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17 April 2022	16 April 2028	9 April 2034	
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April 30, 2019, Pinebrook Bible Conference



James D. & Mindy Reff and Family



Jason A. & Anna Filbert and Elijah

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(Appointed Committees)

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Chairman - Jason L. Hoy
Secretary - Scott Wright
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	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	2016
Bickel, Mark A.	2009	2012	2009
Bickings, Richard F.	2010	2013	2010
Boone, Clifford B.	1989	1992	2002
Boyer, Brad L.	2015	2018	2015
Brandt, David E.	2006	2009	2006
Brush, R. Jerome	1988	1992	1991
Burgess, Ronald	2017	2018	2016
Cahill, Dennis M.	1986	1984	1986
Carder, Greg W.	2015	2018	2016
Coffman, Beau E.	2013	2016	2017
Cowen, Timothy S.	1997	2000	1997
Crossgrove, Andrew T.	1999	2002	2002
DelDuco, Steven J.	2007	2009	2011
Diaz, Stephen A.	2015	2017	2015
Dodson, Richard C.	2013	2015	2013
Dupiche, Joshua A.	2013	2016	2016
Erb, Ronald C.	1981	1983	2017
Filbert, Jason A.	2015	2019	2015
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

Hogan, Timothy S.	2015	2017	2017
Hoy, Jason L.	2011	2014	2014
Johnson, Robert A., II	2002	1990	2002
Kappes, W. Scott	2012	2015	2016
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	2017
Long, Keith M.	2010	2013	2007
LoRusso, John R.	2012	2015	2017
Mack, Ezekiel R.	2015	2018	2015
Madara, Ferdie R.	2006	1995	2006
McNally, Bryan C.	2012	2015	2012
Miller, Joshua P.	2007	2010	2012
Morrison, Mark L.	1996	1999	2006
Morton, Steven J.	2015	2017	2015
Moyer, Duane E.	1998	2001	2014
Nessler, Timothy R.	2015	2017	2017
Orton, Mark R.	2009	2006	2009
Paashaus, Richard T.	1988	1990	1976
Peters, David J.	2008	2011	2017
Prontnicki, Louis	1983	1985	1990
Radcliff, Timothy S.	2015	2017	2015
Ramirez, Marcos G.	2008	2011	2007
Ramos, Elliot H.	1998	2001	2013
Ravis, Richard B.	1990	1985	2001
Reed, Calvin T.	1982	1984	1983
Reff, James D. II	2016	2019	2016
Ritter, Ralph E.	1991	1994	2016
Rissmiller, S. Wayne	2015	2018	2016
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
Smith, Aaron D.	2012	2016	2016
Smith, David A.	2011	2014	2018
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	2016
Sweet, L. Marc	2015	2017	2015
Thomann, David A.	1978	1977	1987
Triestman, Benjamin J.	2015	2018	2015
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	2016
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

Allen, Daniel P.	1982	1979	2012
Evans, Scott B.	2005	2007	2008
Head, Jim D.	1994	1996	1998
Istrate, Daniel	2014	2017	2014
Johnston, Walter M.	1987	1987	1991
Morrison, Philip E.	1980	1982	1993
Moyer, Jerry L.	1992	1994	1997
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
Moyer, Richard A. (Prison)	1995	2000	1999
Ruhl, Jeffery L.	1997	2000	2017
Susek, Jacob J. (Fellow. Comm.)	1994	1983	2011

Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries

Bomgardner, Clyde D., Jr.	1997	2000	2012
Eyster, Jordan K.	2011	2014	2016
Lynskey, Matthew L.	2009	2014	2019
Tannous, Michael J.	2001	2004	2011

Ordained Ministers Working in Non-BFC Churches

Commerford, Robert S.	1984	1986	2015
Curcio, Louis S.	2002	2004	2015
Hunter, Justin L.	2010	2013	2015
Lawrence, Dennis J.	1993	1996	2015
Pollock, Thomas A.	1996	1999	2019

Ordained Ministers Between Calls

Blair, Jason W.	2015	2017	2018
Clineff, Kevin W.	2001	2004	2018
Dunn, William J.	1999	2002	2019
Edwards, Joshua D.	2008	2011	2018
Lenahan, Frank E.	2005	2009	2017
Martin, Carl T.	1983	1986	2018
Morrison, Thomas H.	2005	2008	2018
North, Eric R.	2003	1992	2018

Ordained Minister On Leave of Absence

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Gysi, Andrew T.	2012	2014	2018

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	2013
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, 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
Felty, Glenn R.	2006	1966	2018
Gehman, Richard J.	1964	1971	2002
Heller, LeRoy S.	1955	1958	2017
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

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Norris, Philip G.	2004	2007	2015
Plows, Keith E.	1966	1968	2000
Reitz, Roger L.	1972	1974	2011
Shelly, Austin G.	1956	1961	1995
Shorb, Thomas P.	1977	1979	2015
Sloan, Robert A., Jr.	1988	1986	2016
Smith, Gene W.	1991	1978	2008
Spackman, Carl K.	1969	1971	2012
Stortz, Dean A.	1983	1986	2010
Taylor, Richard E.	1973	1975	2016
Uhrich, Gregory A.	1989	1983	2017
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
Clark, Gerald D.	2002	2006	2018
Dommel, Albert J.	1982	1984	2019
Harding, W. Neil, Jr.	1983	1993	2013

In Memoriam:
Willis I. Dowling
May 22, 1957 – September 15, 2018

The son of missionaries, Willis Irvin Dowling grew up observing how ministry was to be carried out: with love, openness, and hospitality. That's the way he lived his life – pastoring churches, preaching the Word, and loving people – up until the day the Lord called him home on Sept. 15, 2018 in Norfolk, VA. He was just 61.

Dowling was born in Sao Paolo, Brazil. His father, Rev. Wilson Thompson Dowling, was serving as a missionary at the time but later pastored several Presbyterian churches in MD and VA. Dowling thus spent his formative years observing ministry from close-up. “It seemed to me that his parsonage heritage enabled Willis to naturally be a great pastor,” observed James Arcieri, a longtime friend who served as one of the officiants at Dowling’s memorial service. “He intuitively knew how to care for people.”



Dowling served as pastor at a number of churches in the DelMarVa region: Cypress Chapel Christian Church in Suffolk, VA; South Norfolk (VA) Christian Church, and Chesapeake Mission Church in the Bible Fellowship Church. Dowling was ordained in the BFC in 1983, served as a church planter from 1998-2008, and was designated as an Ordained Minister Working in Other Christian Ministries in 2009.

While distance seldom allowed Dowling to travel north, he was able to attend the 135th BFC Conference at Pinebrook Bible Conference in April, 2018, and expressed his pleasure in reconnecting with old BFC friends.

Dowling was a life-long learner, and his thirst for knowledge greatly influenced his preaching. “Willis couldn’t help but teach, because he was always reading over a broad spectrum,” Arcieri recalled. “He was a multi-tasker – if doing house chores, driving, or part-time painting, he would be listening to books on tape, CD, iPod, phone – he kept up with technology.” He had a voracious appetite for learning and a great affection for people.”

At the time of his death, Dowling was serving as a teacher at Oaktree Academy in Virginia Beach, VA. His memorial service on Sept. 20, 2018 was a standing-room-

only affair held at his first charge, Cypress Chapel Christian Church. At the service, Dowling's God was exalted and his life and ministry were remembered with great affection. Jessica Sawyer said of her former pastor, "Pastor Dowling was a picture of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. He was there for everyone through the happiest of times and the most difficult, offering support, prayer, and love. He was forgiving, humble, and kind. He served our community with such selflessness. He has positively impacted so many lives and will never be forgotten."

Willis is survived by his wife, Heather Crofts Dowling, son Benjamin (Marcie), daughters Bethany (Dan) and Anna Grace, and grandchildren Grace, Josiah, and Noelle.

In Memoriam:
Edgar H. Munyan
January 18, 1927 – June 30, 2018

Rev. Edgar H Munyan, having served his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ faithfully as a pastor with the Evangelical United Brethren, United Methodist Church, and the Evangelical Free Church, joined the Bible Fellowship Church in 1989 as church planter in Bangor, PA. When that work closed in 1991, he retired again but joined the pastoral staff as Visitation Pastor at Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church in 1992. His wife of 64 years, Doris, was on dialysis three days a week for many hours, affording Pastor Munyan time to visit the sick and shut ins within the Lehigh Valley, which he did in great numbers. His pleasant demeanor and loving spirit enabled him to cheer the hearts of the thousands of people he visited on an annual basis. He loved to sing and preach when he was given



opportunity. He continued to teach a Sunday School class and led a small group at Cedar Crest into his late eighties. Born in Philadelphia in 1927, Munyan joined the US Navy, and served in WWII. Following his time in the Navy he graduated from Houghton College and Evangelical Theological Seminary before beginning his time as a pastor. He spent enough time in both the United Methodist Church and the Evangelical Free Church to retire with a pension from each! He was a godly man who loved the Lord with all his heart, serving Him faithfully even to the very end of his life, June 30, 2018.

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BFC Conference Proceedings - 2019

First meeting

Monday, April 29, 2019, 6:30 P.M.

Conference Moderator Timothy J. Schmoyer called the 136th BFC Conference to order at 6:30 P.M. as he welcomed pastors, delegates, and guests to Pinebrook's Fellowship Hall. Schmoyer immediately referenced Psalm 122 – "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" "We assemble from a ripe harvest field to fellowship together," Schmoyer said.

Resolved, that the tables with the green tablecloths constitute the Conference Bar for the 136th BFC Conference.

The roll of eligible members of the 136th BFC Conference was established as follows:

Allentown, PA (Cedar Crest)	Clifford B. Boone, Glenn R. Felty, Jonathan H. King, John R. LoRusso, Chris M. Von Holt (Probationer), William J. Walters, John J. Colabroy, Ricky D. Whitmire
Bethlehem, PA	Timothy D. Gibson, Richard F. Bickings, Philip G. Norris, Robert A. Gill
Blandon, PA	Daniel L. Williams, R. Jerry Brush, John C. Vandegriff, Jr., Glenn McCaskey
Boyertown, PA (Harvest Fell.)*	Barry T. Parsons (Probationer), Lucas M. Parsons
Camden, DE	Daniel R. Wagner, Albert F. Biddle
Carmel, NY	Joseph Waldvogel (Probationer), Hans R. Waldvogel
Clinton Corners, NY	David R. Way, Wayne M. Chadwell
Coopersburg, PA	David J. Peters, Richard T. Paashaus, Timothy S. Hogan, Michael J. Zettlemoyer, Stephen C. Cassel
Dauphin, PA	Mark E. Barninger, Dennis Souder
Denville, NJ	Richard D. Harris, Steven W. Kay
Emmaus, PA	David A. Smith, David N. Schoen, David K. Schlonecker, Jared Burkholder (Probationer), Gary Karch
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Harleysville, PA	Andrew T. Crossgrove, Michael W. Walker, Richard C. Lutz
Harrisburg, PA	Joshua P. Miller, Steven J. DelDuco, Richard Pressner
Hatfield, PA	Howard N. Wells, Joel B. Klase, Richard Granberry
Hellertown, PA	Keith A. Strunk, Kevin Sine
Brick, NJ (formerly Howell)	Marc L. Sweet, Marco Valle
Kutztown, PA	Ezekiel R. Mack, Nickolas T. Tempe
LaGrangeville, NY	Dennis W. Spinney, Charles Webb
Lancaster, PA	David A. Thomann, Keith M. Long, Robert L. Yinger, David L. Winters
Las Cruces, NM	David M. Poland (Probationer), Dan Dunwell
Lebanon, PA	Calvin T. Reed, David E. Brandt, Jarrod J. Cruise, Jack S. Herb
Lehighton, PA	Robert A. Johnson II, Richard M. Gross II
Long Neck, DE	Andrew W. Barnes, Tom Lioy
Maple Glen, PA	Louis Prontnicki, Mark W. Sanders
Merida, MEXICO	Marcos G. Ramirez, Freddy A. Chi, Edgar Navarro
Mt. Carmel, PA	Roger L. Siegrist (Probationer), Jim Ketner
Mt. Pocono, PA	W. Scott Kappes, Ed Day
Nazareth, PA	Carl J. Fischer, John B. Wilson
Newark, DE	William G. Schlonecker, Richard C. Dodson, Stephen J. Morton, Daniel W. King, Ronald J. Bove, Kenneth J. Klein
Newark, NJ	Ron Burgess, Milton Hinton
Oley, PA	(Vacant), James D. MacArthur, Benjamin Bailey (Probationer), William Ryan, Jeff Keller
Paradise, PA	Jesse A. Benack (Probationer), Bruce Zubrick
Philadelphia, PA	Ralph E. Ritter, Joseph P. Specht, Jr.
Piscataway, NJ	Dennis M. Cahill, Richard B. Ravis, Jay R. Vroman
Quakertown, PA	Ronald L. Kohl, Timothy S. Radcliff, Mark S. Matson
Reading, PA	Randall A. Grossman, Nathaniel C. LeTowt (Probationer), Ronald W. Reed, Glenn D. Ruoss
Reading, PA (La Roca)	Carlos G. Rodriguez, William Lopez

Red Hill, PA	James Arcieri, Rob Vaughn
Royersford, PA	Ronald C. Erb, Tony Zook
Shamokin, PA	Ferdie R. Madara, Russell Burd
Sinking Spring, PA	S. Wayne Rissmiller, Gregory W. Carder, Errin Mulberry, Don McKinney, John Weller, Bruce Wilson
Spring City, PA	Jeffrey A. Kauffman (Probationer), Sean P. McNamara
Steelton, PA	(Vacant), Jayonn Folks
Stroudsburg, PA	Beau E. Coffman, Mike Murphy
Sunbury, PA	Joshua P. Gibson, Jules J. Hull (Probationer), Doug R. Gaugler
Terre Hill, PA	Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Andrew S. Littlejohn
Townsend, DE	Ronald B. Smith, Dave Graham
Wallingford, PA	Aaron J. Susek, Mark A. Bickel, Timothy S. Cowen, Scott Simmons
Walnutport, PA (Northern Lehigh)	Aaron D. Smith, Jason P. Musselman
Whitehall, PA (Bethany)	Timothy J. Schmoyer, Mark Hargrove
Whitehall, PA (Fellowship Comm.)	Philip E. Yerrington, Jerald A. Lagler
Woodbury Heights, NJ	Timothy R. Nessler, Harry Nessler
York, PA	Timothy J. Bertolet
Zionsville, PA	Bryan C. McNally, Andrew J. Schmersahl

*Pending reception as a Particular Church

Ordained Ministers Serving in Bible Fellowship Ministries:

David T. Allen, BFC Executive Director; Raymond R. Bertolet, Church Extension; Brad L. Boyer, Church Extension; Stephen A. Diaz, Church Extension; Joshua P. Dupiche, Church Extension; Jason A. Filbert, Church Extension; David E. Gundrum, Church Extension; Donald E. Kuntzman, Board of Missions; Ralph M. Soper, Conference Pastor; Duane E. Moyer, Board of Missions; Elliot H. Ramos, Church Extension; James D. Reff (Probationer), Church Extension; R. Scott Wagner, Church Extension; Timothy M. Zuck, Church Extension; John J. Hanner (Probationer), Church Extension; Benjamin J. Triestman (Probationer), Church Extension; Phillip H. Ruiz (Probationer), Church Extension; Mark L. Morrison, Church Extension

Ordained Missionaries:

Daniel P. Allen, Scott B. Evans, Larry Davies, James D. Head, Walter M. Johnson, 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:

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

Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries:

Clyde D. Bomgardner Jr., Jordan K. Eyster, Michael J. Tannous, Dennis Lawrence

Ordained Ministers in Retirement:

William C. Aukamp, James R. Batchler, Jr., T. James Bigley, Jr., Terris L. Byrd, Leonard E. Buck, Carl C. Cassel, G. Wayne Clapier, Charles E. Cole, Hugh C. Coulbourn, Jr., Raymond R. Dotts, Richard J. Gehman, LeRoy S. Heller, 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, Austin G. Shelly, Thomas P. Shorb, Robert A. Sloan, Gene W. Smith, Carl K. Spackman, Dean A. Stortz, Richard E. Taylor, Harold C. Weaver, Dana E. Weller, Daniel G. Ziegler, Paul G. Zimmerman

Ordained Ministers Between Calls:

Joshua D. Edwards, Frank E. Lenahan, Carl T. Martin, Eric North, Jason W. Blair

Ordained Ministers on a Leave of Absence:

Albert J. Dommel, Andrew T. Gysi, Thomas H. Morrison

Additional Lay Members of the BFC Executive Board:

Stephen J. Kauffman, Charles Lavigna, L. James Roberts, Jr.; John W. Sullivan

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

Resolved, that the Report of the Agenda and Arrangements Committee be accepted and serve as the guide for the deliberations of the 136th BFC Conference.

Whereas, BFC Conference is in the process of revising our rules related to Delegates and Alternate Delegates, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Registrar be authorized to seat alternate delegates when necessary during the Conference and report them to the Conference in his report at the conclusion of Conference.

Resolved, that the 137th BFC Conference be held at Pinebrook April 27-29, 2020.

Resolved, that committee reports for the 137th BFC Conference be sent in digital format to the BFC Conference Secretary by February 15, 2020 at sportspastor33@gmail.com.

Jeremy L. Harkins led Conference in musical worship, interspersing song and Scripture (Genesis 1, Romans 8:38-39). With assistance from James Arcieri, Elliot H. Ramos, Richard B. Ravis, and Aaron J. Susek, Conference sang, “All Creatures of Our God and King,” “All Praise to Him,” “How Great Thou Art,” “Behold Our God,” and “He Will Hold Me Fast.”

Keynote speaker David T. Allen addressed the subject of “Clarity in Pursuit of our Disciple-Making Mission.” Reminding Conference of the inspiration of all Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16-17), Allen chose an unusual Old Testament text: 1 Chronicles 12:32 – “Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, 200 chiefs, and all their kinsmen under their command.” He then took Conference on a history of the tribe of Issachar, highlighting its geography and achievements, interweaving parallel translations in Hebrew, Greek, and Spanish as a means of connecting this tribe to the character and make-up of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Allen noted several similarities between the BFC and Issachar. They were farmers like we used to be. Issachar was a tribe largely made up of scholars while the Bible Fellowship Church has many who have closely studied the Scriptures. Connections were made to both evangelism and discipleship. Issachar was wise enough to discern the times and the culture in which it lived. We must exhibit the same discernment. “The commission... is clear,” Allen said. “Make disciples... Get it done. Are we doing it? Do we even know how?”

Just as Issachar had both knowledge and understanding of the cultural implications of its times, Allen noted, “I believe we in the Bible Fellowship Church are beginning to understand the times in which we live.” The challenge, then, is to bridge the gap between knowing what we ought to do and actually doing it, for those are two different things.

Developing a plan, he stressed, is key. “Someone said if you don’t go anywhere you won’t get anywhere, and if you aim for nothing, you’ll hit it every time.”

Allen cited Howard Hendricks as providing the right perspective as to the things churches need to be engaged in. “Don’t develop preaching centers,” Hendricks said, “Develop discipleship centers.”

“We’re not a large tribe like the Southern Baptists,” Allen said. We’re a small tribe that, like Issachar, has to know the times and the culture and then go out and do what we’re called by the Lord to do.”

Following the keynote address, the Moderator noted, “Our primary piece of business tonight is to celebrate” the addition of a new particular church. David E. Gundrum, Director of Church Extension Ministries, introduced recommendations to receive Harvest Fellowship Church of Boyertown (Colebrookdale), PA as a new particular church of the BFC.

“We’re supposed to be an expanding fellowship of churches, and God has opened a door for that goal, that vision, to come into being through various ways,” Gundrum explained, noting that one of the ways the Bible Fellowship Church has expanded

is through currently-existing churches that seek connections with the BFC. He then introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, the Board of Church Extension has assessed the elder candidates and has reviewed the financial reports of Harvest Fellowship Mission Church, and

Whereas, Church Extension affirms that Harvest Fellowship Mission Church has sufficient men qualified to be elders, and a sufficient committed participant group who will sign as charter members, and

Whereas, the financial reports of Harvest Fellowship Mission Church have been reviewed, therefore be it

Resolved, that Harvest Fellowship Mission Church be received into the BFC Conference, and be recognized as a Particular Church.

The motion to receive Harvest Fellowship Church of Boyertown, PA (Colebrookdale) as a new particular church passed unanimously, with a hearty round of applause ensuing from Conference.

Barry T. Parsons, Harvest Fellowship's senior pastor, introduced a short introductory video illustrating his church, its ministries, and Harvest's "body life."

Parsons referred to Harvest's 43-year history as its "years of pilgrimage," a pilgrimage that came out of the 1970s "Jesus Movement" to become first The Catacombs Outreach and then The Catacombs Church, which began to hold services in a storefront in the Pottstown area.

In 1979, during a Bible study, Parsons sat down next to a woman who later became his wife. Barry and Sharon began a work in youth ministry even before they were married and served together in that capacity for 11 years.

Years later, the church purchased the property that eventually became its current home in Colebrookdale. Curiously, the first service held at this new facility was the wedding of Barry and Sharon Parsons.

Sometime later, the church sadly departed from sound doctrine into the malaise of signs, wonders, and experience. And while Parsons was off studying at Calvary Chapel in Philadelphia, he was shocked to learn that the church's pastor had been found to have committed adultery.

Parsons referred to a remnant who survived these tumultuous times. Just as Hanani had informed Nehemiah of Jerusalem's destruction and the need to return to Jerusalem and rebuild its walls, the Parsons were burdened to learn that the congregation they loved was falling apart. Seeking someone who could build trust, the church called upon Parsons to return to provide stability. That was 25 years ago; Parsons has been its pastor ever since.

Because the church's past needed to be buried in the Catacombs, the church took on a new name: Harvest Fellowship. The church was beginning the hard work of restoration. But that work, Parsons and others determined, needed to be Bible-centered. "If we're

going to move forward and rebuild, then the Word of God has to be the foundation of everything we do,” Parsons told Harvest Fellowship’s elders. The work of restoration began as Parsons began by preaching through the Gospel of Luke.

Along the way, God sent many co-workers who helped to rebuild a healthy church, and one of the men God sent began to introduce the church to Reformed theology. Some voiced opposition but a commitment to what Parsons called “sound theology by the grace and mercy of God” won out, and the church began to grow again.

Before long, a new board of elders began to work at developing a new doctrinal statement. They consulted many existing documents, one of which was the Faith & Order of the Bible Fellowship Church. “We adopted the Articles of Faith before we became a particular church,” Parsons admitted.

“We were so blessed to find a rich history of strong churches with like-minded pastors that the Articles of Faith of the Bible Fellowship Church were a natural fit, and we reached out to the church-planting division,” he added.

But the concrete connection that united Harvest Fellowship to the BFC in an official way came in April 2016 when Barry and son Luke Parsons attended the Together for the Gospel pastors’ conference in Louisville, KY. Even before arriving in Kentucky, both father and son had made connections with brothers from Ebenezer BFC in Bethlehem, and at conference’s end, both were invited to join a table of BFC pastors at a Louisville restaurant. It was at that meeting that Barry Parsons was invited to join the Bucks-Mont Region’s monthly pastors’ meeting.

“What I found there was a group of men who...were committed to one another and to the preaching and teaching of God’s holy Word,” Parsons said. “It was a breath of fresh air for an independent church pastor.”

Just three years later, Parsons, his wife and son, and several members of the Harvest Fellowship congregation had the joy of witnessing Harvest Fellowship’s welcome as a new particular church. Many others, Parson noted, watched the service online. “My wife and I have shed many tears over these last 43 years,” he said. “But tonight is different. Tonight is a night of rejoicing.”

Richard E. Taylor, Chairman of the Department of Church Extension Ministries, prayed, thanking God for Harvest Fellowship. The Conference Moderator entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., closing the first meeting of the 136th BFC Conference in prayer. A time of refreshments and fellowship followed the meeting’s adjournment.



136th Conference Officers
(L to R) Steven J. DelDuco, Timothy J. Schmoyer, Ronald L. Kohl



(L to R) BFC President Robert A. Sloan, Jr.; BFC Executive Director David T. Allen

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Second meeting

Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 8:45 A.M.

The Conference Moderator called the morning's first session to order at 8:45 a.m. with prayer for the day's sessions.

Jeremy L. Harkins and his musical team led Conference in the singing of "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," "He is Our God," "My Savior's Love," "O Great God," and "All I Have is Christ." Harkins also read Psalm 33:10-11 and Psalm 51:10.

Will Mancini, founder of Auxano, a non-profit church consulting group who on Monday provided a pre-conference seminar on "The New Rules of Vision," delivered the morning address, "Three Moments that Launched Jesus' Disciple-Making Vision."

"I want to talk to you today about a problem in the church in North America," Mancini said. "The problem is that the church in North America...is over-programmed and under-discipled. There's not a church in America that's not dealing with that challenge."

"I don't question your theology," said Mancini, himself a Reformed Baptist. "I'm not worried about your belief...your understanding of substitutionary atonement. We just sang, 'Jesus is My Life.' What I'm fearful of is...that Jesus won't be your life in how you practice ministry...Jesus made disciples."

How we learn how to pray, Mancini suggested, is based more on developing skills through practices like modeling, practicing, evaluation, and accountability than it is on listening to sermons – what he called "learning the practices, the competencies, the skills of living in the way of Jesus."

Mancini asked Conference to imagine the church as a training center through the metaphor of a pipeline – the concept of moving people from Point A to Point B, training them to develop and use new skills. That involves teaching – what we do as preachers of the gospel is important – but it also involves modeling, practicing, evaluation, and accountability. In other words, developing a leadership-discipleship pipeline.

"Teaching's important, but it's not holistic, because you don't develop swimmers in a classroom and you don't develop disciples in a worship center only," Mancini stressed.

Mancini said his research has indicated that in many churches, the most-committed people are becoming less committed and less regular in their attendance. Part of the reason for that is simple accessibility to sermons; via the Internet we can access sermons by 100 excellent preachers without ever leaving our living rooms. But part of the reason is because churches are failing to take advantage of opportunities to train and develop people. Mancini suggested that we need to stop seeing church as a platform for the pastor and begin to view church as a pipeline for developing disciples who serve the Lord, the church, and one another.

"In the platform paradigm, there's only room for one pastor, and it's you," Mancini

said. “In the pipeline paradigm, everyone’s a pastor...we need to understand the pastorhood of every believer.”

Mancini directed Conference’s attention to three texts in the Gospels that highlighted events or interchanges Jesus had that directly preceded His selection of the 12 men He chose to be His disciples – part of His “pipeline approach” to training others for ministry. These examples, from Luke 6:9-12, Mark 3:7-12, and Matthew 9:36-38, highlighted the time-urgency, considerable neediness, and amazing opportunities that connected with Jesus’ pouring His own life into an inner circle of three (Peter, James, John), the 12 disciples as a group, and ever-widening circles of His followers leading to the conversion of 3,000 in one day at Pentecost.

“Disciple-making is a way of life and you can feel something happening as people are being developed,” he noted. But there is an urgency to that that we must feel, leading to a commitment to training and preparing others to first be disciples and then to make disciples. “I don’t have unlimited time to teach,” Mancini said. “I have to invest in a few men – the time is short!”

Michael W. Walker then directed Conference in prayer, using Paul’s words in Ephesians 1:15-23 to call the pastors and delegates to pray prayers of thanksgiving and petition with a special focus on discipleship.

Following the morning break, Pinebrook’s new Site Director, Chad Strausbaugh, provided a warm welcome in his role as Conference Host. “We are thrilled to be able to host you this year. We are grateful for new relationships and new opportunities, to be able to serve you,” Strausbaugh said. “We want you to know that we’re here to support you, and to understand your vision and your goals and how you can use this space.”

The following appointments were made by either the Conference Moderator or the Committee on Agenda and Arrangements:

Registrar: Daniel L. Williams

Assistant Registrar: Joel B. Klase

Overseer of the Pages: Nathaniel C. LeTowt

Head Page: Nathaniel C. LeTowt

Tellers: Jonathan H. King, Chairman; Mark A. Bickel, Brad L. Boyer, Ferdie R. Madara, Timothy R. Nessler, Mark R. Orton, Aaron D. Smith, Ronald B. Smith.

Examination of BFC Conference Minutes (136th): Daniel P. Allen, Chairman; Philip G. Norris, Richard E. Taylor

Resolutions: Timothy S. Hogan, Chairman; Ronald Burgess, Steven J. Morton.

Timekeeper: Mark L. Morrison

Parliamentarian: Joshua P. Miller

Resolved, that the appointments be ratified.

The Conference Secretary made the following appointments:

Assistant Secretary: Bryan C. McNally.

Assistants to the Secretary: David E. Brandt, Donald E. Kuntzman.

Resolved, that the appointments be ratified.

The following new members of BFC Conference were introduced:

Jesse Benack, Paradise BFC, Paradise, PA; Jared Burkholder, Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA; Stephen Cassel, Calvary BFC, Coopersburg, PA; Jarrod Cruise, Lebanon BFC, Lebanon, PA; Ed Day, Pocono Mt. BFC, Mt. Pocono, PA; Robert Gill, Ebenezer BFC, Bethlehem, PA; Melvin Hinton, Newark BFC, Newark, NJ; Jeff Kauffman, Faith BFC, Spring City, PA; William Lopez, La Roca de Reading, Reading, PA; Glenn McCaskey, Trinity BFC, Blandon, PA; Sean McNamara, Faith BFC, Spring City; Errin Mulberry, Calvary BFC, Sinking Spring, PA; Michael Murphy, Berean BFC, Stroudsburg, PA; Barry T. Parsons, Harvest BFC, Boyertown, PA; Lucas Parsons, Harvest BFC, Boyertown, PA; David M. Poland, Grace Bible Church, Las Cruces, NM; Andrew J. Schmersahl, Zionsville BFC, Zionsville, PA; Roger Siegrist, Bethany BFC, Mount Carmel, PA; Kevin Sine, Saucon Community BFC, Hellertown, PA; Rod Spangler, Graterford BFC, Graterford, PA; Marco D. Valle, Community BFC, Brick, NJ; Chris Von Holt, Cedar Crest BFC, Allentown, PA; Joseph Waldvogel, New Life Bible Church, Carmel, NY; David Winters, Faith BFC, Lancaster, PA; Tony Zook, Royersford BFC, Royersford, PA.

Report of the Committee on Examination of 135th BFC Conference Minutes:
(see page 115)

Resolved, that the report be adopted.

The Conference Secretary made the following recommendation:

Resolved, that all minutes of all sessions of the 135th BFC Conference be approved.

Report of the Nominating Committee:

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

The following were elected:

BFC Executive Board:

John W. Sullivan (1 year)

Ministerial Relations Committee:

Ronald W. Reed (3 years)

Committee on Nominations:

Dorothy Ruch (3 years)

Rachel Schmoyer (1 year)

Conference Judicatory:

David J. Peters (3 years)

Special Appellate Judicatory:

Randall A. Grossman (3 years)

Scott Wright (3 years)

Donald D. McKinney (3 years)

Jayonn Folks (1 year)

William G. Schlonecker prayed for Robert C. Kaatz, who was forced to step down from the Special Appellate Judicatory after several years of faithful service because he is battling mesothelioma.

Officers for BFC Conference:

Secretary of 137th BFC Conference:

Ronald L. Kohl (1 year)

Report of the Ministerial Credentials Committee: (see page 108)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended ordination for Jason A. Filbert and James D. Reff II, 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 Jason A. Filbert and James D. Reff II be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Resolved, that an Ordination Service be held at the 136th BFC Conference.

Resolved, that the Covenant Bible Fellowship Church, Naples, FL, and the Grace Community Bible Fellowship Church, Chestertown, MD, be encouraged to have a service in recognition of the ordinations of Jason A. Filbert and James D. Reff II, respectively,

and that they be encouraged to invite the Ministerial Credentials Committee to send representation to be present at the service.

Report of the Study Committee to Review Biblical Principles for Living: (see page 120)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

After close examination of the Biblical Principles for Living (BPLs), the Committee determined that the seven potential resolutions included in its report required further discussion and study. The Committee recognized that it is impractical to recommend immediate action on all seven issues; therefore, the decision was made to hone in on the first two recommendations at the 136th BFC Conference.

Resolved: that the BFC Conference appoint a committee to re-examine Article 103-4, The Family, with the following questions minimally in view:

1. Does the current statement adequately define Biblical marriage and provide adequate response and/or direction regarding culture's use of domestic partnership, civil union, common-law marriage, and same-sex marriage?

2. Does the current statement provide adequate guidance regarding the local church's interaction with those involved in domestic partnership, civil union, common-law marriage, and same-sex marriage in such areas as membership, church involvement, believer's baptism, etc.?

3. Does the current statement adequately address the structure of single-parent homes and provide guidance for the church in caring for these families?

Conference voted to appoint a committee to study questions pertaining to Article 103-4, The Family.

Resolved: that the BFC Conference appoints a committee to examine and, if it deems necessary and appropriate, to prepare a statement on the issues of gender and gender/sexual identity by considering the following questions:

1. What does the Bible teach concerning the nature and origin of gender?

2. What does the Bible teach concerning the nature and origin of identity?

3. What is the relationship between sexual anatomy and sexual identification?

4. How does the church respond biblically to individuals struggling to understand their own identity, gender, and sexuality?

Conference voted to appoint a committee to study questions pertaining to this second resolution regarding gender and sexual identity. The study committee decided to postpone the remaining five resolutions in its report until a future BFC Conference.

Conference adjourned for lunch at 12:15 p.m. as Andrew T. Crossgrove prayed.

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Third meeting

Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 1:30 P.M.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:30 p.m. as Timothy M. Zuck led Conference in prayer. Beau E. Coffman prayed for the elections that followed.

Keynote speaker Will Mancini's second address was entitled, "God Dreams: Finding and Focusing Your Church's Future." His purpose, he noted, was to provide our churches and pastors with a tool for developing vision.

Our vision statements, Mancini said, must be specific, not generic. "Generic vision will rob you," he noted. "Generic is not noticeable. It's average. It's mediocre."

Mancini introduced a grid using different perspectives on a horizon, whereby he highlighted a 1-4-1-4 strategy for what he called "The Horizon Storyline." It involves a series of individual goals for churches, starting with a "beyond the horizon" vision that is five years away and eventually moving to a series of 90-day attainable goals.

The following were elected:

BFC Executive Board:

Dennis M. Cahill (3 years)
 Steven J. DelDuco (3 years)
 Stephen J. Kauffman (3 years)
 L. James Roberts Jr. (3 years)

Ministerial Credentials Committee:

Dennis M. Cahill (3 years)
 Carlos G. Rodriguez (3 years)

Ministerial Relations Committee:

Randall A. Grossman (3 years)

Committee on Nominations:

Mark E. Barninger (3 years)

Committee on Church Health:

James Arcieri (3 years)
 Clyde D. Bomgardner Jr. (3 years)

Conference Judicatory:

Donald D. McKinney (3 years)

Officers of the 137th BFC Conference:

Moderator

Timothy J. Schmoyer (1 year)

The following resolution is connected to the morning's presentation of the Committee to Review Biblical Principles for Living:

Whereas, we recently created two study committees based on the recommendations from the BPL Review Committee, and

Whereas, Article 508 (Business Rules of BFC Conference) allows for Conference to appoint the committee members or for the Moderator to appoint the members with Conference ratification, and

Whereas, it would serve the time frame of our agenda to have the Moderator appoint the members of these two study committees, therefore be it

Resolved, that Conference requests that the Moderator appoint at least five people to each study committee, to be ratified by the 136th BFC Conference.

Consideration of a Request from the Board of Elders, Lebanon BFC: (see page 150)

The Board of Elders of the Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church made the following request for consideration at the 136th BFC Conference:

Whereas, the Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church has a desire to see Bible Fellowship Churches planted in foreign countries, and

Whereas, the establishment of Bible Fellowship Churches in foreign counties is consistent with our mission statement that we are “An Expanding Fellowship of Churches united to make disciples of Jesus Christ,” and

Whereas, we already have a church in Mexico that was under the auspices of Church Extension, and

Whereas, Church Extension is the church planting arm of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Bible Fellowship Conference charge the Executive Board to examine a potential strategy for planting Bible Fellowship Churches in other foreign countries.

Resolved, that the request be received.

Report of the Study Committee on the Importance of Preaching: (see page 126)

Resolved, that the report be received.

After extended discussion, the following action was taken by Conference:

Resolved, that we refer the report back to the committee for continued study in preparation for the 137th BFC Conference.

The Moderator recommended that the committee consider what was discussed on the floor of Conference. He encouraged members of Conference to submit suggestions to the committee.

The following were elected:

Ministerial Candidate Committee:
Andrew W. Barnes (3 years)

Vice-Moderator of BFC Conference:
Steven J. DelDuco (1 year)

Duane E. Moyer, Director of the Bible Fellowship Church's Board of Missions, greeted Conference by pointing the pastors' and delegates' attention to the BFC Missions Rally scheduled for May 4, 2019 at Cedar Crest BFC.

The following missionaries were introduced to BFC Conference:

Daniel P. Allen; Larry Davies; Bill Early; John Elias; Sean & Sunny Fox; Chris Merrick; Joseph & Thana Moussa; Jerry L. & Carolyn Moyer; John C. Studenroth; Ondra & Melissa Zikanovi.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m. as Clifford B. Boone prayed. Pastors remained for a brief meeting of the Beneficiary Society prior to heading off to dinner.

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Fourth meeting

Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday evening's session, which was called to order at 7 p.m., was entirely devoted to the service of ordination. No Conference business was conducted. Musical worship leader Jeremy L. Harkins read Psalm 46:1-7. Conference then sang "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" and "All Creatures of Our God and King."

Jason L. Hoy read Psalm 145:1-7 before praying. Ronald C. Erb presented Jason A. Filbert and James D. Reff II as candidates for ordination. Prior to Filbert and Reff being ordained to the gospel ministry, David E. Gundrum reminded the ordinands and all who attended the service of the greatness of God with a sermon entitled "Mysteriously Unfathomable."

Gundrum read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 and 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 as his texts – passages which focus on God's incomprehensible greatness and on His calling of ordinary men to do extraordinary things. "Consider your calling, brothers," Paul wrote. "Not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth."

But God chose things that "are not" to shame the things that are. He chooses the foolish instead of the wise, and the weak instead of the strong. "God chooses 'nothings' – things that are not – so that He might get all the glory," Gundrum said.

First Corinthians 4:1-2 reads, "This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." "It's incomprehensible that we should be called servant-leaders," Gundrum reminded the ordinands. "You have been called to serve."

Following the administering of the ordination vows, the ordination service concluded with the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and the benediction at 8:10 p.m. After the newly-ordained pastors were greeted by their fellow BFC pastors, a time of celebration and refreshment was held in Fellowship Hall.

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Fifth meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 8:45 A.M.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. as Dana E. Weller prayed. Conference worshiped our great, holy, loving, and merciful God through the singing of “Blessed Assurance,” “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” “In Christ Alone,” “His Mercy is More,” and “Show Us Christ.”

Calvin T. Reed preached the morning sermon on the subject of discipleship in the church. His text was 2 Timothy 2:1-2 – “You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

Reed used the familiar metaphor of discipleship as a passing of the baton to work through the text and bring light to those who heard him preach. He quickly answered several preliminary questions:

How is the baton to be passed? “Entrust to faithful men...” “To entrust something is to hand over to another person that which they are to guard for safekeeping,” Reed explained.

Who is to pass the baton? Those who have received it. Paul passed the baton to Timothy and Timothy is then to entrust it to faithful men, who will entrust it to still others...

What is the baton that is to be passed? The faith in its entirety. “It is the whole Word of God and our response to it. It is the full embracing of the faith in word and deed,” Reed said.

How is the baton to be passed? Focusing on the word “entrusting,” Reed pointed to the importance of teaching in both private (one-on-one, Paul-to-Timothy) and public settings.

Reed, the son of a dairy farmer, learned countless life-lessons by observing and working under a father who never missed a milking in 30 years. “I learned a lot about character because he was not only concerned about my abilities; he was also concerned about the kind of person I would be and the kind of worker I would be.”

Much of what Reed said was biographical in nature, referring frequently to how his own father had taught Reed to follow in his footsteps, but always to make the point that discipleship is intensely personal and is conveyed by word, by deed, and by example. Paul did the same thing with Timothy. “Paul taught Timothy so much about life. Literally and figuratively, he [Timothy] adopted the lifestyle of the apostle Paul,” Reed said.

“Just as cows need to be milked, the gospel has to be preached if people are going to be saved,” Reed stressed.

Discipleship, according to the text, took place in both personal teaching and public discipleship through Paul's pulpit ministry. "I believe that preaching is a very, very, very important part of discipleship, and I think that's what's missing from a lot of the paradigms we get from a lot of para-church organizations," Reed said.

"We are living in a time where the preaching of the Word of God is out of season," he noted. "But we shouldn't abandon the preaching of the Word simply because it's out of season and people don't want to hear it...no one is going to dissuade me from doing it because that's what we're charged to do."

Reed concluded his sermon with several ways in which the Lebanon church has personally applied the biblical injunction he had just preached in 2 Timothy 2:1-2. "My greatest passion is for developing pastors," Reed stressed. "I have a real heart to see men become preachers and teachers of the Word of God."

Daniel L. Williams led Conference in a time of concerted prayer using Psalm 145 as his base text and springboard for prayers of confession, thanksgiving, and commitment.

The following was elected:

Committee on Church Health:

Daniel L. Williams (3 years)

Report of the Executive Board: (see page 44)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Bible Fellowship Church Executive Director David T. Allen addressed Conference, briefly walking the pastors and delegates through the Executive Board's report. Pinebrook was Allen's immediate focus; he highlighted the 2018 transfer of property to the Franconia Mennonite Camping Association (Spruce Lake Retreat) and related some of the changes and adjustments that accompany the transfer.

