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Dear Board Members and Friends of FBHS,

Special thanks are extended to the great-great-great grandson of Joshua Mercer (1788-1869). Bro. Loren Mercer is pastor of Eastside Baptist Church in Auburndale and he and his wife Linda and daughter Audrey brought us some rich Joshua Mercer information.

We have just finished copying the records of Providence Baptist Church of Gadsen County, Florida. The Providence Church was established in 1843 and is one of our oldest churches in the Florida Baptist Convention.

It was a great joy recently to visit with Dr. Helen Falls and Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Fowler in Richmond, Virginia. These dear people have had association with Florida Baptists down through the years and mean much to all who know them.

Dr. Denton Lotz, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, and his wife Janice were at the History and Heritage Meeting in Washington D.C. in June 2006. Dr. Lotz spoke on the public life ministry of Dr. Billy Graham and brought a wonderful report. A Burmese choir sang at the meeting in First Baptist Church, Washington D.C., and their love of the Lord and enthusiasm was contagious.

We are still receiving "Convention Press" books and "Sunday School Board" published books for our collection. Please be alert to any of these books (especially pre-1950) and keep us in mind when you choose to reduce the size of your own library.

Associational Minutes are needed! If you have any associational minutes from your local association please save them for us. We need them to complete our collection. Even minutes of recent vintage are needed. Call us at 850-263-3261- ex. 480 and we can let you know which specific years we need from your association.

Honoring those who honor Christ,

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



Jerry Mae Windsor, Graceville, FL; Janice Robinson Lotz, wife of Denton Lotz; Burmese teen whose choir sang at the BHHS Mts., FBC, Washington, D.C., June 2006.



Dorothy Maddox, FBC, Pensacola; Dr. Denton Lotz, Gen. Sec., Bapt. World Alliance; Dr. Jerry Windsor, Sec./Treas., FBHS.