

EDITOR'S NOTES

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In the last issue of the *WRS Journal* we presented articles relating to the history of the Bible Presbyterian Church, including its historical background, testimonies about pioneer churches that paid the price for separation from the liberal Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and accounts of notable Bible Presbyterians from the past. This issue continues the theme, concentrating on various positions the Bible Presbyterian denomination has staked out and defended, and with a look at the opportunities ahead.

In addition to its stand for the fundamentals of the faith and the basic Reformed doctrines, shared by all conservative Presbyterian bodies, the Bible Presbyterian Church is widely known for several areas of emphasis. Three of these are discussed in this issue of the *WRS Journal*. Tito Lyro writes of the strong stand the denomination has historically taken on important social and political issues. Gary Cohen explains the position that Bible Presbyterians are most frequently identified with, ecclesiastical separation. My article discusses the premillennial stance of the denomination, and its relationship the desire of the church to be a place where all conservative, separatist Presbyterians can find a home.

This issue also looks ahead with two articles, from two perspectives. Retired minister Al Cook offers his evaluation of the history and future prospects of the church, while young minister Tito Lyro shares his optimism for the Bible Presbyterian Church as a place of fruitful service for Christ.

It is our desire here at Western Reformed Seminary that God will continue to bless the Bible Presbyterian Church, and will make it a blessing to all the true church of Christ in our day.