"It wasn't about money. It was about ministry," Allen said in explaining the decision to turn over the assets of Pinebrook Bible Conference to Spruce Lake Retreat.

Allen introduced Mark Swartley, Spruce Lake's Executive Director, who provided some updates on facility improvements, new staff at Pinebrook, etc. "It has been a great decision to be involved here. It hasn't been an easy decision, but we've seen God work here," he said.

The recent deaths of Jay H. Fasnacht and Robert Zentz, two valuable longtime servants, were acknowledged, with L. James Roberts, Jr. and Ronald W. Reed praying, thanking God for the faithfulness of Fasnacht and Zentz, respectively.

Allen reviewed the BFC's financial statements, presenting both a revised budget for 2019 and a proposed budget for 2020.

Resolved, that the 2019 revised Executive Board budget be adopted by the 136th BFC Conference (see page 63).

Resolved, that an assessment rate of two (2.0) percent be adopted by the 136th BFC Conference for 2020 (based on assessable receipts from 2018).

The Executive Board recommended the following resolutions to the 136th BFC Conference:

Whereas, the MRF annuity rate for 2019 was \$221 per year of service, and

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

Resolved, that the MRF annuity rate for calendar year 2020 be \$221 per year of service.

Resolution Relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for Retired or Disabled Ministers of this Conference for Calendar Year 2020:

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, therefore be it

Resolved,

1. An amount equal to 100% of the pension payments received during the year of 2020 be and is hereby designated as a rental/housing allowance for each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister of The Bible Fellowship Church who is or was a member of the Bible Fellowship Church Minister's Retirement Fund.

2. This rental/housing allowance shall apply to each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister who has been granted the retired relationship or placed on disability

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

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

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

The Executive Board also brought the following legislation for approval at the 136th BFC Conference:

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, contributions paid to an authorized 403(b) plan for the benefit of 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, therefore, be it

Resolved,

1. An amount equal to 100% of the proceeds drawn from a 403(b) plan during the year of 2020 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.

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 considered 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."

Resolved, that the 2020 proposed Executive Board budget be adopted by the 136th BFC Conference (see page 64).

Resolved, that David T. Allen be ratified for another three-year term as Executive Director of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The Executive Board brought the following legislation for adoption at the 136th BFC Conference:

Resolved, that we recommend to BFC Conference the deletion of Article 512-4 of the Principles of Order of the BFC Faith & Order, Board of Pinebrook Bible Conference.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 156; No - 1.

Resolved, that the Executive Board presents Article 511-1.7(5), the BFC Life Committee, for adoption at the 136th BFC Conference.

511-1.7 (5) BFC Life Committee

Purpose

To promote spiritual growth and fellowship within the Bible Fellowship Church by providing ministry, training, and recreational opportunities within the denomination.

Composition

(1) It shall be composed of individuals who have a heart for the committee's purpose and can provide valuable assistance to the Committee. Each committee member should have the desire and skill set to enable the ministry to accomplish its mission. The members of the Committee shall be members in good standing of a Bible Fellowship Church and shall be nominated by the Committee and ratified by the BFC Executive Board for a three year term before beginning service on the Committee. The number of members on the Committee shall be determined by the Executive Board, with no less than six members and no more than twelve members in equal classes. In order to coordinate and cooperate ministries, one of the Committee members shall be a member of the BFC Executive Board.

(2) It shall annually determine which of its members will serve as Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Financial Secretary.

Duties

(1) It shall plan for, provide, and promote a Summer Conference program available to both the Bible Fellowship Church and the greater Christian community. The number of weeks, the actual program, and the goals of each week shall be determined by the Committee. Pinebrook Bible Conference shall be the primary venue for events, but other venues may also be considered. The cost for attending BFC Life events should be covered by those who participate, but may be supplemented by funds raised or received by this Committee.

(2) It shall plan for, provide, and promote specific retreat opportunities for the Bible Fellowship Church. The purpose of these retreats should include spiritual enrichment, biblical knowledge enhancement, and fellowship opportunities. These could include retreats for special interest groups within the Bible Fellowship Church. Pinebrook Bible Conference should be considered as a preferred venue. The cost for attending BFC Life events should be covered by those who participate, but may be supplemented by funds raised or received by this Committee.

(3) It is authorized to collect, retain, and disburse funds in the execution of their duties. The Financial Secretary shall provide the BFC Executive Board with quarterly financial reports of monies received by and expended by the Committee.

(4) It may create any sub-committees necessary to carry out its responsibilities.

(5) It may use various means to promote the events organized and arranged by this Committee.

(6) It shall coordinate its program goals and events with the BFC Executive Board in order to promote the vision and strategy of the Bible Fellowship Church.

(7) It shall submit an annual written report to the BFC Executive Board.

[FIRST READING]

Yes – 160; No - 2.

Whereas, the Christian Education Committee has not met in the last three years, nor has it reported since the 132nd BFC Conference, and

Whereas, none of the members have come forward to have their names put forward to be re-elected to the Christian Education Committee after their three-year term has expired, therefore be it

Resolved, that we recommend to BFC Conference the deletion of Article 511-1.7(2) of the Principles of Order of the BFC Faith & Order, Christian Education Committee, and be it further

Resolved, that the Executive Board presents Article 511-1.7(2), BFC Education and Training Committee, for adoption at First Reading at the 136th BFC Conference, and further

Resolved, that this legislation be immediately implemented by rule of exception.

511-1.7 (2) BFC Education and Training Committee

Purpose

To provide for, promote, and/or support educational opportunities on behalf of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Composition

(1) The committee shall select its own members in three-year classes, subject to the ratification of the BFC Executive Board.

(2) It shall annually determine which of its members will serve as Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Financial Secretary.

Duties

(1) It shall work with the Ministerial Candidate Committee in developing BFC-oriented material that can enable potential pastoral candidates to meet their academic prerequisites for ordination.

(2) It shall develop BFC-oriented materials that would provide biblical standards for new BFC Elders.

(3) It shall provide periodic training opportunities for new and existing BFC Elders to raise their level of biblical understanding.

(4) It shall develop and promote BFC-oriented materials (Articles of Faith, Biblical Principles for Living, etc.) for both adult and children's usage in BFC churches.

(5) It may present to the BFC Executive Board any new initiatives for biblical training for college age young people.

(6) It shall receive funds designated by BFC Conference and disburse them for the needs of its work.

(7) It shall submit an annual written report to the BFC Executive Board.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 157; No - 1.

Timothy S. Hogan provided an update from the Youth and Young Adults Committee, which serves under the direct authority of the BFC Executive Board. The Committee recommended the following resolution:

Whereas, the Committee has found difficulty in maintaining the balance of ministers and lay persons as outlined in the Faith and Order, and

Whereas, the Committee seeks freedom to have more than the currently required number of Committee members, therefore be it

Resolved, that the requirement for composition as found in Article 511-1.7 (3) Composition and Election (1) be removed, and be it further

Resolved, that the other requirements of Article 511-1.7 (3) be renumbered accordingly.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 155; No - 2.

Whereas, it would serve these three committees well to begin operating under the new order, be it

Resolved, that Conference approves the implementation of these committee by-laws by rule of exception.

Report of the Board of Missions: (see page 72)

Duane E. Moyer, Director of the BFC Board of Missions, promoted the upcoming Missions Rally and provided a few updates on some of our BFC missionaries. He noted that the Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church has been dissolved.

Ralph M. Soper prayed for the work of the BFC's Board of Missions.

Conference adjourned for lunch at 12:15 p.m. as Ricky D. Whitmire prayed.

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Sixth meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 1:30 P.M.

Timothy D. Gibson opened the afternoon meeting with prayer at 1:30 p.m.

Report of Victory Valley Camp: (see page 95)

Douglas J. Manwiller, Director of Victory Valley Camp, greeted Conference with a series of photos highlighting the now-completed dining hall and kitchen and other ministries at the Zionsville camp. Manwiller noted that 950 children attended summer camp in 2018. “It’s not just the number that we’re excited about; it’s that we’re sharing the gospel with children.”

Mark R. Orton prayed for Victory Valley Camp’s ministry and for needs pertaining to the upcoming summer camp ministry season.

Report of Church Extension Ministries: (see page 80)

Church Extension Ministries Director David E. Gundrum introduced his large team of church planters, then explained the Church Extension Ministries’ church-planting focus on “expansion through multiplication.”

Richard E. Taylor remembered Church Extension Ministries in prayer, asking God to lead in allowing the BFC to develop a multiplication culture.

Report of the Committee to Implement a Training Program for BFC Candidates for Ordination: (see page 122)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Whereas, the Principles of Order of the Bible Fellowship Church state “All men desiring to be ordained to the ministry of the BFC shall have been graduated from college/university and are encouraged to pursue a seminary degree. The minimum requirement is three years of theological training or its approved equivalent,” and

Whereas, in recent years a number of men have applied for pastoral credentials but do not have the required prerequisite theological education, and

Whereas, there is no clear understanding of what it means to have or obtain a three year equivalent theological training, and

Whereas, it would benefit the Ministerial Candidate Committee and the Bible Fellowship Church to have an Equivalency Training Program for Ministerial Applicants that have life limiting situations that prohibit further formal theological education, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Ministerial Candidate Committee shall establish an Equivalency Training Program, and be it further

Resolved, that following legislation for the Equivalency Training Program be added as 511-4.6, Equivalency Training Program:

511-4.6 Equivalency Training Program

1. When an Applicant does not have three years of formal theological training, he may apply to the Ministerial Candidate Committee for admission to the Equivalency Training Program (ETP).

2. Applicants shall be accepted into the program as an ETP candidate if their life-limiting situation prohibits enrollment in a formal training program.

3. The Committee shall prepare an individualized plan of study that will qualify the ETP candidate to meet the equivalency of the three years of theological study requirement in 204-2.3 Educational Qualifications (1).

4. The ETP candidate shall be assigned to a Qualified Training Mentor who shall oversee the program of study.

a. The Qualified Training Mentor (QTM) shall test and evaluate an ETP candidate's level of initial equivalence to a three-year theological education.

b. The QTM shall develop an individualized plan for the ETP candidate to meet all the ETP requirements.

c. The plan shall be presented to the Ministerial Candidate Committee for approval.

d. Progress reports of the ETP candidate's development shall be submitted to the Ministerial Candidate Committee by the QTM.

e. Upon satisfactory completion of the plan, the QTM shall recommend the ETP candidate to the Ministerial Candidate Committee for certification of his equivalency.

And further

Resolved, that the new duty be added as:

511-4.3 (6) It shall oversee the Equivalency Training Program.

The subsequent numbers in 511-4.3 to be altered accordingly.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 144; No - 5.

Whereas, the number of individuals under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee continues to grow, and

Whereas, the responsibilities for the Ministerial Candidate Committee continue to grow, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Ministerial Candidate Committee be enlarged from 5 ministers to 7 ministers. And be it further

Resolved, that the composition of the MCC be amended as follows:

511-4.2 Composition and Election

(1) It shall be composed of seven ordained ministers.

(2) They shall be elected for a term of three years in classes as follows:

Class I Two ministers

Class II Two ministers

Class III Three ministers

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 146; No - 0.

Whereas, BFC Conference has voted that the Ministerial Candidate Committee establish an Equivalency Training Program, and

Whereas, there is already a pressing need for the Equivalency Training Program to be established and implemented, therefore be it

Resolved, that the two additional ministers to the Ministerial Candidate Committee be elected at this BFC Conference by rule of exception.

Legislation to be considered at Second Reading

BFC Executive Board (see p. 35, 2018 Yearbook)

Resolved, that Article 511-1.2 (2) be changed from “Nine voting members” to “Eight voting members.”

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 142; No - 3.

Committee on Agenda & Arrangements (see pp. 44-45, 2018 Yearbook)

Whereas, it is increasingly difficult for a man to dedicate time from his work responsibilities to serve as a delegate for the entire BFC Conference, and

Whereas, the role of delegate was more important during our previous pulpit supply system, and

Whereas, the full board of elders guides a church during a pastoral transition, and

Whereas, more than one man may serve adequately as a delegate, and

Whereas, every delegate has already been elected as an elder by the congregation, therefore be it

Resolved, that the following legislation be considered at Second Reading:

401-1.7 Replace the paragraph with the following:

The Board of Elders shall be the channel of communication between the Particular church and the fellowship of churches and its organizations. The Elders shall elect from their number enough delegates to attend the meetings of BFC Conference based on congregational membership as follows:

1-299 members	1 delegate
300-499 members	2 delegates
500-plus members	3 delegates

If a delegate is not able to attend all the meetings of BFC Conference, the Board of Elders may, if possible, elect as many delegates as necessary to provide representation at all meetings.

A man serving on a pastoral staff is not eligible to serve as a lay delegate at the BFC Conference.

403-3(7) Replace “the Delegates and Alternate Delegate” with “Delegate(s).”

407-5 Replace “the duly elected BFC Conference delegate(s) and alternate delegate(s) with “the delegates elected by the Board of Elders.

409-1.9 Replace “the first Delegate” with “an Elder elected by the Board of Elders.”

505-1(8) Replace with the following:

(8) Delegates from every properly-constituted church based on congregational membership as follows:

1-299 members	1 delegate
300-499 members	2 delegates
500-plus members	3 delegates

If a delegate(s) is unable to attend any meeting of BFC Conference, another delegate elected by that church’s Board of Elders may be seated for those meetings, having informed the Registrar. If a church fails to seat a delegate, it forfeits his representation in his absence.

506-2(1) Replace the sentence “A list of...” with “A roll of qualified members of BFC Conference, including all delegates, shall be published in the minutes of the First Meeting.”

- (2) Delete “and alternate delegates”
- (3) Delete “and alternate delegate(s) in two places, and “or alternate delegate”
- 506-3 Delete “and alternate delegate(s)”
- 506-5 Replace with the following:

Prior to the first meeting, all voting members shall sign in with the Registrar.

Delegates serving at subsequent meetings shall sign in with the Registrar before being seated in replacement of another delegate. This action will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

506-6 Requests to be excused

Delete the sentence beginning, “This information will be submitted...”

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 148; No - 2.

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

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee: (see page 105)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the list of Ministerial Candidates be approved.

The following men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee were introduced to the 136th BFC Conference:

Benjamin J. Armstrong, Ronks, PA; Benjamin Bailey, Oley, PA; Jesse Benack, Paradise, PA; Jared Burkholder, Emmaus, PA; Freddy Chi, Villa Magna, Mexico; Jarrod Cruise, Lebanon, PA; Larry Davies, Emmaus, PA; Neil J. Franklin, Jr., Lancaster, PA; John J. Hanner, Gettysburg, PA; Paul S. Harvey, Sinking Spring, PA; Derek H. (last name withheld), Paradise, PA; Jules J. Hull III, Sunbury, PA; Jeffrey A. Kauffman, Spring City, PA; Daniel King, Newark, DE; Dan Krall, Ephrata, PA; Nathaniel C. LeTowt, Reading, PA; Juan Carlos Morales, Lancaster, PA; Barry T. Parsons, Boyertown, PA; David M. Poland, Las Cruces, NM; James Reff II, Chestertown, MD; Roger Siegrist, Mount Carmel, PA; Isaias Vega, Sinking Spring, PA; Christopher M. Von Holt, Allentown, PA.

The following were elected:

Ministerial Candidate Committee:

Timothy J. Bertolet (3 years)

David A. Smith (3 years)

Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee: (see page 112)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

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%.

Resolved, that the BFC Conference ratify the appointment of Ralph M. Soper as Conference Pastor for a three-year term effective May 1, 2019.

Report of the Conference Pastor: (see page 98)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Ronald C. Mahurin prayed for the offering that was received for the Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund, which annually helps to meet the financial needs of our pastors. A total of \$1,911 was collected.

Report of the Conference Judiciary: (see page 119)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee: (see page 154)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Beneficiary Society: (see page 152)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Communications Committee: (see page 97)

Donald E. Kuntzman provided a short update on the work of the Communications Committee.

Consideration of a Request from the Board of Elders, Emmanuel BFC, Sunbury: (see page 151)

Whereas, there have been recent scandals of sexual immorality in churches, and

Whereas, the autonomy of the church should defer to the government when the matter at hand is an issue "to promote and to protect the good and restrain and punish the evil," and

Whereas, the BFC has no current policy on calling pastors who have past convictions

of sexual abuse or are registered as sexual offenders, therefore be it

Resolved, that the BFC form a study committee to study the issue of sexual abuse and present the legislation and policy for the denomination and local churches and how our churches can assist and bring comfort to victims of sexual abuse.

Resolved, that the request be approved.

Report of the Day of Prayer Committee: (see page 155)

Michael W. Walker urged Conference to give greater urgency to attending the next BFC Day of Prayer.

Resolved, that the report be approved.

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

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Registrar:

1. The following alternate delegates were seated for part or all of the 136th BFC Conference:

Dave Graham, Eric McNutt, Bill Ryan, Jeff Keller, John Weller

Resolved, that their seating be approved.

2. The following delegates requested to be excused from part or all of the 136th BFC Conference:

Todd Heath, Tom Lioy, Harry Nessler, Mike Rebman, Stu Stocker, Bruce Wilson.

Resolved, that these requests for excuses be granted.

3. The following licensed and ordained pastors requested to be excused from part or all of the 136th BFC Conference. These requests were approved by the Ministerial Credentials Committee:

Delbert R. Baker II, Timothy J. Bertolet, Leonard E. Buck, G. Wayne Clapier, Raymond R. Dotts, Joshua D. Edwards, Bruce A. Ellingson, Sean Fox, Richard J. Gehman, Roy A. Hertzog, Donald E. Kuntzman, Frank E. Lenahan, Matthew W. Lynskey, Ferdie R. Madera, Richard A. Moyer, Eric R. North, Richard T. Paashaus, Keith E. Plows, Richard B. Ravis, Roger L. Reitz, David N. Schoen, Michael J. Tannous, Benjamin J. Triestman, Gregory A. Uhrich, David R. Way, Howard N. Wells, Paul G. Zimmerman.

4. The following licensed and ordained pastors were noted as absent without excuse.
Kevin W. Clineff

The following appointments were made by the Moderator for the 137th BFC Conference:

Registrar: Daniel L. Williams

Assistant Registrar: Joel B. Klase

Committee on Agenda and Arrangements: Ronald L. Kohl (Chairman); David T. Allen, Steven J. DelDuco, Randall A. Grossman, Timothy J. Schmoyer, Thomas P. Shorb, R. Daniel Wagner.

Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches: Kevin K. Kirkpatrick (Chairman); Bryan C. McNally, David J. Peters, David A. Smith.

Secretary of Conference Judicatory: Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr.

Secretary of Special Appellate Judicatory: Hans R. Waldvogel

Study Committee on Examination of the BPL on the Family: Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr. (Convener); Lisa Bomgardner, Brad L. Boyer, Jared Burkholder, Timothy S. Cowen, Nancy Maurer, James Reff II, Andrew Schmersahl.

Study Committee on Examination of the BPL on Sexual Identity: Aaron J. Susek (Convener); Ronald Burgess, Greg W. Carder, Timothy S. Radcliff, Ronald W. Reed, David A. Smith, John Wilson.

Study Committee on Sexual Abuse: Joshua P. Gibson (Convener); Mark A. Bickel, Philip E. Morrison, Timothy J. Schmoyer, Benjamin J. Triestman.

Resolved, that the appointments be ratified.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas, Pastor David T. Allen challenged Conference using the example of the tribe of Issachar to seek clarity in our disciple-making mission by becoming experts in the times in which we live as our culture changes and as we seek to live out the great commission, and

Whereas, Will Mancini has identified that many churches are over-programmed, under-discipled, and in need of a renewed vision for the church to find and focus on the church's future, and

Whereas, Calvin T. Reed implored the church to maintain the diligence of preaching the Word of God by the grace of God, which is the means of discipleship, and to pass the baton of preaching and teaching to faithful men who will replicate the lifestyle that was demonstrated by the apostle Paul, therefore be it

Resolved, that we express our desperate dependence upon the grace of God to pass onto faithful men the gift of life found in Jesus Christ, and that our churches become discipleship centers, not merely teaching centers, and make disciple-making a priority.

Whereas, God continues His sovereign work of building His church, and

Whereas, God has providentially brought Harvest Fellowship Church of Boyertown, PA to the Bible Fellowship Church's expanding fellowship of churches, and

Whereas, Harvest Fellowship Church meets all the qualifications for a particular church according to the Faith and Order and has been recognized by this Conference as a particular church, therefore be it

Resolved, that we give thanks to the Lord for His divine protection and preservation of this church, and be it further

Resolved, that we continue to support and pray for Harvest Fellowship Church and for its pastor, Barry T. Parsons, and his leadership team, that they would grow in maturity and unity.

Whereas, Jason A. Filbert and James D. Reff II were ordained at the 136th BFC Conference, and

Whereas, Pastor David E. Gundrum ardently exhorted the ordinands to preach the Word in the power of the Holy Spirit, therefore be it

Resolved, that we also receive his exhortation with thanksgiving, and may we also expect the Holy Spirit to attend to our preaching and effect salvation in our hearers.

Whereas, Glenn R. Felty, Jason W. Blair, and John C. Vandegriff, Jr. have resigned from their positions of ministry, therefore be it

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

Whereas, Willis I. Dowling, Jay H. Fasnacht, Edgar H. Munyan, and Robert Zentz, after having lived lives full of faith and dedicated service to our Lord's church, and having joined the saints eternal in the Kingdom of God, therefore be it

Resolved, that we praise God for giving these faithful servants to the service of Christ's church for many years, and be it further

Resolved, that we endeavor to follow their examples of love and commitment to Jesus Christ as God uses us in the advancement of His Kingdom purposes.

Whereas, a number of our churches are seeking pastors, therefore be it

Resolved, that we pray for the Lord to raise up gifted, Spirit-filled shepherds for our churches in Carmel, NY; Clinton Corners, NY; Oley, PA; and Steelton, PA, and further be

it

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

Whereas, the BFC Executive Board has worked assiduously, devoting much time to the performance of its duties and

Whereas, David T. Allen has served efficiently and effectively as Executive Director, therefore be it

Resolved, that we give praise to our sovereign Lord for his impeccable leadership and extend our deep gratitude to our brothers for their service and leadership.

Whereas, Pinebrook Bible Conference is now under the oversight of the Franconia Mennonite Camping Association and the updates and new leadership are positive and exciting, and

Whereas, God has abundantly answered the prayers of Conference for the future of Pinebrook through the Franconia Mennonite Camping Association and Spruce Lake Retreat, and

Whereas, Conference has been blessed by the gracious, joyful service of all the staff at Pinebrook, along with wives and family members of our pastors and delegates, therefore be it

Resolved, that we praise God for answering Conference's prayer for Pinebrook's future, and further be it

Resolved, that we continue to pray for the future of Pinebrook, and further be it

Resolved, that we extend our sincere gratitude for all those who served Conference with a round of applause.

Whereas, Jeremy L. Harkins, James Arcieri, Elliot H. Ramos, Richard B. Ravis, and Aaron J. Susek have used their giftedness in leading Conference in the singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, and

Whereas, Michael W. Walker and Daniel L. Williams have capably directed us in times of corporate prayer, therefore be it

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

Whereas, BFC Conference Secretary Ronald L. Kohl, Assistant Secretary Bryan C. McNally, and Assistants to the Secretary David E. Brandt and Donald E. Kuntzman, have served willingly and faithfully, therefore be it

Resolved, that we thank the Lord for their service during our proceedings.

Whereas, Head Page Nathaniel C. LeTowt, and pages Benjamin J. Armstrong, Benjamin Bailey, Jared Burkholder, Adam Crain, Neil J. Franklin, Benjamin Herb, Paul S. Harvey, Sandy Holbert, Brad Kunkle, Diego A. Rodriguez, Isaias Vega, and Nate Walls have persistently, humbly, and joyfully served the 136th BFC Conference, enabling it to function smoothly, therefore be it

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

Whereas, Timothy J. Schmoyer has served exceptionally as the Moderator of 136th Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

Resolved, that we offer our admiration, praise, and thanksgiving to God for providing us with a yielded servant for His service and be it further

Resolved, that the members of the BFC Conference show their appreciation for Brother Schmoyer with a round of applause.

Whereas, on the basis of the hearing of God's Word, reports, testimonies, and proceedings of the 136th Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, we believe that Christ's Spirit is actively advancing His cause in and through us, therefore be it

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

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

The Moderator adjourned the 136th BFC Conference in prayer at 4:35 p.m.

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Report of the Committee on Agenda and Arrangements

The committee met three times in fulfilling its mandate to prepare the agenda and worship and to oversee the logistics and hospitality of the 136th BFC Conference. In addition to the seven appointed committee members, Daniel L. Williams, Joel B. Klase, Donald E. Kuntzman, Nathaniel C. LeTowt, Brian C. McNally, Philip G. Norris, and R. Daniel Wagner served as *ex-officio* members. The Committee invited the new Site Director at Pinebrook, Chad Strausbaugh, to our final meeting to assist in coordinating the logistics and hospitality of the BFC Conference.

136th BFC Conference. This year's BFC Conference will convene at 6:30 pm, on Monday, April 29, 2019 at Pinebrook Bible Conference, East Stroudsburg, PA and will conclude on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. The theme of this year's Conference is "Clearly Pursuing our Disciple-making Mission."

Speakers. Will Mancini of Auxano Ministries, Inc. of Houston, TX will be the guest speaker at this year's Conference. He will address Conference Tuesday morning and Tuesday afternoon on the subject of "Disciple-making." Mancini will also present a pre-conference seminar on "The New Rules of Vision" on Monday, April 29 from 1:00-5:00pm.

Other speakers at the 136th BFC Conference include:

Keynote Address, Monday evening, April 29 – David T. Allen

Ordination Message, Tuesday evening, April 30 – David E. Gundrum

Address, Wednesday morning, May 1 – Calvin T. Reed

Orientation. Orientation materials have been placed in the front of the Report Book that is distributed to each pastor and delegate. We ask that each one take time to review this information prior to Conference, especially those who are voting members of the Conference for the first time. There are some changes to be noted due to Pinebrook now being owned by Franconia Mennonite Camp Association, which also operates Spruce Lake Retreat.

Live Streaming. The sessions of BFC Conference may be viewed via computer live-streaming. This is an asset allowing interested BFC folks from around the globe to view the worship and deliberations of the Conference. Please inform your congregations of this opportunity, which can be accessed through the denominational website: www.bfc.org

Roles. Daniel L. Williams will serve as Registrar and Joel B. Klase as Assistant Registrar. Nathaniel C. LeTowt will serve as Overseer of the Pages and as Head Page.

Appointments. The Committee has made the following appointments for the 136th BFC Conference:

Tellers: Jonathan H. King, Chairman; Mark A. Bickel, Brad L. Boyer, Ferdie R. Madara, Timothy R. Nessler, Mark R. Orton, Aaron D. Smith, Ronald B. Smith. Alternates are Joshua Dupiche and Carlos G. Rodriguez.

Timekeeper: Mark L. Morrison.

Committee on Resolutions: Timothy S. Hogan, Chairman; Ronald Burgess, Steven J. Morton.

Recommendations:

1. **Resolved**, that the agenda for the 136th BFC Conference be accepted as the guide for our deliberations.

2. **Whereas**, BFC Conference is in the process of revising our rules related to Delegates and Alternate Delegates, therefore be it
Resolved, that the Registrar be authorized to seat alternate delegates when necessary during the Conference and report them to the Conference in his report at the conclusion of Conference.

3. **Resolved**, that the 137th BFC Conference be held at Pinebrook, April 27-29, 2020.

4. **Resolved**, that committee reports for the 137th BFC Conference be sent in digital format to the BFC Conference Secretary by February 15, 2020 at sportspastor33@gmail.com

5. Recommended legislation:

Note: Legislation proposed by the Committee on Agenda and Arrangements was approved at First Reading at the 135th BFC Conference (cf. *2018 BFC Yearbook*, pp. 44-45). Since that time, the Committee on Examination of BFC Conference Minutes has communicated to our Committee what it believes to be an oversight in making all necessary corrections to the Principles of Order on this matter. The Committee concurs with their communication and has included this change in the reading below, with the correction printed in bold type. This change does not change the intent of the legislation but corrects what would otherwise be an inconsistency. The Committee recommends approval at Second Reading:

Whereas, it is increasingly difficult for a man to dedicate time from his work responsibilities to serve as a delegate for the entire BFC Conference, and

Whereas, the role of delegate was more important during our previous pulpit supply system, and

Whereas, the full board of elders guides a church during a pastoral transition, and

Whereas, more than one man may serve adequately as a delegate, and

Whereas, every delegate has already been elected as an elder by the congregation, therefore be it

Resolved, that the following legislation be considered at Second Reading:

401-1.7 Replace the paragraph with the following:

The Board of Elders shall be the channel of communication between the Particular Church and the fellowship of churches and its organizations. The Elders shall elect from their number enough delegates to attend the meetings of BFC Conference based on congregational membership as follows:

1-299 members	1 delegate
300-499 members	2 delegates
500-plus members	3 delegates

If a delegate is not able to attend all the meetings of BFC Conference, the Board of Elders may, if possible, elect as many delegates as necessary to provide representation at all meetings.

A man serving on a pastoral staff is not eligible to serve as a lay delegate at the BFC Conference.

403-3(7) Replace “the Delegates and Alternate Delegate” with “Delegate(s).”

407-5 Replace “the duly elected BFC Conference delegate(s) and alternate delegate(s) with “the delegates appointed by the Board of Elders.”

409-1.9 Replace “the First Delegate” with “an Elder appointed by the Board of Elders.”

505-1(8) Replace with the following:

(8) Delegates from every properly-constituted church based on congregational membership as follows:

1-299 members	1 delegate
300-499 members	2 delegates
500-plus members	3 delegates

If a delegate(s) is unable to attend any meeting of BFC Conference, another delegate elected by that church’s Board of Elders may be seated for those meetings, having informed the Registrar. If a church fails to seat a delegate, it forfeits his representation in

his absence.

506-2(1) Replace the sentence “A list of...” with “A roll of qualified members of BFC Conference, including all delegates, shall be published in the minutes of the First Meeting.”

(2) Delete “and alternate delegates”

(3) Delete “and alternate delegate(s)” in two places, and “or alternate delegate”

506-3 Delete “and alternate delegate(s)”

506-5 Replace with the following:

Prior to the first meeting, all voting members shall sign in with the Registrar.

Delegates serving at subsequent meetings shall sign in with the Registrar before being seated in replacement of another delegate. This action will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

506-6 Requests to be excused

Delete the sentence beginning, “This information will be submitted...”

Committee on Agenda and Arrangements: Ronald L. Kohl, Chairman; Thomas P. Shorb, Secretary; David T. Allen, David E. Brandt, Steven J. DelDuco, Randall A. Grossman, Timothy J. Schmoyer. *Ex-officio* members: Joel B. Klase, Assistant Registrar; Donald E. Kuntzman, Communications; Nathaniel C. LeTowt, Head Page; Brian C. McNally, Assistant Secretary; Philip G. Norris, Examination of BFC Conference Minutes; Daniel L. Williams, Registrar; R. Daniel Wagner.

Report of the Executive Board

“Where there is no vision, the people perish.” So states Proverbs 29:18 in the King James Version. The translators of the ESV cast a little different light on the text: “Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint.” Both translations work, for when vision comes from God, through prayer and with a desire to then follow God’s directives, a viable direction is given to guide us in the way we should go. That guidance protects us from perishing or wandering hither-and-yon in life. So it is with each one of us, with each one of our churches, and so it is with the Bible Fellowship Church as a whole. Several years ago we sought God’s direction as we presented a *2020 Vision* for the Bible Fellowship Church, our churches, and our Departments. It has been recommended that that vision be revisited every five years because life changes. The BFC Executive Board has reviewed the *2020 Vision* annually to discover whether or not we are on track at complying with and completing our Vision Points. Two of the 16 Vision Points related to Pinebrook Bible Conference: #2 and #16. The first one related to its existence, while the second was a determination as to its independence as a separate entity. Both have been discussed at great length, and much has transpired in the past several years relating to Pinebrook Bible Conference as a ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church. Perhaps this timeline will be helpful in understanding the Executive Board’s decisions relating to those two Vision Points.

On October 27, 2016 the Executive Board discussed Pinebrook Bible Conference’s financial situation and decided to give the Pinebrook operation one more year to make significant progress toward financial stability. As we stated at the time, “Barring significant improvement in Pinebrook’s financial status, by February 2018, we will revisit our action plan for Pinebrook’s future.” Pinebrook struggled financially since 2001, and with declining attendance of both retreat groups and Summer Bible Conference attendees, Pinebrook needed both financial and material assistance from the Bible Fellowship Church. With lessening support from many of our churches and church leaders, continuing to operate in the same way was becoming untenable. Neither the Pinebrook Board nor the Executive Board were able to find the combination of leadership and fiscal responsibility necessary to enable Pinebrook to thrive, so the directive was made by the Executive Board to seek an alternative model or, as a last result, to begin the process of closing Pinebrook altogether. During 2017, efforts were made to cooperate with Fellowship Community to establish a retirement center on the Pinebrook property, and designs for housing facilities, roads, and gaining permission from the neighbors and the township were sought and approved. In October, 2017, however, that process ceased as Fellowship Community determined that it was not in its best interest to have a connecting facility in the Poconos. Having spent lots of sweat equity in pursuing that possibility, the Executive Director did not know where to turn next and began to wonder what might be the next possible venture.

In January, 2018 our denominational Insurance Agent, Chris Fellon, suggested that the Executive Director meet with the Executive Director of Spruce Lake Retreat, Mark Swartley, to see if some degree of cooperation would benefit both camps. The first of several meetings took place that month and by the Executive Board’s February 2018

meeting, report of a potential arrangement with Spruce Lake was presented and the Board encouraged continued negotiations. At the 135th BFC Conference we presented a possible level of cooperation whereby Spruce Lake would take ownership of the property, but we would continue to minister at Pinebrook. A “straw poll” indicated overwhelming support for moving in this direction, so the Executive Board appointed the President of the BFC and the Executive Director to work out an equitable agreement between the two entities.

On July 26, 2018 the Executive Board and the Board of Spruce Lake (Franconia Mennonite Camp Association) met together at Pinebrook, discussing and ultimately agreeing on an arrangement (*Memo of Understanding*) that would turn over the assets of Pinebrook Bible Conference to Spruce Lake Retreat while enabling the Bible Fellowship Church to continue its ministry at Pinebrook into the future. The Executive Board unanimously approved the following resolutions:

1807-5 **Resolved**, that we approve the *Memo of Understanding* between the Bible Fellowship Church and the Franconia Mennonite Camp Association.

1807-6 **Resolved**, that we authorize the officers of this board to execute appropriate legal documents to bring about the transfer of assets from the Bible Fellowship Church to the Franconia Mennonite Camp Association.

Note: The *Memo of Understanding* is attached to the end of our report.

During the September meeting of the Executive Board, the following was enacted:

1809-3 **Resolved**, that we nominate Robert A Sloan, Jr. to serve on the Franconia Mennonite Camp Association Board of Directors for a term of three years.

It was also noted that the legal transfer of the assets of Pinebrook Bible Conference to Spruce Lake Retreat would take place around October 15, 2018. The actual closing did occur on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. Reviewing the proceedings, the Executive Board approved the following resolution:

1810-2 **Resolved**, that monies credited to the Bible Fellowship Church by Franconia Mennonite Camp Association (\$263,788) be limited to pay for costs annually incurred by the annual meetings of BFC Conference.

During their September meeting, the members of the Board of Pinebrook Bible Conference resigned effective on the date of the legal closing. Recognizing that the ministry of Pinebrook Bible Conference to the Bible Fellowship Church would continue, the Executive Board authorized the establishment of a committee to plan for and promote ministry, training, and recreational opportunities for the people of the Bible Fellowship Church with Pinebrook Bible Conference being the primary venue. The legislation for that committee (BFC Life Committee) will be presented at this 136th BFC Conference. Under that name, the BFC Christmas Banquet at Pinebrook was held on Saturday, December 8, 2018 with almost 100 in attendance. So, for the people of the Bible Fellowship Church, Pinebrook has been, and will continue to be, a place where we can minister to one another as a fellowship of churches.

As a place, however, Pinebrook is no longer the responsibility of the BFC. Spruce Lake Retreat has come to manage, maintain, and provide for all of the ministry to the greater Christian community as a place which points people to Christ. We share in this, but have turned over the ownership of the place to them. They have agreed to continue and expand the ministry potential of Pinebrook by upgrading the facilities and providing sound management. We stand with them in this effort and together we believe that Pinebrook will have many more years as a place of impacting lives for the cause of Christ, to the glory of God. For the next 10 years, should Spruce Lake Retreat need to dispose of the property, we have a right of first refusal to purchase back the property, or receive a decreasing portion of the sale price of the property.

This then fulfills Vision Point #2, in that Pinebrook remains a camp for the Bible Fellowship Church, but no longer owned by the Bible Fellowship Church. It also clarifies Vision Point #16, in that combining the ministry of the BFC Life Committee (formerly ministry to the BFC at Pinebrook) and Victory Valley Camp into one entity is neither feasible nor practical.

At the request of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation, the Executive Board:

1807-2 **Resolved**, that Andrew T. Crossgrove be ratified as Director of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation, effective September 1, 2018.

1807-3 **Resolved**, that Jonathan Armstrong be recognized as Interim Accountant for the Pinebrook Educational Foundation.

1807-4 **Resolved**, that Steve Cassel and Karen Stull be ratified to serve as members of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation for the class of 2021.

On July 27, 2018 the Lord saw fit to take home our brother, Jay H. Fasnacht. Jay had served the Bible Fellowship Church in various capacities since 1975. He was a member of the Board of Pinebrook Junior College, Pinebrook Educational Foundation, Pinebrook Bible Conference, BFC Board of Directors, and the BFC Executive Board. His insistence and persistence on “being correct” and “being above reproach” has helped shape the BFC and enabled us to maintain the highest standards biblically, financially, and ethically. His presence and influence on the Executive Board has been, and will continue to be, missed. In his absence, John W. Sullivan, an elder at Saucon Community Bible Fellowship Church, was chosen to fill his unexpired term. John has also served on several BFC boards and committees and worked together with Jay on the Pinebrook Educational Foundation. With a background in finance, John has accepted the position of Interim Treasurer.

In partnership with Victory Valley Camp, we presented our case as a Not for Profit Organization at a hearing called to determine if we would have any fiscal liability for a former employee who had filed for unemployment compensation. The judge ruled in our favor, but it was a good reminder to all of us, both the BFC as a whole and individual churches, that employees both understand and sign a paper that indicates that when they leave our employment, there is no state unemployment compensation that will come to them as a result of their tenure within the Bible Fellowship Church. Pastors already know

this, and sometimes work out a severance package, but other staff members might not be as acutely aware of that situation. It has been said that “a word to the wise is sufficient.” May it be so.

The Executive Board was able to secure a loan enabling Victory Valley Camp to complete the addition of a dining area onto Victory Hall. Quakertown National Bank was willing to work with us in this regard. We also came alongside our Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church to secure a loan with Quaint Oak Bank to complete the purchase and renovations on the church’s facility outside of Walnport.

We are still working on the sale of our Toms River, NJ building to Alive Again Alliance Church. What should have transpired in September, 2018 is still ongoing, in that the town of Toms River has changed some of its laws and ordinances, and any transfer of property must now comply with the new standards. In this case, the number of seats in the sanctuary are greater than an appropriate amount of parking in the parking lot, so until that gets resolved, the final sale cannot be completed. When the sale is completed, the BFC will hold a short term mortgage on that property until the church can arrange its own financing.

The Executive Board assigned the Executive Director and Dennis M. Cahill to serve as Interim Elders alongside Community Bible Fellowship Church, which had formerly been located in Howell, NJ but which had moved to nearby Brick, NJ and had an agreement of sale, with Cornerstone Calvary Chapel buying the Howell property. This property sale, contingent upon Cornerstone finding a buyer for its Route 9 property, and striking out several times in its attempts to do so, continues to linger on. Community Bible Fellowship Church, however, has already made the move, is meeting in an EMS building in Brick, and is much more able and apt to reach the surrounding community than it had been in the fields in Howell Township. Both the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking congregations meet in the same building, but at different times. Once per quarter they come together for a joint service and meal and to enjoy fellowship with each other. It is truly a multi-cultural church! But until the property transfer is complete, monthly trips to Howell/Brick will continue to be made.

In August, Freedom Bible Fellowship Church in Dauphin was able to complete the transfer of the church’s property into their own corporation, and the Bible Fellowship Church is no longer joint owner of that land with them. We are always delighted to discover the growth and maturity of our churches, enabling them to be truly autonomous but not independent. This did, however, have a deleterious impact on our financial statements in that every transfer of property, out of our name, causes a paper “loss” to appear on our books. Between transferring the Pinebrook Bible Conference property and the Dauphin property, it appears that we had a significant financial loss in 2018. But when coupled with the huge gain from 2017 from the addition of the Chestertown, MD property and the 2018 stock market gains, as a whole, we are doing fine. The two Departments, however, which depend upon revenues from investments, did not have a good investment year in 2018, and both Board of Missions and Church Extension Ministries saw their investment portfolios shrink during the year.

In an effort to assist our Las Cruces, NM church during its pastoral search, the Executive Board sent several men out to meet with the elders and search committee, and

to fill the pulpit for several months. The brethren in Las Cruces selected David Polland, a native of Las Cruces, to become their senior pastor after having received his credentials. Both the Conference Pastor, Ralph M. Soper, and the Executive Director participated in the Installation Service for Las Cruces' new pastor. The Executive Director was also honored by being permitted to speak at the 25th Anniversary Service at La Roca de Merida in November.

During the year, the Executive Director visited 32 of our churches (not counting his home church, Cedar Crest) and ministered in 23 of them. It brought great joy to be able to celebrate milestones in several of our churches as the Lord's work, though our churches, continues to impact our communities.

