

*I chose you*  
AND APPOINTED YOU...  
*so that whatever you ask in my name*  
*the Father will give you.*

JOHN 15:16 (NIV®)

CHOSEN

ANointed

HOLY  
BIBLE

Called

APPOINTED



Bible  
Fellowship  
Church

# *Service of Ordination*

143<sup>rd</sup> BFC Annual Conference  
Pinebrook Bible Conference  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 7PM

**\*Worship in Song** Conference Musicians  
O Great God

**\*Scripture & Prayer** Ralph M. Soper

**Presentation of Candidates** Keith M. Long

**For Ordination: 2026**

Jacob B. Dearmon

Jeremy L. Harkins (*ordained 2025, but missed Conference due to illness*)

Benenz J. Hitchcock

**Recognition of Previous Ordination**

Peter C. Bogert James D. MacArthur

Daniel A. Cali John P. Sullivan

Jonathan Limm

**Charge to Candidates** Jesse A. Benack

**Vows of Ordination** Jason L. Hoy

**Laying On of Hands and Prayer** Credentials Committee

**Pronouncement & Greeting** S. Wayne Rissmiller

**\*Worship in Song** Conference Musicians  
Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

**\*Benediction & Welcome Ordained Ministers  
of the Bible Fellowship Church** R. Scott Wright

*\*Congregation please stand*

# Our Newly Ordained BFC Pastors



*Peter C. Bogert*

**Lead Pastor, Calvary BFC  
Coopersburg, PA**



My family began attending a gospel-preaching church in 1964, and I came to trust Christ during my senior high school years. While in college, I was baptized and began sensing a call to ministry. With the encouragement of my pastors, parents, and friends, I enrolled at Northeastern Bible College in New Jersey, graduating in 1975.

That same spring, I was called to serve as a Pastoral Assistant at Ringwood Baptist Church. It was there that I met my wife, Laura. We were married in 1976 and are blessed with three married adult children—Stephen (46), Christy (44), and Cindy (41)—as well as seven grandchildren, with a great-grandchild expected in July. I was ordained in 1978.

We served at Ringwood for three years before, in the summer of 1980, moving to Faith Community Church in Roslyn, Pennsylvania. There, I served as Associate Pastor and spent a season as Administrator of our Christian School. In 2003, I was called to serve as Senior Pastor, a position I held until June 2017.

Laura and I moved to Center Valley in 2017. In 2020, I returned—somewhat unexpectedly—to ministry, serving part-time at Calvary. I began preaching regularly in 2023 and was called to serve as Lead Pastor of this wonderful congregation in February 2024.

# Daniel Cali

**Interim Pastor  
Bible Fellowship of Denville  
Denville, NJ**



Daniel A. Cali was born in Santa Fe, Argentina, into a Christian home where faith was a way of life. His grandfather served as pastor of the local church. Daniel accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of ten and was baptized two years later — the foundation upon which his entire life would be built. At eighteen, God's call to pastoral ministry became undeniable. Daniel pursued his Bachelor of Theology and Biblical Sciences at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, his Master of Theology at the Latin American Theological Faculty (FATELA), and pursued doctoral studies at the New York Theological Seminary in New York City. It was at the seminary that he met Estela Wutzke, who has been his faithful partner in life and ministry ever since. A Medical Assistant by profession, Estela serves her community with the same dedication she brings to the church. Together, they have two children: Bryan (19), an Aerospace Engineering student at Purdue University who serves the Lord playing the piano, and Alyson (16), a current high school student at Morris Knolls, who obtained a position for the Stanford University Summer Program Scholar who serves the Lord as a flutist and vocalist.

In 2016, Daniel answered the call to serve as Senior Pastor of the Hispanic Baptist Church in Denville, NJ. He currently serves as Pastor of Bible Fellowship Church of Denville, NJ. Since 2022, he has served on the Board of Hispanic Access Foundation and has partnered with the Luis Palau Evangelistic Association and Rotary Club International in service to the broader community. During the summers of 2023 and 2024, Daniel conducted firsthand research on the Protestant Reformation and the impact of the church mission and faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, traveling the Reformers' Route through Germany, Switzerland, England, Spain, Italy, and France — a journey that deepened his love for the Church and her history.

