlehem, PA; Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$20,594	\$268,603	\$344,847	\$1,046,900	\$1,120,250
Blandon, PA; Trinity Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$-	\$86,819	\$124,243	\$283,324	\$283,324
Brooklyn, NY; New Community Church	\$7,587	\$-	\$12,489	\$20,376	\$29,046	\$31,289
Camden, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Camden	\$-	\$647	\$14,249	\$17,410	\$51,713	\$51,713
Carmel, NY; New Life Bible Church	\$-	\$388	\$31,184	\$31,572	\$-	\$-
Clinton Corners, NY; Cornerstone Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$2,751	\$16,448	\$22,886	\$87,926	\$88,553
Coopersburg, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$7,522	\$256,271	\$295,555	\$734,813	\$826,064
Dauphin, PA; Freedom Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$30,900	\$-	\$-
Denville, NJ; Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$-	\$58,247	\$58,247	\$1,746	\$58,247
Emmaus, PA; Bethel Bible Fellowship Church	\$152,334	\$-	\$132,075	\$382,760	\$923,844	\$923,844
Ephrata, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata	\$-	\$4,635	\$113	\$-	\$295,107	\$295,107
Finesville, NJ; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$2,231	\$12,708	\$17,760	\$85,284	\$85,284
Fleetwood, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$-	\$50,760	\$51,362	\$174,494	\$174,494
Graterford, PA; Graterford Bible Fellowship Church	\$18,513	\$-	\$88,417	\$117,826	\$277,364	\$295,442
Harleysville, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$19,301	\$141,246	\$168,660	\$428,530	\$428,530
Harrisburg, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$46,252	\$19,076	\$94,052	\$197,794	\$444,492	\$444,492
Hatfield, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	\$59,543	\$11,227	\$130,149	\$229,946	\$387,640	\$512,235
Hellertown, PA; Saucou Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$6,348	\$10,326	\$70,877	\$90,050	\$215,724	\$215,724
Howell, NJ; Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$14,365	\$525	\$25,514	\$42,214	\$147,027	\$147,027
Kutztown, PA; Kutztown Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$250	\$13,578	\$16,777	\$60,054	\$60,054
LaGrangeville, NY; Valley Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$3,752	\$20,809	\$42,101	\$103,195	\$103,195
Lancaster, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$242,340	\$228,848	\$338,582	\$847,259	\$1,040,050	\$1,040,300
Las Cruces, NM; Grace Bible Church	\$-	\$896	\$43,089	\$51,000	\$84,129	\$84,129
Lebanon, PA; Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$6,601	\$164,709	\$185,663	\$514,022	\$527,550
Lehighton, PA; Salem Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$3,172	\$18,204	\$22,055	\$100	\$100
Longneck DE; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	\$21,745	\$2,600	\$85,554	\$110,499	\$110,499	\$110,499
Maple Glen, PA; Maple Glen Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$-	\$15,859	\$23,864	\$80,751	\$105,067
Merida, Mexico; Iglesia Biblica La Roca de Merida	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Mt. Carmel, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$324	\$32,301	\$32,625	\$73,881	\$97,905
Mt. Pocono, PA; Pocono Mountain Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$4,205	\$51,500	\$69,797	\$88,094	\$93,105
Nazareth, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$4,737	\$123,630	\$133,692	\$258,709	\$269,277
Newark, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, Delaware	\$350,722	\$20,858	\$570,993	\$1,088,340	\$1,548,810	\$1,548,810