The IRS has not yet recognized the Bible Fellowship Church with a Group Exemption. There has been communication with the particular agent involved; however, having complied with a request that we insert into our by-laws a specific article that ensures that upon dissolution no member of the BFC will inure themselves, there has not yet been a formal recognition.

The recertification of our registered trademark logo has been delayed due to a transfer of responsibilities from one lawyer to another in the firm assisting us with this project. It is not likely that the BFC runs the risk of another group "stealing" our logo, but the recognition from the government that the logo is protected continues to be pursued.

The officers of the Executive Board are as follows: Robert A. Sloan, Jr., President; Randall A. Grossman, Vice President; John W. Sullivan, Interim 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

Dennis M. Cahill, Charles A. Lavigna, and Jack Sullivan comprise the Finance Committee for the Executive Board.

During 2018, the Executive Board retained the following:

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

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 www.bfc.org website and would be worth considering for adoption by each local church's board of elders.

Resolved, that the 2019 revised BFC Executive Board budget be adopted by the 136th BFC Conference.

Resolved, that an assessment rate of two (2.0) percent be adopted by the 136th BFC

Conference for 2020 (based on assessable receipts from 2018).

Resolved, that the 2020 proposed Executive Board budget be adopted by the 136th 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 the following: Communications Committee, Historical Committee, Youth & Young Adults Committee, Pensions Fund, and the Pinebrook Educational Foundation.

PENSIONS FUND (MRF) Report

2018 Review and Status: The total of Ministers' Retirement Fund (MRF) annuity payments to the 31 beneficiaries in 2018 was \$141,175, as compared to \$147,765 in 2017 (\$153,735 in 2016, \$155,926 in 2015, \$168,000 in 2014, and \$170,830 in 2013). Three beneficiaries – John H. Riggall, Dorith Riggall, and Joan Brosius – went home to be with the Lord in 2018 or early 2019. Based on the current mortality assumptions, the final year of MRF payments to beneficiaries is still projected to be 2038. Between now and then, it is estimated that the MRF will distribute future benefits totaling nearly \$1,500,000.

Annual Funding: 2018 was the eighth 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.

Planned Giving: The benefits of planned giving were clearly evident in 2018 by way of the receipt of a 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.

The Executive Board recommends the following resolutions to 136th BFC Conference:

Whereas, the MRF annuity rate for 2019 was \$221 per year of service, and

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

Resolved, that the MRF annuity rate for calendar year 2020 be \$221 per year of service.

Resolution Relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for Retired or Disabled Ministers of this Conference for Calendar Year 2020:

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, therefore, be it

Resolved,

1. An amount equal to 100% of the pension payments received during the year of 2020 be and is hereby designated as a rental/housing allowance for each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister of The Bible Fellowship Church who is or was a member of the Bible Fellowship Church Minister's Retirement Fund.

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

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

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

The Bible Fellowship Church Executive Board has recognized that credentialed BFC pastors who were not members of the MRF at the time when the MRF was closed, but still receive pension benefits that were paid by their church into a 403(b) Retirement Plan, should be able to receive the same recognition as those who receive pension benefits under the MRF.

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, contributions paid to an authorized 403(b) plan for the benefit of 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, therefore, be it

Resolved.

1. An amount equal to 100% of the proceeds drawn from a 403(b) plan during the year of 2020 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.

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 considered 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.”

Bible Fellowship Church 403(b) Plan: Refer to the 2009 Yearbook for details. There are no changes in IRS requirements for 2019.

The Executive Board brings the following legislation for adoption at the 136th BFC Conference:

1901-5 **Resolved**, that we recommend to BFC Conference the deletion of **Article 512-4** of the Principles of Order of the BFC Faith & Order, **Board of Pinebrook Bible Conference**.

1901-6 **Resolved**, that the Executive Board presents Article 511-1.7(5), the **BFC Life Committee**, for adoption at the 136th BFC Conference.

511-1.7 (5) BFC Life Committee

Purpose

To promote spiritual growth and fellowship within the Bible Fellowship Church by providing ministry, training, and recreational opportunities within the denomination.

Composition

(1) It shall be composed of individuals who have a heart for the committee’s purpose and can provide valuable assistance to the Committee. Each committee member should have the desire and skill set to enable the ministry to accomplish its mission. The members of the Committee shall be members in good standing of a Bible Fellowship Church and shall be nominated by the Committee and ratified by the BFC Executive Board for a three year term before beginning service on the Committee. The number of members on the Committee shall be determined by the Executive Board, with no less than six members and no more than twelve members in equal classes. In order to coordinate and cooperate ministries, one of the Committee members shall be a member of the BFC Executive Board.

(2) It shall annually determine which of its members will serve as Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Financial Secretary.

Duties

(1) It shall plan for, provide, and promote a Summer Conference program available to both the Bible Fellowship Church and the greater Christian community. The number of weeks, the actual program, and the goals of each week shall be determined by the Committee. Pinebrook Bible Conference shall be the primary venue for events, but other venues may also be considered. The cost for attending BFC Life events should be covered by those who participate, but may be supplemented by funds raised or received by this Committee.

(2) It shall plan for, provide, and promote specific retreat opportunities for the Bible Fellowship Church. The purpose of these retreats should include spiritual enrichment, biblical knowledge enhancement, and fellowship opportunities. These could include retreats for special interest groups within the Bible Fellowship Church. Pinebrook Bible Conference should be considered as a preferred venue. The cost for attending BFC Life events should be covered by those who participate, but may be supplemented by funds raised or received by this Committee.

(3) It is authorized to collect, retain, and disburse funds in the execution of their duties. The Financial Secretary shall provide the BFC Executive Board with quarterly financial reports of monies received by and expended by the Committee.

(4) It may create any sub-committees necessary to carry out its responsibilities.

(5) It may use various means to promote the events organized and arranged by this Committee.

(6) It shall coordinate its program goals and events with the BFC Executive Board in order to promote the vision and strategy of the Bible Fellowship Church.

(7) It shall submit an annual written report to the BFC Executive Board.

Whereas, the Christian Education Committee has not met in the last three years, nor has it reported since the 132nd BFC Conference, and

Whereas, none of the members have come forward to have their names put forward to be re-elected to the Christian Education Committee after their three-year term has expired, therefore be it

1901-7 **Resolved**, that we recommend to BFC Conference the deletion of Article 511-1.7(2) of the Principles of Order of the BFC Faith & Order, Christian Education Committee, and be it further

1903-3 **Resolved**, that the Executive Board presents Article 511-1.7(2), the **BFC Education and Training Committee**, for adoption at the 136th BFC Conference.

511-1.7 (2) BFC Education and Training Committee

Purpose

To provide for, promote, and/or support educational opportunities on behalf of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Composition

(1) The committee shall select its own members in three-year classes, subject to the ratification of the BFC Executive Board.

(2) It shall annually determine which of its members will serve as Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Financial Secretary.

Duties

(1) It shall work with the BFC Candidate Committee in developing BFC-oriented material that can enable potential pastoral candidates to meet their academic prerequisites for ordination.

(2) It shall develop BFC-oriented materials that would provide biblical standards for new BFC Elders.

(3) It shall provide periodic training opportunities for new and existing BFC Elders to raise their level of biblical understanding.

(4) It shall develop and promote BFC-oriented materials (Articles of Faith, Biblical Principles for Living, etc.) for both adult and children's usage in BFC churches.

(5) It may present to the BFC Executive Board any new initiatives for biblical training for college age young people.

(6) It shall receive funds designated by BFC Conference and disburse them for the needs of its work.

(7) It shall submit an annual written report to the BFC Executive Board.

Bible Fellowship Church Executive Board: Robert A. Sloan, Jr., President; Randall A. Grossman, Vice President; Ronald L. Kohl, Secretary; John W. Sullivan, Interim Treasurer; David T. Allen, Executive Director; Dennis M. Cahill, Steven J. DelDuco, Charles A. Lavigna, Stephen J. Kauffman, L. James Roberts, William G. Schlonecker, Hans R. Waldvogel, Ricky D. Whitmire.

Memo of Understanding between the Bible Fellowship Church and the Franconia Mennonite Camp Association - July 26, 2018

The Bible Fellowship Church Executive Board (BFC) is offering to transfer the assets of Pinebrook Bible Conference (PBC) to the Franconia Mennonite Camp Association, Inc., dba Spruce Lake Retreat (SLR). This offer is based upon the following agreements:

1. We agree that SLR will make their best effort to retain the name "Pinebrook" as part of the dba for the properties transferred to them.
2. We agree that SLR will continue to operate Pinebrook as a Retreat and Conference Center as long as feasible. Should SLR determine it is no longer able to operate Pinebrook as a Retreat and Conference Center and wishes to sell the property within the first 10 years (up to June 30, 2028), SLR will give the BFC the right of first refusal in obtaining the property. Or, if a sale to another party occurs, SLR will give a 50% equity position in the sale, net of expenses, that decreases at the rate of ten percent per year starting with the date of the transfer of the property. (Year one 50%, year two 45%, year three 40%, etc.)

3. We agree that the BFC will continue to operate its Summer Bible Conferences at Pinebrook as long as they are viable, and will provide the programming for its weeks.
4. We agree that SLR will accept the PBC properties “as is” on the date of the transfer with all furniture & equipment on site, and continue to service all contracted retreats and events that have been scheduled before that date. A list of major assets shall be compiled and assured that they are extant on the date of settlement.
5. We agree that SLR will sign a separate agreement with BFC to provide for prepaid goods and services for BFC Annual Conferences conducted starting with 2019 at an agreed-upon gross amount of \$263,788 (the depreciated book value of PBC).
6. We agree that, at settlement, PBC will transfer the extant deposits of future retreats to SLR. Should there be any deficit of the retreat deposits available, the amount of the deficit will be deducted from the financial arrangement between BFC and SLR. Should there be any cash remaining on the day of closing, it will belong to the BFC.
7. We agree that an equitable sale of the two properties owned by Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc., adjacent to and currently leased by PBC, should occur close to the same time as the transfer of the PBC property to SLR. Representatives of SLR have already met with Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc., and agreed to an equitable price for the sale of those properties to SLR. The deed, however, has a written exception to permit able use which will have to be resolved with the neighbors, Dan & Cindy Crawford, prior to the purchase of the property.
8. We agree that SLR and PBC may discover any property infrastructure irregularities that would prohibit the transfer of the assets from BFC to SLR. Any issue that would prevent the transfer of the property must be satisfied prior to the transfer. Stroud Township must be aware of the transfer from BFC to SLR and the continued use of the property as a Bible Conference and Retreat Center, which should minimize any exceptional requirements.
9. We agree that SLR will allow one member of the Bible Fellowship Church (a representative selected by the BFC Executive Board) to sit on its Board of Directors as a non-Mennonite representative according to the policies within the By-Laws of SLR, as long as the BFC has vested interest.
10. We agree that the BFC will give SLR the opportunities to promote Pinebrook to the Bible Fellowship Church.

Summary:

We agree that it is our combined desire to see the ministry of Pinebrook continue to serve the Bible Fellowship Church and the greater Christian community *to the Glory of God* while at the same time reach Stroudsburg and environs with the goal of *pointing people to Jesus Christ*. To this end we pledge our cooperation and goodwill.

Report of the Executive Board - Balance Sheet

	Dec 31, 18	Dec 31, 17	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
100 · Executive Board			
1000 · American Bank - Checking	48,491	254,923	-206,432
1005 · American Bank - Payroll Account	7,784	1,532	6,252
1074 · American Bank - Pensions	16,671	17,666	-995
Total 100 · Executive Board	72,946	274,121	-201,175
101 · BFC Medical/Health Insurance			
1010 · Citizens Bank - Checking	257	347	-90
1011 · Citizens Bank - Money Market	49,323	47,602	1,721
Total 101 · BFC Medical/Health Insurance	49,580	47,949	1,631
1014 · PNC Bank (Naples, FL)	50	50	0
103 · Youth & Young Adults			
1030 · Quakertown National - Checking	4,845	18,128	-13,283
Total 103 · Youth & Young Adults	4,845	18,128	-13,283
104 · BFC Life Committee			
1049 · Citizen's Bank - Checking	17,935	0	17,935
Total 104 · BFC Life Committee	17,935	0	17,935
105 · Pinebrook Education Foundation			
1050 · Lafayette Bank - Checking	6,706	9,555	-2,849
1055 · Brokerage Accounts			
1056 · Verizon Common Stock	6,522	6,140	382
1058 · Vanguard Bond Funds	86,881	86,798	83
1059 · Vanguard Stock Funds			
1059-1 · Vanguard Stock Funds (Restr)	168,919	153,450	15,469
1059 · Vanguard Stock Funds - Other	41,146	68,071	-26,925
Total 1059 · Vanguard Stock Funds	210,065	221,521	-11,456
Total 1055 · Brokerage Accounts	303,468	314,459	-10,991
Total 105 · Pinebrook Education Foundation	310,174	324,014	-13,840
1077 · Darlene Mahurin Mem. Fund	4,165	4,400	-235
Total Checking/Savings	459,695	668,662	-208,967
Accounts Receivable			
1100 · A/R Church Assessments	19,791	24,094	-4,303
1110 · A/R Communications Publications	2,145	2,072	73
1130 · A/R Payroll	4,118	261,013	-256,895
1135 · A/R Rent	-1,766	0	-1,766
1140 · A/R Workers Comp. Ins.	4,410	12,230	-7,820
1150 · Other Receivables	1,768	1,768	0
1200 · Pinebrook Credit Line	0	199,387	-199,387
Total Accounts Receivable	30,466	500,564	-470,098
Other Current Assets			
12000 · Undeposited Funds	12,260	7,688	4,572
1300 · Pre-Paid Expenses	6,399	6,399	0

	Dec 31, 18	Dec 31, 17	\$ Change
Total Other Current Assets	18,659	14,087	4,572
Total Current Assets	508,820	1,183,313	-674,493
Fixed Assets			
1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook			
1401 · PBC Buildings & Equipment	0	1,701,535	-1,701,535
1405 · PBC Accumulated Depreciation	0	-1,489,980	1,489,980
1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook - Other	0	52,233	-52,233
Total 1400 · Real Estate - Pinebrook	0	263,788	-263,788
1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley			
1451 · VV Buildings & Equipment	427,088	427,088	0
1455 · VV Accumulated Depreciation	-268,437	-260,056	-8,381
1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley - Other	149,197	149,197	0
Total 1450 · Real Estate - Victory Valley	307,848	316,229	-8,381
1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ			
1511 · CpMay Buildings	43,040	43,040	0
1515 · CpMay Accumulated Depreciation	-39,214	-36,413	-2,801
1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ - Other	1,880	1,880	0
Total 1510 · Real Estate - Cape May, NJ	5,706	8,507	-2,801
1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA			
1521 · Adms Ctny Buildings	163,800	163,800	0
1525 · Adms Accumulated Depreciation	-40,950	-36,855	-4,095
1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA - Other	70,200	70,200	0
Total 1520 · Real Estate - Adams County, PA	193,050	197,145	-4,095
1550 · Real Estate - Dauphin, PA			
1551 · Dauphin Buildings	0	90,939	-90,939
1555 · Dphn Accumulated Depreciation	0	-11,839	11,839
1550 · Real Estate - Dauphin, PA - Other	0	20,008	-20,008
Total 1550 · Real Estate - Dauphin, PA	0	99,108	-99,108
1560 · Real Estate - Chestertown, MD			
1561 · Chestertown Buildings	778,000	778,000	0
1565 · Chstwn Accumulated Depreciation	-19,450	-9,725	-9,725
Total 1560 · Real Estate - Chestertown, MD	758,550	768,275	-9,725
Total Fixed Assets	1,265,154	1,653,052	-387,898
Other Assets			
1610 · Office Lease Security Deposit	2,990	2,990	0
1630 · C/P - Notes Receivable	3,731	3,731	0
1635 · Mortgage Rec - ChExtn	188,742	195,586	-6,844
1670 · Note Rec. - Long Neck, DE	175,000	175,000	0
1680 · Note Rec. - Beraca, Phila	43,795	47,207	-3,412
1685 · Note Rec. - Phila-Wissinoming	38,284	40,398	-2,114
1697 · SLR/Pinebrook Ministry Reserve	263,788	0	263,788
1698 · Less C/P - Notes Receivables	-3,731	-3,731	0
1699 · Bad Debt Reserve	-50,000	-50,000	0
Total Other Assets	662,599	411,181	251,418

	<u>Dec 31, 18</u>	<u>Dec 31, 17</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	2,436,573	3,247,546	-810,973
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
2240 · Deferred Income	19,745	19,745	0
2260 · BOM Due To (From) Pensions	5,642	5,939	-297
2270 · PrePaid Insurance	-89	-89	0
2310 · Payroll Due To (From) ChExtn	-30,139	-24,495	-5,644
2320 · Payroll Due To (From) BOM	1,737	2,307	-570
2330 · Payroll DueTo (From) Pinebrook	0	-33,826	33,826
2340 · Payroll Due To (From) VV	-4,832	-5,052	220
2360 · Insurance Due From ChExtn	1,077	-134	1,211
2361 · Insurance Due From Pinebrook	0	16,574	-16,574
2362 · Insurance Due From VV	-2,620	2,447	-5,067
2363 · Insurance Due From BOM	-617	195	-812
2370 · Rent Due From ChExtn	-508	-508	0
2371 · Rent Due from Board of Miss	-506	-506	0
Total Other Current Liabilities	-11,110	-17,403	6,293
Total Current Liabilities	-11,110	-17,403	6,293
Long Term Liabilities			
2500 · C/P-LTD	0	7,098	-7,098
2550 · Bnk Mortgage Owed - Dauphin	0	23,774	-23,774
2551 · ChExtn Loan Owed - Dauphin	0	3,535	-3,535
2552 · Due to Dauphin	0	42,947	-42,947
2600 · Less C/P-LTD	0	-7,098	7,098
Total Long Term Liabilities	0	70,256	-70,256
Total Liabilities	-11,110	52,853	-63,963
Equity			
3000 · General Equity	733,446	676,651	56,795
3100 · Unrestricted-ExecBrd Designated			
3110 · Church Assistance Fund	5,166	7,148	-1,982
3150 · Special Projects Fund	5,038	8,035	-2,997
Total 3100 · Unrestricted-ExecBrd Designated	10,204	15,183	-4,979
3200 · Unrestricted Net Assets	883,162	-149,123	1,032,285
3201 · Unrestricted - Other Designated			
3210 · Pinebrook Education Foundation	123,536	132,805	-9,269
Total 3201 · Unrestricted - Other Designated	123,536	132,805	-9,269
3300 · Temporarily Restricted Funds			
3310 · Pinebrook Education Foundation	17,719	37,759	-20,040
3330 · Christian Education	21,008	21,015	-7
3340 · Ministerial Convention Funds	395	1,104	-709
Total 3300 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	39,122	59,878	-20,756
3350 · Darlene Mahurin Memorial Fund	4,165	4,400	-235

	<u>Dec 31, 18</u>	<u>Dec 31, 17</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
3400 · Permanently Restricted Funds			
3410 · Pinebrook Education Foundation	168,919	153,450	15,469
Total 3400 · Permanently Restricted Funds	<u>168,919</u>	<u>153,450</u>	<u>15,469</u>
3600 · Real Estate Equity			
3500 · Real Estate Loans due to BFC			
3610 · Principal Due - Cape May, NJ	-10,146	-10,146	0
3620 · Principal Due - Adams Co., PA	-150,000	-150,000	0
Total 3500 · Real Estate Loans due to BFC	<u>-160,146</u>	<u>-160,146</u>	<u>0</u>
3720 · Equity - Adams Co, PA	84,000	84,000	0
3750 · Equity - Dauphin, PA	0	42,947	-42,947
3600 · Real Estate Equity - Other	1,302,363	1,302,363	0
Total 3600 · Real Estate Equity	<u>1,226,217</u>	<u>1,269,164</u>	<u>-42,947</u>
Net Income	<u>-741,088</u>	<u>1,032,285</u>	<u>-1,773,373</u>
Total Equity	<u>2,447,683</u>	<u>3,194,693</u>	<u>-747,010</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>2,436,573</u></u>	<u><u>3,247,546</u></u>	<u><u>-810,973</u></u>

Executive Board 2018 Profit & Loss

	<u>Jan - Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 17</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Church Assessments	384,744.00	384,518.80	225.20
Department Assessments	7,500.00	10,000.00	-2,500.00
Brotherhood Dividends Received	10,000.00	10,201.00	-201.00
Contributions	1,244.79	0.00	1,244.79
General Interest Income	904.25	160.29	743.96
Revenues from Sub-Committees			
Communications Com. Revenues	4,541.48	6,731.00	-2,189.52
Christian Ed Committee Receipts	400.00	400.00	0.00
Youth & Young Adult Revenues	81,135.55	76,924.43	4,211.12
BFC Life Committee Revenues	19,254.51	0.00	19,254.51
PEF Investment Income	-10,715.00	40,407.00	-51,122.00
PEF Contributions Received	2,875.00	6,950.00	-4,075.00
Revenues from Sub-Committees - Other	709.00	0.00	709.00
Total Revenues from Sub-Committees	98,200.54	131,412.43	-33,211.89
BFC Coordinated Ministries	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Mortgages & Notes Paid			
Bank Mortgage - Brooklyn	0.00	3,508.09	-3,508.09
Mortgages & Notes Paid - Other	0.00	11,565.00	-11,565.00
Total Mortgages & Notes Paid	0.00	15,073.09	-15,073.09
Current Mortgage Interest Rec'd	7,698.90	7,657.10	41.80
Honorarium Income	368.61	600.00	-231.39
Miscellaneous Inc	4,145.76	30,085.53	-25,939.77
Total Income	514,806.85	590,308.24	-75,501.39
Gross Income	514,806.85	590,308.24	-75,501.39
Expense			
Executive Director Salary	81,055.92	80,521.92	534.00
Executive Director Benefits	34,793.06	31,756.80	3,036.26
Conference Pastor Salary	25,999.92	25,999.92	0.00
Conference Pastor Other	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00
Executive Board Expenses			
Payroll Taxes & Processing	9,843.42	9,692.37	151.05
Executive Board Rent/Utilities	13,508.84	10,455.27	3,053.57
Executive Board Office Supplies	642.13	313.71	328.42
Executive Board Insurance/Acctg	26,824.85	22,730.63	4,094.22
Executive Board Legal Fees	876.25	0.00	876.25
Dues & Subscriptions	1,469.88	3,217.38	-1,747.50
Executive Board Expenses - Other	9,556.35	8,444.05	1,112.30
Total Executive Board Expenses	62,721.72	54,853.41	7,868.31

	Jan - Dec 18	Jan - Dec 17	\$ Change
BFC Conference Costs	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
BFC Conference Arrangements	3,992.27	5,120.55	-1,128.28
BFC Committee Expenses			
BFC Conference Agenda Comm	32.84	53.93	-21.09
BFC Conference Study Committees	94.28	0.00	94.28
Ministerial Credentials Comm	562.77	797.78	-235.01
Ministerial Candidate Comm	1,561.73	1,101.44	460.29
Ministerial Relations Comm	87.92	0.00	87.92
Committee To Exam Church Minute	76.56	0.00	76.56
Church Health Committee	3,082.02	3,169.74	-87.72
Day of Prayer Committee	2,076.60	0.00	2,076.60
Nominating Committee	87.00	77.00	10.00
BFC Committee Expenses - Other	0.00	2,048.00	-2,048.00
Total BFC Committee Expenses	7,661.72	7,247.89	413.83
Expenses of Sub-Committees			
Education & Training	407.61	0.00	407.61
Youth & Young Adults	94,418.43	82,200.00	12,218.43
Communications	24,909.47	24,834.97	74.50
BFC Life Committee Expenses	1,319.50	0.00	1,319.50
PEF Scholarships Awarded	6,000.00	9,000.00	-3,000.00
Expenses of Sub-Committees - Other	0.00	327.25	-327.25
Total Expenses of Sub-Committees	127,055.01	116,362.22	10,692.79
Beneficiary Society	500.00	500.00	0.00
Ministerial Convention Expense	1,250.00	936.00	314.00
BFC Coordinated Ministries			
Senior Saints	500.00	1,185.35	-685.35
Children	500.00	500.00	0.00
Total BFC Coordinated Ministries	1,000.00	1,685.35	-685.35
Chaplaincy Expenses	2,902.84	1,632.06	1,270.78
Gifts to Churches	1,936.98	20,000.00	-18,063.02
Ministerial Pensions	141,175.42	147,765.48	-6,590.06
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,298.11	10,466.35	-8,168.24
Total Expense	533,342.97	543,847.95	-10,504.98
Net Ordinary Income	-18,536.12	46,460.29	-64,996.41
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Medical Insurance Fees	519,404.67	398,278.72	121,125.95
Medical Insurance Interest	6.66	5.83	0.83
Real Estate Transactions	17,423.73	337,535.46	-320,111.73
Real Estate Transferred to BFC	0.00	778,000.00	-778,000.00
Total Other Income	536,835.06	1,513,820.01	-976,984.95

	<u>Jan - Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 17</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
Other Expense			
Medical Insurance Prem	505,717.52	380,687.92	125,029.60
Medical Insurance Admin	12,062.52	12,161.35	-98.83
Real Estate Expense			
RE Transferred to SLR	679,131.82	0.00	679,131.82
Real Estate Expense - Other	37,473.17	65,949.62	-28,476.45
Total Real Estate Expense	<u>716,604.99</u>	<u>65,949.62</u>	<u>650,655.37</u>
Depreciation Expense			
Pinebrook Depreciation	0.00	37,338.00	-37,338.00
Victory Valley Depreciation	8,381.00	8,381.00	0.00
Cape May Depreciation	2,801.00	2,801.00	0.00
Adams County Depreciation	4,095.00	4,095.00	0.00
Brooklyn Depreciation	0.00	4,583.26	-4,583.26
Dauphin Depreciation	0.00	2,273.00	-2,273.00
Chestertown Depreciation	9,725.00	9,725.00	0.00
Total Depreciation - Non-Operating Expenses	<u>25,002.00</u>	<u>69,196.26</u>	<u>-44,194.26</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>1,259,387.03</u>	<u>527,995.15</u>	<u>731,391.88</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-722,551.97</u>	<u>985,824.86</u>	<u>-1,708,376.83</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u><u>-741,088.09</u></u>	<u><u>1,032,285.15</u></u>	<u><u>-1,773,373.24</u></u>

2019 Executive Board Budget - Revised

	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	Revised 2019 Budget
Anticipated Receipts			
Assessment from Churches (2%)	384,664	384,080	384,080
Department Contribution	7,500	10,000	7,500
Investments\Dividends	10,904	12,500	12,500
Mortgage Interest	7,699	7,420	7,420
Communications Reimbursements	4,469	5,000	5,000
Miscellaneous/General Contributions	5,599	10,000	10,000
Other	19,255	1,000	1,000
Total Anticipated Receipts	440,090	430,000	427,500
Anticipated Expenses			
Minister's Retirement Fund	141,175	144,240	140,000
Board of Communications	24,909	25,000	25,000
Beneficiary Fund	500	500	500
Ministerial Convention	1,250	2,000	2,000
BFC Conference			
Conference Facilitation	15,000	15,000	0
Conference Expense	3,992	7,500	7,500
Committee Expenses	7,662	12,000	12,000
Chaplaincy Expenses	2,903	2,000	2,000
Committee Mtg Expenses	1,728	4,000	4,000
Conference Pastor Salary	26,000	26,000	26,000
Conference Pastor Expenses/Benefits	24,000	24,000	24,000
Executive Director Salary	81,056	81,950	83,750
HealthCare & Benefits	34,793	20,000	25,000
Taxes & Administrative Costs	9,843	10,000	10,000
Rent & Office Expense	14,151	11,351	14,000
Dues & Subscriptions	1,470	3,500	1,500
Legal & Accounting	27,701	25,000	27,500
Reserved	3,217	3,459	7,750
Miscellaneous Board Expense	4,250	5,000	5,000
Executive Board Expense	10,122	7,500	10,000
Total Anticipated Expenses	435,722	430,000	427,500

2020 Executive Board Budget

	Approved 2019 Budget	Revised 2019 Budget	Proposed 2020 Budget
Anticipated Receipts			
Assessment from Churches (2%)	384,080	384,080	385,000
Department Contribution	10,000	7,500	7,500
Investments\Dividends	12,500	12,500	12,500
Mortgage Interest	7,420	7,420	7,105
Communications Reimbursements	5,000	5,000	5,000
Miscellaneous/General Contributions	10,000	10,000	10,000
Other	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Anticipated Receipts	430,000	427,500	428,105
Anticipated Expenses			
Minister's Retirement Fund	144,240	140,000	139,695
Board of Communications	25,000	25,000	25,000
Beneficiary Fund	500	500	500
Ministerial Convention	2,000	2,000	2,000
BFC Conference			
Conference Facilitation	15,000	0	0
Conference Expense	7,500	7,500	7,500
Committee Expenses	12,000	12,000	12,000
Chaplaincy Expenses	2,000	2,000	2,000
Committee Mtg Expenses	4,000	4,000	4,000
Conference Pastor Salary	26,000	26,000	26,000
Conference Pastor Expenses/Benefits	24,000	24,000	24,000
Executive Director Salary	81,950	83,750	83,750
HealthCare & Benefits	20,000	25,000	25,000
Taxes & Administrative Costs	10,000	10,000	10,000
Rent & Office Expense	11,351	14,000	14,000
Dues & Subscriptions	3,500	1,500	1,500
Legal & Accounting	25,000	27,500	27,500
Reserved	3,459	7,750	8,660
Miscellaneous Board Expense	5,000	5,000	5,000
Executive Board Expense	7,500	10,000	10,000
	430,000	427,500	428,105

2018 Combined Balance Sheet

	ExecBrd	BOM	ChExtn	PBC	VV	Totals
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
Cash & Cash Equivalents	156,228	106,534	253,085	0	188,256	704,103
Investments	134,549	1,086,026	458,902		2,715	1,682,192
Restricted Investments	168,919		25,438			194,357
Prepaid Expenses	6,398	-9,184	7,207			4,421
Other Receivables	42,725	2,087	0		2,446	47,258
Total Current Assets	508,819	1,185,463	744,632	0	193,417	2,632,331
Property And Equipment						
Land	321,277			52,233		373,510
Buildings	1,311,928			1,701,535	1,312,545	4,326,008
Other Fixed Assets			26,077		17,015	43,092
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-368,051		-18,749	-1,489,980	-7,278	-1,884,058
Property And Equipment, Net	1,265,154	0	7,328	263,788	1,322,282	2,858,552
Other Assets						
Notes Receivable	260,069	0	10,417			270,486
SLR/Pinebrook Ministry Reserve	263,788			-263,788		0
Mortgages Receivable	188,742					188,742
Bad Debt Reserve	-50,000					-50,000
Total Notes Receivable, Net	662,599	0	10,417	-263,788	0	409,228
TOTAL ASSETS	2,436,572	1,185,463	762,377	0	1,515,699	5,900,111
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	0	0	1,003		120	1,123
Advances and Deposits	0	0			9,443	9,443
Other Current Liabilities	-30,856	320,819	23,498	594,346		907,807
Deferred Income	19,745					19,745
Total Current Liabilities	-11,111	320,819	24,501	594,346	9,563	938,118
Long-Term Debt, less Current Maturities				199,387	696,112	895,499
Total Liabilities	-11,111	320,819	24,501	793,733	705,675	1,833,617
EQUITY						
Unrestricted Net Assets	2,842,825	528,583	788,311	-735,879	467,624	3,891,464
Unrestricted, But Designated Funds	137,905	374,956				512,861
Temporarily Restricted Funds	39,122	145,065	17,505		69,559	271,251
Restricted Funds	168,919		25,138			194,057
Net Income	-741,088	-188,596	-93,078	-57,854	272,841	-807,775
Total Equity	2,447,683	860,008	737,876	-793,733	810,024	4,061,858
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,436,572	1,180,827	762,377	0	1,515,699	5,895,475

2018 Combined Statement of Revenues & Expenses

	ExecBrd	BOM	ChExtn	PBC	VV	Totals
REVENUES						
Contributions						
Churches	\$384,744	\$103,797	\$682,821	\$31,187	\$34,293	\$1,236,842
Individuals	\$1,614	\$327,498	\$320,576	\$26,760	\$75,771	\$752,219
Other Gifts and Bequests	\$7,500	\$9,891		\$8,881	\$844	\$27,116
Total Contributions	\$393,858	\$441,186	\$1,003,397	\$66,828	\$110,908	\$2,016,177
Other Revenues						
Retreats and Conferences				\$710,468	\$247,072	\$957,540
Program Fees	\$98,201	\$1,366		\$4,622		\$104,189
Rental Income				\$6,691	\$130,347	\$137,038
Program Sales	\$7,698	\$9,565	\$3,274	\$36,724	\$16,388	\$73,649
Interest and Dividends	\$10,911	\$36,938	\$15,984	\$1	\$400	\$64,234
Net Realized and Unrealized						
Gain on Investments		-\$68,834	-\$48,464			-\$117,298
Gain on Sale of Property	\$17,424					\$17,424
Medical Insurance Contributions	\$519,405					\$519,405
Other Income	\$4,145	\$9	\$15,769	\$3,817	\$4,969	\$28,709
Total Other Revenues	\$657,784	-\$20,956	-\$13,437	\$762,323	\$399,176	\$1,784,890
Net Assets Released from Restrictions and Other Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	\$245,835	\$245,835
Total Revenues	\$1,051,642	\$420,230	\$989,960	\$829,151	\$755,919	\$4,046,902
EXPENSES						
Salaries/Benefits/Payroll Taxes	\$151,693	\$214,525	\$139,207	\$275,770	\$176,081	\$957,276
Program Expenses	\$279,635	\$13,454	\$833,707	\$62,429	\$114,228	\$1,303,453
Program Food Expenses				\$206,491	\$44,807	\$251,298
Conference and Meetings	\$18,992		\$1,407		\$725	\$21,124
Marketing/Communications	\$24,909	\$9,484	\$22,812	\$10,856	\$8,967	\$77,028
Office Expenses	\$12,496	\$8,249	\$7,847	\$15,693	\$19,110	\$63,395
Rents/Real Estate Taxes	\$13,509	\$21,192	\$7,800	\$40,615	\$7,072	\$90,188
Buildings and Grounds Maintenance				\$223,208	\$74,259	\$297,467
Insurance	\$517,781		\$3,794	\$33,790	\$18,356	\$573,721
Designated	\$2,937	\$341,892	\$48,617	\$925	\$551	\$394,922
Legal/Accounting/Fees	\$29,171		\$5,198		\$1,201	\$35,570
Other Expenses	\$716,605	\$30	\$8,333	\$17,228	\$17,721	\$759,917
Total Expenses	\$1,767,728	\$608,826	\$1,078,722	\$887,005	\$483,078	\$4,825,359
Ordinary Gain (Loss)	-\$716,086	-\$188,596	-\$88,762	-\$57,854	\$272,841	-\$778,457
Depreciation	\$25,002		\$4,316			\$29,318
Net Gain (Loss)	-\$741,088	-\$188,596	-\$93,078	-\$57,854	\$272,841	-\$807,775

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2018 and 2017

ASSETS	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 724,418	\$ 1,245,202
Investments	1,882,060	2,021,943
Inventory	6,668	10,204
Prepaid expenses	10,149	19,416
Other assets	25,890	33,256
Current maturities of notes receivable	<u>20,983</u>	<u>20,705</u>
Total current assets	<u>2,670,168</u>	<u>3,350,726</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Land	221,277	293,518
Buildings	2,724,473	3,367,089
Other fixed assets	<u>38,593</u>	<u>45,378</u>
	2,984,343	3,705,985
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>422,297</u>	<u>1,871,103</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>2,562,046</u>	<u>1,834,882</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Notes receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts and current maturities	385,254	406,237
Pinebrook reserve	<u>263,788</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other assets	<u>649,042</u>	<u>406,237</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,881,256</u>	<u>\$ 5,591,845</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2018	2017
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 16,396	\$ 3,112
Accounts payable	9,461	44,064
Advances and deposits	337,827	357,367
Other current liabilities	3,455	4,247
Deferred income	<u>-</u>	<u>17,325</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>367,139</u>	<u>426,115</u>
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current maturities		
Notes payable	<u>679,716</u>	<u>64,279</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,046,855</u>	<u>490,394</u>
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	4,487,094	4,678,956
With donor restrictions	<u>347,307</u>	<u>422,495</u>
Total net assets	<u>4,834,401</u>	<u>5,101,451</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 5,881,256</u>	<u>\$ 5,591,845</u>

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUES			
Contributions			
Churches	\$ 1,247,652	\$ 2,550	\$ 1,250,202
Individuals	752,601	725	753,326
Other gifts and bequests	<u>66,264</u>	<u>246,475</u>	<u>312,739</u>
	2,066,517	249,750	2,316,267
Other revenues			
Retreats and conferences	1,019,182	-	1,019,182
Program fees	166,117	-	166,117
Rental income	75,397	-	75,397
Program sales	50,446	-	50,446
Interest and dividends	94,397	6,254	100,651
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	(102,301)	(15,101)	(117,402)
Loss on sale of property	(15,417)	-	(15,417)
Other income	<u>11,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,064</u>
	3,365,402	240,903	3,606,305
Net assets released from restrictions and other transfers	<u>316,091</u>	<u>(316,091)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues	<u>3,681,493</u>	<u>(75,188)</u>	<u>3,606,305</u>
EXPENSES			
Program services	3,127,058	-	3,127,058
Management and general	669,004	-	669,004
Fund raising	<u>77,293</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,293</u>
Total expenses	<u>3,873,355</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,873,355</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(191,862)	(75,188)	(267,050)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING	<u>4,678,956</u>	<u>422,495</u>	<u>5,101,451</u>
NET ASSETS, ENDING	<u>\$ 4,487,094</u>	<u>\$ 347,307</u>	<u>\$ 4,834,401</u>

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

Agency Funds

One of the primary functions conducted under the Missions' ministry is the collection and disbursement of funds for support of missionaries and for special missionary projects. The Organization functions as a conduit for such funds. Accordingly, the funds received and disbursed are not revenues and expenses of the Organization, and the excess of receipts over disbursements is reflected in the Statements of Financial Position as a liability included in advances and deposits.

A summary of agency funds' receipts and disbursements in the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the balance of agency funds at December 31, 2018 and 2017, are as follows:

Agency funds, at January 1, 2017	\$ 279,055
Receipts	1,453,536
Disbursements	<u>(1,447,308)</u>
Agency funds, at December 31, 2017	285,283
Receipts	1,529,215
Disbursements	<u>(1,493,901)</u>
Agency funds, at December 31, 2018	<u>\$ 320,597</u>

Retirement Arrangements

The Organization sponsors a defined benefit plan (the "Plan") for its retired pastors who had attained minimum age 55 as of January 1, 1993, and had served as a Bible Fellowship Church pastor for 15 or more years as of that date. Payment of benefits begins at age 65. Benefits are paid monthly in the form of a life annuity, using a schedule based on retirement age and years of service. Annual benefits have been frozen at \$221 for each year of service. The Organization funds benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis and paid benefits of \$141,177 and \$147,765 to beneficiaries in the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Organization held cash of \$16,671 and \$17,666, respectively, which is designated for payment of future benefits under the Plan. The Plan had 31 and 30 active beneficiaries at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Plan's projected benefit obligation was approximately \$947,000 and \$1,070,000, respectively.

Benefits expected to be paid under the Plan in each of the next five years and in the aggregate for the five years thereafter are as follows (in thousands):

Years ending	
<u>December 31,</u>	
2019	\$ 135
2020	140
2021	113
2022	99
2023	71
Years 2024-2028	<u>261</u>
	<u>\$ 819</u>

The Organization has not recorded the Plan's projected obligation for benefits as required under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America. If the required projected obligation for benefits were recorded in the accompanying financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, liabilities would have been increased by approximately \$947,000 and \$1,070,000 and net assets without donor restrictions would have been decreased by approximately \$947,000 and \$1,070,000 at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and the change in net assets would have been increased by approximately \$123,000 and \$110,000 for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

In the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Organization also contributed \$22,888 and \$17,491, respectively, to certain retired missionaries under an informal arrangement.

Report of the Department of Missions

God’s passion for the lost was much on the minds of the founders of the denomination that was to become the Bible Fellowship Church. At its inaugural convention in 1883, the chairman, Eusebius Hershey, announced that the conference would soon send its first foreign missionary. Yet, perhaps because of all of the activity and energy required for the organization of the new denomination, its own passion found little concrete expression. Seven years later, in 1890, Brother Hershey announced that he himself was going to Africa but, because of his age – he was 67 at the time – the Conference would not endorse him. Undeterred, he went to Liberia on his own where, after a mere five months, he died of malaria. During his short missionary career Hershey wrote 88 letters, which were ultimately instrumental in stirring the Fellowship to action. In 1895, four years after his death, and in partnership with The Christian and Missionary Alliance, the fellowship of churches sent its first formally commissioned missionary, William Shantz, to China.

Rich heritage

Despite that faltering start, today’s Bible Fellowship Church has built a rich missionary heritage, as evidenced by the diversity of agencies and ministries with which our envoys are involved. Through them, we are engaged in campus ministries, camping ministries, and sports ministries. We have people working with international students, recent immigrants, refugees, troubled families, and the elderly. We have aircraft mechanics, logistical support personnel, schoolteachers, missionary-kid house-parents, seminary professors, and administrative workers. We have Bible translators, evangelists, and church planters – 134 adult missionaries in all. They serve in 28 nations and 13 states with 35 different agencies. This list is impressive, yet as a fellow pastor pointed out to me, we should not congratulate ourselves on mere numbers. We should ask, “What is the focus of all of this activity? How does it support the vision of the Bible Fellowship Church and how can it be useful to God in His passionate pursuit of the lost?” With such diversity, establishing and maintaining focus is certainly a challenge.

