

## Here and Now

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Dear Members and Friends of the Florida Baptist Historical Society:

The fall 2009 journal is now in the hands of the printer. We look forward to the "Baptist Beliefs" issue in honor of our 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Baptists (1609-2009). We have articles by David Coggins (Salvation), Paul Robinson (Priesthood of the believer), Joel Breidenbaugh (Baptism), Wiley Richards (Andrew Fuller), John Thomas (Preaching of Bunyan and King), John Shaffett (Religious Liberty), Don Hepburn (Why I am a Baptist-apologetics), and Mark Rathel (Baptist Eschatology). The journal should be in hand at the Pensacola Convention.

We received an email from Susanne Hunt, Historic Preservation, Florida Department of State that the State Historical Marker Council will be meeting Tuesday, September 29, 2009, regarding the applications in hand for the erection of historical markers. Our application for a historical marker at Arcadia at the original sight of the Florida Baptist Children's Home is the second item on the agenda.

Judy Jolly has assisted us in representing the FBHS when FBC Sanford celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup>. Joe Butler represented the FBHS when Mt. Horeb (High Springs) celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup>. Jerry Mae and I went to Sirmons Baptist Church (100<sup>th</sup>), FBC Tampa (150<sup>th</sup>), Eliam at Melrose (150<sup>th</sup>), and FBC Homestead (100<sup>th</sup>).

Penny Baumgardner will represent the FBHS at Sydney Baptist Church (100<sup>th</sup>) on September 13<sup>th</sup>. This is especially significant because Penny's grandfather was once pastor there (1953-1960) Don Hepburn will

represent us at FBC Fernandina on September 27 (150<sup>th</sup>) and FBC St. Cloud on October 25 (100<sup>th</sup>). Jerry Mae and I will be at FBC Hollywood on Sunday morning October 4 and worship with pastor Daved Hecht and Maxie and our own Jean Ducanis. That afternoon and evening Jerry Mae and I will be at Wayside Baptist Church with a FBHS display and presentation for the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Miami Baptist Association (1909-2009). DOM Gary Johnson and people have a three hour program of worship, information and praise planned. I am to preach at Macedonia in Middle Florida Association for their 150<sup>th</sup> celebration on Sunday October 11. DOM Gene Stokes and Geraldine have many churches in the Middle Florida Association that are already over 100 years old.

Our FBHS directors meeting will be Monday, November 9, 9-12 noon at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Pensacola. We will send out directions later. Reservations have been made for our elected board members and unless you have told us differently we have everyone booked for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights. If possible please plan for all of us to have lunch together on Monday after our meeting.

Previous Trivia Question: Can you name a Florida Southern Baptist pastor who later became President of one of our six seminaries? There are two. Roland Q. Leavell (FBC Tampa, NOBTS), Millard Berquist (FBC Tampa, MWBTS).

New Trivia Question: Can you name the Florida Baptist that was the first publicly recognized hero of WW II? If you know the answer to this question call 850-263-9028 for a nice prize.

Honoring those who honor Christ,

Jerry M. Windsor  
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