

EDITOR'S NOTES

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For over sixty-five years the Bible Presbyterian Church has stood as a stalwart supporter of the conservative Presbyterian separatist movement. Since its inception Western Reformed Seminary has been serving this denomination. As the first generation of Bible Presbyterians goes on to glory, it is appropriate that we reflect back on the foundations and history of the BPC, and look to the opportunities ahead.

This issue of the *WRS Journal* would have been much larger than usual, to include many significant articles from older and younger representatives of the BPC. Therefore, we are dividing it into two parts; this issue is Part 1. We begin with Chris Lensch's sketch of the church's historical background. Then we present articles about two of our earliest churches, who suffered the trauma of withdrawal from the old, liberal church (Collingswood, NJ, and Tacoma, WA). These articles were written by men in a position to know the facts—John Janbaz was a participant in the events in Collingswood in the 1930s, and David Sinding is a grandson of the Tacoma church's founding pastor, and has his records. The next two articles deal with the church's contributions to missions and Christian scholarship. Keith Coleman writes about the many missionary-statesmen in BP history. The church also has made its mark on biblical and theological scholarship; Earl Brown recounts the lives and legacies of two prominent Bible Presbyterian scholars.

Part 2, scheduled to be published in August, will continue the theme with articles about additional Bible Presbyterian contributions and positions, and with a look ahead.

We trust this issue of the *Journal* will be a blessing, not only to Bible Presbyterians, but to all "who know and love the truth."