Achieving focus

Focus is the result of clear definition, and the Board of Missions has spent considerable time understanding and clarifying the missionary mandate in light of Scripture and the vocation of the Bible Fellowship Church. We have concluded that “Missions” – as it applies to the BFC – is defined as follows:

“The collective activities of our churches that are outwardly focused, aimed at:

- proclaiming Christ to those who have the least opportunity to know Him,
- leading them to follow Him wholeheartedly in community with other believers,
- and equipping them to propagate the gospel by making disciples themselves.”

A BFC missionary, then, by strict definition, is someone who is actively and primarily engaged in seeking out and proclaiming Christ to those who have the least opportunity to

know him. He or she is diligently leading them to join with other believers in following Him, and equipping them as proclaimers of the gospel and disciple-makers in their own right.

When first published, this definition stirred misgivings. The focus is outward, on the unreached, whereas half of our envoys are engaged in providing technical and administrative services: so-called “behind-the-lines ministries” where the primary task does not involve direct interaction with the unreached. Our intention was not to disparage these functions as they are vital to front line missions. Rather, our intention going forward is to purposefully move our Fellowship in the direction of increasing our commitment to initiatives aimed at “*the establishment of functioning and multiplying communities of disciples where none existed before; communities which are bearing the fruits of the gospel in their locality and beyond.*”

Going forward, in recognition of the variety of vocations that are necessary to the missionary enterprise, the Board of Missions will commission every new envoy to one of three categories:

1. As a *Missionary*: a person who is outwardly focused, intentionally seeking to engage the lost in places and circumstances impossible to reach without a concerted effort of our entire fellowship.
2. As a *Practical Missionary Partner*: a person primarily engaged in providing practical and technical support to the Missionaries, enabling them to do their job.
3. As an *Administrative Missionary Partner*: a person primarily engaged providing the administrative services required for a Sending Agency to keep its missionaries on the field.

Ministries for which the Board endorses *Missionary Partners* must have a clear link to an approved *Missionary* initiative, and a strong preference will be given to ministries that are in support of Missionaries sent by the BFC.

Focus works

What has been the impact of this definition? We believe it has begun to have an effect in causing applicants, as well as churches, to examine more closely the initiatives to which they are committing. Consider the envoys commissioned in 2018:

Commissioned as *Missionaries* in 2018:

- Stephen and Bethany Chmil (from Harrisburg) to Togo.
- Sean and Sunny Fox (from Sinking Spring) to West Ridge Chicago.
- Haleigh Ott (from Cedar Crest) to Bolivia.

Commissioned as *Practical Missionary Partners* in 2018:

- Jeremy and Rebecca Reinhard (from Cedar Crest) as house-parents for missionary kids at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, working in support of missionary families across Africa.

Appointees Steven and Ali Merrick (from Emmaus) are currently engaged in language and cultural studies and will be commissioned as *Missionaries* to Mexico in 2019, Lord willing.

Thus the balance has already begun to tip towards greater commitment to direct engagement with the unreached of the world.

Working together

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

1. The Board of Missions application process is as rigorous as that of most mission agencies. It provides a second opinion on an applicant's aptitude and preparedness for missionary service, and it provides clarity and definition regarding the initiative to which missionaries will be assigned.
2. The Board of Missions is independent of any local elder board or congregation, and may therefore be more objective in its assessments than local leadership is able to be.
3. If we seriously pursue the focus described in the preceding section, approval by the Board of Missions would help ensure that a church's missionary resources are being wisely invested.
4. Being able to relate to the entire Bible Fellowship Church through the Board of Missions simplifies accountability and deputation for our missionaries and for the agencies under which they work.
5. With good reason, the slogan of the BFC refers twice to the principle of working together: We are "An expanding *Fellowship* of churches *united* to make disciples of Jesus Christ." When we act in unity and true fellowship, we enrich and strengthen each other, and we multiply the resources – spiritual, human, and material – that we can bring to focus on strategic, shared initiatives.
6. The Director's ability to speak with leaders of various sending agencies on behalf of our entire Fellowship has resulted in several of these agencies agreeing to draw up plans for initiatives specifically suited to our interests and priorities.
7. A good portion of the Director's time is devoted to correspondence with individual missionaries about specific situations. The Board of Missions, representing an entire Fellowship of churches, has been very effective in advocating for its missionaries in the unfortunate situations that sometimes arise on fields, between missionaries and their agencies, and between missionaries themselves. Envoys of the Bible Fellowship Church have repeatedly testified that the pastoral care, oversight, and accountability offered by our denomination surpasses what many of them receive from their own sending boards.

Missionary movements and re-assignments in 2018

- Tom and Becky Pollock retired after 28 years of service from their mission agency, Without Reservation, effective 12/31/2018. They will continue to work independently with the people of the Red Lake Indian Reservation in Minnesota.
- Rick Erb returned to the States for medical reasons and has stayed on to work in Community Outreach alongside the congregation at Wissinoming Bible Fellowship Church.
- Bob and Donna Sloma resigned from Cross Road Health Ministries in Glennallen Alaska effective 9/29/2018, and are considering a new assignment.
- J & B, formerly assigned to Tanzania, have been re-deployed to North Africa. Security concerns preclude more specific information.

Resources

The following resources are available to local churches through the Board of Missions staff:

- The Director, Duane E. Moyer, is available for consultations with local Missions Committees, information regarding missions opportunities, speakers for missionary events, and pulpit supply.
- John Elias is available for church or small group training in Muslim outreach.
- For assistance in organizing and deploying work-teams, see Chris and Becky Merrick.
- See Nelson Randolph for 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. He is willing to work with churches that want to organize community events as well – an innovative way to reach non-churched people.

Upcoming events

Two significant conference-wide events are scheduled for 2019:

1. Missions Rally, May 4, 2019 at Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church, 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet our envoys face-to-face, to hear about their work, and to learn of ways that we can do here what they do “over there.”
2. Missions Emphasis Week 3 at Pinebrook, July 14-20, 2019. The host pastor is Aaron D. Smith.

Credits: BFC BOM office staff

Associate Director Donald E. Kuntzman keeps track of all financial matters, receipting contributions and transmitting funds to the various Agencies under which our missionaries serve.

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.

Credits: Board of Missions

The Director wishes to commend the members of the Board of Missions. Their challenging questions and insightful counsel are invaluable in the development of our focus and definitions. Their passion as servants of the Great Commission, and their devotion to the well-being of our envoys, is beyond compare.

The Director and Board wish especially to thank member Robert W. Davies, who retired from the Board effective 1/22/19 after 20 years of service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Duane E. Moyer

Director, BFC Board of Missions

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



Guest speaker Will Mancini addresses the 136th BFC Conference during a Tuesday session.

Department of Missions General Statistical Report

Board of Mission Statistics

	Last year	This year
Adult Envoys In Active Service	129	132
Couples	60	61
Singles	9	10
New Missionaries Deployed	0	7
Appointees From Previous Years (not yet deployed)	4	2
New Appointees actively preparing for deployment	4	2
Applicants Under Consideration (1 couple)	13	2
Agencies fielding BFC missionaries	37	35
Nations with BFC missionary presence	27	28
States in the US with BFC missionary presence	13	13
Envoys serving within the United States	72	70
Envoys serving outside of the United States	57	62

Distribution of our Missionary Family

Numbers Include Appointees but does not include Missionaries on Leave of Absence

Area	Households	Adults	Countries
North America	38	74	United States 70 Canada 4
Latin America	6	10	Mexico 2 Costa Rica 3 Bolivia 3 Ecuador 2
Europe	12	23	Northern Ireland 2 France 5 Italy 2 Canary Islands 2 Greece 2 Czech Republic 2 Romania 2 Serbia 4 Kazakhstan 2
Africa	8	14	Tanzania 3 Kenya 4 Morocco 4 South Sudan 1 Togo 2
Asia	7	11	Japan 2 Thailand 3 Indonesia 2 Malaysia 1 Philippines 1 Other 2

Our Missionary Family

Active Missionaries:		
Name	Agency	Location & Ministry
Sam & Melissa Adams	CMTS	Pennsylvania - Providing needed supplies and vehicles to missionaries.
Dan & Vonnie Allen	800 Follow Me / Joy in Jesus Ministries	Pennsylvania - Equipping churches to evangelize in the United States and South Asia through <i>The Nathanael Project</i> .
Larry & Nancy Allen	ABWE Foundation	Pennsylvania - Initial contact with Bengali community with a view to church planting in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.
Byron & Lisa Barnshaw	Christar	Pennsylvania – Mobilizing students and future missionaries on college campuses, in Perspective courses, missions conferences, and local churches in the Northeast and Midwestern US
Bruce & Heather Beal	Wycliffe Bible Translators	Texas - Training linguists, caring for missionary children, and linguistic consulting for translators working in Mexico.
Glenn & Leah Ruth Blausler	Wycliffe Bible Translators / JAARS	North Carolina - Warehouse manager handling shipping and hand deliveries of needed supplies to missionaries around the world.
Jay & Hannah Breish		Vermont - In transition
Steven & Bethany Chmil	ABWE	Togo - medical evangelism at Hospital of Hope in Mango, Togo.
Sanjay & Keren Dalavai	Life Change Ministries International	Pennsylvania – Reaching children through Christian camping ministries in India, Nepal and South Asia.
Larry & Michelle Davies	The Evangelical Alliance Mission	Pennsylvania - Mentoring, shepherding, preparing new missionaries prior to initial field deployment.
Francisco & Eliane deSouza	Fellowship International Mission	Pennsylvania - Director for Missionary Personnel, responsible for the care of FIM missionaries.
Bill & Lois Early	Trans World Radio	Pennsylvania - On-air announcing and technical services for Trans World Radio's site in Bonnaire, Netherlands Antilles.
John & Karen Elias	BFC Board of Missions	Pennsylvania – Muslim outreach coordinator and Director of <i>The Bridges Option</i> .
Jaroslav & Natalija Elijas	Yugoslavian Evangelistic Society	Serbia - evangelism, discipleship, church planting, relief work and radio ministry
Mary Elmore	Africa Inland Mission	France - Working with an international church-planting team focusing on African immigrants in a multi-cultural quarter of Strassbourg.
Rick Erb	BCM International	Pennsylvania - International student ministry.
Scott & Robin Evans	Coalition for Christian Outreach	Pennsylvania - Campus ministry to student athletes and coaches at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA.
Theresa Faust	Overseas Missionary Fellowship	Malaysia - Ministering to physically and mentally impaired persons and their families
Sean & Sunny Fox	World Team	Chicago - International Neighborhood Network, reaching immigrants from India and Pakistan.
Ondrej & Milina Franka	Yugoslavian Evangelistic Society	Serbia - Evangelism, discipleship, church planting, relief work and radio ministry
Andy & Trisha Gudeman	Missionary Maintenance Services Aviation	Alaska - Repair, maintenance and modification of aircraft serving missionary aviation needs around the world. Previously with MMS, transfer to Kingdom Air Corp (approved January 2019)
James & Lynne Head	World Team	North Carolina – Training and counseling missionaries serving with World Team, Wycliffe and JAARS.
Scott & Sue Hoffman	Push The Rock	Pennsylvania - Vice President of Finance and Administration, and CFO of Push the Rock
D & A	Global Serve	Central Asia - Language and study and cultural adaptation with a view of reaching an ethnic minority people group.
John & Kathy Hoover	InFaith	New Hampshire - Ministry in nursing homes, evangelism
Daniel & Ana Istrate	Yugoslavian Evangelistic Society	Romania - Church planting and outreach to gypsy community
Walter & Susan Johnston	Coalition for Christian Outreach	Pennsylvania - Outreach to international students at Penn State University.
David & Kristy Kelly	Word of Life	Canada - Coordinating summer and winter camps, and discipleship with students at Word of Life Bible Institute in Quebec.
Cheryl Kline	Bethany Fellowship Missions	Thailand - Teacher at Bethany Fellowship International School
Kimberly Knaub	Africa Inland Mission	Tanzania - Bible translation
Kyle & Rebecca Koval	Team Expansion	Italy - Working to establish a disciple-making movement in Ancona, Italy.
Brian & Carol Ann Lawrence	Christar	Canada - Church planting among Kurds in Hamilton, Ontario.
Kyle & Jenny Merkey	Wycliffe Bible Translators	North Carolina - Aircraft maintenance
Chris & Beckie Merrick	BFC Board of Missions	Pennsylvania - Coordinator small group missions trips and projects.
Matt & Kristy Messick	World Venture	Ecuador - Engaging the unreached and discipling believers at a point of felt need through Bible-centered marriage counseling and seminars.
Barry & Lesa Miller	The Master's Mission	Morocco - House parents at The Haven.
Craig & Karen Miller	Crossworld	Spanish Canary Islands - Working to establish disciple-making movements in partnership with evangelical churches in the Canary islands.
Phil & Jan Morrison	Africa Inland Mission	Kenya - Phil provides guidance for various theological training programs associated with AIM in Africa. Jan provides support and encouragement to women missionaries.

Duane & Joetta Moyer	BFC Board of Missions	Pennsylvania - Director of the Department of Missions of the Bible Fellowship Church.
Jerry & Carolyn Moyer	World Team	France / Australia - Field Director for World Team France, on 5-month temporary assignment to recruit church planters in
Tony & Joanna Murrin	International Tribal Ministries	Bolivia - Missionary aviation, evangelism and discipleship
John & Judy Nicely	The Evangelical Alliance Mission	Illinois - Director of International Personnel for TEAM.
Bill & Shirley Novak	Crossworld	Asia - Coaching and mentoring people taking jobs in creative access locations.
Tim & Michelle Obarow	Missionary Maintenance Services Aviation	Ohio - Missionary aviation production manager.
Jeff & Emmy Ort	BCM International	Montana - Outreach to families touched by disabilities through camps, Bible Clubs and personal ministry.
Haleigh Ott	International Tribal Ministries	Bolivia - part of a church planting initiative in a tribal village (working with the Murrins).
Jason & Brienne Raines	Africa Inland Mission	N. Africa - Pioneer Church Planting
Nelson & Robyn Randolph	BFC Board of Missions	Pennsylvania - Assisting BFC churches with short-term mission projects, creating opportunities to serve through Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.
Jeremy & Rebecca Reinhard	Africa Inland Mission	Africa - Rift Valley Academy, house parents for missionary kids.
Art & Vicki Reyes	The Evangelical Alliance Mission	Mexico - Church planting through disciple-making in La Playa.
David & Becky Riddell	World Team	France - International Director of World Team. Mentoring, coaching, leading workers throughout World Team in multiplying disciples and communities of believers.
Laura Robison	Wycliffe Bible Translators / SIL	South Sudan - Working with Bible translation teams, developing materials, training people and developing ways that every member of a community can engage meaningfully with the Scripture.
Randy & Amina Ruth	Christar	Kazakhstan - Discipleship-based church planting and marketplace outreach to migrant workers.
AS	SEND International	Philippines - Community outreach, teaching
David & Denise Schlonecker Jr.	Push The Rock	Pennsylvania - Director Overseas Ministry, Push the Rock
Kimberly Schlonecker	Push The Rock	Pennsylvania - District Manager for the Lehigh Valley, overseeing inner city after school programs, home school gym classes, volleyball club, summer camps and working with various churches throughout the Lehigh Valley.
Dan & Jackie Scott	Pioneers	Central Asia - Mid-Asia Regional Leaders for Pioneers, overseeing and supporting Area Leaders representing approximately 130 missionaries planting churches amonth least reached peoples in 10 countries.
Mark & Jocelyn Scott	Campus Crusade (CRU)	New Jersey - Coaching college students to lead Acts 2 type movements on individual campuses across the state of New Jersey.
Nathan & Cindy Sefiane	The Master's Mission	Morocco - Maintenance, teaching and house parents at Children's Haven
Ted & Grete Shelling	InterFACE Ministries	Georgia - Counseling, international student evangelism/discipleship and Bible studies
David & Sherry Shelly	Missionary Maintenance Services Aviation	Ohio - Preparing people and plans for worldwide mission service. Dave in building maintenance, OSHA safety and IT, and Sherry in the Accounting Department
Gary & Karen Shogren	World Venture	Costa Rica - Professors of New Testament and Women's Ministries at Seminario ESEPA, and ministry to victims of sexual abuse.
Efthemes & Irene Sioukiouroglou	Fellowship International Mission	Greece - Outreach to Muslim refugees and church planting
Bob & Donna Sloma	Ripe for Harvest World Outreach	Alaska - Reaching the people of South Central Alaska through medical ministry and outreach.
Lillian Solt	United World Mission	Costa Rica - Medical ministry, community service, and evangelism in support of church planting.
Jeremiah & Briane Stokes	Ethnos 360 (formerly New Tribes Mission)	Indonesia - Pioneer church planting
John & Laura Studenroth	BFC Board of Missions	Pennsylvania - Reaching faculty, staff, and graduate and undergraduate students at Kutztown University.
Colby & Theresa Weinhofer	Pioneers	Japan - Working with local leaders to promote a church-planting movement on the coast of Iwate Prefecture.
Scott & Joanna Widman	BCM International	Northern Ireland - Camp ministries and European Director for BCM.
Oliver & Linda Williams	Christar	Texas - Outreach to International Students at University of Texas at Dallas. Oliver is Controller in the Christar finance department and Linda teaches ESL.
Barry & Candy Wingo	Ethnos 360 (formerly New Tribes Mission)	South Carolina - Providing pastoral care and encouragement to missionaries serving among unreached people groups around the world.
Ondra & Melissa Zikanovi	The Evangelical Alliance Mission	Czech Republic - Disciple makers & church developers amongst a predominantly atheistic people.

Appointees:

Name	Agency	Location & Ministry
Michael & Jayne Kauffman	Push The Rock	Pennsylvania - Sports ministry
Stephen & Ali Merrick	Ethnos 360 (formerly New Tribes Mission)	Mexico - Appointees in language and cultural training in preparation for joining a church team in Mexico.

Report of Church Extension Ministries

“...Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.”

Genesis 9:1

This past year was our 70th Anniversary year. At the 2018 BFC Conference, Church Extension’s focus on “multiplication” took center stage. Church Planters addressed the Conference and Director David E. Gundrum and Board Chairman Richard E. Taylor provided a power point presentation on churches planting churches (multiplication) and how churches planting churches will grow the BFC. Again, included in this year’s report is the chart on the most recent growth that came from our BFC churches and regions reproducing and planting daughter churches.

Daughter Church	Mother Church	# Team Sent	Mother Attendance When Sent	Mother Attendance Current	Daughter Church Current Attendance	Overall Growth
Dauphin BFC	Harrisburg BFC	55	198	200+	100+	102
Townsend, DE BFC	Newark, DE BFC	14	501	583+	90+	172
Northern Lehigh BFC	Whitehall BFC	20	177	145	70	38
La Roca, Reading	Berks Region	0	n/a	n/a	120+	120
Exeter BFC	Sinking Spring BFC	80	925	982	250	307
TOTAL						739

This past year our Vision & Strategy Committee made multiplication presentations to seven particular churches and four BFC regions. BFC Churches and Regions are hearing the drumbeat for multiplication.

- The Cedar Crest BFC launched its daughter church plant in Upper Macungie, PA.
- There is a team meeting to plant a Berks County, PA regional church in Topton, PA.
- The DELMARVA Region is setting aside time at its monthly meetings to discuss church planting on the Peninsula.
- The Lehigh Valley Region is doing the same for the Lehigh Valley.
- Grace BFC in Harrisburg has daughter church planting on its radar, along with the Lancaster/Lebanon region getting involved and supporting the new church

plant being launched in the city of Lancaster, PA.

All of this activity and more leads us to believe that in the near future we will see a multiplication movement surface, resulting in more BFC churches established in a more expedient fashion with better viability.



In 2019 we will continue our anniversary focus by moving the BFC's attention from the past to the future. The "Next" in the 70Next is about helping our churches, who are able, to lead the way in multiplication and those churches who are not able to tag along with a regional project.

A goal was set to have 75 BFC churches by 2021. Can we reach that goal? Church Extension will give it all it has, with the Lord's help, to see the BFC grow to 75 churches. Currently we have 57 particular churches and 17 open Mission Churches. This past Conference we praise God that both the LaRoca Bible Fellowship Church and the Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church graduated and were received into Conference. The Long Neck, DE Bible Fellowship Church was brought back to viability by Church Extension and is now on its own again.

In 2019 one Mission Church will graduate and two more are being prepped to graduate in 2020. This will then make, Lord willing, 60 particular churches if we don't see any further closures. There will still remain the need for 15 Mission Churches to graduate if we are to reach the BFC goal of 75. Can we graduate 15 Mission Churches in one year? We project that five Mission Churches may graduate in 2021. If the Lord wills, we will then have 65 BFC churches and fall short of the goal of 75 by 10.

There is one area that could push us to reach the goal. We can make the effort to connect established non-BFC churches to the denomination.

This year we are doing a pilot connectional project in DELMARVA. We are sending out a mailing to 30-40 independent churches in the target area and inviting them to dialogue with us about connecting with the BFC. A number of these churches have already shown some interest in connecting. We pray this effort may produce the Lord's fruit.

Some may ask: Why be so focused on the number of churches?

- First, it was a goal that Conference set in its 2020 forward plan. Church Extension is the main catalyst for increasing the number of BFC churches. Therefore, it is our responsibility to work toward reaching the goal of 75 churches.
- Second, Church Extension believes that the BFC has a lot to offer churches that are independent, namely our stability of doctrine, our pastoral collegiality, and our missional heart for the gospel and its proclamation. These connections will add to our fellowship.
- Third, planting and adding more churches gives glory to God and expands the kingdom into the darkness of our world.

Pray with us for the Lord to empower Church Extension and provide the resources we need to carry out our charge to expand the BFC. Please uphold us in your prayers and look for ways to join us in expanding the Bible Fellowship Church!

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

Website: www.lighthousebfc.com

John Hanner – Adams County, PA Mission Church

Bible Fellowship Church of Adams County

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

Contact Info: jhanner37@gmail.com or 717-337-1900

Website: www.adamscountybfc.com

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@redeemberbfc.org or 484-302-0124

Website: www.redeemberbfc.org

Joshua Dupiche – Philadelphia, PA Mission Church

Trinity Community Church

Meets at: 169 W Hansberry St, Philadelphia, PA 19144

Contact Info: scholarlyspirit@gmail.com or 267-273-4172

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@forkscommunitychurch.org or 484-548-0251

Website: www.forkscommunitychurch.org

Freddy Chi – Villa Magna, Mexico Mission Church

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

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

Jason Filbert – Naples, FL Mission Church

Covenant Bible Fellowship

Meets at: 7345 Davis Blvd. #3, Naples, FL 34104

Contact Info: jason@cbfnaples.com or 239-910-0766

Website: www.cbfnaples.com

Brad Boyer – Cape May Court House, NJ Mission Church

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

James Reff – Chestertown, MD Mission Church

Grace Community Church

Meets at: 400 Morgnac Rd, Chestertown, MD 21620

Contact Info: jamesreff81@gmail.com or 410-778-0390

Website: www.gracebfcchestertown.org

Barry Parsons – Boyertown, PA Mission Church

Harvest Fellowship Church

Meets at: 584 Colebrookdale Rd, Boyertown, PA 19512

Contact Info: barrytparsons@gmail.com or 610-367-2853

Website: www.harvestfellowshipchurch.org

Phil Ruiz – Milford DE Mission Church

Hope Community Bible Fellowship Church

E-mail: philliphenryruiz@gmail.com

Meets at: 103 S. Maple Ave. Milford, Delaware 19963

Contact Info: philliphenryruiz@gmail.com or 302-448-1299

Juan Carlos Morales – Lancaster, PA Mission Church

Christ Alone Bible Fellowship Church

E-mail: losmoral@me.com

Contact Info: losmoral@me.com or 717-208-5686

Website: www.christalonefellowship.com

Ben Triestman – Upper Macungie, PA Mission Church

Orchard Hills Church

Meets at: Fogelsville, PA Fire Co.

E-mail: ben@orchardhills.church

Contact Info: ben@orchardhills.church or 267-679-8602

Website: www.orchardhills.church

Mark Morrison, Interim Planter - Elverson, PA Mission Church (Planter Needed)

Living Rock Bible Church

Meets at: 2672 Ridge Rd. Elverson, PA 19520

E-mail - mlbamorrison@gmail.com

Contact Info: mlbamorrison@gmail.com or 610-286-3623 / 717-413-0377

Woolwich Township, NJ Mission Church (Planter Needed)

Contact Church Extension for more information.

Review of 2018 in Church Extension

- The BFC Mission Churches recorded 25 people making professions of faith and the Mission Churches held 10 baptisms! All glory to God!
- Financial giving from BFC churches again increased. Thank you very much. However, a couple of churches made significant reductions in their giving.
- Our donor list and donor giving increased. Don Skekel served fruitfully as Development Manager.
- Some continuing observations:
 - 1. Several churches reduced their support for Church Extension.
 - 2. A number of churches are not able to give support to Church Extension.
- Two Training Days were held for our men. Guest presenters included S. Wayne Rissmiller, who spoke on his church's experiences in growth, and Anthony Curtis, who addressed marketing and social media.
- A Roundtable for the planters was held at Fellowship Community where the planters came together to pray and share.
- Community surveying took place in several of your Mission Churches' target sites. 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 assists and coaches the church plant in Chestertown, MD, Joshua Dupiche in Philadelphia, and Phil Ruiz in Milford, DE. Ray does yearly evaluations of our properties, along with doing demographic studies for new sites. Harry & Sandra Workman served faithfully as an Aquila & Priscilla Team in DELMARVA but will begin gearing down this next year. We are continuing our efforts to plant churches in DELMARVA with the assistance of the Regional churches.

- Stephen Diaz is planting the multi-cultural Lighthouse BFC, in South Allentown. This Mission Church is looking into relocation and planning further growth.
- We are thankful for the Aquila & Priscilla Teams that serve the church plants. Jason & Joanne Englehart serve with Carlos Rodriguez at the La Roca Mission Church while Harry & Sandra Workman serve in Delaware.
- Joshua Dupiche is planting in Philadelphia. Joshua embarked on full-time planting and is forming a group to be his core group.
- At the Cape May County Mission Church (Cape Community Church), Brad Boyer has new core leadership and a fresh outlook is evident
- At the Adams County Mission Church, John Hanner is working on a prayer and outreach plan to grow the church.
- We have Hispanic Church Plants in Reading (La Roca), Allentown (El Faro), and Villa Magna (La Roca), Mexico. La Roca, under the leadership of Carlos Rodriguez and his new elders, is seeking the Lord's will for the church's future and the possibility of planting a daughter church. The church is still connected to Church Extension because it is not yet 100% self-supporting, but it is a particular church. Diego Rodriguez is assisting at the church and with the ministry center in Lancaster, TheCenter (*El Centro*). We are dialoguing with Diego about his future with the BFC. TheCenter in Lancaster held numerous outreaches, events, and mercy ministries. It is also a foundation for a new multi-cultural church plant in Lancaster, PA, under the leadership of Los Morales. The Villa Magna Mission Church in Mexico continues to reach people in Villa Magna under the leadership of church planter Freddy Chi. Pastor Marcos Ramirez is our church planting Director in Mexico and has started several Bible studies around Merida for future church planting. Elliot Ramos, Hispanic Ministry Liaison, has been very busy with ministry at The Center in Lancaster, meeting with the Hispanic men, going to churches, and chairing the Hispanic Task Force.
- Daughter church planting is a high priority for Church Extension. A new project in Topton, PA will be a focus of the Berks County, PA region.
- The Chestertown, MD Mission Church, under the planting efforts of James Reff and his team, is seeking ways to grow the church. A coffeehouse ministry was started along with plans for an archery outreach this spring. This past year, work was done around the facility with new paving on the parking lot. James is focusing on discipleship with his people.
- There were numerous meetings with prospective church planters and a number of meetings with churches seeking to connect with the BFC.
- The Naples, FL Mission Church continues to develop under the leadership of church planter Jason Filbert. Good growth has taken place the later part of this year.
- The Lancaster City, PA Mission Church was opened this year and Juan Carlos Morales (Los) was called to be the church planter.

- The Milford, DE Mission Church was opened and Phil Ruiz was called to be the church planter.
- The Upper Macungie, PA Mission Church, a daughter church from Cedar Crest BFC, was opened this year and Ben Triestman was called to be the church planter.
- Thirty-two churches were visited this year by the Church Extension staff. We presented the mission of Church Extension and participated in missions conferences, along with other meetings at the churches.
- Administrative Assistant Laurie Kuhns began her duties in the office. Ruth Richards will assist with some bookkeeping. Rachel Schmoyer was hired as an office assistant.
- We praise God for Church Extension's faithful volunteers, supporting churches and donors.
- The Hispanic Task Force (HTF) is a sub-committee of Church Extension. It reports on the current Hispanic ministries and develops plans for expanding the Hispanic ministries of the BFC.
- The Director served on the Ministerial Candidate Committee. He also coached and met with various BFC pastors and BFC churches to assist them.
- We held monthly and some quarterly coaching sessions with all the church planters.
- We held two all-day church planters' assessments with potential church planters and their wives.

Projections for 2019 in Church Extension

- **The DELMARVA Project**

Projected New Site & Connection – We will proactively look for opportunities to connect with churches that are interested in an association with the BFC and encourage the Region to plan a Regional daughter church planting project.

- **Hispanic/Multi-Cultural Church Planting**

Lancaster, PA Plant – Elliot Ramos coordinates ministry at TheCenter and will work with the Lancaster Region churches to support TheCenter.

Lancaster City Church Plant – Los Morales will plant in Lancaster and have the assistance of the Lancaster/Lebanon Region.

El Faro - Allentown, PA Church Plant – Stephen Diaz and his team will decide on relocation. Plans for graduation will move forward.

Merida, Mexico – Pastor Marcos Ramirez is planning to have the two Bible studies in the target sites around Merida become two BFC plants. The Merida church is increasing its assistance in Villa Magna.

Hispanic Task Force – Elliot Ramos chairs the Hispanic Task Force. The HTF

is assisting your Hispanic men and their ministries and is furthering our BFC Hispanic ministries.

- **Daughter Church Planting**

Lancaster Region – Developing the Multi-Cultural Church Plant.

Newark, DE – Is in process with Chestertown.

Harleysville/BucksMont Region – In process with Scott Wright at Redeemer BFC.

Lehigh Valley Region – In process with Forks Community Church and Tim Zuck.

Woolwich Township, NJ – In process with Woodbury and Wallingford BFC churches; is hoping to call a planter.

Cedar Crest BFC – In process with our church plant in Upper Macungie.

Berks County Region – Seeks to launch a church plant in Topton.

Harrisburg, PA – In discussion concerning future church planting possibilities.

- **Connectional Projects**

Staten Island, NY – In process.

DELMARVA – Efforts are being made to identify non-BFC churches wanting to connect with us.

- **Recruitment**

Hispanic – The HTF will look for more Hispanic men to plant Hispanic churches.

Church Planters – We will continue to recruit qualified men to plant churches as well as dialoguing with current men in the BFC about church planting.

- **Church Planting Academy** – In 2019 we will review and discuss our training methodology.

- **Graduation Preparations**

We will be assisting Scott Wright, Brad Boyer, Stephen Diaz, and Upper Macungie with graduation plans.

- **Development**

The Development Committee will continue to work with Everence Financial Services, seeking ways to best invest our funds. Our Development Manager will seek to increase our donor base.

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

The Lord continues to bless and provide for this vital mission of church planting and kingdom and BFC expansion. Church Extension can consult and assist churches with developing a daughter church planting vision. We encourage BFC churches to discuss a BFC church planting vision as part of their strategic planning. Please look for ways to support the mission of Church Extension and your BFC church planters. Church planters are missionaries charged with planting BFC churches. When we successfully plant new BFC churches, our fellowship is enriched and grows and God is glorified!

Pray for the Lord to bless your church plants. Pray for our team: the Board of Church Extension; Ray Bertolet, Assistant Church Planter; Laurie Kuhns, Administrative Assistant; Ruth Richards, Bookkeeper; Rachel Schmoyer, Office Assistant; Elliot Ramos, Hispanic Ministry Liaison; Don Skekel, Development Manager; Richard Taylor, Mentoring Assistant; Tim Zuck, Church Planter Representative; Aquila & Priscilla Teams, and our volunteers. Pray especially for your BFC church planters and their wives and families.

In His grace & service, and respectfully submitted,

David E. Gundrum, Director of Church Extension Ministries

Church Extension Ministries Board: Richard E. Taylor, Chairman; William G. Schlonecker, Secretary; Robert W. Davies, Treasurer; David E. Gundrum, Director; James Arcieri, Mark E. Barninger, Robert W. Davies, Timothy D. Gibson, Mark M. Morrison, Michael Norquist, Alfred G. Roberts, James Stapleton.

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

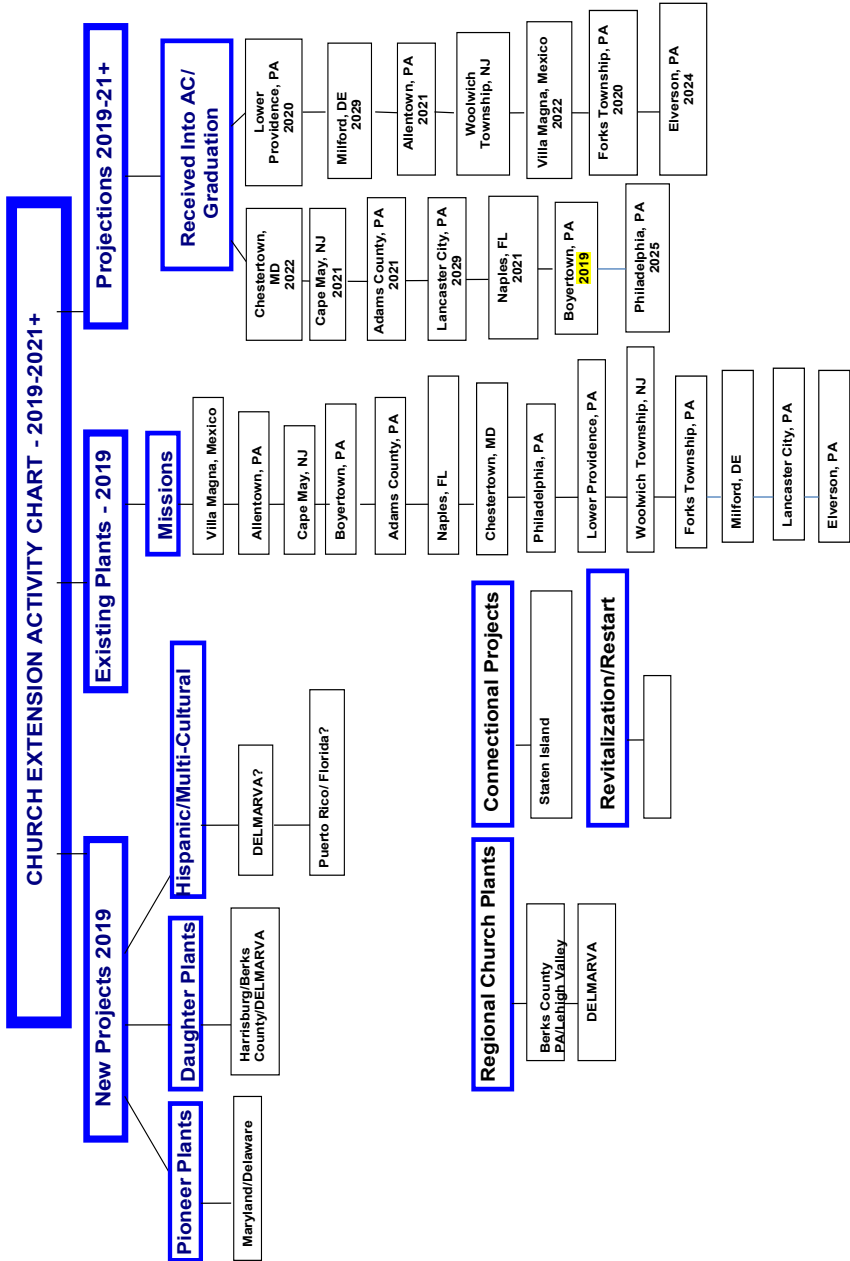
Churches/Regions (*available online at www.churchplantingbfc.org*)

- 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 these common questions: Can we afford to plant a daughter church? What size do we need to be to daughter? What is in it for us as a mother church? Won't a daughter church destroy the fellowship in the mother church? The six-step process for planting a daughter congregation.
- Demographic Workbook – A tool to assist you with understanding your ministry target area. It includes educational, ecclesiastical, community, and population surveys.

- Visitation Follow-up Training – A helpful seminar to assist the church with encouraging and training visitation teams.
- First Impressions – What do your guests say about your church after they visit? We have materials that will help you make positive first impressions with your guests.
- Community Surveying Manual – A guide for conducting community surveys in your ministry target areas in order to produce a needs assessment, along with making contacts.
- Values/Mission/Vision Manual – A workbook on discovering your values, mission, and vision.
- Visibility Manual – A manual listing a visibility check list, branding, logos, media, and web sites, etc.

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.



Report of the Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church

Prior to 2014, the commitment of the BFC to extending our Fellowship cross-culturally was embodied in a committee known as the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting (JCECP). This was to be a cooperative work of Church Extension Ministries and the Board of Missions. The signal accomplishment of this committee was the initiation of our Fellowship's outreach to the Hispanic community in both the United States itself and within Mexico.

In 2012, in recognition of the success of our Hispanic initiatives, and in hopes of achieving the same success among other ethnic groups, the JCECP recommended that a Hispanic Task Force (HTF) be created under the auspices of the Church Extension Department, and that the JCECP be re-organized as the Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church (CMCC). The emphasis was to be on promoting multi-cultural diversity within existing BFC churches and on directing funds to the planting of new, intentionally diverse BFC works.

The CMCC conducted surveys in a number of our churches and produced a handbook entitled "Welcoming Diversity." There was disagreement, however, on the matter of planting new multi-cultural works. Though the Board of Missions is overseeing one such work among the Bengali community of lower Montgomery County in partnership with Bethany BFC in Hatfield, and though the groundwork is being laid for a second initiative among Arabic speakers of the Lehigh Valley, it was asserted that neither of these works, despite their connection to the BFC through the Board of Missions, is yet at a stage where it meets the criteria for a BFC church-plant, and therefore they are not eligible for financial assistance through the CMCC. Since its reorganization, the only funds dispersed by the CMCC to church-planting initiatives have been in support of already existing Hispanic works under the oversight of the Church Extension Ministries. It became evident that the committee had lost its distinct reason for being, at least as a cooperative effort of Church Extension Ministries and the Board of Missions.

In consideration of these facts, the Committee on the Multi-Cultural Church met on January 24, 2019 to adopt the following resolutions:

Resolution #1

Resolved, that the CMCC recognizes and endorses the cross-cultural church-planting works carried out under the supervision of the Board of Missions, seeing these as having the potential to expand our fellowship of churches.

Resolution #2

Whereas, the focus of the CMCC has been on fostering a welcoming environment within existing BFC churches, and

Whereas, funds allocated by the CMCC are restricted to initiatives under the direction of the Church Extension Ministries, and

Whereas, the activities of the CMCC are exclusively in support of the Church Extension Ministries, therefore be it

Resolved, that the CMCC be dissolved and its responsibilities and assets be taken up by the Church Extension Ministries, and be it further

Resolved, that the Church Extension Ministries provide the outgoing chairman of the CMCC with a strategy proposal for fulfilling the functions of the now-defunct CMCC.

The first resolution recognizes the right of the Board of Missions to initiate the planting of cross-cultural churches in places or among people groups with which Church Extension Ministries is not working, wherever they might be found.

The second resolution dissolves the Committee of the Multi-Cultural Church and places the responsibility for fostering multi-cultural engagement *within existing BFC churches* upon the Church Extension Ministries.

These resolutions were presented to the Executive Board of the Bible Fellowship Church, which ratified them with the stipulation that as works initiated under the auspices of the Board of Missions approach maturity, they be encouraged to work with the Church Extension Ministries with a view to becoming particular Bible Fellowship Churches. The Board of Missions embraces this proviso.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane E. Moyer

Chairman

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

Report of Pinebrook Bible Conference

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:17

The purpose of Pinebrook Bible Conference & Retreat Center has been for ministry to occur so that disciples of Jesus Christ can be made, developed and enhanced while serving the greater Christian community.

How was that purpose fulfilled in 2018?

- Through “Pinebrook” Events including Ladies Retreat, Summer Conference, Senior Saints Retreat, Sno-Glo, various hymn sings, and our Christmas Banquet.
- Through weekend retreats that ministered the Gospel of Jesus Christ and promoted the Discipleship of Jesus Christ.
- Through the Retreat Within a Retreat ministry that continued to provide groups with a work or team building weekend while spending time in service and spiritual refreshment.
- Through the multifaceted Summer Family Camp ministry, whereby families and individuals could experience Pinebrook and grow in their relationship with Christ through worship services, activities, prayer times, meals, and interactive games.
- Through a 50th Anniversary Day at the beginning of the summer ministry on Saturday, June 30. This special day of celebration included a variety of activities, festivities, hay rides, games, a concert with the Waldvogel Brothers, and a concluding fireworks display.
- Through an openness to a long-term view of the ongoing ministry of God on the grounds and in the facilities of Pinebrook, with God’s oversight and leading.

We praise God for the dedicated ministry of Pinebrook staff, leadership, and Board. They were used of God to complete the 50th anniversary year and to prepare for the future ministry of Pinebrook.

After several months of negotiations between the BFC Executive Board and Spruce Lake Retreat, on October 17, 2018 it was announced that Pinebrook Bible Conference would be beginning a new era of ministry. During that morning the Executive Board of the BFC transferred the assets of Pinebrook Bible Conference over to Spruce Lake Retreat. Spruce Lake Retreat now handles all of the maintenance, management, marketing, and control of Pinebrook’s property. The BFC still controls all of the ministry aspects of Pinebrook as it relates to the BFC. This includes Summer Conference, BFC

Conference, Sno-Glo, Senior Saints Retreat, Ladies Retreat, RWR's, hymn sings, and Christmas banquets.

