



From the pastor: **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**



The meeting was called to order at 3:05 by the chairman of the elders, Val Cullen. Forty-eight members were in attendance.

Gail Camperman led in the opening prayer. The minutes of the 2017 Annual Conference were read silently and approved. Each of the reports in turn were presented, usually by the chairman of the committee. Each report revealed that Heritage Bible Church is active in ministry. Some things of special notice include the following:

Trustee chair, Tony Couch, reported that regular maintenance on our facility was done. In addition, **two projectors and a 70" Smart flat TV screen were installed in the sanctuary, the church's telephone system was replaced, the copier/printer was replaced, a 40" Smart TV was installed in a Sunday school room, some playground equipment was purchased.**

Finance chair, Gail Fox, reported that **we received \$22,942.19 above our budget.** Treasurer Tom Holmes presented a detailed record of the income and expenses of 2017. **Receipts for the year totaled \$301,923.19** and disbursements totaled \$331,262.07. Several designated funds were used during the year. **Cash balances for all funds at 12/31/17 were \$88,811.67.**

Joseph Ashbrook presented the Missions Report. Twenty-nine people, projects, and/or organizations received monthly mission support, plus one-time love offerings and special gifts were given at different occasions to those in ministry. **Mission disbursements for 2017 totaled \$65,954.85.**

At least seventeen inmates were saved through the jail ministry. The Emmaus Bible Correspondence Courses have disciplined many inmates in various prisons. Others were saved through other ministries.

On a discouraging note, **our membership and church attendance have decreased** instead of increasing. The pastor encouraged everybody to pray and to work to reverse this trend.

At 4:00 p.m. at the conclusion of the reports, conference adjourned for a break and then reconvened in the sanctuary to celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

At 4:30 p.m. Val Cullen called the meeting back to order for the purpose of voting on a new Senior Pastor. The ministry committee presented Mr. Brian Rice as the candidate. He spoke for a few minutes and then he and Rachel were dismissed from the meeting. After some discussion and prayer, the vote was taken by secret ballot and 92% voted in favor of Brian being the next Senior Pastor, effective on April 1, 2018. Mr. Brian accepted the call.

Under new business, Janna Camperman presented a new project for consideration, "Garden of Promise." This is a plan for a community vegetable garden on the property across the "Hazard Creek" ditch. A bridge will be needed for access and **a motion was made, seconded, and passed to create a "bridge fund" as the first step toward this project.**

A budget of \$245,700 was adopted for 2018. The elders were confirmed. Officers and members of the Governing Board were elected. The Annual Conference was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. and Pastor Brian Rice closed the meeting in prayer.

Men's Retreat February 16-17
 Arrival time is 5 p.m. Feb. 16. Cost is \$50 before Feb. 2 and \$75 after that. (Cost includes Fri. dinner and Sat. lunch & dinner)
 There will be no registration there so all money needs to be paid beforehand.
 Registration can be done online or see Pastor Brian to have him register you. Please let us know if you plan on coming! (Sign up sheet on the foyer table) This year's speaker is C&MA President Dr. John Stumbo. This should be a great event so make plans to come!



Venture Out:

Bible Study We will continue our Bible Study at Venture Out in February. We will meet Thursdays, at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse. See you there!

Golden Angels Luncheon Our monthly luncheon will be on February 15th at 11:30 a.m. at Triple J's on Thomas Dr.

Youth Super Bowl Party will be February 4th at 5 p.m. Contact Scott Burke for more information.

There will be no evening service on February 4th due to the Super Bowl.

Ladies Afternoon Social Saturday, February 24th we will be having a valentines ladies social from 2-4pm in the fellowship hall. We will be having a white elephant gift exchange so bring a gift that you already own or purchase one costing \$5 or less. We will be doing a craft and don't forget to bring a dessert to share!



Will meet on February 11th and 18th .



Men's Meeting for February will be February 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Sign up on the foyer table at church.



Great Commission Women will meet for food and fellowship on February 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Church! Sign up on the sheet on the foyer table if you plan to come.

The Associate Pastor Fund has been terminated. Future donations to it will go to the general operating fund.

Bridge Fund We have started a fund to build a bridge across the creek. If you would like to donate, mark your contributions "bridge fund." Total estimated cost is TBD.

Missions Conference will be February 13-16. Our guest missionary this year is Betsy Blanchard who is serving in Spain.



I grew up in a missionary home. I enjoyed many of the experiences of being an MK, and admired my parents and what they did. So I always felt it would be nice to be a missionary. But as I became older and started seeking the

Lord for the future plans He had for me, I asked Him to show me whether that was the direction He wanted me to go, or just the 'romantic notion' of a kid. I soon experienced a moment at a missions conference in which He clearly impressed to my heart, "YES, I am calling YOU to serve me as a missionary!" But I had an agenda: "Yes Lord, if you'll send me back to Argentina," where I grew up. Attending Nyack College opened my eyes to the needs all over the world! I soon gave God my agenda and agreed to go wherever He wanted to send me. I have been thrilled to be in Spain! What is your life verse? Phil. 3:10,13b&14 "I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death... Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."



♥ **Young at Heart** will be on Friday, February 16th @ 11:30 a.m. at Heritage Bible Church. With guest speaker Betsy Blanchard, missionary to Spain.

Facts & Figures 

Finances for January

For Jan 1 to Jan 30

General Operating Fund (GOF) Monthly Budget: \$ 20,475.00
 GOF Tithes and Offerings Received (4 Sundays): \$ 19,658.86
 General Operating Fund Weekly Budget: \$ 4,725.00
 GOF Avg. Weekly Tithes and Offerings (4 Sundays): \$ 4,914.72

For Year to Date 2018 (based on 1 month and 4 Sundays):

GOF Year to Date (YTD) Tithes and Offerings Budget (monthly basis):	\$ 20,475.00
GOF (YTD) Tithes and Offerings Budget (weekly basis):	\$ 18,900.00
GOF Year to Date Tithes and Offerings Received:	\$ 19,658.86
GOF Year to Date Budgeted Disbursements:	\$(20,756.48)
GOF Receipts vs GOF Disbursements and Transfers to Other Funds:	\$ (1,097.62)
GOF Balance as of Jan 30 (246% of monthly budget):	\$ 50,297.55
Average Weekly Tithes and Offerings Received (4 Sundays):	\$ 4,914.72
YTD Avg Weekly GOF Budgeted & Non Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers:	\$ 5,189.12
Missions YTD Income: Receipts (\$540) & 24% of Tithes & Offerings (\$4,718.13):	\$ 5,258.13
Missions YTD Disbursements:	\$ (5,209.57)
Missions Fund Balance:	\$ 7,206.89
Building Fund YTD Receipts:	\$ 57.56
Building Fund Disbursements:	\$ 0.00
Building Fund Balance:	\$ 5,517.24