



# Then & Now

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Dear Board Members and friends of FBHS,

We have had a busy month. We are preparing for our April 22-23, 2004 board meeting and program. We are mailing out our 2003 *Journal of Florida Baptist Heritage*. We are compiling a list of 150 strategic Florida Baptist leaders from 1854-2004 (deceased only). We are assisting churches and individuals daily in research needs. It is a good time of year to just kick back with a good roll of microfilm and stay busy.

In the personality profile this month, I want to highlight the service and tragic death of D. O. Jernigan (1913-1946). Jernigan attended school at Baptist Bible Institute and Stetson University. He served as a missionary to the Seminole Indians. On June 22, 1946, he and his family were having an outing on Lake Okeechobee when his wife got into trouble swimming. When he tried to save her, both of them were drowned. They left two small children; Glenna, age nine and Samuel, age eight.

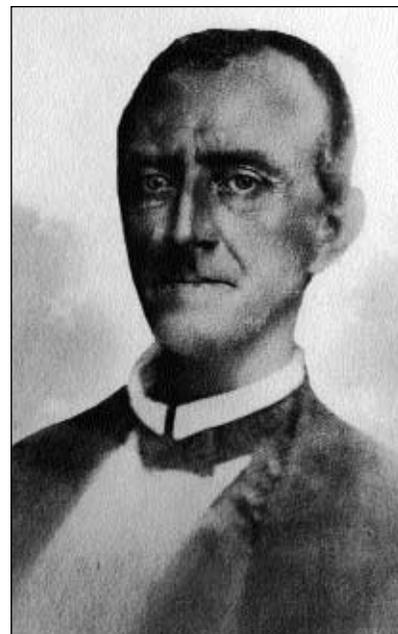
D. O. Jernigan and his wife were born on the same day, married on the same day, and died on the same day. Florida Baptist history is not just dust and research. It is also flesh and blood. It is Florida Baptists doing the best they can with the opportunities and days they have.

Last month our trivia challenge was: Name the Florida Baptist who published a widely used New Testament translation. The answer is Charles Bray Williams (1869-1952). Moody press published Translation of the New Testament and it is commonly referred to as the Williams translation. This highly respected work was done by a man who taught at Southwestern, Mercer, and Union. He also served as president of Howard College (1921-1925) and taught at Baptist Bible Institute.

In honor of our sesquicentennial (1854-2004), who was the first president of the Florida Baptist Convention? Call (800) 328-2660, ext. 480 with the correct answer and a helpful gift will be on the way to you.

Honoring those who honor Christ,

Jerry M. Windsor  
Secretary-Treasurer  
*Matthew 6:33*



First President of the  
Florida Baptist Convention  
1854