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Church Extension Ministries of the Bible Fellowship Church

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**John 15:9 - “Just as the Father has loved me, I have also loved you; abide in my love“**

Love abounds in this statement that Jesus made to his disciples and to us.

Three loves stand out here:

- the love of the Father for Jesus,
- the love of Jesus for us, and
- Jesus’ love lived out through us.

**There is no doubt about the Father’s love for the Son.** His love was demonstrated repeatedly, even on the cross where He was pleased to see Jesus crushed for our sins. His love was focused on the greater good of this crushing satisfying His wrath and saving His people.

**There is no doubt about Jesus’ love for us.** His love was not only addressed in all He taught about His mission to come and save sinners from damnation but ultimately His love was also manifested supremely on Calvary. There was and will be a greater love than the love that poured down upon us in the

streams of His cleansing blood. Christ's love is well, described in this statement, *as the Father has loved me, I have also loved you.*

We need not doubt the Father's love for Jesus or Jesus' love for us but then there is the third love: loving others with the type of love Jesus loves.

**Do we *abide* or in other words, do we live out, the love that Jesus toward others?**

That which characterizes His love for us should characterize our love for others. His sacrifice for us, His humble approach to us, His commitment to be there when we need Him, His comfort and kindness toward us and all the other qualities of friendship and caring He extends to us should be the way we love others. It is easy to see the way the Father loves Jesus and it is clear how much Jesus loves us. However, can we say our love for others is clearly seen? May our love shine for others as the Lord's love shines down on us!

***“For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ Galatians 5:14***

By Director David Gundrum

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## **BFC Conference Ordains Two Church Planters and Receives a New Church!**



How did Harvest Fellowship get its start? Down in the catacombs. Hear the history of the church and watch its graduation in the video above.

The BFC holds its annual BFC Conference at Pinebrook Bible Conference in Stroudsburg, PA. Each year at conference, men who have completed the credentialing process are ordained. In addition, mission churches who have graduated from Church Extension are received into the fellowship.

**This year the Conference ordained two BFC church planters: James Reff planting in Chestertown, MD and Jason Filbert planting Naples, FL.**

Director Gundrum had the privilege of speaking at the ordination service. The families of both men were present and after the service on Tuesday night all gathered for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

This is always a blessed time to praise God for the men he calls to ministry and to recognize these men as servant leaders in the Kingdom. Please pray for James and Jason as they plant the churches and build His Kingdom.

**The Harvest Fellowship Church in Boyertown, PA was received into the fellowship of churches.** For the past year, Church Extension has been working with Pastor Barry Parsons and the church's elders to prepare the church for reception into the BFC. Harvest is a connectional church that sought affiliation with us because of their desire to be part of a larger association of churches and was in agreement with our doctrinal views.

Pastor Barry and a group from the church presented a video and information on the church on Monday followed by a time of fellowship.

**You are invited to the recognition service** for James Reff on Sunday June 2 at 3:00 at the Grace Community Church in Chestertown, MD. [Click here](#) for directions to the church. Jason Filbert's recognition service is on May 19 at the Naples church. It's not too late to catch a plane to go down and see the service in person!

**You are also invited to the chartering service** for Harvest Fellowship on June 2 at 10:00 at the church in Boyertown, PA. Find [driving directions here](#) on Harvest Fellowship's website.



Click play on the video above to watch the ordination service of Pastor James Reff and Pastor Jason Filbert. Also, Director David Gundrum gives the challenge to the planters.

## Did you know?



**"...“In 2017, as in the previous five years, women (79%) are more likely than men (68%) to pray weekly...married people 79% pray at higher rates than single people (69%).”**

*Barna Trends 2018,*

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## Please Praise and Pray for the Following...

1. **Praise the Lord** for the ordination of James Reff and Jason Filbert!
2. **Praise the Lord** for the reception of Harvest Fellowship into the BFC!
3. **Praise the Lord** for the leading that the Lord gave at the BFC Conference!
4. **Praise the Lord** for the meeting with a man regarding planting in Woolwich Township, NJ!
5. **Pray for the Lord to provide a church planter** for Woolwich Township, NJ!
6. **Pray for** Mark Morrison restarting ministry at Living Rock Church in Elverson! **He needs people to commit to visiting and helping him!**
7. **Pray for the Lord** to bless our efforts to plant in Topton, PA! Pray for the Lord to guide us!
8. **Pray for** Plants looking for better meeting places: Naples, Lower Providence, Forks, Milford, Upper Macungie, and South Allentown
9. **Pray for your planters in need of financial support:** Elliot Ramos, Juan Carlos Morales, Phil Ruiz, Joshua Dupiche, Jason Filbert, Brad Boyer, John Hanner, Mark Morrison, Mentor-Dick Taylor and Diego Rodriguez!
9. **Pray for the health needs of the Church Extension team.**
  - Praise for Barry Parsons's wife, Sharon, with some healing to her knee problems.
  - Pray for Carlos Rodriguez's sister, Lulu, recuperating from cancer surgery.
  - Pray for CE Board member Al Roberts going through cancer treatments.
  - Pray for Jason Filbert's parents both having physical needs.
  - Pray for healing in Scott Wright's foot.
  - Pray for Laurie Kuhns our Administrative Assistant having surgery on May 15th.

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## Upcoming Speaking Opportunities



### PRAY FOR DIRECTOR GUNDRUM'S UPCOMING SPEAKING ASSIGNMENTS

- June 2 – Chestertown, MD – Ref Ordination
- June 9 – Harleysville, PA BFC – Missions Day
- June 23 – Kutztown, PA BFC – AM Service

Spring and Summer 2019 dates are available for Director Gundrum and Staff to share at your church

*If you would like to have Director David Gundrum or Assistants Ray Bertolet and Elliot Ramos come and share the vision and mission of Church Extension Ministries, please call 610-769-4337 or email [office@churchplanting.org](mailto:office@churchplanting.org).*

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