Thanks for praying for the ministry of Pinebrook Bible Conference as a part of the Bible Fellowship Church era. Pray for the new ministry and staff of Pinebrook, under the leadership of Spruce Lake Retreat, as they continue to use the facilities and grounds "for the Glory of God." Also pray for the BFC as it facilitates the various ministry aspects mentioned above.

It has been a joy and blessing to serve on the Pinebrook Board and to participate in many of the ministry events and opportunities of Pinebrook during the most recent era of BFC Pinebrook. May God continue to use this ministry in its new era to bring glory to God and make an eternal impact on boys, girls, men, and women.

Charles E. Cole,

Former Pinebrook Bible Conference Chairman

2018 (and final) Pinebrook Bible Conference Board: Charles E. Cole, Chairman; Matthew Printz, Vice Chairman; Charles D. Bomgardner, Secretary; Darian R. Allen, Treasurer; Patrick Carl, W. Scott Kappes, Gary Karch, Rachel Kessler, Christopher Merrick, Jon Taylor.

Report of Victory Valley Camp

It has truly been an exciting year at Victory Valley Camp. We give all the praise to God for His working, through both year-round staff and summer staff, to touch and change the lives of young people. The year's biggest challenge was the completion of the new dining hall and kitchen. The weather hampered construction and the June 1st deadline was not met. Three days before camp began, the building was ready for use. That meant moving kitchen equipment, dishes, pots and pans, supplies, and everything else needed to serve the first full week of camp. With the Lord's help we made it through the first week! The campers and staff enjoyed eating in a climate-controlled dining hall without bumping into each other. This new dining hall is 62% larger than our old dining hall, allowing us to seat 162 people comfortably.

Winter Blast 2018

This year's theme was "Journey with Jonah." During *God and Me* time and Bible lessons, campers dove into the story of Jonah. As they looked at this familiar story, our goal was to look beyond what was happening in Jonah's life to see what we could learn about God and His character. We had a total of 158 campers over the course of four weekends.

Summer Camp 2018

God blessed us with another amazing summer camp. We realized another increase in registrations for the summer. We have experienced continued growth from our low of 510 in 2010 to 950 for 2018. God provided 69 young people to serve as Summer Missionaries for at least two weeks. Praise God for the increase and the opportunity to share Christ with so many children.

"Be Prepared" was the theme for summer 2018 at Victory Valley Camp. God taught all of us (staff and campers) about the importance of putting on the whole armor of God every day. Day campers had different themes each week and focused on a different piece of the armor of God each week. During the four weeks of kids' camp (ages 8-12; weeks 1-2, 6-7), overnight campers in Cabin Camp and Outpost Village learned about the six pieces of the armor of God and how to put on the whole armor of God each day. During the two middle school weeks (ages 12-14; weeks 3 and 5), campers had the choice to attend Bible electives taught by Summer Missionaries. Each Friday night, it was a blessing and encouragement to hear campers share testimonies of what God taught them throughout the week. At least 15 campers made decisions for Christ this summer. Please pray that God would continue to work in the lives of the campers and staff who were at the Valley this summer, and that they would live each day ready for the battle.

Facilities

Upgrades to the cabins are now complete and all 13 cabins are winterized and ready for year-round use. The new dining hall and kitchen were completed in June. The downstairs of this building is scheduled to be completed this spring. This will house the camp offices, souvenir shop, and an additional meeting room.

Events and programs for 2019

January 25-27, 2019 - Winter Blast I
February 1-3, 2019 - Winter Blast II
February 8-10, 2019 - Winter Blast III
February 22-24, 2019 - Winter Blast IV
March 29-31, 2019 - Prospective Junior Staff Retreat
April 13, 2019 - Core Challenge
May 18, 2019 – VVC Open House
June 22, 2019 - Staff Commissioning Banquet
June 23, 2019 – Summer Camp Begins
October 19, 2019 – Fall Family Festival
November 23, 2019 – Thanksgiving Youth Rally
December 7, 2019 – Friends of the Valley Banquet

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas J. Manwiller, Director

Board of Victory Valley Camp: Colin Bartholomew, Chairman; Mark R. Orton, Vice Chairman; Carolyn Cruise, Secretary; Kelly Moono, Treasurer; Jim Crosley, Kevin Derr, Jason Englehart, Cindy Ireland, Timothy J. Schmoyer.

Report of the Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is responsible for the production and management of the print and internet media of the Bible Fellowship Church. It met four times since the previous BFC Conference. The following items summarize activity from this past year:

1. Four issues of the *OneVoice* magazine were released during the past year, with 4500 copies per issue distributed. Ralph E. Ritter continues to serve as editor. Many different members from various BFC churches continue to submit materials for publication in *OneVoice*. The committee encourages members to submit articles to review for publication. Guidelines for submissions can be found on BFC.org website. We are very grateful for all the submissions we have received. We are also developing *OneVoice* online.

2. Twelve issues of the *Fellowship News* bulletin insert were released during the past year. Carolyn Ritter continues to serve as editor. *Fellowship News* is sent to the church secretary or other designated individual for copying and distribution. They also receive an email version which can be used as an alternative. To receive *Fellowship News* please contact bfc.fellowship.news@gmail.com and specify the appropriate church contact person. The committee is grateful for all the church submissions regarding new members, baptisms, and other church happenings.

3. Again this year, the committee was responsible for producing the Annual Yearbook. Don Kuntzman coordinates this project.

4. The *Faith and Order* of the BFC has been updated to reflect the changes enacted by BFC Conference. Both volumes one and two have been revised. The 2018 edition is now the official version of the *Faith and Order*. This can be ordered through the BFC.org website.

5. Informational brochures on *The Bible Fellowship Church*, *Eschatology*, and *Church Membership* continue to be distributed among churches. New brochures are being drafted on the following topics: “*Soteriology*,” “*The Lord’s Supper*,” “*Baptism*,” and “*What is Reformed Theology?*”

6. The Committee received publishing income of \$4,541, a decrease of \$2,190 from 2017. Expenses for 2018 totaled \$24,909, up \$75 from 2017. Approximately 80 percent of the expenses are related to *OneVoice* magazine. All materials produced by the Communications Committee can be ordered at www.bfc.org.

7. Rachel Schmoyer from Whitehall BFC continues to coordinate our social media initiative. She is regularly posting new content to Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Through this initiative several new contacts have been realized.

Communications Committee: Donald E. Kuntzman, Chairman; Gregory Alderfer, Secretary; Ralph E. Ritter, Editor, BFC *OneVoice*; Rachel Schmoyer, Social Media; David T. Allen, David E. Brandt, Ronald L. Kohl.

Report of the Conference Pastor

“And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.”

Colossians 1:9-12

Part of my prayer time includes these verses as I remember you, my ministering brethren. You are a great group of men, “saints by calling,” and I am privileged to know you and to serve alongside you. We serve a great God who called us to serve as pastors, and thankfully He has equipped us to do His work by His grace.

I give thanks for the opportunity to join you in the regional meetings each month, and I am thrilled with the relationships that have been developed and the care you show to one another. Thank you for allowing me to be part of these times of seeking our Lord’s face as we go through good times as well as difficult times. We have a great God who knows our heart and hears our prayers and loves us so very much.

These times when we come together to pray are precious as we unite and build one another up. I am thankful that we can pray for other BFC churches and those outside our denomination who are of like faith. At the time of this writing we have four churches that are looking for a pastor: Carmel, NY; Cornerstone, NY; Oley, PA; and Steelton, PA. Please remember the body of Christ at each of these locations and give thanks for the Lord’s faithfulness as these churches continue to serve their communities.

I would ask all our pastors to put these regional meetings on your “to do” list and attend them for the opportunity to encourage each other. I know it is not always possible to attend but it is refreshing to gather for fellowship and prayer.

We have the delight of having two men being ordained this year: men who love the Lord and His Word. All thanks goes to our Savior for His calling on these two men and on all of our lives as pastors, as well as the wonderful privilege He has given us to handle “the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.”

It has been three joyous and humbling years for my wife Sharon and I to have ministered to our pastors and their wives, and we rejoice with you and labor with you in prayer. We continue to be thankful for the safe travel the Lord has granted us and for the opportunity to worship our Savior together with you in your places of service. Thank you for your faithfulness and for your welcoming us to join you.

After many years of serving the Lord here on earth, Willis I. Dowling and Edgar H. Munyan are serving and worshiping Him in glory. I am thankful for these men and their love for Jesus. Please pray for their families and friends to know God’s grace and comfort.

We also have fellow pastors and wives who have lost loved ones. Please pray for them as well in the loss of these dear ones. Relationships are wonderful and given to us

by the Lord, but the pain is very real when we no longer have them around to enjoy and grow together. During these times we must depend on His grace and sufficiency.

I would like to remind you again of the Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund and the assistance it provides for our ministers. This is a tax deductible fund under the umbrella of the BFC. Any donations may be made by check payable to “Bible Fellowship Church.” If you have a financial need or know of another BFC pastor who has a need, please talk to me. We were thankfully able to financially assist some pastors and their families this past year, totaling \$1,965. I also praise the Lord and am grateful for the donation of \$1,705 made at the 2018 BFC Conference.

My wife and I are thankful for your prayers as we continue to serve our Lord while serving you and your wives. We look forward to how God will use us for His glory and to be of help to you.

Blessings,
Ralph M. Soper
Conference Pastor

Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund

January 1, 2018 - Balance forward	\$ 4,399.00
Deposits	\$ 1,730.00
Withdrawn throughout this period	\$ 1,965.00
Balance as of December 2018	\$ 4,164.00
10 Families Assisted	

Report of the Historical Committee

Those who trust and follow Jesus have a strong alignment with the future. They know that Jesus will return to establish His reign and create a new heaven and earth. Hope is the expectation of that future that leads to a longing for it and a focus there. Why should a hope-driven people even be bothered with remembering history which takes us into the past?

Several factors direct us to remember. First, our history helps us to remember the faithfulness of God. Our hope is based on what God will do, but our memories assure us that He has done and will do what He said. The Bible Fellowship Church continues as a part of God's kingdom. Our history shows God's hand from its beginning, when a few men believed they should be sharing the gospel. Our story indicates how we have been willing to change as we studied His Word. We began the process of being multi-cultural by letting go of traditions that got in the way of the transition. Our history shows how God has led us.

Second, our history helps us understand our spiritual DNA. Who are we? Formal liturgy was never a significant matter but holy living was. Like the church from which we descended, living lives that are faithful to God's call was what mattered. We believed we were called to be God's people. A holy lifestyle should be evident in those who profess faith in Jesus. Our history shows that we have been serious about who we are and how we live.

Third, our history helps us to stay on task. From the beginning, we were aware that we were a people with a mission from God. That sense of mission led to a focus on evangelism, which led to beginning new churches and sending missionaries throughout the world. The call to mission creates a restlessness that is not content with status quo. Our denominational vision that we would be "an expanding fellowship of churches" embodies that restlessness. Our history shows this is not a new impulse.

The Historical Committee continues to meet believing that, while we do not live in the past, who we are and where we are going is better understood when we understand who we were and where we have been.

Because this is to be an annual report, it might be appropriate to mention that nothing is new with the Historical Committee's work. We continue to collect materials that preserve our story. The archives are for the most part unpacked and settled in the Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church, to whom we are grateful for providing a home. We will be seeking to communicate in new ways and connect with people who have interest in and value our heritage.

The Historical Society continues to meet annually and publish occasional articles and reprints. New members are welcomed. You can find how to join at our website, BFCHistory.org.

The next Society meeting will be held in Hatfield, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, October 26, 2019. The theme will be missions. Duane E. Moyer of our Board of Missions will review our history of mission ministry. Cheryl Hersh will present a biography of Olive Rawn, who served as a medical missionary to Africa.

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

Report of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation met once in 2018. The foundation received gifts totaling \$2,875.00 in 2018. The Board approved funding for scholarship grants totaling \$6,000.00 as listed in Attachment (A).

Andrew T. Crossgrove was appointed and agreed to serve as Director of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation effective September 1, 2018, and has accepted responsibility for the day-to-day tasks of the Foundation.

Jay H. Fasnacht began serving as a founding member of the Board of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation in 1994 after serving as a long-time member of the Board of Directors of Pinebrook Jr. College and in numerous other roles with the Bible Fellowship Church. He continued to faithfully serve the Foundation as secretary and treasurer until he was called home by his Savior on July 27, 2018.

The Foundation benefitted from the knowledge and experience that Jay gained during his accounting career with KPMG Certified Public Accountants as Managing Partner, later as Principal with RLB Accountants, and his service with the BFC and numerous other educational institutions and community organizations.

Brother Fasnacht's care for both the financial records and for the many students benefitting from financial assistance from the Foundation was evident in his faithful service as he accounted for the foundation funds, prepared financial reports and wrote checks to students to help them reach their educational goals. Our prayer is that his faithful service will be an inspiration to others who will pick up where he left off, to contribute to the Foundation so that students will continue to benefit from the Foundation's assistance and in turn continue to serve our Lord and seek to further His purposes and His kingdom.

Raymond R. Dotts was presented to the Executive Board for approval to serve on the Board of Pinebrook Educational Foundation for a three-year term ending in 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen C. Cassel, Acting Secretary

Pinebrook Educational Foundation Board: Raymond R. Dotts, Chairman; Andrew T. Crossgrove, Director; Stephen C. Cassel, Judith Rychnovsky, Karen Stull, John W. Sullivan.

Attachment A

Scholarship Applicant	Educational Institution	Bible Fellowship Church Attended	PEF Fund	Scholarship Amount
Luis Beltran	Moody Bible Institute	La Roca de Reading BFC	Reichenbach Fund	\$1,000
Rebekah Frailey	Liberty University	Whitehall BFC	Weaver Fund	\$1,000
James Knapp	Lancaster BC/Capital Seminary	Lancaster BFC	Weaver Fund	\$1,000
Kathryn Madara	Lancaster Bible College	Shamokin BFC	Weaver Fund	\$1,000
Diego Rodriguez	Lancaster Bible College	La Roca de Reading BFC	Weaver Fund	\$1,000
Denis Ryabby	Reformed Theological Seminary	Harrisburg BFC	Weaver Fund	\$1,000

Pinebrook Educational Foundaiton
Schedule of Investments
December 31, 2017 and 2018

	2017	2018
Verizon Common Stock - 116 Shares	\$ 6,140	\$ 6,522
Vanguard:		
Bond Funds	86,798	86,881
Stock Funds	221,521	210,066
Total investments	\$ 314,459	\$ 303,469

Pinebrook Educational Foundaiton
Endowment Funds
Summary of Principal and Accumulated Income Accounts
December 31, 2018

	Principal	Accumulated Income	Total
Reichenbach Scholarship (P)	\$ 66,157	\$ (2,209) (1)	\$ 63,948
Didden Scholarship (P)	5,222	(175) (1)	5,047
Ziegler Memorial (P)	49,491	(1,652) (1)	47,839
Pinebrook Junior College Scholarship (P)	3,747	995 (2)	4,742
Ungerer Memorial (B)	13,486	5,341 (2)	18,827
Walker Student Aid (B)	37,508	(1,253) (1)	36,255
Berean Scholarship (P)	42,682	14,540 (2)	57,222
Memorial Scholarship (P)	1,620	(54) (1)	1,566
Weaver Memorial (B)	63,500	4,282 (3)	67,782
Total	\$ 283,413	\$ 19,815	\$ 303,228

(1) Unspent 2017 accumulated income will be added to principal at the end of the following year.

(2) 80% of income realized on principal added to accumulated income account, with remainder added to principal.

(3) Investment earnings and losses accumulate in accumulated income amount

(P) Permanently restricted

(B) Board designated

Pinebrook Educational Foundaiton
 Statements of Financial Position
 December 31, 2017 and 2018

	2017	2018
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 9,555	\$ 6,705
Investments	314,459	303,469
Total assets	\$ 324,014	\$ 310,174
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	\$ 696	\$ 671
Board designated	132,109	122,865
Total net assets without donor restrictions	132,805	123,536
With donor restrictions		
Temporarily restricted	37,759	17,719
Permanently restricted	153,450	168,919
Total net assets with donor restrictions	191,209	186,638
Total net assets	\$ 324,014	\$ 310,174

Pinebrook Educational Foundaiton
 Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Net Assets
 Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2018

	2017	2018
REVENUES AND EXPENSES		
Investment income (loss)	\$ 40,407	\$ (10,715)
Contributions received	6,950	2,875
Scholarships awarded	(9,000)	(6,000)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	38,357	(13,840)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING	285,657	324,014
NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$ 324,014	\$ 310,174

Report of the Youth and Young Adults Committee

Over the course of 2018, The Youth and Young Adults Committee met four (4) times to conduct its business, and its three (3) committees met as needed.

One major change for the Committee this year was the retirement of JoAnna Walker as the Administrative Assistant, a position in which she faithfully served above and beyond the call of duty for 15 years. The Committee is incredibly thankful to God for the way JoAnna has exercised her gifting for organization and administration, and we will miss her input in our meetings. The Committee is also very grateful to God for providing Courtney Von Holt to take JoAnna's place in the role of Administrative Assistant, and we are encouraged in seeing how God has gifted her for this unique and vital ministry.

Events Committee

This committee is charged with planning events for the gathering and building up of the Youth Ministries within the BFC. Its primary event each year is Sno-Glo, a series of retreats that are held on three weekends each January. Our keynote speaker this year was Mark Evans. Mark taught over all three weekends on the topic "Follow Me," and was very well received by both teens and leaders. As in previous years, we pursued college bands for the musical worship each weekend; this continues to prove to be a valuable way to not only provide quality worship in song in a cost-effective way, but also to enable the teens at Sno-Glo to connect with godly college students. God was glorified throughout the music and teaching throughout all three weekends, and we consider them to be a success. As always, we will continue to work on improvements to this program, as well as the development of other programs in hopes that the coming year will be more impactful than the previous year. Any input is welcomed and appreciated by the board.

Leadership Committee

This committee exists to provide assistance and resources for the leaders of the Youth and Young Adult ministries in the Bible Fellowship Churches, especially those that don't have a paid staff member overseeing these ministries. The primary means by which we sought to provide assistance and resources this year was the continuance of a quarterly newsletter, which provides ideas, information, and resources for youth leaders throughout the BFC. In the future, our hope is to continue offering not only suggestions, but also real connections between the youth and young adult leaders in the BFC, especially for those churches that are not able to have full-time paid staff in their youth and young adult leadership positions. Our goal is that leaders at these church might be able to more effectively network and find helpful support as they minister to their people.

Young Adult Committee

Up until this year, we have had difficulty staffing our Young Adult Committee; this year, however, steps were taken in that direction, and we are beginning the discussion as to how to effectively encourage the integration of Young Adult ministry in the BFC – especially with youth who are transitioning out of high school and into college.

Youth and Young Adults Committee: Timothy S. Radcliff, Chairman; Joel B. Klase, Secretary; Bekah Manwiller, Treasurer; Jeremy L. Harkins, Timothy S. Hogan, Jules J. Hull III, Lisa Kellerman, Stephen J. Morton, Christopher M. Von Holt.

Report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee

The Committee continues to adapt to new circumstances without diminishing the demand for doctrinal commitment from those who seek credentials in the Bible Fellowship Church. Some interviews are now conducted by video conference. Differing educational programs require individualized evaluation of those programs. In the midst of these changing circumstances, the Committee stays focused on the expectations expressed in the following duties (511-4.3):

(3) It shall examine those who offer themselves for service in our Church and determine as far as possible the sincerity and genuineness of their call to the ministry.

(4) It shall ascertain as far as possible whether the candidates and probationers have the Scriptural qualifications of a minister of the Word of God.

(5) It shall safeguard the doctrinal purity of the church by exercising vigilance when examining prospective ministers concerning their beliefs and practices, endeavoring to approve only those who are committed without reservation to the authority of the Scriptures and the doctrines and practices of our church as the system of doctrine taught in the Scriptures.

The Ministerial Candidate Committee met nine times to interview 12 men. Forty-two men are included in the list of men under the care of the Committee.

Jason A. Filbert and James D. Reff II were recommended to the Ministerial Credentials Committee for ordination examination.

The following men were licensed in the past year: Daniel King, Roger Siegrist, Nathaniel C. LeTowt, David M. Poland, Jesse Benack, Jeffrey A. Kauffman, Philip H. Ruiz, Freddie Chi, and Juan C. Morales.

The following men were approved as probationers eligible to receive a call: Juan Carlos Morales, Philip H. Ruiz, Jared Burkholder, Freddie Chi, Barry Parsons, Derek H., Nathaniel C. LeTowt, and David A. Quinley.

An orientation seminar will be held at Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, Coopersburg, PA from Tuesday through Thursday, June 4-6, 2019.

Resolved: That the following list of men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee 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.)

Benack, Jesse (2018)
Burkholder, Jared
Chi, Freddie (2018)

Valley View, PA
Allentown PA
Mexico

Cruise, Jarrod (2017)	Lebanon PA
Davies, Larry (2017)	Emmaus PA
DuPont, Richard	Staten Island NY
Filbert, Jason (2016)	Naples FL
Fox, Sean (2018)	Chicago IL
Hanner, John J. (2017)	East Berlin PA
H., Derek	Paradise PA
Hull III, Jules J. (2017)	Sunbury PA
Kauffman, Jeffrey A. (2018)	Douglassville, PA
King, Daniel (2018)	Newark DE
Krall, Daniel (2017)	Lancaster PA
LeTowt, Nathaniel C. (2018)	Laureldale PA
Morales, Juan Carlos (2019)	Lancaster PA
Paquette, Richard	Reading PA
Parsons, Barry	Pottstown PA
Poland, David M. (2018)	Las Cruces NM
Quinley, David A.	Norristown PA
Reff II, James D. (2016)	Chestertown MD
Ruiz, Phillip H. (2018)	Milford DE
Siegrist, Roger (2018)	Mt Carmel PA
Suthers, Edwin	Camp Hill PA
Verdon II, William C.	Hershey PA

Candidates

(Candidates have been interviewed and approved)

Armstrong, Benjamin J.	Ronks PA
Bailey, Benjamin	Blandon PA
Beltran, Luis E.	Reading PA
Franklin, Neil J.	Millersville PA
Harvey, Paul S.	Wyomissing PA
MacArthur, James D.	Oley PA
Martinez, Robert	Harrisburg PA
Mulberry, Errin	Robesonia PA
Ordonez, Alexander Fuchok	Mexico
Rodriguez, Diego A.	Reading PA
Ross, Benjamin	Shillington PA
Vega, Isaias	Wernersville PA
Von Holt, Christopher M.	Allentown PA

Applicants

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

Harkins, Jeremy L.

Easton PA

Hitchcock, Benenz

Quakertown PA

Vargas, Ricardo

Spring Grove PA

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



Conference Moderator Timothy J. Schmoyer keeps Conference proceedings going smoothly.

Report of the Ministerial Credentials Committee

The Ministerial Credentials Committee held two meetings since last BFC Conference.

The Faith and Order questionnaire was available to fill out online again this year, and an email was sent by way of the BFC yahoo groups to the ministers holding Ordination Credentials with the Bible Fellowship Church. We are thankful for the good response from our pastors. If you are a pastor and have not signed up to receive bfc-ac and bfc-pastors@yahoo.com emails, it is important that you get signed up. This is the main communication by the BFC to our pastors. It is easy: go to the bfc.org website under “Resources,” then “Extra Resources for Pastors.” After supplying the password, look for the yahoo groups sign up.

The Lord, in His providence this year, chose to take home Willis I. Dowling and Edgar H. Munyan 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.

Various members of the Committee had the privilege of being at all of the local recognition services of the men who were ordained in 2018. Attending an ordination service in your local region continues to be an important opportunity to show love and support of men called of God to minister alongside us as brothers. We are grateful for those who were present at the services of recognition. We strongly encourage all our credentialed men to make ordination and installation 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.

When a man desires to enter military chaplaincy, he is required to have an endorser. The Ministerial Credentials Committee, being part of the Bible Fellowship Church, is the endorser approving those men to serve in the military as chaplains, and they are representatives of the BFC. Therefore, we thank those who serve the men in the military and recognize it is a unique opportunity in reaching the lost.

The following changes in status were approved:

Glenn R. Felty was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers in Retirement or on Disability.

Gregory A. Uhrich was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers in Retirement or on Disability.

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

Thomas A. Pollock was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Board of Missions of the BFC to Ordained Ministers Working in Non-BFC Churches.

William J. Dunn was changed from Ordained Ministers Working in Non-BFC Churches to Ordained Ministers Between Calls.

Matthew L. Lynskey was changed from Ministers Working in Non-BFC Churches to Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries.

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

The Committee met with Jason A. Filbert and James D. Reff II for ordination examination. The Ministerial Credentials Committee gives thanks to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who has given these gifted men for the ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended ordination for Jason A. Filbert and James D. Reff II, 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 Jason A. Filbert and James D. Reff II be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The Ministerial Credentials Committee has placed our Ordained Ministers in the following categories as of the date of this report. (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.	*Filbert, Jason A.	Morrison, Mark L.	Smith, Ronald B.
Arcieri, James	Fischer, Carl J., Jr.	Morton, Steven J.	Soper, Ralph M.
Barnes, Andrew W.	Gibson, Joshua P.	Moyer, Duane E.	Spinney, Dennis W.
Barninger, Mark E.	Gibson, Timothy D.	Nessler, Timothy R.	Strunk, Keith A.
Bertolet, Raymond R.	Grossman, Randall A.	Orton, Mark R.	Susek, Aaron J.
Bertolet, Timothy J.	Gundrum, David E.	Paashauss, Richard T.	Sweet, L. Marc
Bickel, Mark A.	Harris, Richard D.	Peters, David J.	Thomann, David A.
Bickings, Richard F.	Hogan, Timothy S.	Prontnicki, Louis	Triestman, Benjamin J.
Boone, Clifford B.	Hoy, Jason L.	Radcliffe, Timothy S.	Walker, Michael W.
Boyer, Brad L.	Johnson, Robert A.	Ramirez, Marcos G.	Wagner, R. Daniel
Brandt, David E.	Kappes, W. Scott	Ramos, Elliot H.	Wells, Howard N.
Brush, R. Jerome	King, Jonathan H.	Ravis, Richard B.	Widger, Byron
Burgess, Ronnie	Kirkpatrick, Kevin W.	Reed, Calvin T.	Williams, Daniel L.
Cahill, Dennis M.	Klase, Joel B.	*Reff, James D. II.	Wright, R. Scott
Carder, Greg W.	Kohl, Ronald L.	Ritter, Ralph E.	Yerrington, Philip E.
Coffman, Beau E.	Kuntzman, Donald E.	Rissmiller, S. Wayne	Zuck, Timothy M.
Cowen, Timothy S.	Lauterback, Stanley P.	Rodriguez, Carlos G.	
Crossgrove, Andrew T.	Long, Keith M.	Schlonecker, David K.	
DeDuco, Steven J.	LoRusso, John R.	Schlonecker, William G.	
Diaz, Stephen A.	Mack, Ezekiel R.	Schmoyer, Timothy J.	
Dodson, Richard C.	Madara, Ferdie R.	Schoen, David N.	
Dupiche, Joshua A.	McNally, Bryan C.	Smith, Aaron D.	
Erb, Ronald C.	Miller, Joshua P.	Smith, David A.	

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

II. Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Board of Missions of the BFC: (Voting Members)

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

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

Mack, Ezekiel R. – Military
 Moyer, Richard A. – Prison Ministry
 Ruhl, Jeffrey L. – Transport for Christ
 Susek, Jacob, J., Jr. – Fellowship Manor

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

Bomgardner, Clyde D., Jr.
 Eyster, Jordan K.
 Lynskey, Matthew L.
 Tannous, Michael J.

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

Commerford, Robert S. (2015) Hunter, Justin L. (2015) Pollock, Thomas A. (2019)
 Curcio, Louis S. (2015) Lawrence, Dennis J. (2015)

VI. Ordained Ministers Between Calls: (Voting Members)

Blair, Jason W. (2019) Lenahan, Frank E. (2017)
 Clineff, Kevin W. (2018) Martin, Carl T. (2015; 2018)
 Dunn, William J. (2015; 2019) Morrison, Thomas H. (2016)
 Edwards, Joshua D. (2015; 2018) North, Eric R. (2018)

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

Gysi, Andrew T. (2016; 2018)

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

Aukamp, William A.	Dotts, Raymond R.	Mahurin, Ronald C.	Taylor, Richard E.
Baker, Delbert R. II.	Ellingson, Bruce A.	Manney, David L.	Ulrich, Gregory A.
Barber, Kenneth F.	Felty, Glenn R.	Norris, Philip G.	Vandegriff, John C., Jr.
Batchler, James R., Jr.	Gehman, Richard J.	Plows, Keith E.	Way, David R.
Bigley, T. James, Jr.	Heller, LeRoy S.	Reitz, Roger L.	Weaber, Harold C.
Buck, Leonard E.	Herb, Frank L., Jr.	Shelly, Austin G.	Weller, Dana E.
Byrd, Terris L.	Herb, George E.	Shorb, Thomas P.	Ziegler, Daniel G.
Cassel, Carl C.	Herb, John H.	Sloan, Robert A., Jr.	Zimmerman, Paul G.
Clapier, G. Wayne	Hertzog, Roy A.	Smith, Gene W.	
Cole, Charles E.	Hoyle, Ronald W.	Spackman, Carl K.	
Coulbourn, Hugh C., Jr.	Jones, David H.	Stortz, Dean A.	

** do not meet requirements to vote

IX. Ordained Inactive Ministers: (Advisory members)

Clark, Gerald D. (2013; 2015; 2018)
 Dommel, Albert J. (2014; 2017; 2019)
 Harding, W. Neil, Jr. (2010; 2013)

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 – 1
- 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
- Articles 21 and 27.3 – reserved on the updated language regarding the millennial reign of Christ; Sabbath principles from the Old and New Testament, the “ought” of article 21 now seems to me based solely on tradition – 1

The Credentials Committee Makes The Following Additional Recommendations:

1. **Resolved**, that an Ordination Service be held at the 136th BFC Conference.
2. **Resolved**, that the Covenant Bible Fellowship Church, Naples, FL, and the Grace Community Bible Fellowship Church, Chestertown, MD be encouraged to have a service in recognition of the ordinations of Jason A. Filbert and James D. Reff II, respectively, and that they be encouraged to invite the Ministerial Credentials Committee to send representation to be present at the service.

Ministerial Credentials Committee: Dennis M. Cahill, Chairman; Dana E. Weller, Vice-Chairman; Ralph M. Soper, Secretary; Ronald C. Erb, Jason L. Hoy.

Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee

“Jesus went up on the mountain and called to Him those whom He desired, and they came to Him. And He appointed twelve (whom He also named apostles) so that they might be with Him and He might send them out to preach.”

Mark 3:13-14

The Ministerial Relations Committee assists churches and pastors during ministry transitions. Principles from Mark 3:13-14 are still playing out in the pastoral ministries in all our churches. Jesus unites a church and pastor according to His desire; He calls those whom He desires. He has two reasons for calling men into pastoral ministry: first, that they can be with Him; second, that they can be sent to preach the Good News. There is no preaching without fellowship. There is no ministry without quality time with the Lord. The pastors in our churches love the Lord and their ministry in Christ’s Church.

The committee met three times since the last BFC Conference. In addition, there were many times throughout the year that committee representatives met with pastors and churches seeking a pastor.

The following resignations occurred according to our rules this year:

Church	Pastor	Effective Date
Cedar Crest, Allentown, PA	Glenn R. Felty	July 1, 2018
Oley, PA	Jason W. Blair	September 30, 2018
Blandon, PA	John C. Vandegriff, Jr.	June 30, 2019

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

Church	Pastor	Effective Date
Long Neck, DE	Andrew E. Barnes	January 21, 2018
Northern Lehigh, PA	Aaron D. Smith	May 6, 2018
La Roca, Reading, PA	Carlos G. Rodriguez	June 3, 2018
Las Cruces, NM	David Poland	July 17, 2018
Paradise, PA	Jesse Benack	July 18, 2018
Spring City, PA	Jeff Kauffman	September 1, 2018
Church Extension	Phillip H. Ruiz	September 1, 2018
Church Extension	Freddie Chi	December 7, 2018
Reading, PA	Nathaniel LeTowt	December 11, 2018
Board of Missions	Derek H. (full name withheld for privacy issues)	January 22, 2019
Church Extension	Juan Carlos Morales	February 1, 2019
Cedar Crest, Allentown, PA	Christopher Von Holt	April 2, 2019

The following churches are seeking a pastor (either a senior pastor or other pastoral staff member): Carmel, NY; Clinton Corners, NY; Oley, PA; Steelton, PA.

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

Conference Pastor

Conference Pastor Ralph M. Soper has completed his third year of service in his ministry to our pastors. The committee is grateful for his ministry to the pastors and churches in the BFC. The Committee has elected Soper to a term of three years and makes the following motion to the 136th BFC Conference:

Resolved, that the BFC Conference ratify the appointment of Ralph M. Soper as

Conference Pastor for a three year term effective May 1, 2019.

Pastoral Compensation Proposals

The committee reminds our churches of three resource booklets: Guidelines for the Pastoral Relations Committee; Guidelines for the Pastoral Search Committee; and Guidelines for Preparing for Pastoral Retirement. Copies are available online at <https://www.bfc.org/resources/documents-for-pastors-and-churches/> and from our committee chairman, Byron Widger.

The Committee makes the following recommendation and resolution to the 136th 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%.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ministerial Relations Committee

Ministerial Relations Committee: Byron Widger, Chairman; Timothy J. Schmoyer, Secretary; Randall A. Grossman, Glen LeSuer, Ronald W. Reed, William G. Schlonecker, J. Robert Vaughn.

Report of the Church Health Committee

The Committee met five times this past year to monitor the health of the Particular Churches of the Bible Fellowship Church and to provide assistance to churches where and when needs became evident. Members of the Committee individually contacted each local congregation, interacting with either the pastor or delegate to offer our encouragement and assistance. As a result of such interaction, ongoing contact is being made with several of our churches that expressed particular need.

Upon completion of our tool, “Ten Distinctives of a Healthy Bible Fellowship Church,” (now available both online at www.bfc.org/resources/documents-for-pastors-and-churches and in printed form through the Communications Committee at 1011 Brookside Road, Suite 145, Allentown, PA 18106; phone: 610-398-8776), church leaders were able to evaluate their own congregations and hone in on particular strengths and weaknesses. All pastors and delegates are encouraged to continue such evaluation in 2019 by securing copies of the “Ten Distinctives” booklet and using this tool in their own local churches. Should areas of concern be identified, pastors or delegates are urged to contact the Church Health Committee, members of which will seek to assist in strengthening areas of weakness.

This is the first full year of service by our Pastor of Church Health, Rev. Robert A. Sloan, Jr. He has visited numerous congregations, met with several of our pastors, served as a surrogate elder when called upon to do so, and has assisted the Church Health Committee significantly with its work. Should pastors desire input from Pastor Sloan, he can be reached at 777rasjr@gmail.com.

The Committee is responsible for oversight of newly formed Particular Churches for two years. We have sought to provide input for such congregations this past year. In addition to our responsibility for providing training to promote church health, we have supported the inclusion of Will Mancini of Auxano Ministries in the 2019 BFC Conference as an encouragement and resource to our churches.

In the year ahead, the Committee will continue to respond to requests for assistance from pastors and churches in need, have our committee members develop relationships with each of the Particular Churches of the Bible Fellowship, oversee new churches, develop training and evaluative resources, and do what we can overall to strengthen the fellowship of churches. We are urging local regions to assist other pastors in their own areas and are seeking to develop mentor/encouragement relationships with individual pastors in close proximity to them.

Thank you to all who completed the statistical survey, resulting in a Statistical Report that is both necessary and helpful for our fellowship of churches.

Church Health Committee: Jason L. Hoy, Chairman; Steven J. DelDuco, Vice Chairman; Richard T. Paashauss, Secretary; James Arcieri, Wayne W. Batten, Clyde D. Bomgardner, Richard C. Dodson, Bryan C. McNally, David N. Schoen.

Report of the Committee to Examine 135th 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 they can be corrected in the committee's report.

The following corrections should be made to the 2018 official minutes:

- p. 4 The delegate from York's last name should be spelled "Fuhrman"
Under Sunbury, PA, add "(Probationer)" behind Jules J. Hull's name.
- p. 5 Under Ordained Ministers Working in the Chaplaincy, drop Kenneth J. Hurst.
- p. 8 The last line of the next-to-last paragraph should read "ever-growing" instead of "every-growing."
- p. 14 In the paragraph introducing the new members of BFC Conference, the delegate from
York's last name should be spelled "Fuhrman." There should be a comma in Reading,
PA (after Exeter BFC) and a comma in Allentown, PA (after Cedar Crest BFC).
- p. 18 In the second line of 202-1.2 "**corporate prayer**" should be in bold.
In 204-2.3 (1) "**and be devoted to prayer**" should be in bold.
- p. 23 "Renumber existing 103-5.5 to be 103-5.7" should be inserted before paragraph beginning "103-5.7."
- p. 24 Delete the actual "whereas," "resolution," and suggested "Article 18 – The Church" from the material pertaining to Saucon Community Church, Hellertown. Although much discussion was entertained at Conference, no vote concerning these issues was actually taken. The suggestion to "see page 149," as well as the ensuing commentary and resolution to appoint a study committee, is sufficient.
- p. 25 The reference above the third "Resolved" should be page 102 in the 2017 *Yearbook*.
Under 511-4.3 Duties (2), "supervision" should be bold and underlined and in (3) the "and" at the end of the first line should be bold and underlined.
- p. 26 Under 511-4.5 Procedure (1)-(4) material should all be bold and underlined, and in (5) "departments or other ministries" and "as well as the department or ministry with which he works" should be bold and underlined.

Under 501, under Procedure for the Recognition of a Minister, “**by filling out an application from the Committee**” should be bold and underlined.

Under 501-1 Applicant in the second line, “**Men**” (replaces “Young men”) should be in bold and underlined, and in the fourth line under Probationer, “**department**” (replacing “agency”) should be in bold and underlined.

- p. 34 Under the first “Resolved,” #1 should read 2019 (See top of p. 71 of the committee’s report). The “Resolved” for 2018 was approved in the 2017 *Yearbook* on page 48.
- p. 40 Reword the first sentence to “The afternoon session was called to order at 1:30 p.m. as Bryan C. McNally opened the meeting with prayer.”
- p. 44 In 505-1(8) the number of delegates needs to be changed to agree with 401-1.7.
- p. 46 Report of the Registrar - (#3) - There is no resolution to excuse licensed and ordained
pastors who requested it. Add: “**Resolved**, that these requests for excuses be granted.”
- p. 47 The appointment of the BPL Review Committee is listed twice. Delete the second one.

The following corrections should be made to the remainder of the 2018 *Yearbook*:

- p. xiv Under Communications Committee: drop “and” between Ritter and Rachel Schmoyer.
- p. 52 The caption should read: “Pastor Timothy J. Bertolet’s theme...”
- p. 53 In the bottom picture Ronald L. Kohl’s name should be inserted after Joel B. Klase’s name.
- p. 64 Under 505-1(8), the number of delegates needs to be changed to agree with 401-1.7.
- p. 69 In the last sentence, 2016 should be changed to 2017.
- p. 99 A blank line should be inserted before the listing for Brad Boyer.
- p. 110 A comma should be inserted in the second line of the last paragraph after the word “needed.”
- p. 117 The last listing in the chart should read “Weaver Memorial.”
- p. 141 In 101-2.3 the second line should read “**the need for** prayer in his earthly **life and** ministry. **The Lord taught...**” (Delete “and taught”)
- p. 146 In the next-to-last paragraph, the date for the 2018 Ministerial Convention should be October 3-4, 2018.
- pp. 177-189 The subtitles under the Directory of Pastors should be consistent. “Ordained Minister” should be “Ordained Ministers.” Similar adjustments need to be made

with ministers under the Board of Missions, in the Chaplaincy, in Other Christian Ministries, Between Calls, on Leave of Absence, and Inactive ministers. As a category, Probationer also needs to be pluralized.

- p. 196 Steelton, PA delegate should be listed: “Folks, Jayonn.”
- p. 197 Whitehall, PA; Fellowship Community Church delegate should be listed: “Lagler, Jerald.” The Woodbury Heights, NJ delegate should be listed as “Maricle, John.”

Concern:

The committee is concerned with the fact that the Report of the Registrar was presented toward the end of the meeting. It seems a bit convoluted to be voting to approve seating and grant excuses at that time. Upon consulting with the Committee on Agenda & Arrangements, it was conveyed that some statement made by the Registrar at the opening of Conference include approval of the Registrar to approve seating for Alternate Delegates throughout the duration of Conference.

Suggestion for Yearbook Committee:

Add Domestic Abuse Report as Biblical Grounds for Divorce to the “Index of Previous Reports.”

Committee on Examination of 135th BFC Conference Minutes: Daniel P. Allen, Chairman; Philip G. Norris, Richard E. Taylor.



Retired BFC pastor Ronald C. Mahurin listens intently to the proceedings.

Report of the Committee to Examine Minutes of Particular Churches

The Committee to Examine the Minutes of Particular Churches gathered the minutes of the various churches and reviewed them. Because of a delay in sending out the reminder expressing the need for churches to send in their minutes, the number of churches responding was down a bit from recent years, but we continue to see multiple churches each year who either don't have a pastoral relations committee or lack one that reported during the year. Also, there are still churches who don't report having an auditor, or other independent party, examine their books to assure their accuracy. There are other categories that churches don't include in their annual business meetings, but these are likely within the culture of each particular church. Also, because of the lateness of the reminder, more churches responded electronically than in past years.

