

I was leading up to the situation a few years later. The situation in '56 were not really within the seminary; they were outside. But they had their ~~xxx~~ reflection in the seminary and they caused the loss of these folks. It was issues that had nothing to do with the seminary. Right in the middle of that Joe Baley who was at that time working with -- editor of HIS magazine for Inter-Varsity, and they had their headquarters in Germantown at that time.

He and Art Glassar asked me to come down and see them. They both said, Here was this big discension in the Bible Presbyterian church. We ought to get all the faculty of the seminary to agree to say we are going to keep out of ecclesiastical matters; we are going to maintain this wonderful seminary and carry on as is. And all of us withdraw from everything outside. It was a nice idea to keep the seminary as it was but with all our money and our backing coming through McIntire it was practically impossible. And also with the attitude that some of those folks were taking toward him. it was quite impossible.

If they had urged me to them and if I had, I think that Covenant might have continued along the lines Faith had been before. It's probably nearer to it now than any other seminary outside of Biblical. But ~~is~~ still they have shifted a fair amount on ways that I think are unfortunate and I think that some of their older men think are unfortunate. Though they have grown and developed and especially gained good financial support in recent years.

To skip over a lot of things. Dr. Steele. I spoke from about '55 to about '61 or '62, I spoke every year for 10 days at the Harrisburgh Bible Conference Circuit. You speak at Harrisburgh for 3 days, afternoon and evening; in Reading for 2 days; in Lebanon for 3 days; in Allentown for 2 days. Ten days running was a pretty heavy schedule. It would have been much better if we could have had a break.

I spoke for quite a number of years in that conference. The last year -- no, one of the years I spoke in it, the church where they had been meeting for maybe 20 years was going to be redecorated so they said the conference can't meet there, in Allentown. So the local committee looked around and they got a Baptist church in Allentown to agree to have the Bible conference there. Then the pastor phoned one of their leading deacons and said, Mr. Steele, Tonight there's going to be a conference of the Harrisburgh Bible Conference held in the church and Dr. MacRae for FTS is the speaker, will you preside and introduce him? He said, What's Faith Seminary and who is Dr. MacRae?

The pastor said, If you'd do it, I'd appreciate it. He said Alright, I will. It was the first time we'd ever been to the church; first time he'd ever heard of me. After the meeting he took me out to get some ice cream and got acquainted and shortly after that his daughter got a serious illness from which she recovered, but he as a young man had thought of going into the Lord's work