

## **BFC Conference Proceedings – 2025**

### **Fifth meeting**

Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 7 P.M.

David Pooler called Conference's annual service of ordination to order at 7 p.m. by leading in the singing of "My Worth is Not in What I Own (At the Cross)."

Jesse A. Benack read 2 Timothy 3:16-4:5 and then prayed for the ordination service. Ordination vows were given to James L. Farver Jr., Tracy D. Haines, Eric E. Herb Jr., and Sandy H. Holbert while Richard L. Dobrowolski had his previous ordination recognized by the Bible Fellowship Church.

Jason L. Hoy presented the candidates and R. Scott Wright gave the charge to the ordinands from the above text, noting that Paul's words to his protégé Timothy serve as "a reminder of our calling and the responsibility that we have."

While Wright spoke of the overarching ministry calling of the pastor, his primary focus was on faithfulness to the Word of God – to preaching, teaching, administering, and applying the Bible to all areas of ministry. Paul's words to Timothy are as sound and as necessary now as they were when they were written: "Preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."

"It is not about you and your words. It's not about your personality. You are seed-sowers. So sow the seed and preach the Word!" Wright stressed.

"Do you trust in the sufficiency of this Word as you preach it and proclaim it?" he added.

A pastor's calling, he reminded the candidates, is all-encompassing. "We're always on duty...we're 24-7. Some people get to leave their job and go home; you don't...we're always ready."

Keith M. Long administered the vows of ordination. Members of the Ministerial Credentials Committee laid hands on each of the candidates and prayed for them. Keith A. Strunk gave the pronouncement of ordination and greeted the newly-ordained pastors.

Conference and guests sang "Take My Life and Let It Be" as a closing hymn. Ralph M. Soper gave the benediction at 7:55 p.m., whereupon the ordained ministers of the BFC greeted each new BFC pastor.

A reception in honor of these newly-ordained men followed in Pinebrook's Fellowship Hall.