# Jacob Dearmon

**Associate Pastor  
of Family Ministries  
Calvary BFC, Coopersburg, PA**



I am joyfully the product of a faithful Christian home. I've known since childhood of my sin and need for a savior. I began sensing a desire to serve more, and potentially a calling to ministry, when I was in middle school, and therefore served regularly in my youth group and corporate gatherings at my local church.

In late high school, my parents felt it necessary to change churches. It was at this new church that the pastoral staff heard my desire to pursue ministry and gave me many opportunities for discipleship, theological training, teaching, and preaching. I served as a pastoral intern at this church for the four years of my time in college.

It was also through this church that I met my now-wife, Katie. We married in August 2020, and we welcomed our firstborn son, Judah, in March 2025—though our hands are often fuller, as we also have the joy of serving as foster parents! Katie has been incredibly impactful in both my personal walk with the Lord and in all the ways she helps in the various ministries of the church alongside me. She has been a great (and undeserved) gift from God to me.

After college, I was brought to Calvary BFC as the youth director in August 2020. I was blessed by them to be able to allocate time and resources to attend Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary online, where I received my MDIV in 2025, and am continuing my education pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree in Expository Preaching. As my role evolved over time, I now joyfully serve the church as the Associate Pastor of Family Ministries.



# Jeremy Harkins

**Worship Pastor**  
**Ebenezer BFC, Bethlehem, PA**



Jeremy grew up in a loving Christian family in the Altoona, PA area. He surrendered his life to Christ when he was 13 years old at his home church after hearing a particular Sunday sermon. He remembers feeling broken over his sin and knew Christ was the only one who could free him from the guilt and hopelessness. Since his early teen years, singing and music have always been an important part of his life, but it wasn't until he attended Grace College in Indiana that he learned to play the guitar. Music became an outlet for Jeremy – a way to connect to himself, to the Lord, and to others. He joined the college's traveling ministry band which opened the door for God's leading in his life. Jeremy graduated with a Bachelors in Business and Marketing and after pursuing a career in that field, he felt God was leading him to full-time ministry.

He was the Worship Director for several churches in the central Pennsylvania area before meeting his wife and making the move to the Lehigh Valley. Shortly after moving to the Valley, Jeremy and his family began attending Calvary BFC in Coopersburg where Jeremy served on the worship team. In 2015 he was hired on as the Worship Pastor at Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church where he currently still serves. Jeremy finds great joy in ministering through music, cultivating relationships, and all areas of discipleship. He is so thankful for God's sustained grace in every season of his life and for allowing him the opportunity to use his gifts to build the kingdom. It is always about our good and HIS GLORY!

Jeremy has been married to his wife Lindsay for 14 years and they have three children – Luke (13), Livy (10), and Aspen (7). They live in Saylorsburg, PA on a piece of land that is just the right size for the homestead they enjoy cultivating together as a family.

*\* Jeremy was ordained in 2025, but missed Annual Conference due to illness, so we are recognizing him now.*

# *Benenz Hitchcock*

**Teaching Pastor**  
**Zionsville BFC, Zionsville, PA**



I was saved in my twenties through the Bible teaching ministry of Todd Friel and Wretched Radio. I had known that there was a God of some kind, but I did not know Him. I had hit the lowest point in my life. I had enjoyed the pleasures of this world, but they got me nowhere. It was at this time that the Lord made Himself known. What followed was an insatiable appetite for the Word of God and a desire to tell others about Him.

My wife, Krystle, was converted a year after me and we were married one year later in 2012. Since then, the Lord has blessed us with 5 children, Phoebe, Titus, Eden, Solomon, and Benenz.

