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Dear Board Members and Friends of FBHS,

November is board meeting time and I want to thank all who were able to attend the meeting in Ft. Myers. We want to continue to pray for Frances Shaw upon the death of her mother in Texas and pray also for Reginald Walters upon the death of his mother in Virginia.

We have received three new church histories this month. Elizabeth Baptist Church in Monticello sent us a good historical CD; *The Riverbend Story* was received from Ormond Beach and Dr. Mark Rathel presented us a history of Immanuel Baptist Church (1900-2000) of Panama City. Our goal is to acquire new church histories as they are written so please stay on the look out for research being done.

Judy Jolly assisted us in adding 21 associational minutes to our collection (20 from Santa Rosa and one from Pensacola Bay). This is the very heart of our work. The records of the local churches and associations are not always reflected in our state annual meeting minutes and the location, gathering and proper storage of our associational minutes is a necessity for those who come after us.

We are still pursuing the Convention Press books that are not in our collection. We now have approximately 850 of the 2400 books published. The total number published is a guesstimate because Lifeway has no record on this. We are getting our information from the Library of Congress. It is our intention to put our complete Convention Press collection on our FBHS webpage so that we can all easily check to see what we have. This is not rocket science but it is very time consuming. We are ordering primarily from Abebooks and they have 5,925 Convention Press books for sale (including duplicate copies). We are slowly but surely working through their system to get a copy of every Convention Press book we can. Jan Cunningham, Laura Garner and Joann Price have been patient and professional as we order from this list.

The 2006 fall journal has been published and mailed out to all of our members. The journal focuses on the life and work of Edwin Hansford Rennolds and his Florida years (1882-1912). He was an exacting writer and Baptist "gleaner." He is very representative of the Southern Baptist bivocational ministry in the late 1800s in Florida.

Our 2007 FBHS spring meeting has been set for April 19-20 at Thomasville, Georgia. As far as I know this will be the first time the FBHS has ever met out of state. This meeting is in celebration of the fact that the Florida Baptist Convention met in Thomasville, Georgia in 1857 and this is the sesquicentennial observance of that event.

Honoring those who honor Christ,

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