

Secure Our Future

Named Giving Opportunities

Name an area of the ABHS program or new facility in honor or memory of a loved one, your family, church, organization or company. Examples include:

Endowments

Specialized archivist position (2)	\$1,100,000
Curator position (1)	\$1,100,000

Preservation Projects

Rauschenbusch Family Records \$500,000
Includes preservation, finding guide creation, microfilming and digitizing. This is the largest manuscript collection needing preservation, particularly because most of the paper is fragile and brittle, and the collection is used frequently.

Baptist Missionary Training School \$100,000
Preservation and indexing these records will provide crucial help to researchers interested in women's history and especially the role of women in envisioning and promotion of home and overseas mission projects.

Association Minutes \$150,000

Educational Programs

Lecture Series and Exhibit Opportunities \$25,000 – \$50,000
Annual lecture series
Focused on one area of Baptist history (such as women's work, black Baptists, social gospel ministries & theology, mission history).

Internship for graduate and undergraduate students (3 possible)

A semester or year-long program in which the student works in the library, processes a collection, and is mentored by the ABHS curator or archivist, along with a sponsoring faculty member.

Exhibit series on-site or virtual exhibits on our website

Travel grants for scholars, seminarians or pastors (10 possible)

A grant could have a focus in social gospel, Black church history, women's history, ethnic Baptists, and home and overseas evangelism.

Securing the Future of Baptist History

- Move Materials to Atlanta
- Endow Staff Positions
- Endow Educational Programs

Baptist history pieces for congregations & pastors

Baptist history pieces for children & youth

Collection Endowment

Sponsor the move \$5,000 – \$50,000 of a section of the archives

You can't lift boxes, but you can make sure that a specific group – like state and association minutes from Michigan – is boxed, moved and re-shelved with appropriate care and professional staff supervision.



"Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other..."

I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times what is still to come."

Isaiah 46:9-10



Front panel photo of the new home of the American Baptist Historical Society courtesy of Mercer University. Our new address (Spring 2008) will be 3001 Mercer University Drive, Atlanta, GA 30341.

For updates on the **History Matters** campaign, details about the move, or more information about ABHS and its collections, visit our website.



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* *Creating the Space*

* *Ensuring the Vision*

* *Sharing the Dream*



History Matters

The American Baptist Historical Society has the finest collection of Baptist materials in the world.

Since 1853, we've gathered a Baptist library and archives that are the largest and most diverse in the world.



Adult Baptism.

Over the decades our location has changed; for the past 20 years we've been split between two locations - Valley Forge, PA and Rochester, NY.

Despite limited space and small staff, the Historical Society does a remarkable job preserving Baptist heritage and bringing it to new generations.

Creating the Space

Now, the American Baptist Historical Society has an exciting new opportunity to secure its future!

At the invitation of Mercer University, ABHS is moving to Atlanta, GA, where ample space will be provided for the proper storage, display and use of our growing collections.

One of the major benefits of this consolidation is dramatically reduced overhead. With free space and support services provided by Mercer, ABHS will be able to put its resources into preserving and sharing its vast holdings. Everyone will benefit!

Today's Faithful Response

This move is as exciting as it is a huge responsibility!

It will take an estimated 16 truckloads to deliver all our materials from the two current locations and bring them together under one roof in Atlanta.

Thousands of staff and volunteer hours will be required to prepare all the historical artifacts and documents for the move to their new home.

After this immediate requirement is met and the move is completed (*planned by Spring 2008*), ABHS needs to endow staff positions and educational programs.



The Campaign

The American Baptist Historical Society needs your help.

Achieving this move and securing our future will preserve Baptist history for future generations



The **History Matters** campaign needs to raise \$800,000 to move our archives and staff to Atlanta.

After this initial step is completed, the Historical Society then needs an additional \$3.2 million to endow two staff positions and initiate educational outreach programs

Join us in giving generously to the **History Matters** capital campaign.

Seriously consider becoming a partner in the preservation of our Baptist roots.

Make a generous pledge to the **History Matters** Campaign.

Pledge Today



Yes! I/We support History Matters and hereby commit a total of \$ _____ over the next three years to the ABHS—History Matters Campaign.

Installments of \$ _____ will be paid:

- Annually Quarterly Monthly
- Weekly One time gift
- Giving online at www.baptisthistory.us
- Charge to my Visa MasterCard

Signature _____

Security code _____

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Make checks payable to ABHS—History Matters and mail with this form to ABHS, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851.