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Dear Board Members and friends of FBHS,

It is always good to get new materials and additions to our collection. Laurie Adams sent us a history of Ann Maria Island Baptist Church and we are grateful. Max and Sue Laseter of Chipley donated some needed Convention Press books for our Convention Press collection. Thank you so much.

Don Hepburn spoke at the Greenwood Baptist Church (organized in 1845) on the life and ministry of their first pastor Joshua Mercer. He presented a picture to the church of "Father and Mother Mercer" that was well received and appreciated by the church.

New lifetime members of the Florida Baptist Historical Society are Greenwood Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Lynn Haven, Don Hepburn, Robert K. Dunaway and First Baptist Church Bradenton. We now have 36 lifetime members. Lifetime membership is \$250 and all income for these dues is placed in the FBHS endowment and only the interest from this endowment is to be used. There is currently \$9,755.73 in this fund and it is deposited in the Church Growth and Investment Fund of the Florida Baptist Foundation. If you are not already a lifetime member we ask you and your church and association to consider this.

You may go online and search our website (floridabaptisthistory.org) as it slowly but surely develops into a helpful research tool. Note that our Convention Press book holdings are listed there and if you have Convention Press (study course) books that could be donated to our collection please send them to us. We are especially in need of Convention Press books published before 1950.

Do you have any old associational minutes in your Personal Collection? Do you have old church or associational pictures you could donate to us? In this day of email, digital cameras, and video cameras, we actually receive less materials than we once did. Give the old books and pictures as a memorial if you choose to. We would like to have them.

You would want to know that Fred Donehoo, the previous chair of the FBHS suffered a heart attack on May 30, 2006. He had angioplasty and a couple of stints inserted. Fred is home and doing well. Remember him and June in your prayers.

Honoring those who honor Christ,

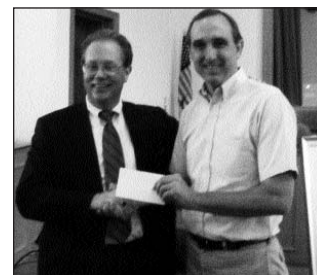
Jerry M. Windsor
Secretary-Treasurer
Matthew 6:33



Don Hepburn presents the Mercer picture to Wesley Mikel, Chairman of Deacons at Greenwood Baptist Church.



Robert K. Dunaway, Clerk of Greenwood Church presents a copy of the history of the church to Don Hepburn.



Bruce Gamble, Treasurer of Greenwood Baptist Church presents a check for \$250 for a lifetime FBHS membership for the Church.