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Dear Board Members and friends of FBHS,

The Jacksonville convention was a very helpful and exciting meeting. The historical emphasis was professionally done and the time-line panels and murals were grand to behold. The murals will be a treasure for years to come and will make excellent convention displays.

The appearance of Dr. Franklin Fowler and his family members made it a special time for our whole convention. Judge E. B. Browning Jr., was deeply grateful for the Heritage Award given posthumously to his father. Judge Browning accepted the award for his family.

Volume six of *The Journal of Florida Baptist Heritage* is now available. This volume highlights the men who have served as executive director of our Florida Baptist State Convention. This is one of our most interesting issues. The researchers and writers did good work for us. Journals will be mailed out to members of the FBHS and others may order journals from the Baptist College of Florida bookstore.

This monthly newsletter gives me an opportunity to remind readers of some interesting and committed people who have gone before us. Let me introduce you this month to Claude Walker Duke (1865-1936). He was born July 17, 1865 in Nansemond County, Virginia. He graduated from Richmond College and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served for 31 years as pastor of First Baptist Church, Tampa (1905-1936) and when he went to the church in 1905 they had 346 members and when he died on September 3, 1936, they had 2,550 members. Duke was a church builder to be remembered and appreciated.

For the November trivia question, let me ask you to name that family. The family name I am looking for had three brothers who were preachers. All three were on the same Southern Baptist Convention program when the convention met in Saint Louis. One brother organized Druid Hill Baptist in Atlanta, one was pastor of First Baptist of Raleigh, North Carolina, and one was pastor in Florida. What was their last name? (Call (800) 328-2660, ext. 428 with the correct answer for a prize).

Have a great Thanksgiving,

Jerry M. Windsor
Secretary-Treasurer
Matthew 6:33



The brother who served in Florida.