Soon after being converted the Lord gave me a desire to serve in the local church. After attending several local churches, we eventually began attending Grace BFC in Quakertown. It was here that the aspiration for the ministry grew. We were also given the opportunity to serve. Krystle and I co-taught children's Sunday School, and I served as a Deacon and an Elder.

During my time at Grace, the Lord opened an opportunity to attend Reformed Baptist Seminary from where I graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity in 2023. While attending seminary, I had several opportunities at a variety of churches to preach, all the while having many people from Grace telling me that I would make a solid pastor one day.

This came to fruition in mid-2023 when I was called to pastor Zionsville BFC, where I have had the privilege of serving since.



# Jonathan Limm

Discipleship Pastor  
Newark BFC, Newark, DE



Every testimony is a continuation of the Church's great commission, which the Lord has made especially clear to me. Scottish missionaries brought the gospel to Korea, where my father became a believer. An underground church in China shared the good news with my mother. I grew up in a Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Maryland where missionaries would visit, telling their stories of God's love for the nations. I believed, was baptized, and learned the Bible through the ministry of that Church.

God captured my heart while at Towson University (2003-2007) through a student ministry, where I thrived in Christian fellowship. A fellow student named Linsey, a woman whose worth goes beyond words, captured my heart as well. We joined in marriage in 2009. We grew together during a 13-year period where I worked in finance. We attended and served at two church plants during this season, while being blessed with children: Aiden (2013) and Ellie (2015).

The Lord called me to Pastoral ministry while we attended Sycamore Hill Church. I graduated with a Masters in Theological Studies from Gateway Seminary in 2023 and have been in full-time pastoral ministry since 2021.

In 2024, the Lord called me to serve at BFCN as Discipleship Pastor. I oversee small groups, young adults ministry, empower lay-led ministries, and preach and teach the Bible. I joyfully serve Christ my King, continuing the work of many who have gone before while calling others to follow after.



# James L. MacArthur

Director  
BFC Board of Missions



Although Jim grew up in a Christian home and made a profession of faith around 10 years old at a Boys Brigade camp, it wasn't until his first year in tech college that he became serious about his faith. After Lancaster Bible College, he began his construction career as a carpenter. In 1982, Jim and Trudi were called to serve with Christar in Suriname, South America, initially to run a camp, and later to serve as church planters. With the church established, he was asked to be the US Director of Christar. The MacArthur's last year in missions was spent in Indonesia with the goal of church planting. Jim then was called to be the Executive Pastor of New Life BFC in Oley, a role he served in for 18 years. In early 2024, Dave Allen reached out to ask him to become the Director of the Board of Missions. The Lord worked in his heart for several months and he was approved at Annual Conference 2024. Jim has been serving in that role since July 2024.

Jim and Trudi have 5 adult sons, 3 daughters-in-law and 8 grandchildren.



# John Sullivan

Senior Pastor  
Grace BFC, Nazareth, PA



I grew up in a mostly nominal Christian church but came to Christ in High School through the influence of my dad, and high school friend Roy. Up until that point, I always believed in Christianity in theory but finally came to see the depth of my own sin and my need for Christ to be first in my life. The truth and mercy of the gospel opened my eyes and I turned to Him.

During the summer between High School and college I delved deep into scripture for the first time. I began reading and devouring the Bible, listening to expositional sermons almost daily and attending church services or Bible studies 4-5 times per week. In college, campus ministries grew my passion for discipleship, evangelism and reaching our culture as well.

Through these campus ministries, I began regularly leading Bible studies and personal evangelism, sensing a growing call to ministry. I eventually served with Campus Crusade, went on to Westminster Seminary and interned at Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. All through this, I gained valuable experience and knowledge and my call to ministry was further confirmed. In the following years, I moved into increasingly pastoral roles.

My wife and I met at Tenth Presbyterian in 2010 and were married in 2014. We have been best friends ever since we met and today we also have 3 crazy kids to chase around.

We started at Grace BFC Nazareth in 2024 and it has been the greatest joy. The entire congregation has welcomed, loved and supported us and it's been encouraging to see God bring many new faces in recent months as well.