Newark, NJ; Newark Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$1,122	\$33,605	\$34,700	\$75,618	\$75,618
Old Bridge, NJ; Grace Church of Old Bridge	\$39,932	\$40	\$27,435	\$67,538	\$83,441	\$83,441
Oley, PA; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	\$7,900	\$28,151	\$120,731	\$224,245	\$615,594	\$1,010,450
Paradise, PA; Paradise Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$5,643	\$64,382	\$70,225	\$212,546	\$212,546
Philadelphia, PA; Hope Philadelphia Church	\$2,430	\$-	\$14,060	\$16,490	\$39,546	\$39,546
Piscataway, NJ; Christ Community Church	\$-	\$6,698	\$111,322	\$122,466	\$363,544	\$363,544
Quakertown, PA; Hope Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$15,000	\$173,329	\$298,621	\$634,704	\$658,088
Reading, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$12,834	\$144,722	\$191,956	\$404,479	\$404,479
Reading, PA; La Roca de Reading	\$-	\$2,605	\$32,968	\$36,098	\$77,048	\$77,048
Red Hill, PA; Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$1,986	\$54,712	\$161,592	\$161,592	\$161,592
Royersford, PA; Royersford Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$-	\$76,662	\$99,128	\$271,928	\$271,928
Shamokin, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$1,206	\$42,559	\$55,564	\$121,361	\$121,361
Sinking Spring, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$66,360	\$736,820	\$1,535,140	\$1,421,520	\$1,601,500
Spring City, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Steelton, PA; Grace Fellowship	\$-	\$2,400	\$27,888	\$35,988	\$86,407	\$86,407
Stroudsburg, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$3,500	\$53,099	\$180,423	\$180,773	\$180,773
Sunbury, PA; Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$1,500	\$41,910	\$87,399	\$326,346	\$603,657
Terre Hill, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$315	\$33,831	\$36,193	\$104,166	\$104,166
Wallingford, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$8,585	\$347,823 n/a	n/a	\$672,498	\$672,498
Walnutport, PA Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Whitehall, PA; Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	\$212,732	\$1,564	\$530,140	\$530,140	\$530,140	\$530,140
Woodbury Heights, NJ; New Beginnings Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$2,000	\$171,000	\$189,800	\$189,800	\$189,800
York, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$-	\$294,365	\$294,365	\$359,962	\$359,962
Zionsville, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Zionsville	\$-	\$2,900	\$34,532	\$42,230	\$91,705	\$100,726
Total	\$1,182,743	\$591,873	\$6,888,725	\$10,095,372	\$17,711,508	\$19,853,109
Allentown, PA; El Faro (Lighthouse Church)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Cape May Court House, NJ; Cape Community Church	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Forks, PA; Forks Community Church	\$-	\$-	\$46,128	\$46,128	\$56,018	\$56,018
Gettysburg, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Adams County	\$3,375	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Naples, FL; Covenant Bible Fellowship	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Norristown, PA; Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church	\$-	\$3,200	\$27,286	\$81,000	\$-	\$-
Townsend, DE; theMission	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$111,731
Whitehall, PA; Fellowship Community Church	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$1,000	\$43,500	\$43,500
Total	\$3,375	\$3,200	\$73,414	\$128,128	\$99,518	\$211,249
Grand Total	\$1,186,118	\$595,073	\$6,962,139	\$10,223,500	\$17,811,025	\$20,064,358

