

BFC Conference Proceedings – 2019

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 Judiciary:

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)

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)

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.