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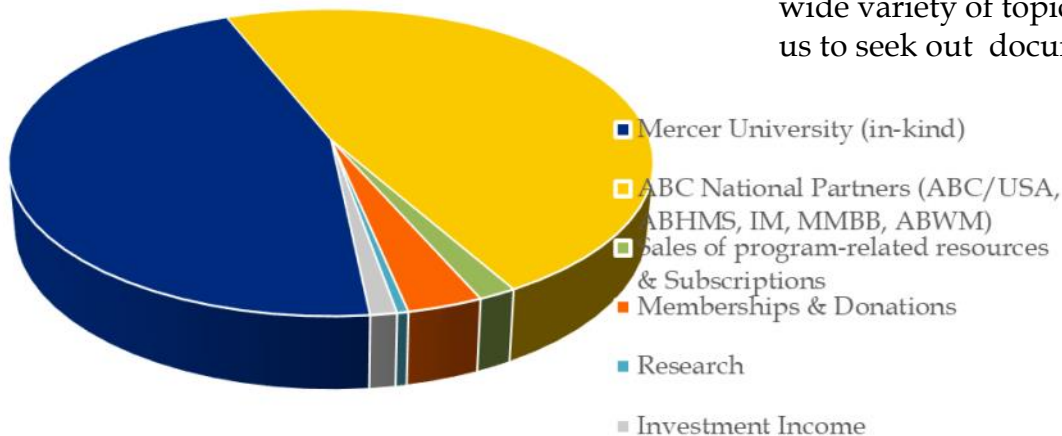
I like to call the work of the American Baptist Historical Society “story-keeping.” True, we do some story-telling. However, most of our work focuses on preserving and maintaining documents and artifacts so that the stories they hold are available for others to tell, now and in the future. Paradoxically,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

Whatever your motivation for supporting ABHS, we are grateful. You make it possible for us to preserve the 40,000-45,000 books in the Samuel Colgate Historical Library, the oldest of which dates from the 16<sup>th</sup> century. You make it possible for us to assist congregations in keeping and telling their stories. You make it possible for us to welcome researchers from around the world as they search for information on an amazingly wide variety of topics. You make it possible for us to seek out documentation of the ministry of under-represented communities. You make it possible for us to expand access to all of these stories through better cataloging and digitizing. Thank you!

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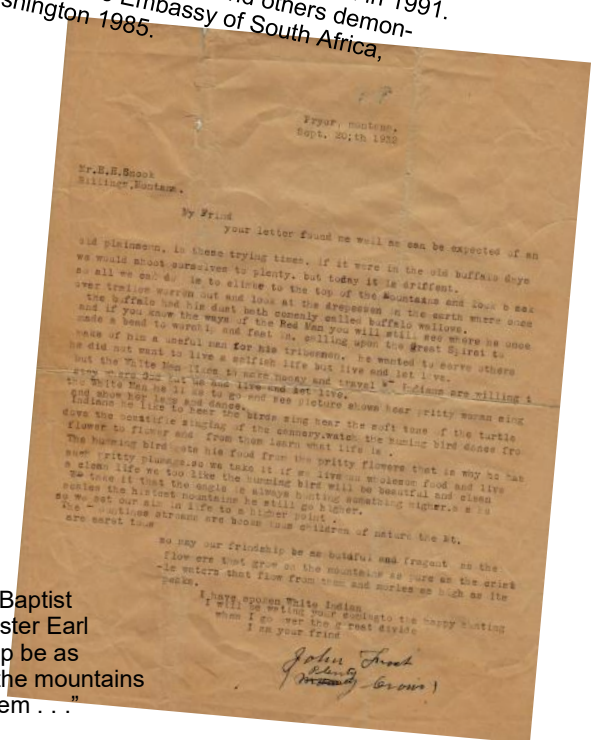
Helen Hill Tanner Collection, RG 1623\*, donated by Neil and Diana Sowards. Photo taken "on the breakers" while attending Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago in the early 1900s.



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 Bautista 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."

Post this page on your church's bulletin board. When you use information from "From the Archives" remember to give credit to the American Baptist Historical Society.

