With this issue of *Primary Source* we express our gratitude for supporters and friends. A special thanks goes to Mercer University, which hosts ABHS, and to American Baptist national partners, which provide the bulk of our funding in return for our care and keeping of their stories.

I like to call the work of the American Baptist Historical Society “story-keeping.” True, we do some story-telling. However, most of our work focuses on preserving and maintaining documents and artifacts so that the stories they hold are available for others to tell, now and in the future. Paradoxically, although we are the Historical Society, most of our ministry is future-oriented.

In the pursuit of our mission we rely on you. Ultimately it is friends and supporters of ABHS who ensure that this ministry of story-keeping continues. Some of you support ABHS because you find Baptist history intrinsically interesting. Some of you have personal connections to collections in the archives, with the records of family members (or of you, yourself) preserved here. Some of you have used ABHS materials to research the story of a pastor or missionary, mission society, congregation, or specific event. Some of you want to make sure that the stories of a particular group of people or organization are not lost.

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From the Archives

Highlights of 2018 Donations

Helen Hill Tanner Collection, RG 1623*, donated by Neil and Diana Sowards. Photo taken on the breakers while attending Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago in the early 1900s.

Olive Tiller Papers, RG 1381*. Mrs. Tiller was a peace activist who served in the ABC Division of Social Concern and in the ecumenical office. She and her husband, Carl, were awarded the Dahlberg Peace Award in 1991. This photo shows Carl and others demonstrating at the Embassy of South Africa, Washington 1985.

Three scrapbooks collected by Oscar Rodriguez Quiles from Cuba, RG 1598*, were donated by Eli Boyum; 1953 Faculty photograph from Seminario Teológico Baulista de Cuba Oriental. Rodriguez Quiles is fourth from left in the front row.

Robert Hudson donated a letter from Crow Indian Baptist minister John Frost (Plenty Crows), to Baptist minister Earl Snook of Billings, Montana: “So may our friendship be as beautiful and fragrant as the flowers that grow on the mountains and as pure as the crystal waters that flow from them . . .”

"RG" stands for "Record Group."

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Thank you, donors to ABHS collections!

Documentation of ministry takes many forms. Some are meeting minutes, membership registers, or financial records. Other materials are more personal, like photos and letters. All show aspects of the story of Baptist ministry and mission, and the variety of ways that God continues to work in the world.

We appreciate those who donated materials last year.

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Yolanda Covington-Ward is Associate Professor in the Department of Africana Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Her research explores the lives of Congo recaptives who were taken to Liberia in the 19th century. Recaptives were enslaved Africans who were liberated from slave ships by the US Navy. Many of them were sent to Baptist missions in Liberia. Covington-Ward read correspondence from several of the missionaries who served there.

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We would like to thank ABHS for the Time Travelers Membership. Their site makes it easy to locate museums in areas of the country that we visit, free of charge.
Our highlight in 2018 was the Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium in Dubuque, IA.
We are planning a trip east in April 2019 and look forward to visiting a number of museums on the Time Travelers list.
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ABHS recently received a gift from the estate of Joan C. Thatcher. We are so grateful to Ms Thatcher for her support, even after her death! Legacy giving is one way of supporting ABHS into the future.

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January – March
We celebrate the faithful ministry of American Baptist congregations and their pastors! This quarter’s anniversaries:

200 Years
First Baptist Church, Norwalk, OH; Rev. Dr. Tara L. Henderson, pastor

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Van Riper Ellis Broadway Baptist Church, Fair Lawn, NJ; David G. Boone and Sung An, pastors
If your church is celebrating a significant anniversary, request a certificate from ABHS.
American Baptist Quarterly
Call for Papers

ABQ is the peer-reviewed journal of the American Baptist Historical Society. Both established and emerging scholars are invited to submit papers written from original research. Articles and essays should be between 6,000 and 10,000 words. If you are interested in submitting an article for one of the upcoming issues, please contact editor Curtis Freeman (CFreeman@div.duke.edu) as soon as possible.

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**Friday – Sunday:** Find ABHS in the Exhibit Hall
- Reconnect with old friends, and make new friends.
- Learn from exhibits highlighting ABC of the South and the Holy Donut.
- Pick up a sample American Baptist Quarterly.
- Consult with the Digital Archivist.
- Be one of the first 50 to join ABHS at the Biennial and get a free T-shirt!
- Bring your treasured, but battered, hardback books for Paul Reeder to repair.
- Watch for a special celebration of

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**Sunday, 7:00-8:45am:** American Baptist Historical Society Breakfast: Celebrate with us the successful conclusion of the At Your Fingertips campaign and the presentation of this year’s George Younger Award. Purchase your ticket when you register for the Biennial.

**ABC Theologians’ Conference**
“Incarnation and Identity”
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Biennial Registration is open online at www.ABC-USA.org.
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George D. Younger (1926-2001) was a historian, minister, ecumenical leader, and lifelong enthusiast for Baptist history. Seeking to honor his achievements and to continue his legacy of encouraging others to share their own part in Baptist history, in 2004 the Historical Society’s Board of Managers created the George D. Younger Award.

The next George D. Younger Award will be presented during the ABHS Breakfast at the 2019 ABC Mission Summit in Virginia Beach, VA. The deadline for submission is May 1, 2019. For detailed information and instructions, go to www.ABHSarchives.org.

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