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Dear Board Members and friends of FBHS,

April 22-23, 2004, in Madison proved to be a very helpful time for the FBHS Board of Directors and guests. Concord Baptist Church served as an excellent host on Thursday night and FBC Madison welcomed us on Friday morning. Carolyn Melton, chairman, walked us through our board agenda and George Cason of the Concord Church presented a personal narrative of the Concord Church.

Susan Broome, Linda DeMott, and Phil Heard led us in a Florida Baptist feast on Friday morning. Their presentations were well prepared and well presented. It was a great honor to have Susan and David Broome with us from Georgia.



Elisabeth Mays Cook and Emma Kelly Howerton, in foyer of 1898 First Baptist Church Madison.

Last month the trivia question was: What Baptist pastor served as pastor in Miami for 20 years; served as chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee; and donated 230 rare Bibles to The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary? Call-in answers included C. Roy Angel, Conrad R. Willard, and William Edward Stanton. The correct answer was John Halderman (1915-1900). Halderman served as pastor of Allapattah Baptist Church (1945-1965) and when he retired they had the largest Sunday School in the state (2,000) and the church had 3,200 members.



Lawson Jolly, Judith Jolly, Jerry Mae Windsor, Jan Cunningham, and Joe Butler at Middle Florida Baptist Associational building.

How wonderful it was to have two of the great-grandchildren of Richard Johnson and Eliza Mays present with us in the Madison meeting. Elisabeth Mays Cook and Emma Kelly Howerton were present in the Friday morning session and their presence meant so much to all of us.

Jeff Faggart of the Baptist History and Preservation Society has been in touch with me and he has recently visited the Pigeon Creek Baptist Church in Boulougne, Florida, on the Georgia line. Pigeon Creek was the first Baptist church begun in Florida (1821) and Primitive Baptist services are still being held at the church.

The Florida Historical Society met in April in Melbourne. Dr. Nick Wynn and his wife, Deborah, do a great job in leading that organization. You might want to go online and join their organization.

We welcome six more lifetime members into the FBHS. They are Toni Clevenger, Carolyne Melton, Caroline Windsor Millette, John Mark Howard Windsor, Frances Shaw, and Vanita Baldwin. We now have 21 lifetime members.

The trivial question this month is: Who was the Florida Baptist preacher who had a son involved in one of the saddest days in American history. The pastor had a son who was hung for being one of the conspirators in the assassination plot that brought about the death of Abraham Lincoln. Who was the pastor?



Dr. Nick Wynn, Deborah Wynn, Mary Lou Merritt, editor of *Yesterday in Florida* magazine, and Don Hepburn at the Florida Historical Society meeting in Melbourne.

Honoring those who honor Christ,

Jerry M. Windsor
Secretary-Treasurer
Matthew 6:33