

Dr. Buswell had suggested the name. I remember the Beacon had a headline after the first meeting: Bible Presbyterian Synod constituted a church of Jesus Christ. I think that was the headline. In other words it was just a group of ministers, but then it became a regular church, with an organization, etc.

He was very active in getting new churches and developing it, but I always felt that if he had given it a little more attention to the B.P. Church it could have grown far more than it did. He always concentrated on his own local church, and also on the relation of the whole attack of modernism and of communism, but to building a denomination he did not give the attention which I think would have been very beneficial during those years.

We would go up to Dr. Latham's church every spring for the meeting of the summer Bible conferences. We would go to Synod and other important meetings in Collingswood, but our activities were centered in Wilmington and of course the very great help there was the connection with Dr. Laird's work. My mother moved East that summer before Faith was started, so we got an apartment together in Wilmington. She used to say she felt wrong in taking room in Dr. Laird's church, because there were so many people he didn't have room for there.

They had an old Methodist church that had been defunct that they had bought. (I told you the story of that once before.) His sermons were very very excellent. The church was just filled. I recommended to him they start holding two services. There was an elder who was very enthused about that idea. He said about half the people wanted S.S. before church, and about half wanted to have it after, and it was a big subject of disagreement. He said that can all be solved by having two church services with S.S. between them and they can have it whichever way they want it.

But I could not get Dr. Laird enthused about it. Laird was never a builder, an organizer, a pusher. He always stood for what was right and his messages were grand. He spoke around at Bible conferences a great deal, but he hesitated about preaching twice in the a.m. He particularly didn't like the idea of preaching to a church that would have just a few people in it.

I'm not at all sure it would have been that way. My feeling was that with the number of people he had coming, if he had two services, that in a year or two, there would be enough people that it would be quite simple to build a new larger edifice. They now have a fine building with 600 members outside of town but this is 40 yrs. later. I think it could have been done much more quickly.

We had wonderful fellowship with the Lairds and with the church, and it meant a great deal to the seminary and to the training of the students.

I should mention one fellow who had had a large number of