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Dear Board Members and Friends of the Florida Baptist Historical Society,

This month we will begin with an important trivia question. What do James E. Frost, J. Ray Dobbins, Joe H. Courson and David Cunningham have in common? For me the answer is simple and relevant. I have just spent three hours researching and all the material resources I needed for my research came from books given to the Florida Baptist Historical Society by these four men. It is amazing how we live on through our books and papers. I had the personal privilege of knowing all of these four men and all four were kind enough to pass on some good resources to the FBHS!

One of the things that pleases us most is when local churches send research delegations to us for guidance and hands on assistance. Alford Baptist Church is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and Bernice Wheeler and Bill Davis are leading the research team in their work. They are off to a good start and we look forward to their final product.

Our FBHS spring meeting is set for April 7-9, 2011. The board of directors will meet on Friday morning, April 8, at the Holiday Inn Express in Palatka. On Saturday April 9, at 11am we plan to dedicate a historical marker at Bostwick Baptist Church where Dr. Graham preached his first sermon on Easter Sunday night, March 28, 1937. Pastor David Eddins and the good people of Bostwick will be our hosts for the marker dedication and a lunch at the church.

As churches celebrate their anniversaries this year we like to contact those who are in the 50, 100, 125 and 150<sup>th</sup> years. We have 71 churches in this category. Bell Shoals, Brandon (50<sup>th</sup>) and Trinity, Apopka (50<sup>th</sup>) have already had their celebrations. Chairman Guy Sanders is to represent us at Athens Baptist Church (100<sup>th</sup>) at Fort Meade on April 10, 2011. We have many planned for the fall.

Honoring those who honor Christ,

Jerry M. Windsor  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Matthew 6:33



Billy Graham, about 1939, at Swan Lake Bible Conference, Melrose (near Palatka), Florida