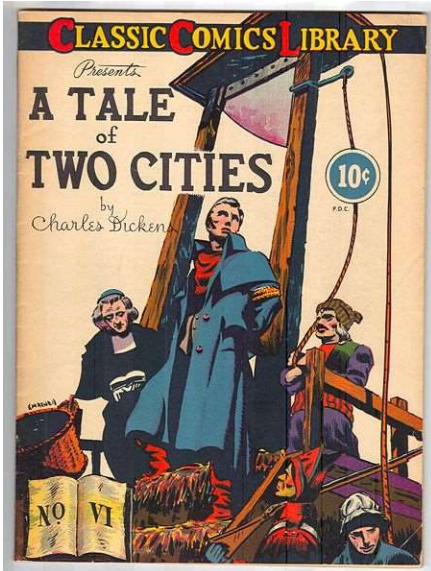


Richard Taylor's Report for 2021



"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair." This quote from Charles Dickens' novel, A Tale Of Two Cities, could easily have been written in 2021.

The Best of Times, the Worst of Times

Optimism or pessimism? The pandemic is not over. Hurricanes devastate our coasts. Fires burn ancient forests. Abortion still says the unborn do not matter. It does seem like the worst of times. Yet, the work of God's kingdom continues to move ahead full tilt. The work of Church Extension Ministries does as well. While you might have expected the work of church planting to take a hit, it clearly has not. Those of us who are part of this ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church are excited and encouraged to see the progress. You can check out the individual

stories on our website, www.churchplantingbfc.org.

A Personal Update

Let me give you a bit of a snap shot of our personal lives. Joyce and I are in pretty good health. We walk three miles nearly every week day so we are not at death's door. Joyce has some arthritic things. She continues to clean for selected clients and is the promoter of communication with our grandchildren. We enjoyed a week at Pinebrook Bible Conference with three of our six families. Outside of that, I do not lack for things to do. I teach a course for The Urban Ministry Institute. I go through about three modules each year. I meet nearly every week with several people who want to be familiar with the Bible. I have just been able to begin volunteering again at CityTeam in Chester, Pennsylvania, a rehabilitation ministry. I do anything from peeling potatoes, to preaching and have just begun mentoring a man there. I have also just begun to help teach fourth and fifth graders at my home church, Grace Bible Fellowship Church in Wallingford, Pennsylvania. I still serve as chairman of the Board of Church Extension and am part of several sub-committees. I also am part of the Ministerial Candidate Committee of the Bible Fellowship Church. For fun, I love tracing the stories of Bible Fellowship Church history. Occasionally, I am able to help other pastors by filling their pulpit when requested.

Prayer Requests

- **That the Lord would provide my full support**
- **That I would be wise, sensitive, and faithful**
- **That I would have more opportunities to preach on Sunday mornings and share the ministry of Church Extension**

Church Extension Mentoring Update



At a recent Church Extension Training Day, I got to spend quality time with Brad Boyer (standing) and John Hanner (seated).

My primary focus is my work for Church Extension which shows in my title, Mentoring Assistant. I work most closely with Pastors John Hanner in Adams County and Brad Boyer in Cape May County. My task is to support them, help them talk through some of the knotty issues that arise in ministry, and enjoy their friendship. I really appreciate these men and am grateful for the opportunity to come beside them in their work.

I am grateful for the tasks that God has sent my way. And, even though it is the best of times and the worst of times, I am excited about what God is allowing me to do.

And yes, you can pray for me. It is difficult for me to be specific in my role as a supporter. I have a standard response when people ask me how they can pray for me. I ask them to pray that I may be wise, sensitive and faithful. That prayer request covers a lot of territory and seems very general but I will appreciate your specific support. For those who support me financially, a big thanks. If you are looking for someone to support, you have lots of good choices in Church Extension Ministries and I offer myself as another.

For His Glory,

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