

BFC Conference Proceedings – 2019

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.