



Summerville Bible Fellowship

Summerville, South Carolina

Summerville Bible Fellowship (SBF) was started in late 1983 as a hive-off from Jamison Road Bible Chapel in Summerville, South Carolina. The original elders were Walter H. Elliott, Jr., Ted Fry and Charles Ridgeway. In the early days those at the Breaking of Bread Service numbered 10-12.

At the same time, there was an assembly in North Charleston, South Carolina that consisted mainly of an elderly group. Shortly after SBF began to meet, the North Charleston assembly contacted the SBF elders indicating a desire to join the fellowship. Their expressed intent was to close their doors and sell their building.

From the beginning SBF had met in rented facilities. With the sale of the North Charleston building, and the portion given to SBF, sufficient funds were available to purchase property at 10428 Dorchester Rd.

The capacity of the renovated house on Dorchester Rd. was stretched to its limit when the numbers at the Breaking of Bread grew to around 20-25. In the late 80's or early 90's SBF approached Stewards Foundation to borrow funds to build an auditorium designed to comfortably seat 100.

Around this same time, Skip Elliott and David Drumheller were recognized as elders. Over the next 10-15 years 5 men served in the oversight. The number of folks coming to the meeting continued to increase with 40-45 in attendance at the Family Bible Hour and 30-35 at the Breaking of Bread. The assembly

never seemed to be able to grow beyond 50, largely because the military families in fellowship were moved to



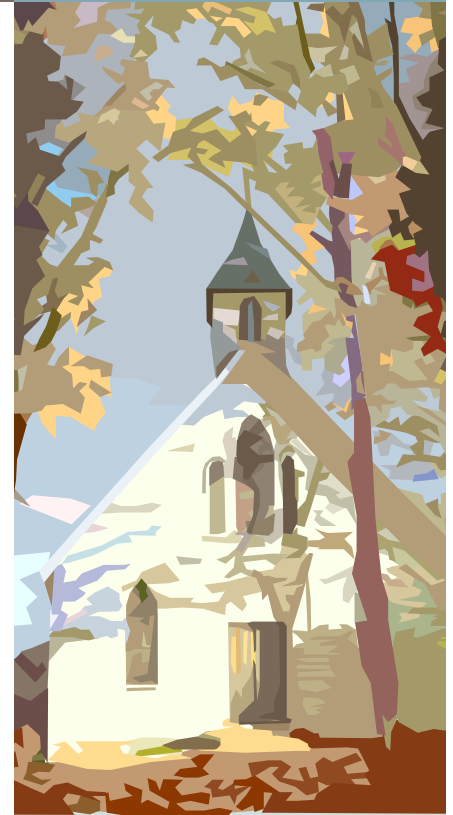
new duty stations. It seemed however that the Lord would replace those that moved away with others moving into the area.

In the late 90's or 2000, Charles Ridgeway decided to move out to Kansas to be closer to his daughters leaving 4 elders. The meeting continued to function with a good group of gifted men in fellowship able to take the platform. They were augmented by itinerant workers who traveled mainly in the Southeast.

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The meeting provided a wonderfully nurturing atmosphere to raise kids and see them come to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Around 2005-2006, the oldest elder, his wife, their two daughters and their husbands, one of whom was also an elder, moved away from Summerville leaving just two elders. Attendance took a hit for a time, but slowly the Lord added to the assembly.

For almost 10 years Skip Elliott and Ted Fry served harmoniously as elders. However, as a result of Ted's son being accepted at a university 3 hours away, he and his wife made a permanent move to upstate South Carolina. SBF has for the past few years functioned with only one elder. Understanding that this is not the biblical model, the assembly has been prayerfully seeking the Lord's guidance, waiting for HIM to raise up another elder.



During this time, the assembly also prayed about making some modifications to the building and parking area. One of the primary reasons for the upgrades was the result of feedback received from a local outreach. For the last 10 plus years SBF has been involved in an organized outreach through a free literature table at the Summerville Flowertown Festival. More than 250,000 people attend the Festival over a two and one-half day period. Feedback from this outreach indicated that folks who tried to visit SBF could not figure out where to park.

A decision was made to implement the needed renovations. Outside, the parking area was enlarged and a more recognizable entrance created for the building that included a wheel chair ramp. Inside, the existing bathrooms were renovated and a wheel chair accessible bathroom added. Also, the mechanical system and ductwork in the fellowship hall area of the building were upgraded. Once again Stewards Foundations provided the loan necessary to complete our project.

When the Lord is given HIS rightful place of Headship in the Local Assembly it translates into creating a real family relationship amongst the saints. SBF has been mightily blessed to have a cohesive group of Believers seeking to magnify the Name of our Precious Savior, The Lord Jesus Christ.

Thankfully there are 4 brethren who are gifted in ministry from the Word. Stewards Foundation has been a tremendous help in providing access to funding to accomplish our growth and maintain a viable testimony in Summerville, South Carolina.

Commended Workers

Ken and Martha Miller

Ken and Martha began their ministry together in 1978 when they married with the commitment to serve the Lord Jesus as a couple. Together they raised three children and currently have nine grandchildren.