# 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.**

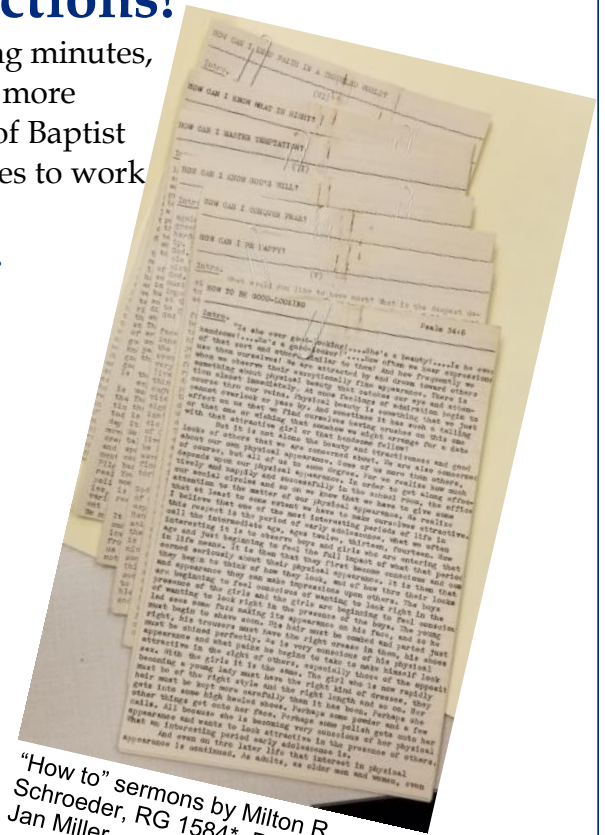
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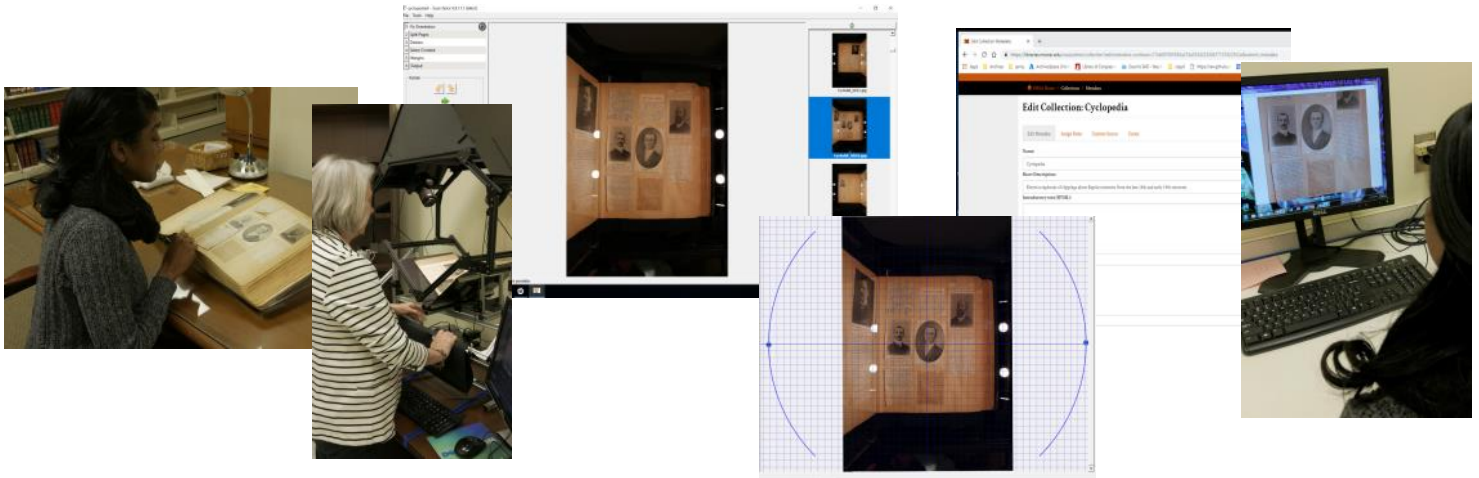
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List shows cumulative totals for this multi-year campaign.

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Support of the *At Your Fingertips* campaign makes it possible for ABHS to increase access to our holdings. Thank you!

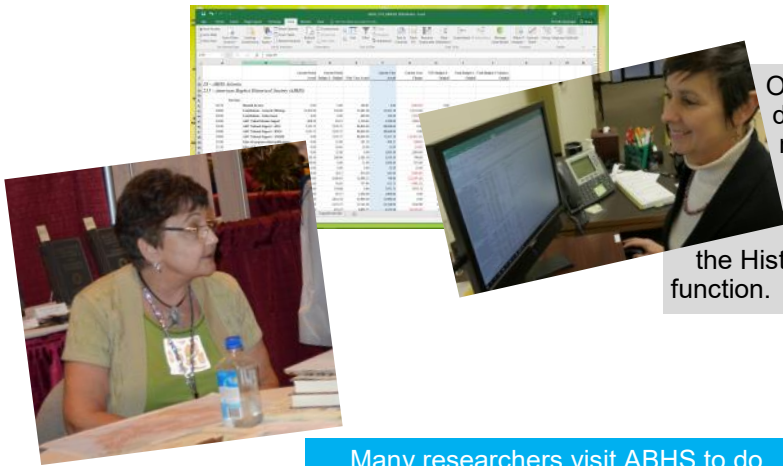


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Join us at the Biennial as we celebrate the culmination of the *At Your Fingertips* Campaign.

