



Richard Taylor's **Final** Report

Church Extension Ministries of the Bible Fellowship Church

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Personal Updates

Wow! It has been a head spinning few months for me. In April I fell (don't ask) and broke my femur (largest bone in body) and a piece of my pelvic bone. It means I am unable to drive and must depend on others if I am to go somewhere. That's the bad news.

The good news is technology. I have been able to maintain most of my connections through meetings on Zoom and so have stayed somewhat involved. I would much rather be in person at these meetings, but Zoom is better than nothing at all.

One In Christ BFC: Elkton Mission Church

My primary responsibility has been to advise our new ministry in Elkton MD. I have continued to meet with their leadership team. I try to attend their Sunday morning worship on occasion, but I have been unable recently. They are progressing. The big item is their merger with another church with whom they have had close contact. They are now known as One In Christ BFC. Elkton is a spiritually needy community. Pastor Steve Morton has provided great leadership. He is now joined by Daquan Gibson as the assistant church planter. They make a good team. Pray that the adjustments of the merger will go well and the ministry in Elkton will continue to draw people to trust Jesus. They have secured office space which helps to give them identity in the community. They still need a more permanent Sunday morning meeting place. Finding places to meet is a big item now for church planting.



Yours truly (right) at the launch of Elkton BFC in 2023.

Church Extension Ministries

I have continued my other responsibilities. I meet with the staff at their meetings and the Vision and Strategy Committee. When I am able, I support a couple of other sub-committees. My denominational involvement continues though it is decreasing. I am very grateful that God has given me several ways to minister.

Ending My Role as Mentoring Assistant

Having said that, this will be my last communication as part of the Church Extension leadership. It is time for me to step aside so a new and more gifted generation can take over. I will still be available to support this critical work. I tell people that my value is not in what I do but in what I know. When I started serving in my role as Mentoring Assistant, I agreed to continue as long as our director David Gundrum continued, but he is transitioning to different responsibilities for Church Extension. Early in 2026, David Gundrum will become the Director of Expansion and Development and will assist the new Director of Church Extension Ministries with mergers and connections. As Director of Expansion and Development, David will also assist all the Bible Fellowship Church departments with fundraising for projects under the direction of the BFC Executive Board.

I want to thank those who have faithfully given prayer and financial support. I cannot come to visit each of you to tell you how much you have meant. My salaried part of the work will end December 31. I hope to be a supporter in whatever capacity I am able.

Continued Partnership with Church Extension

I encourage you to continue your support for the ministry of church planting in the Bible Fellowship Church. You might consider continuing your support by directing it to Daquan Gibson in Elkton or to the new director of Church Extension Ministries. Keep an eye on the Antiochan Report emails for more details on the director transition.

I am not going away. I will continue to be involved in Church Extension and BFC ministry as God gives me ability. God has been gracious to give me opportunities even with my physical limitations. Paul wrote to the Philippians, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you..." Not an original thought with me, but it expresses what I feel when I think of you.



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