Ken came from a hippie background and was saved in 1971 while at the University of Oklahoma. Not long afterwards he was introduced to New Testament principles and began to fellowship at Grace Gospel Chapel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Upon graduating with a degree in Microbiology, Ken took a job at Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation in Oklahoma City and continued in fellowship at Grace Gospel Chapel and Guthrie Gospel Chapel in Guthrie. He was active in-home Bible Studies and began speaking at local meetings around Oklahoma.

While speaking in the Tulsa assembly, Ken met the Ted Anderson family and Martha, their youngest daughter. Martha was saved as a child at Camp Elim in Colorado at the age of 9. After marriage, they moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma to be a help in the small assembly there.

Ken was involved in teaching both adults and children and Martha was busy raising their two daughters born in Guthrie. In 1985, they moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma where their son was born. They gathered with the saints of East Tulsa Bible Chapel (ETBC) and have remained there to the present time.

Ken continues his teaching in the local assembly at the Family Bible Hour and the weekly children's club. While at ETBC Ken has served as a deacon, elder, Sunday school

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teacher and superintendent. As a Sunday school teacher, he developed a three-year Sunday School program for high school students that has been used in several other assemblies. Part of the program was translated into Spanish and used in Mexico.

In the mid 1980's Ken became the director for a week of Ozark Family camp and continued that ministry for 16 years.



In early 2000, Ken and Martha were commended by ETBC to a preaching and teaching ministry, but continued working part time in a home repair business in order to be somewhat self-supporting. Their original focus was to help in teaching and training in the local assemblies in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and Missouri.

A few years later, Ken started speaking at Bible camps and vacation Bible schools during the summer months, a ministry that has included Kansas, New Mexico, Texas, Missouri, Georgia and Florida and continues on to this present day.

In 2013, they determined that the Lord was moving them to shut down the home repair business and with the blessing of the assembly, they began “full time” ministry.

During the school year, Ken and Martha are involved in teaching and leading singing at their local assembly's Tuesday night youth outreach called Explorer's Club. The work has been ongoing for 30 plus years with the majority of the children coming from poorer parts of town and fractured families.

Thursday evenings are dedicated to teaching Bible doctrine and study methods to single young men. Weekends are spent in teaching at local assemblies. In recent months, Ken has been involved in evangelism to a group

of disc golfers that the assembly reached out to by sponsoring tournaments, providing food and a gospel devotion. The response of a rather rough bunch has been very encouraging and we are praying for many to be saved.

Through the years they have done marriage seminars and pre-marital counseling. Ken has carried on the ministry of the late Leonard Lindsted's Homiletic training in several assemblies to encourage and develop their own speakers.

Martha has contributed to the Wives Corner of Elder-shopnotes.com and has been a speaker at women's conferences and seminars. During the pandemic, she began hosting weekly prayer meetings with women. They are still ongoing. Being burdened in women's ministry, she wrote and published a Bible study booklet on the topic of the head-covering called “For the Glory of God”. This has been well received and hundreds have been used for the blessing of many. It is currently being translated into Spanish.

Meeting medical expenses, especially insurance, has always been a challenge yet their Heavenly Father has been faithful to care for them. They are especially thankful for the needs met through the Stewards Foundation program of healthcare sharing. Their future plans are to continue on as the Lord leads or until He comes.

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After a virtual meeting in 2020, we are back to meeting in person for the 2021 Annual Members Meeting. It is scheduled for September 18th at Lake Park Chapel in New Orleans, LA. This meeting is held in different parts of the country to give the greatest opportunity for as many as possible to attend and be informed about Stewards Foundation.

One purpose for the annual meeting is the election of Trustees to the Board of Stewards Foundation. These men bear the responsibility of ensuring that there is no drift from the mission established by the founding Trustees. They direct Stewards Foundation through policies established to stay the course. Consequently, this meeting should be of interest to every member assembly.

Our Bylaws require that each member assembly designate a Delegate to act on its behalf, either in person or by proxy, at this annual meeting of the corporation.

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Psalms 126:3, “The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad”

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Unfortunately, many Delegates do not take advantage of the opportunity to act on behalf of their assembly. Some feel that they cannot participate due to a lack of knowledge about the Trustees in general, and in particular those up for election. Every Trustee’s biography is available on our website, www.stewardsfoundation.org.

We encourage you to inform yourself about the men that lead Stewards Foundation by going to our website. In particular, we urge Delegates to take the time to read these biographies, and then attend the meeting in person, or return your assembly’s proxy. This will be a great encouragement to the Trustees and a show of support for the work of Stewards Foundation.

This meeting of the corporation is open to anyone interested in attending. In addition to the election of Trustees, our Bylaws state that the meeting is, “to allow the Board to present their Annual Report to the Non-

profit Foundation Members and to transact such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.”

Following the corporate meeting, presentations will be made by Stewards Foundation, Believers Stewardship Services and Christian Missions in Many Lands. Representatives of these three assembly service organizations will talk about their history and the services they offer to assemblies of the Lord’s people and their commended workers.

Everyone in attendance is invited to join us for lunch following the presentations.



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