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 and 11:00 am	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 South 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 AM	8:45 am, 11:15 am	n/a	Wed, 6:30pm
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 http://aplaceforyou.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Blandon, PA Trinity BFC	10:45 AM	9:00 AM		6:30 PM
610-926-4594 610-916-4777 trinitybfc@gmail.com Dan Williams, John Vandegriff	220 Main St, Blandon, PA 19510 Mailing: PO Box 739, Blandon, PA 19510 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	3915 Flatlands Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234 Mailing: P.O. Box 340022, Brooklyn, New York 11234 nccbbrooklyn.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Camden, DE Bible Fellowship Church of Camden	9:45	11:00	6:00	7:00
302-697-0434 201 E. Camden Wyoming Avenue, Camden DE 19934 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		Wednesday 7:00
609-465-2338 office@capecommunitychurch.org Brad Boyer	1159 Route 9 South, Cape May court House, NJ 8210 Mailing: Same www.capecommunitychurch.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Carmel, NY New Life Bible Church	9:30 AM	11:00 AM		
Hans Waldvogel, Elder	476 Farmers Mill Road, Carmel, NY 10512 Mailing: Same			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Clinton Corners, NY Cornerstone Bible Fellowship Church	11:15	9:30		Small Groups Throughout the Week
845-266-8057 cornerstonebfc@optimum.net Allen R. Mickle, Jr.	1592 Hollow Road, Clinton Corners, NY 12514 Mailing: Same www.cornerstonebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Coopersburg, PA Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	10:00 AM	8:30 AM & 11:10 AM		6:30 PM
610-282-3161 610-282-9546 church@calvarybfc.org Richard T. Paashaas, Thomas P. Shorb	6782 N. Main St., 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	10:30		7:00
717-579-4414 church@freedombfc.com Mark E. Barninger	409 Allegheny Street, Dauphin, PA 17018 Mailing: Same www.freedombfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Denville, NJ Bible Fellowship Church of Denville	9:30 AM	11:00 AM		Thurs. 6:30 pm
973-625-1880 Richard D. Harris	263 Diamond Spring Rd, Denville, NJ 7834 Mailing: Same bfcdenville.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Emmaus, PA Bethel Church	9:45 AM	8:30 am 10:45 am		Wed, 7:00 pm
610-965-2682 610-965-9472 Bethel@bethelbfc.org David Schoen, David Schlonecker	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	10:30		7 p.m.
717-733-2526 717-733-4122 ebfc@ephatabfc.com Jason Hoy	491 Peach Road, Ephrata, PA 17522 Mailing: PO Box 299, Ephrata, PA 17522 www.ephatabfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Phillipsburg, NJ Calvary BFC	9:00 AM Sept-May	10:00 AM		7:00 PM
908-995-7678 Byron Widger	191 County Road 627, Phillipsburg, NJ 8865 Mailing: Same www.FinesvilleBFC.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Fleetwood, PA Faith Bible Fellowship Church	11:00	9:30		6:45
610-944-7080 FaithbBFfleetwood@gmail.com Jerry Brush	236 S. Richmond Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522 Mailing: Same FaithBFCFleetwood.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Tatamy, PA Forks Community Church		10:30 AM		
484-548-0251 tim@forkscommunitychurch.org Tim Zuck	336 Bushkill Street, Tatamy, PA 18085 Mailing: 308b Old Mill Road, Easton, PA 18040 www.forkscommunitychurch.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Gettysburg, PA Bible Fellowship of Adams County	9:00 AM	10:00 AM		
Mark Morrison, Interim	895 Coleman Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 Mailing: Same adamscountybfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Graterford, PA Graterford BFC	9:30	10:45	na	7:00
610-489-9389 markgbfc@gmail.com Mark Orton	693 Church Road, Graterford, PA 19426 Mailing: Same graterfordbible.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Harleysville, PA Faith BFC	9:15am	10:30am		7pm
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 Church				
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	9:30am	10:45	6:00	7:00
215 855 2449 215-855-8756 bethanyoffice@bethanybfc.org Howard Wells, Joel Klase	75 West Broad Street, Hatfield, PA 18940 Mailing: Same www.bethanybfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Hellertown, PA Saucon Community BFC	10:45	9:00		7:00
610-838-3111 info@sauconbfc.org Keith A. Strunk	1319 Main St., Hellertown, PA 18055 Mailing: Same www.sauconcommunitychurch.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Howell, NJ Community Bible Fellowship Church	N/A	10:30am	N/A	N/A
732-363-8941 communitybfc@optonline.net Eric North	3071 Lakewood Allenwood Road, Howell, NJ 7731 Mailing: Same communitybfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Townsend, DE theMISSION Church		10:00 AM		
302-449-4225 info@themissionbfc.org Ron Smith	107 Main Street, Townsend, DE 19734 Mailing: PO Box 1252, Middletown, DE 19734 http://www.themissionbfc.org/			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Wallingford, PA Grace	10:45AM	9:00AM		7:00pm
610-876-8725 610-876-8725 Aaron Susek, Timothy S. Cowen, Mark A. Bickel	723 South Providence Road, Wallingford, PA 19086 Mailing: Same gracebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Walnutport, PA Northern Lehigh BFC	na	10:30		6:00
610-434-8661 Office@whitehallbfc.org Aaron Smith	840 S. Best Ave, Walnutport, PA 18088 Mailing: Same Lehighbible.com			

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Whitehall, PA Fellowship Community Church	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. Sun.	6:30 p.m. monthly	6:30 p.m. Wed
610-769-4312 Philip E. Yerrington	3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052 Mailing: Same			

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Whitehall, PA Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	9:00 AM	10:30am		
610-434-8661 office@WhitehallBFC.org Timothy J. Schmoyer	3300 Seventh Street, Whitehall, PA 18052 Mailing: Same www.LehighBible.com, www.Whitehall.Church			

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Woodbury Heights, NJ New Beginnings BFC	9:15 AM	10:30 AM	none	none
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York, PA Faith Bible Fellowship Church of York	9:30am	10:30am		Wed. 11:00am
717-846-7749 yorkbfc@gmail.com Timothy J. Bertolet	675 Woodland View Drive, York, PA 17406 Mailing: Same http://www.faithbfcyork.org/			

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Zionsville, PA BFC of Zionsville	9:30	10:30		TH 7pm
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