The committee's responsibility is to make sure that, according to the minutes of their annual meetings, our churches are operating above reproach and it seems they are doing a good job at operating in such a manner. The other reason that our committee is needed is to make sure that the churches have a means to communicate with BFC Conference. But, this year, not every church took advantage of that by placing a petition in their meeting minutes.

Churches are encouraged, when holding meetings, to follow the checklist in order to make sure those things that we find important are included. It is enjoyable to read the reports from the particular churches and see how God is at work in our denomination. Therefore, please continue to send in your reports, even if they are a bit after the deadline, so that they can be reviewed in a timely manner.

Thanks again for your patience and cooperation with the requests of the committee to examine minutes of particular churches.

Committee to Examine Minutes of Particular Churches: Kevin K. Kirkpatrick, Chairman/Secretary; Jason L. Hoy, Mark R. Orton, David J. Peters, David A. Smith, Howard M. Wells.

Report of the Conference Judiciary

The Conference Judiciary received no communications from any churches, departments, or individuals of the Bible Fellowship Church during the year 2018. Therefore, there was no need to convene the Conference Judiciary.

Conference Judiciary: Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr., Secretary; Richard C. Dodson, William F. Early, Donald E. Kuntzman, Donald D. McKinney, Rodney P. Plows, Ronald W. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr., Dennis W. Spinney, Dean A Stortz.



Jeremy Harkins (center) leads an ensemble of BFC pastors during a musical worship session.

Report of the Study Committee to Review BPLs

The Moderator of the 135th BFC Conference, in accordance with the resolution from the 121st BFC Conference, appointed a committee to review the existing list of Biblical Principles for Living for any needed updates and to consider the need for the production of new Principles.

The Study Committee met at the BFC Denominational Office on June 6, Sept. 12, and Nov. 7, 2018, in addition to communicating via by email.

The Study Committee makes the following recommendations to the 136th BFC Conference:

Resolved: that the BFC Conference appoint a committee to re-examine Article 103-4 – The Family, with the following questions minimally in view:

1. Does the current statement adequately define Biblical marriage and provide adequate response and/or direction regarding culture’s use of domestic partnership, civil union, common-law marriage, and same-sex marriage?

2. Does the current statement provide adequate guidance regarding the local church’s interaction with those involved in domestic partnership, civil union, common-law marriage, and same-sex marriage in such areas as membership, church involvement, believer’s baptism, etc.?

3. Does the current statement adequately address the structure of single-parent homes and provide guidance for the church in caring for these families?

Resolved: that the BFC Conference appoints a committee to examine and prepare a statement on the issues of gender and gender/sexual identity by considering the following questions:

1. What does the Bible teach concerning the nature and origin of gender?
2. What does the Bible teach concerning the nature and origin of identity?
3. What is the relationship between sexual anatomy and sexual identification?
4. How does the church display proper love, comfort, and encouragement for individuals struggling to understand their own identity, gender, and sexuality?

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

Resolved: that the BFC Conference appoint a committee to examine and prepare a statement on the issues of digital technology (digital, gaming, or computerized devices) and social media by considering the following questions:

1. Where does technology belong in the biblical story of redemption? What are the benefits and detriments?
2. What guidance does the Bible offer on the use of digital technology and social

media?

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

1. What should be the response of churches to the growth of secularism and materialism?

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

Resolved: that the BFC Conference appoint a committee to examine Article 104-3 – Civil Government and prepare a statement on the issue of Christ’s church and national politics by considering the following questions:

1. How does nationalism/patriotism function in view of Christ’s love for the world and His present/coming kingdom?

2. How can leaders in Christ’s church address and promote biblical conduct regarding political issues without polarizing the Body of Christ?

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

1. What should be the church’s position with regard to climate change, its causes and cures?

2. Are current environmental concerns consistent with the biblical concept of human stewardship of the earth and its resources?

3. Should the church express environmental concerns? If so, to what extent?

Study Committee to Review the Biblical Principles for Living: Timothy Zuck, Chairman; R. Daniel Wagner, Secretary; Timothy S. Radcliff, Michael J. Zettlemoyer.

Report of the Committee on Ordination Training Program

At the 135th BFC Conference, this committee was formed and was charged with the task of implementing a training program for BFC candidates for ordination. Since then, this committee has met four times to engage in our assignment. Much effort has been expended in seeking to determine the target group for the training program. The target group is established by the committee as follows:

Resolved, that the primary target for this program is a spiritually mature Applicant who comes to the Ministerial Candidate Committee, but who does not have three years of theological training and has a limiting life situation which prohibits further formal education. The program will equip a man to meet the three-year equivalent educational requirement found in Article 204-2.3, Educational Qualifications.

In consultation with the Ministerial Candidate Committee, we decided that the Equivalency Training Program (ETP) will be under the direction and oversight of the MCC. The Ministerial Candidate Committee will make the determination as to whether or not an individual is approved for entrance into the ETP.

Process for gaining entrance to Equivalency Training Program (ETP)

A candidate for the ETP will submit an application for entrance to the Ministerial Candidate Committee. The application shall contain at the least the following:

- Age, marital status
- Testimony of faith and call to the ministry
- Educational background, including transcripts
- Years of ministerial experience
- Type of ministerial experience

An explanation of the limiting life situation that prohibits the individual from participating in a more formal (traditional) educational program.

The application shall be followed by an interview with a representative or representatives of the Ministerial Candidate Committee. The interview shall result in an evaluation of the fitness of the applicant for entrance into the program, to be submitted to the full committee.

Qualified Training Mentors (QTM)

The Ministerial Candidate Committee will appoint Qualified Training Mentors (QTM) to work with the Trainees.

QTMs must be ordained pastors in the Bible Fellowship Church. A QTM may or may

not be a member of the Ministerial Candidate Committee. The process for qualifying mentors shall be as follows:

Mentors shall submit an application to the Ministerial Candidate Committee which will include at least the following:

Educational background

Years of ministerial experience

Type of ministerial experience

Brief explanation of past discipleship/teaching experience

Brief explanation concerning why the individual desires to serve as a mentor

The Ministerial Candidate Committee shall make a determination as to whether the potential mentor has the adequate educational background, experience, and temperament to serve as a QTM. If a positive determination is made, he then shall be approved by the Ministerial Candidate Committee to serve as a Qualified Training Mentor.

Steps for implementing the ETP

The Ministerial Candidate Committee shall establish general guidelines as to what qualifies as three years of general theological education. Once the candidate has gained entrance into the ETP the following steps will be followed:

1. The Qualified Training Mentor (QTM) shall test and evaluate an ETP candidate's level of initial equivalence to a three-year theological education.
2. The QTM shall develop an individualized plan for the ETP candidate to meet all the ETP requirements.
3. The individualized plan shall be presented to the Ministerial Candidate Committee for approval.
4. Progress reports of the ETP candidate's development shall be submitted to the Ministerial Candidate Committee by the QTM.
5. Upon satisfactory completion of the plan, the QTM shall recommend the ETP candidate to the Ministerial Candidate Committee for certification of his equivalency (see 204-2.3).

Recommendations to BFC Conference:

The Duties of the Ministerial Candidate Committee should be expanded to include that they shall provide direction of the Equivalency Training Program. Therefore, the Ministerial Candidate Committee should be expanded by two Ordained Pastors so that the additional workload created by the ETP can be shared by a larger number of individuals.

Resolutions for BFC Conference:

Whereas, the Principles of Order of the Bible Fellowship Church state “All men desiring to be ordained to the ministry of the BFC shall have been graduated from college/university and are encouraged to pursue a seminary degree. The minimum requirement is 3 years of theological training or its approved equivalent,” and

Whereas, in recent years a number of men have applied for pastoral credentials but do not have the required prerequisite theological education, and

Whereas, there is no clear understanding of what it means to have or obtain a three year equivalent theological training, and

Whereas, it would benefit the Ministerial Candidate Committee and the Bible Fellowship Church to have an Equivalency Training Program for Ministerial Applicants that have life limiting situations that prohibit further formal theological education, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Ministerial Candidate Committee shall establish an Equivalency Training Program, and be it further

Resolved, that following legislation for the Equivalency Training Program be added as 511-4.6, Equivalency Training Program:

511-4.6 Equivalency Training Program

1. When an Applicant does not have three years of formal theological training, he may apply to the Ministerial Candidate Committee for admission to the Equivalency Training Program (ETP).

2. Applicants shall be accepted into the program as an ETP candidate if their life-limiting situation prohibits enrollment in a formal training program.

3. The Committee shall prepare an individualized plan of study that will qualify the ETP candidate to meet the equivalency of the three years of theological study requirement in 204-2.3 Education (1).

4. The ETP candidate shall be assigned to a Qualified Training Mentor who shall oversee the program of study.

a. The Qualified Training Mentor (QTM) shall test and evaluate an ETP candidate’s level of initial equivalence to a three-year theological education.

b. The QTM shall develop an individualized plan for the ETP candidate to meet all the ETP requirements.

c. The plan shall be presented to the Ministerial Candidate Committee for approval.

d. Progress reports of the ETP candidate’s development shall be submitted to the Ministerial Candidate Committee by the QTM.

e. Upon satisfactory completion of the plan, the QTM shall recommend the ETP candidate to the Ministerial Candidate Committee for certification of his

equivalency.

And further

Resolved, that the new duty be added as:

511-4.3 (6) It shall oversee the Equivalency Training Program.

The subsequent numbers in 511-4.3 to be altered accordingly.

Whereas, the number of individuals under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee continues to grow, and

Whereas, the responsibilities for the Ministerial Candidate Committee continue to grow, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Ministerial Candidate Committee be enlarged from 5 ministers to 7 ministers. And be it further

Resolved, that the composition of the MCC be amended as follows:

511-4.2 Composition and Election

(1) It shall be composed of seven ordained ministers.

(2) They shall be elected for a term of three years in classes as follows:

Class I Two ministers

Class II Two ministers

Class III Three ministers

Whereas, BFC Conference has voted that the Ministerial Candidate Committee establish an Equivalency Training Program, and

Whereas, there is already a pressing need for the Equivalency Training Program to be established and implemented, therefore be it

Resolved, that the two additional ministers to the Ministerial Candidate Committee be elected at this BFC Conference by rule of exception.

The Training Study Committee submits this Report and these Resolutions in fulfillment of our task. We thank BFC Conference for the opportunity to address this important need in our Fellowship.

Committee to Implement a Training Program: Timothy J. Bertolet, Chairman; Elliot H. Ramos, Secretary; David T. Allen, James Arcieri, Duane E. Moyer, Calvin T. Reed, Ralph E. Ritter, Timothy J. Schmoyer, Richard E. Taylor.

Report of the Study Committee on the Importance Preaching

“In 2013, the Bible Fellowship Church Executive Board created 16 Vision Points for the denomination, designed to give direction and focus for the years ahead. These Vision Points were adopted by the 131st Annual Conference. The goal is for these objectives to be achieved by the 137th Annual Conference in April, 2020.” Two of these objectives are clearly indicative of the universal church’s faithful desire to grow numerically. Namely, “The BFC will have 75 churches” and “The BFC will average 12,000 worshippers weekly.” Both of these objectives are noble and holy, and indicate our belief that the Lord is still drawing, converting, and sanctifying those whom He’s predestined for salvation from before the foundation of the world.

The issue then becomes “How?” By what means will the church achieve her God-ordained numerical growth? This is an issue that the universal church has struggled with since its inception, and indeed, in our day, that war continues with ferocity. How do we reach the lost in a world where the idea of authority is scorned? In a world where “absolute truth” is despised? In a world in which morality is completely relative? Did God intend for the means of initial church growth in the First Century to be relied upon today, and if so, what are those means? Or... does God intend for man to use his God-given intuition and discernment in order to adapt to an ever-changing world so it can accomplish what God intended the church to do?

This is the conversation that 21st century evangelicalism continues to perpetuate. Even among supposedly biblically-faithful denominations, at some level this conversation pushes its way to the forefront of many, if not the majority, of the decisions made in regard to philosophy of ministry and approach to church growth. And unfortunately, even a superficial examination of denominational dynamics in western society for the past century would show that the specific arguments of this conversation are, in one way or another, responsible for great and divisive quarrels that ultimately lead *not* to growth, but division and decline.

Specifically, what is primary and what is secondary when it comes to the ministries of the church? Where do we have liberty and where is God’s Word clear and authoritative? Is pragmatism a valid philosophy to be considered in the strategy of making disciples, and if so, which components of church ministry should pragmatism be permitted to influence? Our own denomination is often engaged in these very same struggles as we evaluate what “health” looks like, and how to minister – and indeed grow – in a culture in which the church simply does not appear to be welcome anymore.

To be sure, I have personally been confronted by the ugliest aspects of this conversation as a lay elder and Pastoral Relations Committee member, as a church planter, and now, as a Senior Pastor. In the first instance, while evaluating a brother pastor’s preaching, another PRC member, who also was an elder, felt completely comfortable in asserting that our brother “preached too much Bible.” When asked to clarify, he criticized that there are other, and better, ways to preach than to preach verse-by-verse through a text because people just don’t resonate with that kind of preaching. In the second instance, as a church planter, I was regularly confronted with the “most

effective” means of planting the church today, as if those means had changed since Pentecost, and I was often encouraged to consider the culture and its needs in making decisions about the means and methods of making disciples. Most recently, in the third instance, it has been suggested to me *ad nauseam* that post-modern attention spans do not allow for historically faithful preaching, nor preaching in excess of 25 minutes, and by some, it has been suggested that present-day attention spans do not allow for preaching at all. One brother has written to me that “...from a practical point of view – passive listening is the least-effective form of learning... If you are relying on preaching to mature your people, you will be very disappointed in the long run. In fact, there isn’t one example of expository preaching, let alone as a God-ordained means of shepherding, in the NT, in regard to the regular practice of the early church.”

Add to that the fact that boards of elders are beginning to limit the time allotted for the preaching of the Word, and even micromanage the content of preaching in some instances, and the case is made that the conversation about the means and methods of church growth has long found a home in the Bible Fellowship Church. And perhaps that’s not all bad. Perhaps we should be having these conversations, to some extent anyway. But as a denomination which explicitly expresses its faith in the priority of God’s word as we do in Article 1 of the BFC Articles of Faith, and as a denomination that has historically demonstrated our belief in the priority of preaching of the Scriptures in the church, and as a denomination that desires faithfulness to God above all else, I’ve become convicted that we ought to be a denomination that establishes some parameters in the conversation about the means and methods of church growth.

To that end, I approached the elders of the Saucon Community BFC last winter and requested that we petition BFC Conference to consider legislation that states – “The preaching of the Word of God is the *primary* means God has ordained for the salvation, sanctification, and equipping of His people. Thus, expository preaching of Scripture, particularly as a means of congregational worship, should be given *priority* among all the ministries of the church.”

Saucon Community BFC made the petition, and the Conference’s response to the proposal was positive for the most part, with some questions about the definition of “expositional preaching” and how that would affect the autonomy of the local church, and pastors, in the formulation of their philosophy of ministry. Other feedback sought clarity between preaching to evangelize and preaching as worship.

Ultimately, the Conference voted to appoint a study committee to study the definition of expositional preaching and provide clarity about preaching in the NT church, and the biblical commands to do so.

Conference Moderator Randall Grossman designated me to convene the committee, which also consists of our chairman, Dr. Tim Gibson, Jason Hoy, Andrew Barnes Sr., and Keith Long. Each member has endeavored to study and write a section of this paper as follows: The Command to Preach and Preaching in the NT, Jason Hoy; The Holy Spirit in Preaching, Andrew Barnes Sr.; The Definition of Expositional Preaching, Dr. Tim Gibson; and The Primacy of Expositional Preaching in the Church, Keith Long.

As a committee, we believe that ultimately this paper will show there is convincing

and action-worthy evidence that expositional preaching is both commanded and exemplified in the New Testament Scriptures. Thus, it is most appropriate for us to consider legislation that emphasizes our belief in the primacy of the expositional preaching of the Scriptures in order to govern future conversations about the means and methods of making disciples, for the protection and preservation of the BFC, and ultimately for the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Command to Preach, and Preaching in the New Testament – by Jason L. Hoy

Despite the many objections to preaching today, every pastor and elder in the local church must answer the following question: “Are we commanded by God to preach his Word, no matter what men may say?” If the answer is yes, then it doesn’t matter what the objections are, since the preacher is to be obedient to God’s command in 2 Timothy 4:2 “to preach the Word.” As Albert Mohler has stated, “This is where any theology of preaching must begin. We preach because we have been commanded to preach.” In fact, the command to preach is found in both Testaments of Holy Scripture. Ever since the earliest prophets have arisen and proclaimed, “Thus says the Lord” (Exodus 4:22), to the model of expositional preaching found in Nehemiah 8, every prophet and preacher since then has been commanded to “Preach the Word.” As Mohler said in his book on preaching in a postmodern world,

The centrality of preaching is seen in both testaments of Scripture. In Nehemiah 8, we find a remarkable portrait of expository preaching, when the people demand that Ezra the scribe bring the book of the law to the assembly. It was the apostle Paul, for example, who told Timothy in no uncertain terms, “I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom, Preach the Word!

The command “to preach the Word” is everywhere in the Scriptures, even when it is not stated in those exact words; however, the meaning is clearly the same. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus commanded the apostles to “make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I command you...(Matt. 28:19-20).” The apostle Paul instructed Timothy to “...give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching” (1 Tim 4:13). In the same manner, Paul exhorted his young protégé Titus, to “...speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine” (Titus 2:1).

Therefore, despite what men say in the postmodern age about preaching, the Bible is clear and straightforward about the command to preach. The spiritual shepherds of God’s church in every age are commanded to preach the Word! If the pastor fails to heed this command, and the church allows it, both are disobedient to God’s Word, and the church will fall. As P.T. Forsyth has emphatically said, “With preaching Christianity stands or falls, because it is the declaration of the gospel.”

Preaching in the New Testament

Even though the command is found in both testaments, the aim of this article is to focus on the New Testament command to preach the Word. When reflected upon and investigated, the commands to preach are numerous, which the following passages, along with those already quoted, clearly prove. Mark 1:39 says that Jesus “went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.” In Mark 3:14-15, we are told that Jesus “appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons.” Acts 10:42 says “He [Jesus] commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.” Even from this small sampling of texts alone (along with the others already cited), the argument to preach the Word as God’s will and command for every church in every age can be definitively made. And since the command to preach has been definitively made, the aim of this paper is to answer the following two questions in regard to the command to preach: What does preaching mean?” And secondly, “Who is being preached to?” In order to answer the first question, a brief word study on preaching in the NT would be appropriate.

New Testament terms for preaching

In the New Testament, the two Greek words mainly used for the English word “preach” are *euangelizomai* (“preach good news”) or *kerysso* (“preach,” “proclaim,” or “herald”), and they occur 80 times. Others have noted that at least thirty-three different verbs are used by the NT authors to portray the richness of biblical preaching. The four most prominent words used are *kerysso*, *euangelizomai*, *martyreo*, and *didasko*. *Kerysso* and *euangelizomai* are practically interchangeable and complementary in the Bible, both referring to the content of what’s being preached, along with the idea of publically announcing that content as a herald. *Martyreo* means to “bear witness” and was a legal term indicating that a person had firsthand knowledge to pass along. *Didasko* means “teaching” which focused more on the actual content of what was being communicated while not neglecting some of the elements of the other three verbs. That means *didasko* is not entirely the same as *kerysso* and *euangelizomai* in the way it is communicated. Therefore, the remainder of this paper will focus on *kerysso* and *euangelizomai*, since preaching or proclamation as a public herald is a little different than just being a witness or teaching content, though it certainly includes elements of both. For example, the term *didasko* would perhaps better describe the teaching role of a Sunday school teacher or seminary professor who is concerned more about content than public heralding, versus the preacher or evangelist (*kerysso* and *euangelizomai*) who publically proclaims the same content in a more heralding way. And since the command to preach, using *kerysso* and *euangelizomai*, is found nearly 80 times in the NT, we will focus on those terms and those texts.

Having established the command to preach and what preaching means, the next question to be answered is the following: Does the command to preach mean only the preaching of the gospel to the unbeliever outside of the church in order to be saved, or does the command to preach also mean to preach the Word to the people of God who are gathered in the church? Or does the command to “preach the Word” mean both? This paper argues that both are clearly found in the Scriptures.

The command to preach evangelistically

Some understand these terms to primarily mean evangelizing the lost, to the detriment of preaching in the church. The grounds for that argument come from the many uses of both terms, in the Gospels and Acts, for the public preaching of the gospel to the unbelieving world. The meaning of *euangelizomai* alone, “preaching good news,” is found in many passages of Scripture in our English bibles and should not be doubted. In the birth narrative of Luke 2:10-11, the text reads, “The angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news [*euangelizomai*] of great joy that will be for all the people.’” That clearly indicates the announcement of the gospel to a lost world. The Lord Jesus Christ, the object and mediator of this gospel, is the lead herald of this good news when he states, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news [*euangelisasthai*] to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim [*keryxai*] liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim [*keryxai*] the year of the Lord’s favor” (Luke 4:18-19). The Apostle Paul clearly stated that the lost must be preached to in order to be saved: “And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news [*euangelizomenon*]’ (Rom. 10:14b-15). Clearly the Bible teaches that we must preach the good news (*euangelizomai*) and proclaim (*kerysso*) it to the lost outside of the church.

However, is that all *euangelizomai* and *kerysso* encompass? Is it true, in the words of one writer, “that it is a misleading translation to the extent that common English parlance uses ‘preach’ to refer to formal sermonizing directed to the faithful?” In other words, has the church been wrong for 2000 years to think that preaching is for the lost *and* the faithful? Or that the term for preaching and proclamation as found in the Scriptures can refer to both the preaching of the gospel to the lost, and the preaching of the Scriptures for the edification of the saints whenever they are gathered. The remainder of this paper will seek to prove from Scripture that it is not misleading to conclude that preaching is also commanded for the gathered people of God.

The command to preach in the church

It is commonly agreed that much of the preaching in the New Testament was for public evangelistic purposes. However, there are many texts that either imply or directly state that preaching should be done in the church as well. The explicit command for preaching in the church is found in only one text of Scripture, 2 Timothy 4:2. However, it is one of the most forceful commands found in the entire Bible. With that being the case, it would be appropriate to focus on that particular text, but others will be briefly discussed first that imply preaching is done in the church.

Other texts that imply preaching in the church

Even though Acts 20:27 doesn’t use either *kerysso* or *euangelizo*, Paul uses a related verb (*anangello*) that means to proclaim the Word of God when discussing his ministry to the Ephesian church. In speaking to the Ephesian elders, he said, “Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring [*anangello*] to you the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27). Paul clearly

means that he taught the entire Scripture to the Ephesian church with the purpose of edifying them in doctrine and behavior since they were believers, rather than primarily declaring the whole counsel of God for evangelistic purposes outside of the church to the unbeliever. This echoes Jesus' words from John 17:17 – words which are directed to the people of God in the church. “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.” Therefore, the Word of God must be preached and taught to the people of God (in the church) in order to sanctify them and produce holiness in their lives.

Another text that confirms this assertion is Colossians 1:28: “Him we proclaim [*katangellomen*], warning [*nouthountes*] everyone and teaching [*didaskontes*] everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.” A similar verb as used in Acts 20:27 is used for proclaiming in this passage; the verb is modified with warning and teaching, which are clearly referring to the proclamation of God's Word in order to mature the people of God in Colossae, not just to save them. Again, this is clear evidence of preaching the Word in the church for the purpose of edifying the saints.

In his book *Expository Exultation*, John Piper points out how Paul also takes the word typically used for publically preaching the good news to the lost, and applies it to the preaching of the gospel to the believers in the church at Rome. “I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. So I am eager to preach the gospel [*euangelisasthai*] to you also who are in Rome” (Romans 1:13,15). Piper argues that verse 13 may imply that Paul hopes to save some of the Gentiles, but he then points out that Paul also mentioned strengthening the brothers and encouraging their faith through the ongoing application of the gospel that he preached. He also notes that in all of Paul's uses of the term “fruit,” it never means conversion but refers to the fruit that leads to sanctification (Rom. 6:22), righteousness (Phil. 1:11), generous giving (Phil. 4:17), and the fruit that is the result of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22). This is the fruit that Paul hoped to produce through the preaching of the gospel to the already-converted in Rome. Therefore, it would be wrong to say that *euangelizomai* or *kerysso* or *katangelo* are only for the unbeliever outside of the church. There is ample evidence that the *keryx* (noun form of *kerysso* – meaning the preacher) also brought the king's message to his people inside of the church for their edification and growth, and not just the unbelieving world for their salvation. In fact, this is clearly seen in 2 Timothy 4:1-2.

The clear command to preach in the church

The word *kerysso* was typically used to refer to the public heralding of a message from someone with great authority. The herald (*keryx*) was the one delivering the message on behalf of another with great significance and importance. Paul uses this word in 2 Timothy 4:2 to describe the preacher's solemn and serious duty to herald the message of God and King Jesus in the church. Paul doesn't simply suggest heralding in the church; he commands it in this passage in the most serious way he could since he preceded his command to preach with five of the most serious intensifiers found in the entire Bible (1 Tim 4:1). This makes sense, since he just outlined to young Timothy how the Word of God led him to faith in Christ, and equips and edifies his people for maturity and good works (2 Tim. 3:14-17). If the Word of God is the means that God uses to awaken faith

in people for salvation (Rom 10:17, 1 Peter 1:23), and the means he uses to grow them in holiness and Christlikeness (John 17:17), then no wonder Paul gives one of the most serious charges (2 Tim. 4:1) found anywhere in Scripture, and uses the intensifiers that he does to heighten the importance of the command to follow. And what is that command? “Preach the Word.” But is that command for the unbeliever outside of the church, or for the believer inside of the church?

Take note that Paul is primarily talking about Timothy as the “man of God” in 2 Tim. 3:17, one who was made competent and equipped because of the Scriptures. However, the clear implication is that if Timothy “rightly handles the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15) and “preaches the Word” to his congregation, it will have the same effect upon them. The setting that Paul primarily has in mind is the gathered people of God in the church, where Timothy is to herald the Word for their edification. In fact, this argument could be further strengthened by the fact that Paul later commands Timothy to do the work of an evangelist, where proclamation is outside of the church to unbelievers (2 Tim. 4:5). One could also infer that Paul’s admonition to reprove, rebuke, and exhort clearly imply preaching in the church to the people of God: work that requires steady, consistent, patient teaching (2 Tim. 4:2) that will conform them into the image of Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:29). Also in 2 Tim. 4:3, Paul warns Pastor Timothy about the people who will wander away from the church and the truth of God’s Word. He is not there referring to the unbelieving crowds who are already outside of the church.

Therefore, the command to “preach the Word” in 2 Tim. 4:2 was mainly given to Timothy with the purpose of edifying the people of God in the church. But as we noted before, Paul also admonishes Timothy to do the work of an evangelist, which includes preaching to the lost.

We conclude then, based on biblical evidence, that preaching evangelistically outside of the church, and preaching the Scriptures to the people of God in the church, are both clearly commanded in the Word of God. And now, with the command to preach the word inside and outside of the church clearly established, the following articles will address *The Holy Spirit in Preaching*, *The Definition of Expository Preaching*, and *The Primacy of Expositional Preaching in the Church*.

The Holy Spirit in preaching – by Andrew W. Barnes

When the responsibilities of a pastor are outlined, chances are good that preaching will be somewhere near the top of the list. Modern day ministry trends have revealed that the priority of preaching is not as significant as one may expect, but it is safe to assume that pastors and preaching are related in the minds of most people. Among the many questions that arise concerning the ministry of preaching, one that is sure to be asked is, “What makes a sermon good?” On most Sundays, most preachers hear the words “Good message” from their listeners, but regardless of the authenticity of those compliments, it is right for us to be clear on what makes a sermon a *good* sermon. More importantly, we should ask, “What kinds of sermons honor and are honored by God?” It is the aim of this paper to show that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is essential to the ministry of preaching.

Whether the Word of God is proclaimed to unbelievers or the church, apart from the work of the Spirit nothing of consequence will come as a result of preaching. We also aim to show that the Holy Spirit has ordained a specific methodology to ministry, and this methodology is the proclamation of God's Word. Consequently, both the methodology and the fruit of this methodology – namely, preaching – are dependent upon the Holy Spirit.

Spirit-empowered preaching for unbelievers

The condition of man and his understanding of the truth

The depravity of man necessitates that he hears the Word of God, and the means by which he must hear the Word of God is preaching (Rom. 10:14). However, if we expect the hearing of the preaching of God's Word to accomplish a godly transformation, the preaching must be accompanied and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The connection between man's depravity and his need for Spirit-empowered preaching is addressed by the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 2:14, where Paul wrote, "The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned." Unbelievers here are described as *natural* or *unspiritual*. This is meant to contrast the realm of their experience from those whose central characteristic is that they have been born of the Spirit. The central characteristic of the natural man, in other words, is that which is against the Spirit. In fact, Paul makes clear that natural men do not *accept* or *approve* of anything from the Spirit of God. Why does the natural man reject what is from God? Because the things of the Spirit of God are *folly* or *foolishness* to him. In fact, in 1 Cor. 1, Paul made clear that he was called to preach the gospel (1 Cor. 1:17) but this message – that is, *the word of the cross* (v. 18) is *folly* to those who are perishing, and those who are perishing are natural men.

The plight of natural men is developed further by the fact that such men are *not able to understand* the things of the Spirit. The reason for man's natural inability to understand the things of the Spirit is because they are *spiritually discerned*. In using this phrase, Paul makes clear that the fundamental reason why natural men are unable to understand the things of the Spirit is because they are unable to judge what is from God, or what is true, apart from the influence of the Spirit. Natural men are not influenced by the Spirit; therefore, they cannot understand what is from the Spirit. So the question then becomes, "How is it that natural men are able to understand the things of the Spirit?"

The ministry of the Holy Spirit in the natural man

Natural men, while unable to discern the truth of God, are not without hope. The triune God, in his plan of redemption, determined to send the *Helper* – that is, the Holy Spirit – to minister to natural men so they can understand and embrace the truth. Central to this ministry is the conviction of sin. In other words, God grants the ability for man to see his sin as God sees it (2 Tim. 2:25). Jesus outlined this particular ministry of the Holy Spirit to his disciples in John 16:7-11 when he said, "...I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment..."

Jesus had just exhorted his disciples that they should expect persecution because of their connection to him. The disciples were contending with sorrowful hearts because Jesus had also informed them that the time was near when he would leave them to return to his Father. Jesus' words of comfort make clear the foundational role of the Holy Spirit in the redemption of men: "He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment..." The Holy Spirit will come as a divine prosecutor to *convict* the world (natural men) by unfolding the evidence of their guilt before a holy God. This guilt centers, first, on sin: specifically, the sin of not believing in and rejecting Jesus. The natural man does not understand that his guilt before God is due to his rebellion against Christ. The Holy Spirit's ministry of conviction also makes clear that man's righteousness – that is, his effort to do *good* – is not a righteousness that merits him favor with God. Natural men need an alien righteousness to gain God's favor (2 Cor. 5:21). Man's just consequence for rejecting Christ is eternal condemnation – that is, God's final and total judgment to eternal destruction. The Holy Spirit convicts natural men that this is their deserved judgment.

The Holy Spirit demonstrates that man is guilty before a holy God and cannot do anything to change his guilty verdict. Again, the natural man is without hope apart from the redemptive work of God, but the evidence of man's guilt is not redemptive in and of itself. Something more is needed, and only the Holy Spirit can give this provision.

The Holy Spirit's ministry to the natural man in preaching

In his first epistle, the Apostle Peter spends considerable time arming his listeners to withstand suffering. He encourages his readers that God will save his people from judgment (1 Peter 4:5), and this encouragement also serves as the basis for the preaching of the gospel before they had died. 1 Peter 4:6 reads, "For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does." Though suffering and death were realities that confronted Peter's audience and continue to be hardships for people today, there is hope in the Spirit for those who embrace the gospel by faith when it is preached to them. Peter's encouragement is that the preaching of the gospel is not in vain. Preaching is how the Holy Spirit brings the hope and transformation of redemption to people. Hope in this world is not found in an empty promise that suffering and death will somehow be avoided, but in Jesus, who accomplished the forgiveness of sins through his death and resurrection. The gospel must be preached so people can hear this message, and it is this preaching that the Holy Spirit uses to deliver this hope.

Spirit-empowered preaching for the Church

Not only is Spirit-empowered preaching needed by the natural man; it is also needed for the Church. The Holy Spirit came to illuminate the Scriptures to God's people because they are unable to discern their truth apart from this ministry. Illumination of the truth among God's people is brought by the ministry of preaching the Word of God.

The ministry of illumination

Paul expresses a prayer for the believers in Ephesus that makes clear that they, and

all believers, continue to need the truth revealed to them that they may understand it. The Holy Spirit continues to teach or illuminate the truth to the church.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe....(Eph. 1:15-19)

Paul's response of faith and love toward the saints of the church in Ephesus was to pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to grant the wisdom and revelation necessary to discern the truth of God. The Spirit of wisdom, which is a reference to the Holy Spirit, provides ἀποκαλύψεως (revelation, the uncovering of the truth, full disclosure of the truth), and revealing of the truth is grounded in the knowledge of God. This revelation is not a mere intellectual uncovering but enables the ὀφθαλμοὺς τῆς καρδίας (eyes of the heart) to know the hope to which God has called all believers. The church possesses an inheritance and is provided access to the immeasurable greatness of the power of God, but to know this to be true and to understand the depths of the value of these things can only be known through the illumination ministry of the Holy Spirit.

It may be clear, at this point, that the church is in need of the Spirit's work of illumination, but by what means does the Spirit bring about the revealing of God's truth to God's people?

The means of illumination

The Apostle Paul recognized that he, along with all other believers, had received "the Spirit of God in order that they may understand the things freely given to them by God" (1 Cor. 2:12). In light of this fact, Paul understood that his responsibility to make the truths of God known could not be accomplished apart from the ministry of the Holy Spirit, and that the Holy Spirit had determined to use his ministry of proclamation to make these truths known as the truth. So Paul states in 1 Cor. 2:13, "And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual."

Paul understand that in order to convey the truths of God so that they would take root in the minds and hearts of the church, the agency could not be ἀνθρωπίνης σοφίας (human wisdom) but ἐν διδακτοῖς πνεύματος (by means of the teachings of the Spirit). Again, we see the agency of the truth of God reaching the ears of people is preaching, but the Holy Spirit must carry preaching to the heart.

The means by which the Holy Spirit makes the truth of God known

We have already noted that the Holy Spirit makes the truth known to natural men (unbelievers) and to the church, and he does this through preachers of God's Word. Are we to conclude, however, that preaching is the God-ordained means by which His truth is

made known to man inside and outside the church? Is preaching the Spirit's methodology for manifesting the truth? Charles Bridges says, "The public ministry of the Word is the most responsible part of our work – the grand momentum of divine agency – the most extensive engine of ministerial operation."

The aim of preaching is to point people to Christ and his completed redemptive work. Unless people embrace Jesus by faith, there will be no transformation. Preachers do not possess the ability to bring about this transformation, but preaching that is accompanied by the work of the Spirit will bring transformation. We observe this connection between preaching and the Spirit's work in the words of Luke, who recounts the words of Jesus. "And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). Jesus' words continued in Acts 1: "And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, 'You heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now... But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth'" (Acts 1:4-5, 8).

The condition on which the success of the ministry of preaching rests is the power of the Holy Spirit. To rephrase this in the negative, no success will be seen in the ministry of preaching unless the Holy Spirit is in it.

While the effectiveness of preaching depends on the Spirit of God, we must be clear on the priority the Spirit gives to the ministry of preaching. Paul reminds us more than once that human ingenuity cannot accomplish anything of consequence for the kingdom of God, and this is because he has ordained a particular methodology for kingdom work. Paul says in 1 Cor. 2:4-5, "...and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." It was not Paul's clever words that made the message he proclaimed to the Corinthian church influential, but the Spirit's power in his message wrought fruit for the kingdom. As Paul yielded to the Spirit's prescribed methodology of ministry, the Spirit accompanied his efforts among the people in Corinth.

The definition of expository preaching – by Timothy D. Gibson

Introduction

Ministers of the gospel have been called to "preach the Word." How that Word is preached is of most importance. Faithful and conscientious preachers who are called by God know that there is great liability in what they say to their flocks. There is no profession that has as high liability as that of the preacher of God's Word. God will judge every preacher on the truthfulness and accuracy of his preaching. Failure as a spokesman for God brings not only shame but judgment (2 Tim 2:15, James 3:1). There is a coming day of reckoning for the preacher. Since this is true, every preacher should be as faithful to the Scripture as possible and should desire to preach God's Word in the most effective and faithful manner. The most effective and faithful method of preaching is the expository preaching method.

Three kinds of preaching

For simplicity's sake, there are three kinds of sermons (see *Christ-centered Preaching: Redeeming the Expository Sermon*, by Bryan Chapell). A topical sermon takes its topic from a passage and gets its organization from the nature of the subject rather than from the text's distinctions. Textual sermons take their topic and main points from ideas in the text, but the development of those main ideas (theological or other) comes from sources outside the immediate text. Expository preaching takes its topic, main point, and sub-points from an immediate text of Scripture.

Marks of expository preaching

While there are many methods of preaching, without a doubt expository preaching is the most faithful way to proclaim God's Word. Expository preaching is the most faithful method of preaching for several reasons: 1) Expository preaching is authoritative preaching. Expository preaching respects not only the author's original intention but also the Holy Spirit's placement and sequencing of the text. 2) Expository preaching is reverent preaching. It reveres the Word of God by allowing it the right to establish both the substance & the structure of the sermon. 3) Expository preaching is central preaching. Expository preaching allows God's Word to remain the central, not supportive, focus of the Church!

Scriptural illustrations of expository preaching

While it may be difficult to find an exact definition of expository preaching in Scripture itself, it is not difficult to find illustrations of preaching that exhibit the heart of this philosophy. The best Old Testament illustration of ancient exposition occurs in Nehemiah's account of Israel's reacquaintance with the Word of God after the people returned from exile in Babylon, where they had forgotten God's Law and the language in which it had been given. Once all the people had been gathered, Ezra brought the Book of the Law of Moses before the assembly and read from it. Nehemiah 8:5-8 gives us a clear picture of exactly what happened:

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

This Old Testament passage reveals to us three elements that make up faithful preaching. The first thing Ezra did was to present the Word to the people. An inspired text was presented or delivered to the listeners. Second, Ezra and the Levites explained the particular text that was previously read. This explanation made it clear and gave understanding to the listeners. Third, Ezra and the Levites exhorted the people to obey

what they had heard (Neh. 8:9-13:31). Just as Ezra was faithful, so each preacher must be faithful to include in his preaching these three elements: 1) presentation of the Word; 2) explanation of the Word; 3) exhortation or application of the Word.

The New Testament also has illustration of this philosophy of faithful proclamation by none other than Jesus Himself. After Jesus had risen from the dead, he appeared to a couple of disciples on the road leading to Emmaus. These disciples did not recognize him and were expressing their disappointment about the events surrounding the crucifixion and the hopelessness that they were experiencing. In that setting, Luke tells us “And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, [Jesus] interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself” (Luke 24:27). These two disciples said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” (24:32). The word translated “interpreted” or “explained” means “to unfold the meaning of something.” Jesus opened the Scripture and unfolded its meaning to them.

This is the very core of expository preaching. The goal of expository preaching is to simply open Scripture and explain it clearly so that the listeners understand it and can apply it. Exposition by simple definition is “any discourse to convey information or explain what is difficult to understand.” Preaching that is expository in nature is simply an explanation of Scripture by laying open the text to public view in order to set forth its meaning, explain what is difficult to understand, and make appropriate application.

Other New Testament passages also reiterate this fundamental philosophy. In Luke 4:16-22, Jesus explained the particular text of Isaiah 61:1-2. In Acts 20:26-27, the Apostle Paul said, “Therefore I testify to you this day, that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.” In Acts 8:27-35, Philip expounded Isaiah 53:7-8 for the Ethiopian eunuch. In Acts 7:2-53, Stephen preached a historical/biographical expository sermon to the Jews before they stoned him.

Definitions of expository preaching

Listening to those who have been faithful to the method of expository preaching is helpful in understanding truly the philosophy behind this method. Here are a few definitions from those who have practiced this method faithfully.

Merrill F. Unger – “No matter what the length of the portion explained may be, if it is handled in such a way that its real and essential meaning as it existed in the mind of the particular Biblical writer and as it exists in the light of the overall context of Scripture is made plain and applied to the present-day needs of the hearers, it may properly be said to be expository preaching. . . . It is emphatically not preaching about the Bible, but preaching the Bible. ‘What saith the Lord’ is the alpha and omega of expository preaching. It begins in the Bible and all that intervenes springs from the Bible. In other words, expository preaching is Bible-centered preaching.”

John MacArthur – “The message finds its sole source in Scripture. The message is extracted from Scripture through careful exegesis. The message preparation correctly interprets Scripture in its normal sense and its context. The message clearly explains

the original God- intended meaning of Scripture. The message applies the Scriptural meaning for today... The only logical response to inerrant Scripture, then, is to preach it expositionally. By expositionally, I mean preaching in such a way that the meaning of the Bible passage is presented entirely and exactly as it was intended by God. Expository preaching is the proclamation of the truth of God as mediated through the preacher.”

Bryan Chapell – “The main idea of an expository sermon, the topic, the divisions of that idea, main points, and the development of those divisions, all come from truths the text itself contains. No significant portion of the text is ignored. In other words, expositors willingly stay within the boundaries of the text and do not leave until they have surveyed its entirety with its hearers.”

John Stott – “Exposition refers to the content of the sermon (biblical truth) rather than its style (a running commentary). To expound Scripture is to bring out of the text what is there and expose it to view. The expositor opens what appears to be closed, makes plain what is obscure, unravels what is knotted, and unfolds what is tightly packed.”

