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Dear Board Members and friends of FBHS,

What a joy! There are some benefits in this job that are really unexpected treasures! In that we are celebrating our 150th anniversary this year as the Florida Baptist Convention (November 20, 2004) I made a special effort to find descendants of Richard Johnson Mays (1808-1864) the primary organizer of our state convention.

During the school spring break, Jerry Mae and I visited with Dr. Raymond Cook and Dr. Elisabeth Mays Cook. They live in Valdosta, and we visited with them at their farm in Greenville, Florida. What a wonderful time.

Dr. Raymond Cook is a retired educator and former president of Young Harris College. Dr. Elisabeth Mays Cook is a retired psychologist and the great-granddaughter of Richard Johnson Mays. They both are in good health and are wonderful conversationalists. They have already been invited to our April 22-23, 2004, Madison meeting and our November 20, 2004 celebration at the old Clifton Mansion location. How good it is to have contact with this wonderful couple and through Elisabeth have that direct contact with the Mays family.

Our trivia question last month involved the identification of the most used Southern Baptist church evangelist in our (1845-2004) 159 years of existence. We had more response to that question than we have had over any other trivia matter. Most people who called named Angel Martinez (1922-1995) correctly and a gift has already been sent out to them.

Angel was a great evangelist and a friend to all who knew him. I heard him preach numerous times (his brother Homer is still holding meetings) and had him in revival meetings where I was pastor. I had him in eight-day meetings and four-day meetings. Many of you were touched by his life too according to the information you shared when you called. He preached over 1,500 revivals and returned to some churches ten times. He lacked living 14 days to celebrate 60 years in the ministry. He memorized the New Testament in English and knew most of the New Testament in Greek. Thank God for Angel, Robbie, and the boys.

The following 12 people named Angel correctly: Dean Whitaker, Joe Wood and Bud Ware of Graceville; James Hackney of Gulf Breeze; Joel Breidenbaugh of Panama City Beach; Ann Courson and Glen Owens of Jacksonville; Phil Heard of Madison; Joe Butler of Lake City; Herb Jukes of Dunedin; and two peers in this business, Nelda Kent of the Arizona Baptist Archives and Marlin Hawkins of the Oklahoma Baptist Archives.

Our 2004 spring meeting is planned for Madison on April 22 (Concord) and April 23 (FBC, Madison). Everyone is invited to the Friday, April 23 meeting (10 AM) when Phil Heard, Linda DeMott and Susan Broome will be presenting papers. Phil (Influence of R. J. Mays), Linda (History of Elizabeth Church) and Susan (Florida churches in the Georgia Baptist Convention) are excellent speakers and their research will be outstanding. Plan to attend this Friday morning session at First Baptist Church in Madison.

Our trivia question for this month is: What Florida Southern Baptist pastor served a church in Miami for 20 years as chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and donated 230 rare Bibles to The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. If you think you know the answer, call (800) 328-2660, ext. 428. A neat prize goes out for all correct answers.

Honoring those who honor Christ,



Jerry M. Windsor
Secretary-Treasurer
Matthew 6:33



Jerry M. Windsor, Elisabeth Mays Cook, Raymond Cook



Elisabeth Mays Cook, Bunny Page, Ernest Page, Raymond Cook