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Dear Board Members and friends of FBHS,

First let me say thank you for the correction and update on our Alachua/Nature Coast Baptist Association name. I misnamed the association in the December *Then and Now*.

I thought it might be helpful to share what I thought was our seven best strengths in holdings at the FBHS and then our seven primary weaknesses as I see them. This might give us a sharper focus for the new year.

## SEVEN BEST HOLDINGS

1. Our best most used documents are our own generated 1500 biographical sketches. We use them everyday.
2. *A History of Florida Baptists* by Earl Joiner.
3. *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists*, Volumes 1-4.
4. *History of the Baptist Denomination in Georgia* by Samuel Boykin. (2 Volumes).
5. Florida Baptist State Convention annuals.
6. *Florida Baptist Witness* on microfilm.
7. Collection of 875 Convention Press titles.

## SEVEN PRIMARY WEAKNESSES

1. We have very few pictures of our Baptist work from 1854-1954.
2. We do not have the personal papers of any Florida Baptist.
3. We have not found a way to get associational minutes each year from our associations.
4. We have very little ties with other state convention historical societies.
5. We have no ties with Southern Baptist Seminary church history professors.
6. We have no contact with church history majors in our seminaries.
7. We have fewer than 75 local church histories of the 2800 churches of the Florida Baptist Convention.

Therefore there are things to be thankful for but much work to be done. Problems can be solved, weaknesses can be corrected, and opportunities may be seized.

We at the FBHS wish for you and yours a wonderful 2007.

Honoring those who honor Christ,

Jerry M. Windsor  
Secretary-Treasurer  
*Matthew 6:33*



Judy Jolly and Carolyn Melton  
at the FBHS booth at the Ocala  
Convention