Haddon Robinson – “The communication of a biblical concept derived from and transmitted through a historical-grammatical and literary study of a passage in its context, which the Holy Spirit first applies to the personality and experience of the preacher then through him to hearers.”

David Helm – “Expositional preaching is empowered preaching that rightfully submits the shape and emphasis of the sermon to the shape and emphasis of a biblical text.”

Albert Mohler – “Expository preaching is that mode of Christian preaching that takes as its central purpose the presentation and application of the text of the Bible . . . all other issues and concerns are subordinated to the central task of presenting the biblical text.”

Mark Dever – “Expositional preaching is preaching in which the main point of the biblical text being considered becomes the main point of the sermon being preached.”

Timothy Keller – “Expository preaching grounds the message in the text so that all the sermon’s points are the points in the text, and it majors in the text’s major ideas. It aligns the interpretation of the text with the doctrinal truths of the rest of the Bible (being sensitive to systematic theology). And it always situates the passage within the Bible’s narrative, showing how Christ is the final fulfillment of the text’s theme (being sensitive to biblical theology).”

Basic elements of expository preaching: principle, process and presentation

Principle: The preacher and sermon are governed in every way by a particular text. In principle, the expository preacher believes that the Word must take a central role. Since the Word of God is inerrant and authoritative, the preacher must allow the Word to be at the center of preaching. This means that the Word itself must direct the preaching. It is a particular text which governs the process of sermon construction. Because of his high view of God’s Word, the preacher allows the Word to be the sovereign over every aspect of the sermon. In short, it is not the preacher who determines the topic/theme, structure, or even the application; it is the Word itself, so that the meaning and authorial intent of the passage

becomes the main point and the intent of the sermon. Says Al Mohler:

Expository preaching begins with the preacher's determination to present and explain the text of the Bible to his congregation. This simple starting point is a major issue of division in contemporary homiletics, for many preachers assume that they must begin with a human problem or question and then work backward to the biblical text. . . . On the contrary, expository preaching begins with the text and works from the text to apply its truth to the lives of believers. The preacher comes to the text and to the preaching event with many concerns and priorities in mind, many of which are undeniably legitimate and important in their own right. Nevertheless, if genuine exposition of the Word of God is to take place, those other concerns must be subordinate to the central and irreducible task of explaining and presenting the biblical text.

Process: The preacher and sermon, through careful exegesis, interprets and explains the God-intended meaning of a particular text. The preacher of expository sermons discovers the meaning of the text through a careful exegetical analysis of the text in all its particulars, including the historical, grammatical, literary context. He comes to the text like a detective, looking for every clue which will uncover authorial meaning. Expository preaching is inescapably bound to the serious work of exegesis. If the preacher is to explain the text, he must first study the text and devote the necessary hours of study and research necessary to understand the text. A large portion of time and energy must be invested in order to "rightly handle the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

Presentation: The preacher and sermon applies the meaning for today. The preacher rises in the pulpit to accomplish one central purpose – to set forth the message and the meaning of the biblical text. Once the meaning of the text is set forth, the preacher moves to application. Application of biblical truth is a necessary task of expository preaching, but application must follow the diligent and disciplined task of explaining the text.

The minimal elements of expository preaching are: 1) The sermon/message finds its sole authority in Scripture; 2) The sermon/message is extracted from Scripture through careful exegesis; 3) The sermon/message preparation correctly interprets Scripture in its normal sense and its context; 4) The sermon/message clearly explains the original God-intended meaning of Scripture, 5) The sermon/message applies the Scriptural meaning for today.

Different Types of Expository Preaching

There are several ways to faithfully exposit Scripture. Some misunderstand expository preaching simply to be preaching through books. However, Steve Lawson has recently given a list of five different styles of exposition: 1) Sequential exposition, which is verse by verse exposition through entire books in the Bible (also known as consecutive exposition); 2) Sectional exposition, which is taking a section out of a book and preaching it consecutively (like the Sermon on the Mount or the Upper Room Discourse); 3) Doctrinal or thematic exposition, in which the preacher takes a doctrine or theme and traces it through much (or all) of the Bible (for example, preaching a series on repentance or the Trinity); 4) Biographical exposition, in which the preacher preaches

through several passages (if available) to give a biblical overview of a person's life; 5) Representative exposition, in which the preacher preaches representative sections of larger books of Scripture (such as Isaiah). The preacher picks high points from the book to give people a quick overview of the book's message.

What Expository Preaching is *NOT*

It is helpful to know what expository preaching is not. Expository preaching is not merely drawing ideas from the text without thorough exegesis. It is not a theological lecture. It is not pure exegesis, no matter how scholarly. It is not a running commentary on the text without unity. It is not textual preaching. It is not about the length of the sermon text. It is not about how many points the sermon outline has. It is not a pretext for predetermined convictions. It is not necessarily consecutive exposition. It is not boring preaching.

Conclusion

Not all preaching is the same. While typically the motives of God-fearing men are never questioned, their methods are sometimes certainly questionable. It really matters how we preach God's Word. Expository preaching is certainly illustrated in Scripture. The very nature of Scripture itself demands that those who preach be faithful to present, interpret, and apply God's Word faithfully. Since expository preaching is the best method of all the styles of preaching, it should remain the central method of all faithful preachers.

The primacy of expositional preaching in the life of the local church – by Keith M. Long

Purpose

The purpose of this section of the paper is to address two related questions: 1) Why should expositional preaching be the normal pattern of pulpit ministry within the Bible Fellowship Church? 2) Why is an expositional pulpit ministry essential for fostering healthy ministries within the local church? Answering these questions will build upon what has already been presented in this paper. However, a closer look at Paul's instructions in 2 Tim. 3:14-4:4 will show why expositional preaching should be the normal pattern for every pastor's pulpit ministry, and a study of Ephesians 4:11-16 will provide insight into the role expositional preaching plays in undergirding all other local church ministries.

1. *Why should expositional preaching be the normal pattern of pulpit ministry within the Bible Fellowship Church? (2 Tim. 3:14-4:4)*

Paul's second letter to Timothy serves as a sort of farewell discourse. As Paul faces the reality of his impending death (4:6-8), he writes a letter to Timothy in order to share his heart as a spiritual father writing to his spiritual son (1:2), but also to give his instructions for carrying on ministry within the Church as an apostle writing to a "next generation" church leader (1:1).

Throughout the letter, Timothy is encouraged to follow the example that was set

for him by Paul (1:6-14; 3:10-11). Specifically, Timothy is to “guard the good deposit” of “sound words” that has been entrusted to him (1:13-14). As a shepherd of God’s people, Timothy is responsible for both protecting and faithfully stewarding the apostolic teaching that has been handed over to him from Paul. To be a faithful steward of his calling, Timothy must labor, tirelessly and with single-minded devotion, in passing on what he has heard from Paul to “faithful men” who in turn will be qualified and equipped to teach others also (2:1-2). In this way, a faithful witness to the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ will be established in, and reproduced throughout, future generations (1:8-12; 2:8-10). In contrast to false teachers, who depart from the truth (2:18) and thus lead people into ever-spreading ungodliness (2:16-17), Timothy is to strive to present himself to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed because he is “rightly handling the word of truth” (2:15). In order to avoid disgracing himself or his Lord, Timothy is to be a reliable guide who cuts a clear path for the sheep under his care to arrive at a clear understanding of the intended meaning and application of God’s Word.

As Paul moves into 2 Timothy 3:14-4:4, he commands Timothy to “preach the Word” (4:2). Within its context, this command highlights preaching to the gathered people of God as one of the primary means that Timothy is to use in fulfilling his role as a shepherd of God’s flock. Because all Scripture is inspired by God himself (3:16), it is therefore inerrant, authoritative, and sufficient to accomplish all that God intends for it to accomplish (Isaiah 55:10-11). Specifically, the Scriptures are able to make one wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (3:15) and are profitable for teaching, proving, correcting, and training in righteousness (3:16), so that the man of God might be competent and equipped to carry out every good work that God prepares for him.

To paraphrase, Paul says that the Word of God is able to bring sinners to salvation and to sanctify them into faithful and fruitful followers of Christ. This reality is true of the Scriptures regardless of either the style or setting in which their truth is communicated. For example, it is doubtful that Paul’s grandmother or mother (1:15) preached expository sermons, as we would define them today, to Timothy when he was a child. Yet, Lois and Eunice seem to have stewarded the Word of God in such a way that Timothy reaped a true spiritual benefit from their ministry in his life (see 3:14-15). In this way, it is conceded that expositional preaching from the pulpit is not the only way that God’s Word can be stewarded by pastors to the benefit of God’s people. In fact, the Word of God can and should be prayerfully explained and applied to people’s real-life circumstances in an endless variety of settings to meet an endless variety of needs (e.g., through small group discussions, one-on-one counseling sessions, classroom teaching, conversations between parents and children, etc.).

Nevertheless, when it comes to fulfilling his responsibility as a shepherd of the gathered church, it seems Paul envisions that Timothy will primarily discharge this duty through the public preaching of the Word of God (4:2). After all, in 4:3-4, Paul warns that the time is coming when even believers will not endure sound teaching, but will turn away from the truth and wander off into myths, as they accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions. It is precisely in order to combat this tendency within the Church, and ultimately to present the people of God fully equipped for ministry, that Paul commands Timothy to “preach the Word” to the Church.

This calling is of such importance that Paul charges Timothy to fulfill it “in the presence of God” (4:1a). The command to preach comes with the authority of God himself. Even more, Timothy must give the utmost priority to his preaching, and must strive to preach the truth of the Word accurately, because when Jesus Christ, the Judge of the living and the dead, returns to establish his eternal kingdom, Timothy will have to give an account to Christ of his stewardship of the Word (4:1-2). Until that time, Timothy must always be ready to preach the Word, so as to seek the salvation of the elect (2:10; 4:5) and to pursue their progress in sanctification as he reproves, rebukes, exhorts, and teaches his people from the Word of God (4:2).

In summary, Paul’s heartfelt desire for Timothy, expressed in this final letter to him, is not that Timothy would be innovative in his ministry, but that he would be faithful. He is to follow the pattern that was set for him, to continue in what he has learned, and never to swerve from believing, living, and preaching the truth of the Scriptures. Because God has revealed himself and his will in his Word, Timothy must preach that Word, and so should every pastor today. In this way, expository preaching that aims to expose, explain, and exult in the original, intended meaning of the Scriptures, should be the primary method of preaching in the typical corporate worship gathering of the local church. Careful, consistent, Spirit-empowered exposition of the “whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27) is the best way to allow God to speak clearly through his Word, and to use his Word to accomplish his will, including bringing about the salvation (1:10; 3:15) and sanctification (3:17) of the elect. As such, every pastor who endeavors to be faithful to his calling, as Timothy was, should embrace his joyful duty of maintaining a Spirit-dependent expositional pulpit ministry.

II. ***Why is an expositional pulpit ministry essential for fostering healthy ministries within the local church? (Ephesians 4:11-16)***

Placing Ephesians 4:11-16 in its context

In the opening two chapters of his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul rehearses, and marvels at, the all-encompassing plan of God from eternity-past to eternity-future. Before the foundation of the world was laid, God chose and predestined a people for himself (1:4a). It was the Lord’s plan to save his elect from their sin, adopt them into his spiritual family, and make them able to stand holy and blameless before him (1:4b-5). All of this would be accomplished through the redemption secured by the shed blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, and would be accomplished for the endless praise of his glorious grace, which will echo throughout the ages to come (1:6-14; 2:4-7). Signifying the completion of his earthly ministry, the resurrected and ascended Christ is now seated at the right hand of the Father, where he has been given authority to reign over all things, including the church, which he rules, fills, and guides, according to his Father’s will (1:20-23). By God’s grace, those who are now in Christ, through faith, live joyfully in submission to him as they are being built together by the Holy Spirit into a holy temple, a dwelling place for God (2:18-22).

In chapter three, Paul explains his calling to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ specifically to the Gentiles, so that through the creation of one, unified church, comprised of Jews and Gentiles, the wisdom of God might be made known and celebrated

throughout both earth and heaven (3:1-13). Thinking about the stewardship he has been entrusted with by God naturally leads Paul both to pray for the Ephesian believers and to praise the Lord for the immeasurable riches of his glory, power, and grace that have been revealed through Christ (3:14-21).

As Paul moves into chapter four, he transitions from primarily doctrinal themes (in chapters 1-3) to an extended exhortation to godly living in light of what God has done for his elect in Christ (4:1-3, 20-24). The final two-and-a-half chapters of his letter are filled with practical instructions for how the Ephesians are to live in light of their new identity in Christ: no longer like the godless Gentiles (4:17), but as imitators of the true and living God, as his beloved children (5:1). As they are filled with, and yield to, the indwelling Holy Spirit (5:18), every portion of their lives will be transformed, including their inner desires, outward speech and actions, and relationships (4:17-6:9). Standing fully equipped in the resources Christ provides, the Ephesian believers will be able to persevere faithfully through all of life's trials and all of the devil's schemes (6:10-20).

Seeing Ephesians 4:11-16 in its context within the entire letter reveals its place in Paul's thinking as a pivotal bridge between Christian doctrine and Christian practice. Ephesians 4:11-16 shows how the Lord's eternal plans for the elect (chapters 1-3) are to be worked out in the everyday lives of his people (chapters 4-6), through a faithful stewarding of his Word, by both shepherd-teachers and laypersons alike (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Shepherd-teachers as stewards of God's Word: Ephesians 4:11-14

Paul has already made clear that the Father gave the Son to the Church as its supreme head to govern over it (1:22). Through his triumphant victory over death, and his exalted ascension to the Father's side, Christ has been given the right not only to rule over the Church but also to bestow gifts upon the captives he has set free (4:8; cf. Psalm 68:18). As such, Christ has sovereignly apportioned gifts, according to his grace, to each believer within the Church to be used in his service and for his glory (4:7). In 4:11, Paul reveals that in addition to those personal gifts to individual believers, Christ has also given the general gift of human leaders to the Church. Here, he specifically lists "the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the shepherds and teachers." Following Pentecost (see Acts 2), apostles and prophets were uniquely called by God and equipped by the Holy Spirit to receive and proclaim his revelation concerning the good news of Jesus Christ (3:1-6). Their testimony concerning Christ, himself being the cornerstone, would serve as the foundation upon which the Church would continue to be built following the completion of the New Testament canon and the cessation of these church offices (2:18-22). The terms *evangelists* and *shepherd-teachers* refer to those Church leaders who would continue the work of the apostles and prophets by faithfully heralding, proclaiming, and explaining the meaning of the divinely inspired Scriptures they left behind.

The ongoing responsibility of these God-given church leaders is further clarified in 4:12-14. In particular, once sinners are brought to saving faith in Jesus Christ through the work of evangelism, shepherd-teachers are called to further "equip the saints for the work of ministry" (4:12a). As the members of a local church are sufficiently equipped, their ministry to one another will then build up the body of Christ into God-glorifying

maturity as the Lord intends (4:12b). Paul describes what this spiritual maturity looks like in 4:13-14: God's design for his redeemed people is that they be united in doctrinal truth and a personal and intimate knowledge of Jesus Christ that results in a continued growth in Christ-like character and conduct. Critical to the development of this maturity is the ability to discern truth from error, and to stand against both the human cunning of false teachers and the craftiness and deceitful schemes of the devil (4:14). In this way, a believer's growth in spiritual maturity is clearly rooted in a growing knowledge of and obedience to the Word of God (see Acts 20:32; Col. 2:6-7; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Peter 2:2). As a result, in order to equip their people adequately, shepherd-teachers must follow the pattern of the apostles and devote themselves "to prayer and to the ministry of the Word" (Acts 6:4). It is precisely through a consistent, prayerful, expositional stewardship of the Word that shepherd-teachers can be the gift to the gathered Church that Christ intends them to be. Such stewardship of the Word is the best means by which to edify the saints in the ways described by Paul in 4:13-14, thus encouraging their ongoing sanctification.

Expositional preaching as a model for the ministry of the saints: Ephesians 4:15-16

When shepherd-teachers are faithful in expositing the Word on a regular basis during the corporate worship gatherings of the local church, they provide a necessary example for the flock under their care in how to steward the word in faithful ministry to others (cf. 1 Peter 5:3). Again, shepherd-teachers have been given to the Church so that every believer will be equipped to fulfill his/her individual calling to keep "building up the body of Christ" (4:12). In contrast to false teachers who spread false doctrine, thus deceiving others (4:14), the saints of God are to minister to one another by "speaking the truth in love," thus helping each other "grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ" (4:15). The phrase "speaking the truth" translates the single word ἀληθεύοντες, which carries with it the idea of communicating the truth of God's Word through both one's speech and conduct.

Paul envisions that as believers' own lives are appropriately shaped by the Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:16-17), they will then be prepared to preach the Word lovingly, prayerfully, and accurately to others in order to meet their real-life needs in real-life situations. When each part of the local body is working properly in this way, accurately and lovingly speaking the truth to one another in a variety of ministry settings, the whole assembly will continue to grow and build itself up into Christ-like maturity (4:16). An expositional pulpit ministry that consistently models how to interpret, explain, and apply the Word of God correctly provides an essential foundation for this process. Weekly exposition of the Scriptures during corporate worship gatherings continually trains the saints to be faithful expositors in their personal study of the Word and in their stewardship of the Word in service to others, both inside and outside the church.

Accordingly, expositional preaching should be given primary importance in the life of the local church in order to advance the overall building up of the body into spiritual maturity to the glory of God.

Conclusion

The Lord does not want his people to be confused as to his plan for growing his

Church. He has clearly revealed that his Word is sufficient to bring about the salvation and sanctification of his elect, and that the faithful preaching of that Word is his chosen means for bringing about such spiritual blessings. Even more, the Lord has given shepherd-teachers to the Church to model clear proclamation of his Word for his people, and to equip the saints for their unique ministry callings through that same faithful proclamation. As a result, expository preaching should be given a place of primary importance and regular performance in the pulpit ministry of every BFC Church, and should be promoted as a model, foundation, and fountain for all other local church ministries in how to steward God's Word to fulfill God's purposes in the lives of those we serve.

Conclusion – by Keith A. Strunk

BFC Articles of Faith – Article 1 – The Holy Scriptures

- 1-1 The Holy Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are the inspired, infallible Word of God, a divine revelation, the original writings of which were verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit. They are the supreme and final authority of faith and conduct.
- 1-2 Inspiration is a special act of the Holy Spirit by which He guided the writers of the Scriptures so that their words would convey the thoughts He wished conveyed, would bear a proper relationship to the thoughts of the other inspired books, and would be kept free from error of fact, doctrine, and judgment.
- 1-3 The Holy Scriptures, the written Word of God, are composed of all books of the Old Testament and New Testament...

Genuine belief in this Article demands that we endeavor to faithfully present the meaning of God's Word to God's people as a matter of priority, in order that they be saved and sanctified for the glory of God. To refute the priority of expositional preaching in Christian ministry is to betray our belief in and conviction about what the Word of God truly is. Having seen clearly the Spiritual nature of Biblically faithful preaching, we must deduce that allowing anything to eclipse the importance of expositional preaching is to either deny the power of God's preached Word to save and sanctify His people, or to errantly prioritize the present, temporal realm over eternity. It is unfortunate that much of the universal church in our day is perfectly content with doing just that, prioritizing the present, temporal realm over eternity. Thus, the goal has become to engage people spiritually for the sake of their attendance at our gatherings, rather than seeking their genuine salvation through faith in the finished work of Christ which can come only by hearing His Word.

While this study committee does not deny the importance of other ministries in the church, nor does it seek to inhibit them, we are united in the conviction that the centrality of the Word of God in those other ministries is essential, and that that centrality rises and falls with the practice of biblically-faithful, Word-centered expositional preaching in the pulpit. While much of Christendom is content to waiver and waffle to and fro on theology and methodology in pursuit of a spiritual revival, church history has repeatedly proven that faithfulness to the Word of God is at the root of all true revivals. Therefore the BFC

would be wise to take steps to solidify and ensure our fidelity to the Scriptures, and to the methodology prescribed by God therein, as we pursue the growth that we believe God has promised. To that end, this committee proposes the accompanying legislation for consideration by BFC Conference. *Soli Deo Gloria.*

On behalf of a faithful committee,

Keith A. Strunk

Study Committee on the Importance of Preaching: Keith A. Strunk, Convener;
Andrew W. Barnes, Timothy D. Gibson, Jason L. Hoy, Keith M. Long.



Pastor Calvin T. Reed declares God's Word during Wednesday morning's session. Pastor Reed addressed the role of proclaiming God's Word as part of discipleship in the church.

Expositional Preaching - Proposed Legislation

Whereas, the Bible Fellowship Church holds the highest and most reverent view of the Holy Scriptures as the living and active Word of God, and

Whereas, the Scriptures are clear about their own authority, necessity, and sufficiency for the salvation and sanctification of God's people, and

Whereas, the preaching of God's Word is clearly demonstrated and commanded in both the Old and New Testaments, and

Whereas, the church universal, including the evangelical church at large, has progressively minimized and abandoned the ministry of expositional preaching of the Word of God, and

Whereas, the Bible Fellowship Church seeks to be distinct in Biblical fidelity and ministerial faithfulness, and

Whereas, the Church Health Committee of the Bible Fellowship Church has included expositional preaching of the Scriptures in its *Marks of a Healthy Bible Fellowship Church*, and

Whereas, the Articles of Faith of the Bible Fellowship Church do not explicitly proclaim our belief in the high value of expositional preaching of the Word of God, therefore be it

Resolved, that Article 18-5 be included in the Bible Fellowship Church Articles of Faith in order to clearly communicate our belief in the priority of expositional preaching in the church.

18-5 The preaching of the word of God,¹³ through the agency of the Holy Spirit,¹⁴ is the primary means God has ordained for the salvation,¹⁵ sanctification,¹⁶ and equipping¹⁷ of His people. Thus, the preaching of Scripture, particularly as a means of congregational worship,¹⁸ should be given priority among,¹⁹ but not to the exclusion of, all the ministries of the church²⁰. In order to ensure the clear, faithful, and Spirit-empowered preaching of God's word,²¹ preaching should be primarily expositional,²² because expositional preaching includes the reading, explaining, and application of a Biblical text, wherein the meaning of the Biblical text is the message of the sermon.

13 ... preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.(2 Tim. 4:2); he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." (Luke 4:43); 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. (1 Cor. 1:17); 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? (Romans 10:14)

14 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. (1 Cor. 2:13)

15 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:17); and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.(2 Tim. 3:15)

16 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. (John 17:17); 13 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved

- by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. 14 To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thess. 2:13-14).
- 17 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds³ and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (Eph. 4:11-16); All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
- 18 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. 6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. 7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. 8 They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. (Nehemiah 8:5-8)
- 19 ... preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. (2 Tim. 4:2); he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." (Luke 4:43); 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. (1 Cor. 1:17); 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? (Romans 10:14)
- 20 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Co 12:4-7); Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Ro 12:6-8)
- 21 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. (2 Ti 4:3-4)
- 22 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work... 4:1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. (2 Tim. 3:14-4:2); And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. 6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. 7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. 8 They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. (Nehemiah 8:5-8)

Request from Board of Elders, Lebanon BFC

The Board of Elders of the Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church has the following request for consideration at the 136th BFC Conference:

Whereas, the Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church has a desire to see Bible Fellowship Churches planted in foreign countries, and

Whereas, the establishment of Bible Fellowship Churches in foreign countries is consistent with our mission statement that we are “An Expanding Fellowship of Churches united to make disciples of Jesus Christ,” and

Whereas, we already have a church in Mexico that was under the auspices of Church Extension, and

Whereas, Church Extension is the church planting arm of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

Resolved: that the Bible Fellowship Conference look favorably upon and charge the Board of Church Extension to develop a strategy for planting Bible Fellowship Churches in other foreign countries.

Request from Board of Elders, Sunbury BFC

Whereas, there have been recent scandals of sexual immorality in the Roman Catholic Church and the Southern Baptist Church, and

Whereas, the autonomy of the church should defer to the government when the matter at hand is an issue “to promote and to protect the good and restrain and punish the evil,” and

Whereas, the BFC has no current policy on calling pastors who have past convictions of sexual abuse or are registered as sexual offenders, therefore be it

Resolved, that 204-2.3, the section on Personal Qualifications, include a seventh personal qualification, which says:

(7) No man convicted of sexual abuse or included in the national or state registry of sexual offenders will be considered for ordination or the position of minister at any church.

And further **Resolved**, that all churches in the BFC require background checks and child abuse clearances for all ministers, support staff, and volunteers, and further

Resolved, that the BFC forms a committee of ministers and laypersons who work together to provide suggested church policy and practice on how our churches can assist and bring comfort to victims of sexual abuse.

Report of the Beneficiary Society

Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you 1 Peter 5:7 ESV

The Beneficiary Society continued to gratefully minister to the needs of the brethren and their families throughout 2018.

In 2018 four death benefits were distributed.

Assistance was given to the following throughout 2018: Widow Nancy Miller.

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

The officers of the Society are grateful for the continued help of Richard Volpe and his firm, Asset Planning Management, in the management strategy of the society's assets.

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

Income and Expense January 1, to December 31, 2018

Beneficiary Society Income & Disbursements January through December 2018

	Jan - Dec 18	Jan - Dec 17	\$ Change
Income			
4100 - Dues Income	10,500.00	9,600.00	900.00
4110 - Other Receipts	500.00	500.00	0.00
4200 - Investment Income			
4210 - Checking Account Interest	23.63	10.75	12.88
4220 - Savings Account Interest	30.15	34.59	-4.44
4230 - Investment Account Interest	9,851.80	6,993.35	2,858.45
Total 4200 - Investment Income	9,905.58	7,038.69	2,866.89
4300 - Investment Inc/Dec Market Value	-11,721.31	11,632.56	-23,353.87
Total Income	9,184.27	28,771.25	-19,586.98
Expense			
5100 - Board Expenses	0.00	10.58	-10.58
5160 - Benefits Paid	17,662.50	162.50	17,500.00
Total Expense	17,662.50	173.08	17,489.42
Net Income	-8,478.23	28,598.17	-37,076.40

Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2018

Beneficiary Society Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2018

	Dec 31, 18	Dec 31, 17	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
1000 - Cash & Cash Equivalents			
1001 - American Bank - Checking	23,877.46	19,241.14	4,636.32
1003 - ING Savings	0.00	8,681.73	-8,681.73
Total 1000 - Cash & Cash Equivalents	23,877.46	27,922.87	-4,045.41
1030 - Fidelity Investments	140,500.98	144,860.62	-4,359.64
1050 - Wells Fargo Investment Accounts			
1051 - Wells Fargo Securities	59,241.93	62,584.94	-3,343.01
1052 - Wells Fargo Cash	3,318.14	884.12	2,434.02
Total 1050 - Wells Fargo Investment Accounts	62,560.07	63,469.06	-908.99
Total Checking/Savings	226,938.51	236,252.55	-9,314.04
Accounts Receivable			
1100 - Dues Receivable	3,050.00	2,950.00	100.00
Total Accounts Receivable	3,050.00	2,950.00	100.00
Other Current Assets			
12000 - Undeposited Funds	785.81	50.00	735.81
Total Other Current Assets	785.81	50.00	735.81
Total Current Assets	230,774.32	239,252.55	-8,478.23
TOTAL ASSETS	230,774.32	239,252.55	-8,478.23
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Equity			
32000 - Retained Earnings	239,252.55	210,654.38	28,598.17
Net Income	-8,478.23	28,598.17	-37,076.40
Total Equity	230,774.32	239,252.55	-8,478.23
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	230,774.32	239,252.55	-8,478.23

Benefits Paid As of December 31, 2018

Beneficiary Society Benefits Paid January through December 2018

01/17/19

	Type	Date	Name	Memo	Paid Amount
5160 - Benefits Paid					
Check		1/8/2018	Carl Cassel	Benefit Charlene Cassel	5,000.00
Check		2/5/2018	Estate of John Riggall	Beneficiary Society Death Benefit - John Riggall	6,000.00
Check		3/30/2018	Rev. David Allen	Dee Riggall Death Benefit	5,000.00
Check		7/5/2018		Edgar Munyan Death Benefit	1,500.00
Check		12/1/2018	Nancy Miller	Widows Benefit	162.50
Total 5160 - Benefits Paid					17,662.50
TOTAL					17,662.50

Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee

The annual Ministerial Convention was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 2-3, 2018. The theme was “Building Healthy Churches: Expository Preaching.” Last year’s convention was the first in a continual series of topics relating to the Marks of a Healthy BFC Church. In a day and age where evangelicalism depends on just about any tactic besides employing faithfully those means which God has ordained to grow His church, we needed to hear these words afresh. One of those means is expository preaching, where the inspired Word is preeminent and Christ is glorified through proclaiming the good news every Sunday. We were blessed to hear from some of our own men: Beau E. Coffman, Timothy D. Gibson, Jason L. Hoy, Joshua P. Miller, and Calvin T. Reed.

The 2018 convention and topics were well received by those in attendance. The Committee would like to thank everyone for their involvement and words of encouragement regarding the convention.

We are pleased to welcome Barry T. Parsons to our committee this year and wish to thank Keith A. Strunk for his hard work as he has finished his service.

The Committee is constituted as follows:

2017-2018 Committee

Andrew W. Barnes, Chairman
 Beau E. Coffman, Vice Chair
 Keith A. Strunk, Treasurer
 R. Scott Wright, Secretary
 Timothy D. Gibson
 Timothy R. Nessler
 Ralph M. Soper, Advisor

2018-2019 Committee

Scott Wright, Chairman
 Andrew W. Barnes, Vice Chair
 Timothy R. Nessler, Secretary
 Beau E. Coffman
 Timothy D. Gibson
 Barry T. Parsons
 Ralph M. Soper, Advisor

The 2019 Ministerial Convention is scheduled for October 1-2, 2019. Our theme this year is “Building Healthy Churches: The Presence of God.” Our speaker will be Pastor Raymond Johnson. We want to encourage all BFC pastors and elders to attend this time of refreshment in the Word. A time away like this, with your BFC brothers, is something you cannot get anywhere else; you need to be there. We hope you mark it on your calendar and make it a priority.

Ministerial Convention Committee: R. Scott Wright, Chairman; Andrew W. Barnes, Vice Chairman; Timothy R. Nessler, Secretary; Beau E. Coffman, Timothy D. Gibson, Barry T. Parsons, Ralph M. Soper, Advisor.

Report of the Day of Prayer Committee

The Day of Prayer Committee met four times to plan the second annual BFC Day of Prayer, to be held on March 16, 2019. The purpose of this committee is to provide an annual day of prayer for church leaders and spouses in the BFC, to cultivate a culture of prayer within the BFC, to serve as a declaration of the BFC's dependence upon God and desire to seek God's face, and to model how to lead people in public and corporate prayer.

In March 2018 over 200 church leaders and their spouses representing 40 BFC churches met at Cedar Crest BFC in Allentown, PA for the inaugural Day of Prayer. The theme was "It is time to seek the Lord," taken from Hosea 10:12. The committee is expecting greater participation in 2019, largely due to inviting and encouraging everyone, not just church leaders, to seek the Lord together.

The 2019 Day of Prayer is scheduled to be held on March 16 at Cedar Crest BFC from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme is Psalm 67:1: "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us." God has richly blessed us. Therefore, it is our desire to take that blessing to the nations so that all people will praise the Lord. We have confidence in the Lord to hear us when we pray and do mighty works in us and through us as we humbly seek His face.

Day of Prayer Committee: Clifford B. Boone, Chairman; Michael W. Walker, Secretary; Jane Handwerk, Nate Orlowski, Richard B. Ravis, Julie Sebastian, Daniel L. Williams.

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Schedule of Payments

BEFORE BFC CONFERENCE

Beneficiary Society - \$100 per member (or \$50 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 3534
Allentown, PA 18106

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:

Education Training Committee - make checks payable to Bible Fellowship

Church & 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

Pinebrook Educational Foundation - make checks payable to Pinebrook

Educational Foundation and mail to:

Dr. Andrew T. Crossgrove
c/o Faith Bible Fellowship Church
140 Harleysville Pike
Harleysville , PA 19438

BFC Life Committee - make checks payable to BFC Life Committee & mail

to:

BFC Life Committee
PO Box 3555
Allentown, PA 18106

BFC Statistics

Church Location; Name	Senior Pastor	#	Ordained/Pr	Brides	Deacons	Baptisms	2016	Membership	New	Members	Net	Min/Loss	Membership	Church	Family	SS	AM	PMV/SG	Wid	Week
										lost				Size						
Allentown, PA; Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church	Boone, Clifford B.	6	12	14	11	630	24	13	11	641	1,375	275	760	300	175					
Bethlehem, PA; Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church	Gibson, Tim D.	5	13	10	15	364	30	20	10	374	815	207	542	263	351					
Blandon, PA; Trinity Bible Fellowship Church	Williams, Daniel L.	3	13	11	11	203	29	4	25	228	330	125	242	100	150					
Brick, NJ; Community Bible Fellowship Church	Sweet, L. Marc	2	6	5	4	49	10	13	-3	36	45	0	40	50	0					
Camden, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Camden	Wagner, R. Daniel	1	3	1	0	49	0	0	0	0	13	25	15	25	0					
Camden, NY; New Life Bible Church	Vacant	1	2	2	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	35	25	0	7					
Clinton Corners, NY; Cornerstone Bible Fellowship Church	Vacant	1	2	1	0	13	0	1	-1	12	20	11	14	0	6					
Colebrookdale, PA; Harvest Fellowship Church	Parsons, Bary T.	1	4	6	3	140	14	3	11	151	175	36	125	0	54					
Coopersburg, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	Peters, David J.	7	9	13	11	395	2	86	-84	311	638	190	355	210	125					
Dauphin, PA; Freedom Bible Fellowship Church	Banninger, Mark, E.	1	5	4	0	34	2	2	0	34	100	15	90	12	10					
Denville, NJ; Bible Fellowship Church	Harris, Richard D.	1	4	0	0	28	2	0	2	30	50	20	50	0	6					
Emmaus, PA; Bethel Bible Fellowship Church	Smith David	5	10	10	5	274	10	4	6	280	602	222	385	0	141					
Ephrata, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata	Hay, Jason	2	8	0	2	117	11	11	0	117	0	70	141	0	119					
Exeter, PA; The Church at Exeter	Lauterback, Stanley P	1	5	5	0	72	4	4	0	72	370	97	249	63	0					
Finesville, NJ; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	Widger, Byron	2	2	1	3	86	12	7	5	41	95	9	34	0	7					
Graterford, PA; Graterford Bible Fellowship Church	Orton, Mark, R	1	7	4	9	82	0	0	0	82	150	53	110	20	23					
Harleysville, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	Crossgrove, Andrew T	3	5	5	6	148	2	1	1	149	175	85	187	107	138					
Harrisburg, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	Miller, Joshua P	2	7	4	3	143	9	7	2	145	128	119	217	120	115					
Hatfield, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	Wells, Howard N	4	7	6	3	136	8	12	-4	132	0	60	99	50	15					
Hellertown, PA; Saucun Community Bible Fellowship Church	Strunk, Keith, A.	1	2	3	0	58	1	0	1	59	163	0	123	75	0					
Kutztown, PA; Kutztown Bible Fellowship Church	Mack, Ezekiel R.	2	3	1	0	42	0	0	0	42	76	11	38	7	0					
LaGrangeville, NY; Valley Bible Fellowship Church	Spinney, Dennis W.	1	2	1	0	23	1	2	-1	22	65	10	28	8	8					
Lancaster, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	Thomann, David Arnold	5	9	13	10	450	6	30	-24	426	580	268	486	0	0					
Las Cruces, NM; Grace Bible Church	Poland, David M.	1	2	1	0	31	7	1	6	37	50	11	45	13	0					
Lebanon, PA; Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church	Reed, Calvin, T.	5	10	6	2	229	2	5	-3	226	512	197	258	133	86					
Lehighton, PA; Salem Bible Fellowship Church	Johnson Robert A II	1	3	3	0	33	2	5	-3	30	65	35	65	0	35					
Longneck DE; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	Barnes, Andrew A	2	4	1	0	60	3	3	0	60	85	24	70	0	7					
Maple Glen, PA; Maple Glen Bible Fellowship Church	Louis Prontrick	2	1	0	0	32	2	3	-1	31	50	12	36	18	0					
Mt. Carmel, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	Siegert, Roger, L.	1	3	0	0	78	2	8	-6	72	82	0	0	0	0					
Mt. Pocono, PA; Pocono Mountain Bible Fellowship Church	Ch.Kappes, Carl J.	1	3	1	2	48	0	8	-8	40	75	19	55	0	0					
Nazareth, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	Fischer Jr., Scott	2	5	5	7	103	5	11	-6	97	211	99	136	0	61					
Newark, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, Delaware	Schloneker, William G	4	12	12	14	364	22	12	10	374	1,000	150	552	200	225					
Newark, NJ; Newark Bible Fellowship Church	Burgess, Ronnie	2	2	1	0	65	1	10	-9	56	6	14	30	12	12					
Oley, PA; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	Vacant	0	7	26	38	323	9	3	6	329	946	244	505	87	270					
Paradise, PA; Paradise Bible Fellowship Church	Benack, A Jesse	3	5	4	0	77	4	7	-3	74	80	43	74	48	30					
Philadelphia, PA; Missinoming Bible Fellowship Church	Ritter, Ralph E.	1	4	0	0	18	0	0	0	18	24	12	20	0	8					
Piscataway, NJ; Christ Community Church	Cahill, Dennis M.	2	6	6	6	130	2	9	-7	123	196	42	135	0	0					
Quakertown, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	Kohl, Ronald L.	5	5	6	2	197	8	7	1	198	360	153	244	55	124					
Reading, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	Grossman, Randall A.	4	11	10	5	301	5	5	0	301	400	148	228	43	75					
Reading, PA; La Roca de Reading	Rodriguez, Carlos G	1	3	0	12	0	55	0	55	55	135	76	113	25	42					
Red Hill, PA; Community Bible Fellowship Church	Arctief, Jim	1	6	4	5	108	4	0	4	112	130	0	110	45	51					
Royersford, PA; Royersford Bible Fellowship Church	Erb, Ron	1	3	3	1	64	6	14	-8	56	105	0	75	0	50					
Shamokin, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	Madará, Ferdie R	3	7	0	7	84	0	0	0	84	0	49	111	46	0					
Sinking Spring, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	Rissmiller, S. Wayne	3	12	11	56	558	62	73	-11	547	1,850	319	874	519	142					
Spring City, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	Kauffman, Jeffrey A	1	3	8	0	91	0	12	-12	79	90	45	65	0	0					
Stetson, PA; Grace Fellowship	Vacant	2	4	2	1	33	3	0	3	36	64	12	46	16	4					
Stroudsburg, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	Coffman, Beau E	2	5	8	5	77	9	1	8	85	120	76	119	60	0					
Sunbury, PA; Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church	Gibson, Joshua P.	3	9	14	3	285	10	5	5	290	425	127	258	0	82					
Terre Hill, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	Kirkpatrick, Kevin W.	2	2	4	6	61	2	0	2	63	95	45	69	20	35					
Townsend, DE; theMission	Smith, Ronald B	1	5	0	2	35	2	3	-1	34	125	0	80	0	0					
Wallingford, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	Susek, Aaron J.	4	10	8	11	176	6	8	-2	174	300	148	200	55	130					
Walnutport, PA Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church	Smith, Aaron D.	1	4	2	4	36	36	0	36	72	118	0	65	22	0					
Whitehall, PA; Fellowship Community Church	Yerington, Phillip E.	1	3	3	0	30	4	3	1	31	125	9	127	92	50					
Whitehall, PA; Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	Schmoyer, Timothy J.	2	4	6	9	133	11	49	-38	95	195	65	142	45	95					
Woodbury Heights, NJ; New Beginnings Bible Fellowship Church	Nessler, Timothy R	1	5	4	0	75	0	0	0	75	110	30	73	30	18					
York, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	Betolet, Timothy J.	2	2	2	0	44	10	2	8	52	85	30	74	20	15					
Totals		125	310	282	299	7468	471	496	-25	7443	14426	4138	9408	2997	3105					
Allentown, PA; El Faro (Lighthouse Church)	Diaz, Stephen, A.	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	40	0	10				
Cape May Court House, NJ; Cape Community Church	Boyer, Brad L.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	10				
Chestertown, MD; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	Reff II, James D.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	30	8	0				
Fogelsville, PA; Orchard Hills Church	Tristman, Benjamin J	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	83	0	0				
Forks, PA; Forks Community Church	Zuck, Timothy M.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	0	56	20	0					
Gettysburg, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Adams County	Hanner, John J.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	33	27	0					
Milford, DE; Hope Community Bible Fellowship Church	Ruiz, Philip H.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25	0	8					
Naples, FL; Covenant Bible Fellowship	Filbert, Jason	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
W. Norriton, PA; Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church	Wright, Scott	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	44	0	0					
Totals		10	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	247	58	352	55	28					
Grand Totals		135	310	282	299	7468	471	496	-25	7443	14473	4196	9760	3052	3133					

