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Dear Board Members and friends of FBHS,

We would like to extend appreciation to friends who have gone out of their way to assist us this month. We received the 2006 West Florida Baptist Association Minutes and a written history of West Florida Baptist Association, 1847-2005. Alcus Brock, the WFBA Director of Missions, is the author of this brief history and was kind enough to send one to us. Elaine Cox of Hillcrest Baptist in Pensacola sent us a beautiful copy of their 1955-2005 history. We also received this month the Treasure Coast 2006 Baptist Association Minutes and the Brevard Association Minutes. Thank you Gary Gates, director of missions of Brevard for sending us the minutes that we were lacking (1994-2006).

Thank you to Northwood for giving us a wonderful copy of their 80th Anniversary Celebration (1927-2007) publication. Northwood is in West Palm Beach and pastor Patrick Moody and FBHS lifetime member, Sidney Lanier, provided us some excellent information. Their 80th anniversary CD is outstanding, and Mrs. Darla Thomas of Northwood assisted us greatly in getting this impressive material.

Dr. James B. Carlin of DeBary, Florida is a relatively new Floridian who hit the ground publishing in his rather recent move to Florida. Dr. Carlin, thank you for your three 2006 publications; *Identifying the Lord's Kind of Churches*, *Bible Revelations of Jesus the Christ*, and your new tract "Are you Troubled at the Thought of Dying?" We are very interested in collecting the writings of Florida Baptists and Dr. Carlin has set a good example for us in Biblical research and publication.

Hot off the press! In the February 5, 2007 issue of *New Yorker* magazine it was announced that Google intends to "scan every book ever published" (p. 30). World Cat claims that there have been 32 million books catalogued and Google plans to "organize the world's information" at no charge to the general public. There are 10,000 Google employees and they are making every text searchable. This impacts us here at the FBHS in a wonderful way. There are thousands of Baptist sources that we could not afford and did not have access to that will now be available online in a form that can be photocopied. This is the most astounding breakthrough in research in the six years I have been with the FBHS. In coming months we will update you on how you can use this exploding source from your personal computer.

Trivia Question: Who was the man in the picture who served as pastor of two different Florida churches in the 1940s, taught at two different Southern Baptist Seminaries in the 1950s, and was one of the most beloved Old Testament professors Southern Baptist's have had? Call us with the correct answer (850) 263-9080 and a helpful gift will be on the way to you.

Our annual spring meeting is to be held April 19-20, 2007 in Thomasville, Georgia. On Thursday night we will meet at Olive Baptist Church, and on Friday morning we will meet at First Baptist Church Thomasville. This first time ever out-of-state meeting of the FBHS is in



honor of the resolution passed that the Florida Baptist Convention be formed, at Olive Baptist Church (near Thomasville) in 1853. The Convention began in 1854 and then in 1857 the Florida Baptist Convention actually met in Thomasville, Georgia. This year is the 150th anniversary of that historical gathering.

Honoring those who honor Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Windsor", with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jerry M. Windsor
Secretary-Treasurer
Matthew 6:33