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Dear Board Members and friends of FBHS,

One of the interesting things about this job is the relationship you have with the publishing world. Academic presses seldom have best sellers but their contributions to historical societies are endless. Let me share some recent titles from the LSU Press that we now have in our holdings.

Chaplain to the Confederacy, Basil Manly and Baptist Life in the Old South, by A. James Fuller. This book gets seven stars * * * * *! It is somewhat pricey (\$54.95) but this hardback has 343 pages of hardcore research. Another helpful book for our research is *The Ideology of Slavery in the Antebellum South, 1830-1860*, by Drew Gilpin Forest, editor. This paperback is priced at \$21.95 and has 306 pages. Chapter 3 is A Brief Examination of Scripture Testimony on the Institution of Slavery. Three stars * * *. Other LSU books that serve our research well include *Doctor Quintard, Chaplain CSA and Second Bishop of Tennessee*, edited by Sam Elliott. HB, 285 pp., \$39.95, * * * *. *To Raise Up The South. Sunday Schools in Black and White Churches, 1865-1915*, by Sally G. McMillen. PB, 297 pp., \$26.95.

We as Baptists have a tendency to see ourselves in a triumphant mode. When we write the books we usually end up being the heroes. Such things as the lost cause, slavery, segregation, schism, and denominational growth always turn out well. Its hard to see our mistakes when we are on mission. Sometimes academic and university presses give us a view of ourselves that is very helpful even though it is written by an outsider.

I am Southern Baptist bred and one day I will be Southern Baptist dead. In the meantime I am very interested in seeing how others view us. May we all learn from criticism, become humbled by our mistakes, and learn to properly interpret our successes.

Have a great summer and come to see us when you are in the Graceville area.

Please note that beginning with this issue we have the membership expiration dates on your address labels. LT indicates lifetime membership.

Honoring those who honor Christ,

Jerry M. Windsor
Secretary-Treasurer
Matthew 6:33