Church Location; Name	Church Buildings	Parsonages	Total Debt of Facilities	Unrestricted Offerings	Total Income
Allentown, PA; Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church	1	0 \$	- \$	1,771,513 \$	2,259,929
Bethlehem, PA; Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	- \$	1,032,866 \$	1,176,804
Blandon, PA; Trinity Bible Fellowship Church	1	0 \$	- \$	494,022 \$	590,549
Brick, NJ; Community Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	100,000 \$	100,903 \$	149,204
Camden, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Camden	1	0 \$	- \$	54,956 \$	55,694
Camel, NY; New Life Bible Church	1	0 \$	- \$	43,828 \$	43,828
Clinton Comes, NY; Cornerstone Bible Fellowship C	1	0 \$	- \$	28,446 \$	29,001
Colebrookdale, PA; Harvest Fellowship Church	1	0 \$	- \$	211,431 \$	215,486
Coopersburg, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	3	0 \$	- \$	815,732 \$	913,001
Dauphin, PA; Freedom Bible Fellowship Church	2	0 \$	2 \$	126,127 \$	126,127
Denville, NJ; Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	- \$	60,730 \$	60,729
Emmaus, PA; Bethel Bible Fellowship Church	1	0 \$	- \$	903,712 \$	1,151,981
Ephrata, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata	1	0 \$	- \$	308,451 \$	327,920
Exeter, PA; The Church at Exeter	2	2 \$	- \$	303,773 \$	497,783
Finesville, NJ; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	- \$	92,084 \$	103,451
Graterford, PA; Graterford Bible Fellowship Church	4	2 \$	- \$	272,077 \$	282,694
Harleysville, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	1	2 \$	- \$	469,427 \$	549,277
Harrisburg, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	- \$	512,687 \$	583,825
Hatfield, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	200,278 \$	278,319 \$	474,795
Hellertown, PA; Saucon Community Bible Fellowsh	2	0 \$	- \$	179,746 \$	206,729
Kutztown, PA; Kutztown Bible Fellowship Church	1	0 \$	- \$	68,148 \$	76,748
LaGrangeville, NY; Valley Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	- \$	78,300 \$	78,472
Lancaster, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	2	0 \$	- \$	931,577 \$	1,240,154
Las Cruces, NM; Grace Bible Church	1	0 \$	- \$	82,885 \$	83,106
Lebanon, PA; Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	- \$	548,261 \$	575,457
Lehighton, PA; Salem Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	- \$	51,337 \$	51,337
Longneck DE; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	1	0 \$	325,000 \$	135,347 \$	143,347
Maple Glen, PA; Maple Glen Bible Fellowship Churc	1	0 \$	- \$	113,081 \$	137,273
Mt. Carmel, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	- \$	- \$	-
Mt. Pocono, PA; Pocono Mountain Bible Fellowsh	1	0 \$	- \$	86,957 \$	121,642
Nazareth, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	- \$	265,091 \$	290,711
Newark, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, Del	1	2 \$	2,252,854 \$	1,322,275 \$	1,669,640
Newark, NJ; Newark Bible Fellowship Church	1	0 \$	- \$	80,172 \$	81,172
Oley, PA; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	2	1 \$	- \$	923,401 \$	1,158,319
Paradise, PA; Paradise Bible Fellowship Church	2	0 \$	- \$	149,627 \$	183,257
Philadelphia, PA; Wissinoming Bible Fellowship Ct	2	1 \$	38,000 \$	22,660 \$	27,568
Piscataway, NJ; Christ Community Church	0	0 \$	- \$	383,241 \$	419,867
Quakertown, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	- \$	556,110 \$	561,726
Reading, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	- \$	512,824 \$	520,005
Reading, PA; La Roca de Reading	0	0 \$	- \$	90,583 \$	95,165
Red Hill, PA; Community Bible Fellowship Church	1	0 \$	- \$	237,735 \$	237,735
Royersford, PA; Royersford Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	- \$	177,015 \$	192,372
Shamokin, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	3	1 \$	8,772 \$	147,758 \$	147,896
Sinking Spring, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	2	0 \$	- \$	1,551,274 \$	1,551,274
Spring City, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	- \$	96,000 \$	115,200
Steeleton, PA; Grace Fellowship	1	0 \$	83,535 \$	27,311 \$	51,311
Stroudsburg, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	2	1 \$	- \$	200,193 \$	202,373
Sunbury, PA; Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church	3	0 \$	- \$	472,134 \$	577,247
Terre Hill, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	- \$	129,222 \$	129,255
Townsend, DE; theMission	0	0 \$	- \$	110,413 \$	143,315
Wallingford, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	1	2 \$	- \$	630,396 \$	690,048
Walnutport, PA Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship C	1	0 \$	124,009 \$	108,462 \$	127,646
Whitehall, PA; Fellowship Community Church	0	0 \$	- \$	74,850 \$	74,850
Whitehall, PA; Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	1	0 \$	558,035 \$	235,111 \$	293,238
Woodbury Heights, NJ; New Beginnings Bible Fellow	1	0 \$	512,000 \$	167,000 \$	173,000
York, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	1	1 \$	- \$	143,347 \$	188,538
Total	70	31 \$	4,202,485 \$	18,970,926 \$	22,209,067
Allentown, PA; El Faro (Lighthouse Church)	1	1 \$	- \$	4,200 \$	-
Cape May Court House, NJ; Cape Community Church	2	1 \$	- \$	41,804 \$	47,804
Chestertown, MD; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	1	0 \$	- \$	45,583 \$	73,101
Fogelsville, PA; Orchard Hills Church	0	0 \$	- \$	- \$	45,930
Forks, PA; Forks Community Church	0	0 \$	- \$	98,273 \$	101,273
Gettysburg, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Adams C	1	1 \$	140,000 \$	45,995 \$	59,095
Millford, DE; Hope Community Bible Fellowship Chu	0	0 \$	- \$	14,450 \$	19,450
Naples, FL; Covenant Bible Fellowship	0	0 \$	- \$	- \$	-
W. Norriton, PA; Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church	0	0 \$	- \$	- \$	-
Total	5	3 \$	140,000 \$	250,305 \$	346,653
Grand Total	75	34 \$	4,342,485 \$	19,221,231 \$	22,555,720

Church Location; Name	BFC Board of			BFC Church	Pinebrook Bible	Victory Valley	Total
	BFC Assessment	Missions	Other Missions	Extension	Conference	Camp	Conference
Allentown, PA; Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 39,750	\$ 191,322	\$ 136,220	\$ 38,400	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 277,972
Bethlehem, PA; Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 20,771	\$ 78,960	\$ 56,409	\$ 31,800	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ 138,731
Blandon, PA; Trinity Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 10,550	\$ 406	\$ 62,963	\$ 23,845	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,801
Brick, NJ; Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 2,640	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,640
Camden, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Camden	\$ 1,118	\$ 2,570	\$ 1,834	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,988
Camel, NY; New Life Bible Church	\$ 887	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,900	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 4,487
Clinton Corners, NY; Cornerstone Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 1,220	\$ 2,880	\$ 2,880	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,100
Colebrookdale, PA; Harvest Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,282	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Coopersburg, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 14,976	\$ 81,839	\$ 63,177	\$ 35,640	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,300	\$ 137,755
Dauphin, PA; Freedom Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 2,208	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,608
Denville, NJ; Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 1,272	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,638
Emmaus, PA; Bethel Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 17,051	\$ 143,469	\$ 31,308	\$ 3,000	\$ 300	\$ 1,200	\$ 165,200
Ephrata, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata	\$ 6,612	\$ 55,266	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 66,378
Exeter, PA; The Church at Exeter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,266	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Finesville, NJ; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 1,775	\$ 12,140	\$ 4,006	\$ 1,000	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 16,115
Graterford, PA; Graterford Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 5,744	\$ 41,328	\$ 4,031	\$ 12,200	\$ 600	\$ 1,800	\$ 61,672
Harleysville, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 9,270	\$ 34,500	\$ 46,943	\$ 14,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 60,770
Harrisburg, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 9,616	\$ 44,384	\$ 47,541	\$ 18,000	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 73,800
Hatfield, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 7,691	\$ 16,385	\$ 23,800	\$ 3,100	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,000	\$ 29,576
Hellertown, PA; Saucon Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 4,615	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,615
Kutztown, PA; Kutztown Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 1,575	\$ 4,083	\$ 1,100	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,858
LaGrangeville, NY; Valley Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,375	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 6,500
Lancaster, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 18,650	\$ 52,600	\$ 55,810	\$ 3,500	\$ 540	\$ 700	\$ 75,990
Las Cruces, NM; Grace Bible Church	\$ 1,747	\$ 1,200	\$ 7,870	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,247
Lebanon, PA; Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 10,547	\$ 50,983	\$ 9,282	\$ 16,000	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,000	\$ 80,930
Lehighton, PA; Salem Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 1,388	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,388
Longneck DE; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 2,304	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 1,021	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,325
Maple Glen, PA; Maple Glen Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 2,443	\$ 8,740	\$ 35,797	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,683
Mt. Carmel, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mt. Pocono, PA; Pocono Mountain Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 1,671	\$ 7,312	\$ 16,080	\$ 2,160	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,143
Nazareth, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 5,789	\$ 22,765	\$ 3,629	\$ 3,500	\$ 500	\$ 400	\$ 32,954
Newark, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, Delaware	\$ 27,924	\$ 36,680	\$ 129,692	\$ 45,350	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 115,954
Newark, NJ; Newark Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 1,636	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,036
Oley, PA; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 23,698	\$ 105,071	\$ 83,217	\$ 17,782	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 147,551
Paradise, PA; Paradise Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 3,705	\$ 43,044	\$ -	\$ 2,358	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 50,607
Philadelphia, PA; Wissinoming Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 310	\$ 225	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 535
Piscataway, NJ; Christ Community Church	\$ 7,202	\$ 37,605	\$ 14,484	\$ 2,750	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 48,257
Quakertown, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 11,300	\$ 71,000	\$ 59,200	\$ 29,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 118,800
Reading, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 10,114	\$ 64,900	\$ 22,405	\$ 10,000	\$ 500	\$ 2,000	\$ 87,514
Reading, PA; La Roca de Reading	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,700	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,800
Red Hill, PA; Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 4,259	\$ 1,120	\$ 15,750	\$ 5,240	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 12,619
Royersford, PA; Royersford Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 2,500	\$ 375	\$ 3,281	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,625
Shamokin, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 2,848	\$ 7,300	\$ 12,300	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 10,784
Sinking Spring, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 31,025	\$ 57,408	\$ 90,076	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,433
Spring City, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 1,968	\$ 500	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,718
Steefton, PA; Grace Fellowship	\$ 2,314	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,714
Stroudsburg, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 4,238	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 6,138
Sunbury, PA; Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 9,512	\$ 38,700	\$ 53,845	\$ 9,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 62,212
Terre Hill, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 2,200	\$ 12,600	\$ 7,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,300
Townsend, DE; theMission	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,000	\$ 6,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Wallingford, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 14,680	\$ 51,800	\$ 65,740	\$ 18,941	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 86,421
Walnutport, PA; Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 1,800	\$ -	\$ 900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,700
Whitehall, PA; Fellowship Community Church	\$ 1,540	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,310	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 15,400
Whitehall, PA; Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 5,140	\$ 24,328	\$ 290	\$ 13,690	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 43,408
Woodbury Heights, NJ; New Beginnings Bible Fellowship	\$ 3,659	\$ -	\$ 17,000	\$ 3,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,959
York, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 2,962	\$ 7,800	\$ 751	\$ 4,200	\$ -	\$ 1,181	\$ 16,143
Total	\$ 377,394	\$ 1,428,329	\$ 1,310,795	\$ 433,957	\$ 32,740	\$ 38,931	\$ 2,365,953
Allentown, PA; El Faro (Lighthouse Church)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cape May Court House, NJ; Cape Community Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,390	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Chestertown, MD; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fogelsville, PA; Orchard Hills Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Forks, PA; Forks Community Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,292	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Gettysburg, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Adams Count	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Millford, DE; Hope Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250
Naples, FL; Covenant Bible Fellowship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
W. Norriton, PA; Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,932	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250
Grand Total	\$ 377,394	\$ 1,428,329	\$ 1,310,795	\$ 528,889	\$ 32,740	\$ 38,931	\$ 2,367,203

Church Location; Name	Senior	Senior	Senior	Church	Total Church
	Pastor's	Pastor's	Pastor's	Ministry Staff	Ministry Staff
	Salary	Benefits	Allowance	Housing	Salaries and Benefits
Allentown, PA; Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 67,757	\$ 25,927	\$ 20,000	\$ 490,712	\$ 604,396
Bethlehem, PA; Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 72,796	\$ 30,526	\$ 29,000	\$ 481,281	\$ 613,603
Blandon, PA; Trinity Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 46,888	\$ 20,192	\$ 22,536	\$ 180,240	\$ 269,856
Brick, NJ; Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 25,030	\$ 1,824	\$ 19,500	\$ -	\$ 46,354
Camden, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Camden	\$ 10,416	\$ 6,984	\$ 16,800	\$ -	\$ 34,200
Carmel, NY; New Life Bible Church	\$ 10,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Clinton Corners, NY; Cornerstone Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Colebrookdale, PA; Harvest Fellowship Church	\$ 42,500	\$ 15,424	\$ 14,460	\$ 47,605	\$ 119,990
Coopersburg, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 44,857	\$ 18,821	\$ 38,000	\$ 245,716	\$ 347,412
Dauphin, PA; Freedom Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 46,268	\$ 11,457	\$ 18,000	\$ 6,567	\$ 75,725
Denville, NJ; Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 27,995	\$ -	\$ 8,125	\$ 36,120	\$ 36,120
Emmaus, PA; Bethel Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 49,933	\$ 25,957	\$ 24,000	\$ 344,371	\$ 444,262
Ephrata, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata	\$ 52,894	\$ 10,424	\$ 14,351	\$ 79,594	\$ 157,262
Exeter, PA; The Church at Exeter	\$ 49,266	\$ 3,135	\$ 20,400	\$ 44,462	\$ 117,263
Finesville, NJ; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 38,000	\$ 14,783	\$ 2,200	\$ -	\$ 54,983
Graterford, PA; Graterford Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 61,930	\$ 32,210	\$ -	\$ 6,095	\$ 100,235
Harleysville, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 67,157	\$ 27,912	\$ 17,630	\$ 88,723	\$ 221,834
Harrisburg, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 56,420	\$ 25,471	\$ 12,000	\$ 116,509	\$ 2,104,000
Hatfield, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 43,810	\$ 9,895	\$ 10,500	\$ 75,936	\$ 140,141
Hellertown, PA; Sacon Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 64,500	\$ 8,839	\$ 24,700	\$ 7,049	\$ 7,049
Kutztown, PA; Kutztown Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 35,000	\$ 1,400	\$ 12,500	\$ -	\$ 48,900
LaGrangeville, NY; Valley Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 16,920	\$ 14,890	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,810
Lancaster, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 45,534	\$ 13,083	\$ 48,253	\$ 316,068	\$ 422,938
Las Cruces, NM; Grace Bible Church	\$ 20,005	\$ -	\$ 8,200	\$ -	\$ 28,205
Lebanon, PA; Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 54,500	\$ 47,109	\$ 23,000	\$ 153,275	\$ 277,885
Lehighton, PA; Salem Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 12,000	\$ 1,082	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 18,082
Longneck DE; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 67,900	\$ 2,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000
Maple Glen, PA; Maple Glen Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 31,000	\$ 8,512	\$ 15,000	\$ 57,135	\$ 57,135
Mt. Carmel, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mt. Pocono, PA; Pocono Mountain Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 22,491	\$ 1,712	\$ 12,980	\$ -	\$ 37,183
Nazareth, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 57,791	\$ 39,792	\$ 11,000	\$ -	\$ 108,583
Newark, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, Delaware	\$ 67,258	\$ 43,599	\$ 25,000	\$ 311,982	\$ 447,839
Newark, NJ; Newark Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 28,800	\$ -	\$ 7,200	\$ 10,200	\$ 46,200
Oley, PA; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 48,955	\$ 31,284	\$ 33,000	\$ 302,363	\$ 415,602
Paradise, PA; Paradise Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 16,791	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 26,791
Philadelphia, PA; Wissinoming Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 12,000	\$ 1,573	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,573
Piscataway, NJ; Christ Community Church	\$ 122,522	\$ 82,698	\$ -	\$ 13,159	\$ 218,379
Quakertown, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 59,229	\$ 28,200	\$ -	\$ 87,200	\$ 174,629
Reading, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 41,080	\$ 37,220	\$ 25,200	\$ 112,570	\$ 216,070
Reading, PA; La Roca de Reading	\$ 37,500	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 10,600	\$ 49,300
Red Hill, PA; Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 47,159	\$ 22,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 6,365	\$ 95,524
Royersford, PA; Royersford Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 49,097	\$ 12,168	\$ -	\$ 22,492	\$ 83,757
Shamokin, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 42,161	\$ 14,607	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,768
Sinking Spring, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 62,412	\$ 22,833	\$ 25,000	\$ 493,402	\$ 603,647
Spring City, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 40,753	\$ -	\$ 18,000	\$ 4,800	\$ 63,553
Steeleton, PA; Grace Fellowship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600
Stroudsburg, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 45,000	\$ 5,804	\$ 9,805	\$ 23,145	\$ 83,754
Sunbury, PA; Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 67,038	\$ 6,703	\$ 18,000	\$ 89,969	\$ 181,709
Terre Hill, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 39,065	\$ 43,003	\$ 6,857	\$ -	\$ 49,860
Townsend, DE; theMission	\$ 12,000	\$ 39,500	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 75,500
Wallingford, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 57,244	\$ 24,763	\$ -	\$ 192,771	\$ 274,778
Walnutport, PA Northern Lehigh Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 55,000	\$ 24,600	\$ 18,000	\$ 1,560	\$ 83,410
Whitehall, PA; Fellowship Community Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Whitehall, PA; Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 33,300	\$ 21,934	\$ 18,000	\$ 23,600	\$ 96,834
Woodbury Heights, NJ; New Beginnings Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 47,232	\$ 3,148	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 70,380
York, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 39,700	\$ 8,090	\$ -	\$ 4,585	\$ 52,375
Total	\$2,313,554	\$ 893,787	\$ 714,197	\$ 4,503,821	\$ 10,079,237
Allentown, PA; El Faro (Lighthouse Church)	\$ 5,200	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 55,000
Cape May Court House, NJ; Cape Community Church	\$ 59,390	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Chestertown, MD; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fogelsville, PA; Orchard Hills Church	\$ 26,000	\$ 19,500	\$ 28,000	\$ -	\$ 73,500
Forks, PA; Forks Community Church	\$ 58,977	\$ 10,393	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 94,370
Gettysburg, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Adams County	\$ 39,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,500
Millford, DE; Hope Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Naples, FL; Covenant Bible Fellowship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
W. Norriton, PA; Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 189,067	\$ 29,893	\$ 56,000	\$ -	\$ 262,370
Grand Total	\$2,502,621	\$ 923,680	\$ 770,197	\$ 4,503,821	\$ 10,341,607

Church Location; Name	Debt Service	Benevolence	Operating Costs	Total Operations		Grand Total Disbursements
				Disbursements	Total Disbursements	
Allentown, PA; Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 58,000	\$ 1,024,827	\$ 1,219,047	\$ 2,101,415	\$ 2,261,263
Bethlehem, PA; Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 19,032	\$ 243,739	\$ 322,079	\$ 1,074,414	\$ 1,129,610
Brandon, PA; Trinity Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 18,636	\$ 481,631	\$ 500,266	\$ 563,230	\$ 613,143
Brick, NJ; Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 13,988	\$ 300	\$ 63,270	\$ 77,558	\$ 138,200	\$ 138,200
Camden, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Camden	\$ -	\$ 707	\$ 15,375	\$ 17,916	\$ 57,104	\$ 57,804
Carmel, NY; New Life Bible Church	\$ -	\$ 422	\$ -	\$ 28,477	\$ 44,992	\$ 44,992
Clinton Corners, NY; Cornerstone Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 17,244	\$ 20,624	\$ 24,725	\$ 24,725
Colebrookdale, PA; Harvest Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 303	\$ 162,640	\$ 183,226	\$ -	\$ 183,226
Coopersburg, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 7,922	\$ 277,712	\$ 348,811	\$ 833,978	\$ 916,385
Dauphin, PA; Freedom Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 3,000	\$ 514	\$ 41,254	\$ -	\$ 123,546	\$ -
Denville, NJ; Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,638	\$ 60,638	\$ 1,272	\$ 60,638
Emmaus, PA; Bethel Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 152,334	\$ 1,161	\$ 200,349	\$ 385,152	\$ 994,434	\$ 994,434
Ephrata, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata	\$ -	\$ 9,423	\$ 180,410	\$ 327,671	\$ 327,671	\$ 327,671
Exeter, PA; The Church at Exeter	\$ -	\$ 1,187	\$ 213,229	\$ 276,682	\$ 393,945	\$ 394,945
Finesville, NJ; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 5,340	\$ 19,626	\$ 28,972	\$ 100,070	\$ 100,070
Graterford, PA; Graterford Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 3,600	\$ 128,164	\$ 135,795	\$ 297,702	\$ 297,702
Harleysville, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 17,839	\$ 186,529	\$ 251,311	\$ 533,918	\$ 533,918
Harrisburg, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 20,454	\$ 316,344	\$ 384,339	\$ 666,539	\$ 668,538
Hatfield, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 50,993	\$ 33,880	\$ 167,169	\$ 275,842	\$ 554,232	\$ 554,232
Hellertown, PA; Saucon Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 15,869	\$ 2,710	\$ 63,807	\$ 87,386	\$ 22,615	\$ 215,089
Kutztown, PA; Kutztown Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 2,464	\$ 12,655	\$ 16,279	\$ 70,997	\$ 76,439
LaGrangeville, NY; Valley Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 828	\$ 26,902	\$ 33,105	\$ 71,415	\$ 71,415
Lancaster, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 51,741	\$ 454,891	\$ 562,442	\$ 1,061,370	\$ 1,136,408
Las Cruces, NM; Grace Bible Church	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ 42,107	\$ 50,052	\$ 81,504	\$ 81,504
Lebanon, PA; Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 24,236	\$ 38,236	\$ -	\$ -
Lehighton, PA; Salem Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,660	\$ 60,660	\$ 62,048	\$ 62,048
Longneck DE; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 43,974	\$ 2,272	\$ 70,135	\$ 73,007	\$ 146,322	\$ 146,322
Maple Glen, PA; Maple Glen Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 16,550	\$ 26,611	\$ 78,958	\$ 148,776	\$ 148,776
Mt. Carmel, PA; Bethany Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mt. Pocono, PA; Pocono Mountain Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 2,650	\$ 55,970	\$ 74,700	\$ 121,355	\$ 122,065
Nazareth, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 9,422	\$ 106,420	\$ 119,471	\$ 261,008	\$ 271,314
Newark, DE; Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, Delaware	\$ 557,847	\$ 24,452	\$ 359,581	\$ 1,635,365	\$ 1,635,365	\$ 1,751,218
Newark, NJ; Newark Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,137	\$ 38,137	\$ 86,373	\$ 86,373
Oley, PA; New Life Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 16,851	\$ 165,373	\$ 265,441	\$ 828,594	\$ 851,031
Paradise, PA; Paradise Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,304	\$ 68,304	\$ 145,702	\$ 33,630
Philadelphia, PA; Wissinoming Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 2,112	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,500	\$ -	\$ 29,910
Piscataway, NJ; Christ Community Church	\$ -	\$ 11,060	\$ 132,580	\$ 158,124	\$ 424,760	\$ 424,760
Quakertown, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 11,300	\$ 191,417	\$ 261,917	\$ 376,882	\$ 603,396
Reading, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 15,323	\$ 170,883	\$ 193,288	\$ 496,872	\$ 496,872
Reading, PA; La Roca de Reading	\$ -	\$ 4,353	\$ 23,365	\$ 31,218	\$ -	\$ 79,057
Red Hill, PA; Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 1,440	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 193,300	\$ -	\$ -
Royersford, PA; Royersford Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 1,910	\$ 50,766	\$ 55,957	\$ 143,339	\$ 164,613
Shamokin, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 1,484	\$ 57,578	\$ 71,362	\$ 138,878	\$ 138,878
Sinking Spring, PA; Calvary Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 47,962	\$ 669,441	\$ 1,463,597	\$ 1,530,806	\$ 1,511,560
Spring City, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,756	\$ 47,006	\$ 113,277	\$ 113,277
Steeltown, PA; Grace Fellowship	\$ -	\$ 1,198	\$ 20,209	\$ 21,407	\$ 29,721	\$ 40,958
Stroudsburg, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sunbury, PA; Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 71,758	\$ 127,603	\$ 371,524	\$ 594,301
Terre Hill, PA; Berean Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,466	\$ 49,878	\$ 116,204	\$ 116,204
Townsend, DE; theMission	\$ -	\$ 13,500	\$ 26,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 158,700
Wallingford, PA; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 11,350	\$ 222,280	\$ 299,370	\$ 660,569	\$ 681,180
Walnutport, PA Northern Lehigh Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 4,596	\$ 113,043	\$ 117,639	\$ 117,639	\$ 184,630
Whitehall, PA; Fellowship Community Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,350	\$ 15,040	\$ 74,850
Whitehall, PA; Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 57,425	\$ 2,995	\$ 48,013	\$ 108,723	\$ 248,965	\$ 295,969
Woodbury Heights, NJ; New Beginnings Bible Fellowship Church	\$ 42,100	\$ 2,000	\$ 47,386	\$ 108,486	\$ 185,825	\$ 185,825
York, PA; Faith Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 77,512	\$ 79,763	\$ 148,281	\$ 170,574
Total	\$ 941,082	\$ 468,766	\$ 7,362,293	\$ 11,464,438	\$ 18,693,413	\$ 20,420,643
Allentown, PA; El Faro (Lighthouse Church)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000
Cape May Court House, NJ; Cape Community Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,616	\$ 43,616	\$ 43,616	\$ 43,616
Chestertown, MD; Grace Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,000	\$ 63,945
Fogelsville, PA; Orchard Hills Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Forks, PA; Forks Community Church	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 45,730	\$ 49,730	\$ -	\$ -
Gettysburg, PA; Bible Fellowship Church of Adams County	\$ -	\$ 1,400	\$ 29,423	\$ 30,823	\$ 70,323	\$ 70,323
Milford, DE; Hope Community Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,127	\$ 14,127	\$ 14,127	\$ 14,127
Naples, FL; Covenant Bible Fellowship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
W. Norriton, PA; Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ 1,900	\$ 132,897	\$ 138,297	\$ 202,067	\$ 240,012
Grand Total	\$ 941,082	\$ 470,666	\$ 7,495,190	\$ 11,602,735	\$ 18,895,480	\$ 20,660,655

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BFC Life Committee

Mailing Address: PO Box 3555, Allentown, PA 18106
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Victory Valley Camp

Mailing Address: 7472 Sigmund Road, Zionsville, PA 18092
Phone: 610.966.5880
Fax: 610.967.2267
Website: www.victoryvalleycamp.org
email: info@victoryvalleycamp.org
Director: Douglas J. Manwiller

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Allentown, PA Cedar Crest BFC	10:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
610-432-2200 610-435-4006 info@cedarcrest.church Cliff Boone, Jonathan H. King, Christopher Von Holt, John LoRusso	1151 S. Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown, PA 18103 Mailing: Same www.cedarcrest.church			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Allentown, PA Lighthouse BFC (El Faro)		11:00 a.m.		7:00 p.m. Youth Group
484-387-0936 revstevediaz@hotmail.com Stephen A. Diaz	641 Genesee St., Allentown, PA 18103 Mailing: Same www.lighthousebfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Bethlehem, PA Ebenezer BFC	10:05 a.m.	8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
610-868-5501 610-868-6939 office@aplaceforyou.org Tim Gibson, Dick Bickings, Jeremy Harkins, Mike Notary	3100 Hecktown Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18020 Mailing: Same www.aPlaceForYou.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Blandon, PA Trinity BFC	11:00 a.m.	9:15 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
610-926-4594 610-916-4777 trinitybfc@gmail.com Daniel L Williams, Jerry Brush, Brad Kunkle	220 Main St, Blandon, PA 19510 Mailing: PO Box 739, Blandon, PA 19510 www.trinitybfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Boyertown, PA Harvest Fellowship		10:00 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
610-367-2853 harvest.fellowship@yahoo.com Barry T Parsons	240 Berks St, Boyertown, PA 19464 Mailing: Same www.harvestfellowshipchurch.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Brick, NJ Community BFC		10:30 a.m.		
732-539-3702 L. Marc Sweet	500 Aurora Place, Brick, NJ 08723 Mailing: PO Box N, Brick, NJ 08723 www.communitybfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Camden, DE BFC of Camden	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
302-697-0434 camdenbfc@gmail.com R. Daniel Wagner	201 East Camden-Wyoming Avenue, Camden, DE 19934 Mailing: Same www.camdenbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Cape May Court House, NJ Cape Community Church		10:30 a.m.		
609-465-2338 office@capecommunitychurch.org Brad Boyer	1159 Route 9 South, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 Mailing: Same www.capecommunitychurch.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Carmel, NY New Life Bible Church	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.		
845-225-4620 info@newlifebfcny.org	476 Farmers Mill Road, Carmel, NY 10512 Mailing: Same			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Chestertown, MD Grace Community	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.		
410-778-0390 gracebfcchestertown@gmail.com James D. Reff II	400 Morgnec Rd., Chestertown, MD 21620 Mailing: Same www.gracebfcchestertown.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Pleasant Valley, NY Cornerstone BFC	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
845-266-8057 cornerstonebfc@optimum.net David R. Way	216 West Rd, Apt 75, Pleasant Valley, NY 12514 Mailing: Same none			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Coopersburg, PA Calvary BFC	10:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m. & 11:10 a.m.		6:15 p.m.
610-282-3161 610-282-9546 church@calvarybfc.org David J. Peters, Richard T. Paashaas, Timothy S. Hogan, 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 BFC	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
717 579-4414 church@freedombfc.com Mark E. Barninger	409 Allegheny Street, Dauphin , PA 17020 Mailing: Same www.freedombfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Denville, NJ BFC of Denville	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
973-625-1880 Richard D. Harris	263 Diamond Spring Rd, Denville, NJ 07834 Mailing: Same www.bfcdenville.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Emmaus, PA Bethel Church	9:45 a.m.	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
610-965-2682 610-965-4534 bethel@bethelbfc.org David Smith, David N Schoen, David K Schlonecker, Jared Burkholder	418 Elm Street, Emmaus, PA 18049 Mailing: Same www.bethelbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Ephrata, PA BFC of Ephrata	9:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
717-733-2526 717-733-4122 ebfc@ephratabfc.com Jason Hoy, Dan Krall	491 Peach Road, Ephrata, PA 17522 Mailing: PO Box 299, Ephrata, PA 17522 www.ephratabfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Birdsboro, PA Exeter BFC	10:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.		
610-582-4191 Stanley P. Lauterback	926 Philadelphia Terrace, Birdsboro, PA 19508 Mailing: Same www.ExeterBFC.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Phillipsburg, NJ Calvary BFC	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
908-995-7678 Byron Widger	191 County Road 627, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865 Mailing: Same www.finesvillebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Fogelsville, PA Orchard Hills Church		10:00 a.m.		
info@orchardhills.church Benjamin Triestman	7850 Lime Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051 Mailing: PO Box 457 Fogelsville, PA 18051 www.orchardhills.church			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Tatamy, PA Forks Community Church		10:30 a.m.		
484-548-0251 info@forkscommunitychurch.org Timothy M. 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 BFC of Adams County	11:15 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		
717-337-1900 info@adamscountybfc.com John J. Hanner	895 Coleman Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 Mailing: Same www.adamscountybfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Collegetown, PA Graterford BFC	9:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
610-489-9389 Mark R. Orton	693 Church Road, Collegetown, PA 19426 Mailing: Same www.graterfordbible.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Harleysville, PA Faith BFC	9:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
215-256-6026 215-256-6459 office@faithbfc.org Andrew T. Crossgrove, Michael W. Walker	140 Harleysville Pike, Harleysville, PA 19438 Mailing: Same www.faithbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Harrisburg, PA Grace BFC	9:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
717-652-5229 717-671-4760 church@gracebfc.com Joshua P. Miller, Stephen J. DelDuco	1250 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112 Mailing: Same www.gracebfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Hatfield, PA Bethany BFC	9:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday 9:30 a.m.
215-855-2449 215-855-8756 bethanyoffice@bethanybfc.org Howard N. Wells, Joel B. Klase	75 West Broad Street, Hatfield, PA 19440 Mailing: Same www.bethanybfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Bethlehem, PA Saucon Community BFC		10:00 a.m.		
610-838-3111 info@sauconbfc.org Keith A. Strunk	2190 Easton Road, Bethlehem, PA 18015 Mailing: PO Box 317, Hellertown, PA 18055 www.sauconbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Kutztown, PA Kutztown BFC	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
484-601-2610 info@kutztownbfc.org Ezekiel Mack	15170 Kutztown Road, Kutztown, PA 19530 Mailing: Same www.kutztownbfc.org			

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Lagrangeville, NY Valley BFC	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
845-724-3984 valleybible@optonline.com Dennis W Spinney	1875 Clove Road, Lagrangeville, NY 12540 Mailing: Same www.valleybfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Lancaster, PA Faith BFC	9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.	9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.		
717-285-1900 717-285-1913 office@faithbfc.com David A. Thomann, Keith M. Long, Greg Uhrich, Neil Franklin, Nate Miller	151 Donerville Road, Lancaster, PA 17603 Mailing: Same www.faithbfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Las Cruces, NM Grace Bible Church	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
575-532-1234 gracebiblechurchLC@gmail.com David M. Poland	2801 Missouri Ave. Suite 15, Las Cruces, NM 88011 Mailing: PO Box 13861, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88013 www.gracelasruces.com			

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Lebanon, PA Lebanon BFC	9:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
717-273-4802 717-273-1568 info@lebanonbfc.org Calvin T. Reed, David E. Brandt, Jarrod J. Cruise	1635 Mill Road, Lebanon, PA 17042 Mailing: Same www.lebanonbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Lehighton, PA Salem BFC	11:15 a.m.	9:30 a.m.		6:00 p.m.
570-386-2578 570-386-2578 salembfc@ptd.net Robert A. Johnson	1105 Fredericks Grove Road, Lehighton, PA 18235 Mailing: Same www.salembfc.wixsite.com/salembfc			

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Long Neck, DE New Life BFC	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
302-945-8145 admin@newlife-bfc.org Andrew Barnes	24771 Cannon Rd., Long Neck, DE 19966 Mailing: Same www.newlife-bfc.org			

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Horsham , PA Maple Glen BFC	9:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		
215-646-1220 215-646-1220 mgbfc@juno.com Louis Pronnicki	700 E. Welsh Rd, Horsham , PA 19002 Mailing: PO Box 3102, Ambler, PA 19002 www.mapleglenchurch.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Merida, YUCATAN Iglesia Biblica La Roca	10:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.		7:30 p.m.
999-195-2093 iblaroca@outlook.com Marcos G. Ramirez	Calle 42 #303A Entre 53 Y 53C Fracc. Francisco De Montejo, Merida, YUCATAN 97203 Mailing: Same			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Milford, DE Hope Community BFC		10:00 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
302-448-1299 philiphennyruiz@gmail.com Philip H. Ruiz	103 S. Maple Avenue, Milford, DE 19963 Mailing: Same			

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Mt. Carmel, PA Bethany BFC	9:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
570-554-9093 bbfcmcarmel@outlook.com Roger L. Siegrist	654 Wilburton Rd, Mt. Carmel, PA 17851 Mailing: Same www.bethanybfc-mtcarmel.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Mt Pocono, PA Pocono Mt BFC	9:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.		
570-839-6922 office@pmbfc.org W. Scott Kappes	141 Montenesca Rd, Mt Pocono, PA 18344 Mailing: PO Box 300, Mt Pocono, PA 18344 www.pmbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Naples, FL Covenant Bible Fellowship		10:00 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
239-910-0766 office@cbfnaples.com Jason Filbert	7345 Davis Blvd. 3, Naples, FL 34104 Mailing: Same www.cbfnaples.com			

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Nazareth, PA Grace BFC	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
610-759-7036 gracebfcnaz@rcn.com Carl J. Fischer, Jr.	100 E. Beil Ave., Nazareth, PA 18064 Mailing: Same www.gbfnaz.org			

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Newark, DE BFC of Newark, DE	10:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
302-366-8539 302-366-8542 bfcnewark@verizon.net William G. Schlonecker, Richard C. Dodson, Stephen J. Morton	808 Old Baltimore Pike, Newark, DE 19702 Mailing: Same www.bfcnewarkde.org			

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Newark , NJ Newark BFC	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	
973-373-3677 973-373-3677 newarkbiblefellowshipchurchnj@gmail.com Ron Burgess	30 Randolph Place, Newark , NJ 07108 Mailing: Same www.newarkbiblefellowshipchurchnj.org			

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Oley, PA New Life BFC	9:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
610-987-3192 610-987-6654 info@newlifebfc.org James D. MacArthur, Ben Bailey	2960 W Philadelphia Ave, Oley, PA 19547 Mailing: Same www.newlifebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Paradise, PA Paradise BFC	9:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
717-687-7577 office@paradisebfc.org Jesse A. Benack	3092 Lincoln Hwy E, Paradise, PA 17562 Mailing: PO Box 217, Paradise, PA 17562 www.paradisebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Philadelphia, PA Wissinoming BFC	9:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		7 p.m.
215-743-3751 rer.wbfc@gmail.com Ralph E. Ritter	4414 Van Kirk Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135 Mailing: Same			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Piscataway, NJ Christ Community Church	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.		
732-393-9800 church@christcommunitynj.com Dennis M. Cahill, Richard B. Ravis	2008 Ethel Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854 Mailing: 1347 Stelton Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854 www.christcommunitynj.com			

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Quakertown, PA Grace BFC	9:00 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:45 p.m.
215-536-6096 215-536-7335 grace@quakertownbfc.org Ronald L. Kohl, Timothy S. Radcliff	1811 Old Bethlehem Pk. N., Quakertown, PA 18951 Mailing: Same www.quakertownbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Reading, PA Grace BFC	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:15 p.m.
610-375-2333 610-375-6002 info@gracebcreading.org Randall A Grossman, Nathaniel LeTowt	1128 Hampden Blvd., Reading, PA 19604 Mailing: Same www.gracebcreading.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Reading, PA La Roca de Reading ICB/The Rock of Reading BFC	1:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
610-376-2468 hispanicbfcinreading@hotmail.com Carlos G. Rodriguez	1128 Hampden Blvd, Reading, PA 19604 Mailing: Same www.larocadereading.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Red Hill, PA Community BFC		10:00 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
215-541-4880 communityredhill@verizon.net Jim Arcieri	426 Main St, Red Hill, PA 18076 Mailing: PO Box 281, Red Hill, PA 18076 www.communityredhill.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Royersford, PA Royersford BFC		10:15 a.m.		
610-948-9764 info@rbfconnect.org Ronald Erb	431 N. Lewis Rd, Royersford, PA 19468 Mailing: Same www.rbfconnect.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Shamokin, PA Calvary BFC	9:30 a.m.	10:35 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	
570-648-1466 570-648-1466 calvarybfc1@verizon.net Ferdie R. Madara	35 S 2nd St, Shamokin, PA 17872 Mailing: Same www.calvarybfcshamokin.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Sinking Spring, PA Calvary BFC	9:47 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:11 a.m.	8:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 9:47 a.m., 11:11 a.m.		
610-678-5166 610-678-6727 cbfc@cbfc.net S. Wayne Rissmiller, Paul Harvey, Greg Carder, Errin Mulberry,	4891 Penn Ave., Sinking Spring, PA 19608 Mailing: Same www.cbfc.net			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Spring City, PA Faith BFC	9:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.		
610-948-9448 excitingfaith@gmail.com Jeffrey A. Kauffman	25 Pennhurst Road, Spring City, PA 19475 Mailing: Same www.myfaithbfc.com			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Steelton, PA Grace Fellowship	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
717-982-6779 gracesteelton@gmail.com	747 N. Front Street, Steelton, PA 17113 Mailing: Same www.graceinsteelton.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Stroudsburg, PA Berean BFC	11:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	
570-421-0617 secretary@bereanbfc.org Beau E. Coffman	1028 Tara View Drive, Stroudsburg, PA 18360 Mailing: Same www.bereanbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Sunbury, PA Emmanuel BFC	9:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.		6:30 p.m.
570-286-8313 570-286-8025 ebfc.sunbury@gmail.com Joshua P. Gibson, Jules J. Hull III,	967 Mile Hill Road, Sunbury, PA 17801 Mailing: Same www.emmanuelbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Terre Hill, PA Terre Hill BFC	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
717 445-4401 terrehillbfc@gmail.com Kevin W. Kirkpatrick	407 W. Main St., Terre Hill, PA 17581 Mailing: PO Box 208, Terre Hill, PA 17581 www.terrehillbfc.org			

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

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
W. Norriton, PA Redeemer Church	9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		
484-302-0124 info@redeemberbfc.org Scott Wright	2460 Blvd. of the Generals, W. Norriton, PA 19403 Mailing: PO Box 170 , Eagleville, PA 19408 www.redeemberbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Wallingford, PA Grace BFC	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.		7 p.m.
610-876-8725 610-876-8725 office@gracebfc.org Aaron Susek, Timothy Cowen, Mark Bickel	723 S. Providence Road, Wallingford, PA 19086 Mailing: Same www.Gracebfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Walnutport, PA Northern Lehigh BFC	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		
610-760-3310 northernlehighbfc@gmail.com Aaron D. Smith	840 S. Best Ave. , Walnutport, PA 18088 Mailing: Same www.NorthernLehigh.org			

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

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Whitehall, PA Whitehall BFC	9:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
610-434-8661 office@whitehallbfc.org Timothy J. Schmoyer	3300 Seventh Street, Whitehall, PA 18052 Mailing: Same www.Whitehall.Church			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Woodbury Heights, NJ New Beginnings BFC	9:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		7:00 p.m.
856-686-0555 856-686-0557 office.nbbfc@gmail.com Timothy R. Nessler	335 Glassboro Rd, Bld A, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097 Mailing: Same www.newbeginningsbfc.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
York, PA Faith BFC of York	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
717-846-7749 yorkbfc@gmail.com	675 Woodland View Dr., York, PA 17406 Mailing: Same www.faithbfcyork.org			

City, State, Church Name	SS	AM	PM	Prayer
Zionsville, PA Zionsville BFC	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		Thursday 7:00 p.m.
610-967-3048 zionsvillebiblefellowship@gmail.com Bryan C. McNally	6401 Vera Cruz Road S, Zionsville, PA 18092 Mailing: Same www.zbfcchurch.org			

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