



Richard Taylor's Report

Church Extension Ministries of the Bible Fellowship Church

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Personal Updates

I will begin with some personal updates. I am grateful for our good health. Joyce and I normally walk 3 miles a day. Our town (Brookhaven PA) has sidewalks on almost every street, so walking is not a dangerous undertaking and pleasant when the sun is shining. Joyce and I have been blessed with 6 children and their families which include 14 grandchildren. They are scattered: Washington State, Indiana, Virginia (2) and Pennsylvania (2). Personal visits don't happen often but there is a wonderful invention called the cell phone. Keeping in touch is a snap and we are grateful that we do keep in touch. As you might suspect, all of my children, their spouses and their children are above average. I am proud of my children but quickly add that they are what they are, not because of us, but in spite of us. God has been gracious to us and we are very aware of it.

Church Extension Ministries

My role as the Chairman of the Board of Church Extension has continued. I facilitate board meetings and sign an occasional legal document. I am part of several subcommittees so I get my fill of meetings. You cannot call me a figure head, but I am not far from that. My activity changed when I was asked to serve as Mentoring Assistant and I was suddenly more involved in the day to day routines. I meet with a couple of our men and give whatever support I can. Sometimes, I answer questions. Sometimes I offer counsel. Sometimes I offer suggestions. Sometimes I just encourage.



Brad Boyer receives the Charter for Cape Community Church from BFC Executive Director David Allen

Mentoring

I have been connected to Cape Community Church in Cape May county, New Jersey as mentor to Church Planter Brad Boyer. It was a joy to see them received into the Bible Fellowship Church Conference this year as a particular church. They continue to grow and have a vibrant ministry in a very needy community. I will continue to meet with their board of elders in an advisory way. They are blessed with a great leadership team.



I attended the Chartering celebration for Cape Community Church.

I was mentoring Church Planter John Hanner with the Adams County Mission Church. I am delighted that they are pressing on and will be assessed in November to see if they are ready for graduation as a particular church.

I am now working with Pastor Steve Morton as our new church plant in Elkton, MD begins. A group from the Bible Fellowship Church in Newark, DE has agreed to be the nucleus for this new work. It is exciting to see their enthusiasm. They have secured a meeting place at the Elkton Community Center which will serve them well right now. The Bible Fellowship Church is committed to be an expanding fellowship of churches so it is great to see Elkton added to the list.

*Would you please pray for God to provide **\$75 per month** so I can be fully supported?*

If you are interested, please use the enclosed card to give or go to ChurchPlantingBFC.org/Donate to set up a recurring gift. Thank you!

Other Ministries

I also serve the Lord in a variety of other directions. I mentor men in recovery at CityTeam in Chester, PA. I help teach children in 3rd – 5th grades at my home church, Grace BFC in Wallingford PA. I spend one or two Sundays a month visiting the churches to which I am connected. On occasion, I am asked to preach. For example, I was able to fill the pulpit multiple times at our newest Mission Church in Harmony, NJ. Harmony BFC was an independent churches who has recently connected with the BFC.

So, what is ahead? The future is God's business and I am content to know it is all in His loving hands. At this point, I will continue to do what I am doing. My frustrations are about being so scattered in what I do. If you ask what would I give up, the answer is nothing. I am grateful for the opportunities to serve. God is gracious to allow someone like me to be part of what He is doing.

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