# What does ABHS do with your contributions? Here is an overview of our ministry with a few examples:



Overseeing budgets, recording donations, preparing newsletters, managing subscriptions, are all part of the organizational management without which the Historical Society could not function.

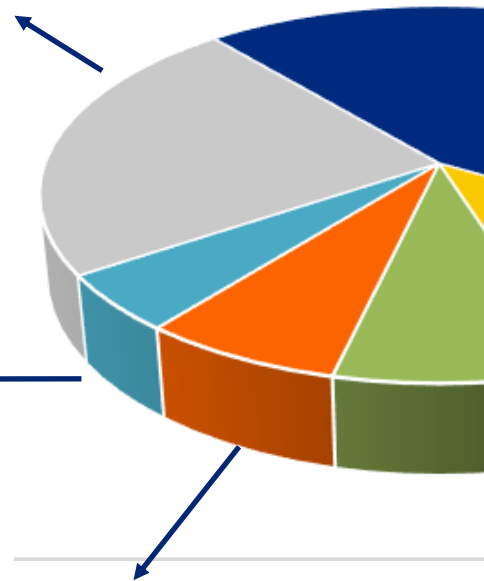
Many researchers visit ABHS to do research in the archives. Those who cannot visit in person often request research assistance from staff on-site.

## Research Snapshot

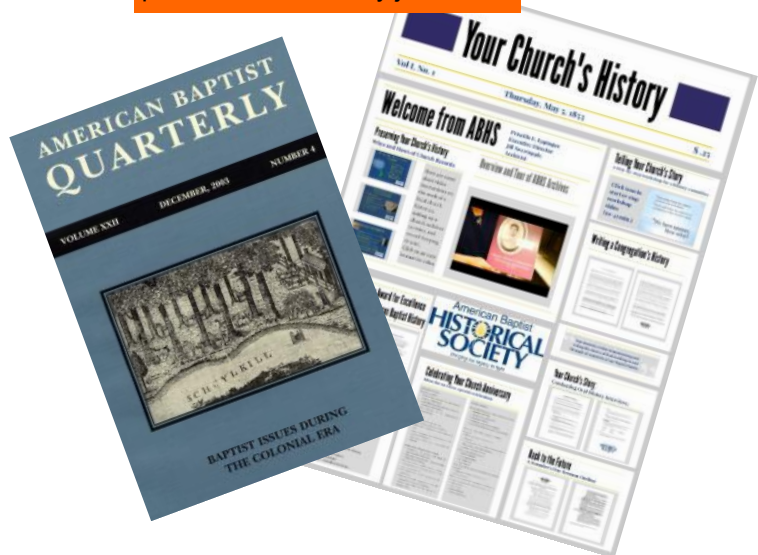
Yolanda Covington-Ward is Associate Professor in the Department of Africana Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Her research explores the lives of Congo recaptives who were taken to Liberia in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Recaptives were enslaved Africans who were liberated from slave ships by the 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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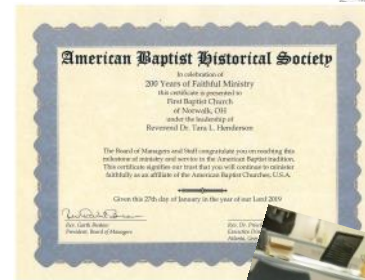
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Archivist Jill Sweetapple ensures collections are well-organized and can be easily found and retrieved.



**The George D. Younger Biennial Award for Excellence in Local or Regional American Baptist History**

Award winners are selected in 2019 and 2020 for eligible for the Younger Award in the group of the 2017 Biennial. Most nominations and requests for materials, including a letter of support from the nominating organization, should be received by the deadline of the 2017 Biennial on or before the date of the 2017 Biennial.

The Younger Award is presented by the American Baptist Historical Society, 3001 North University Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30304-0110.

**Guidelines for the Submission and Judging of Projects Nominations**

Projects eligible for nomination include but are not limited to church history, education, organizational or institutional history, and family history. The award will be presented at the 2017 Biennial. Nominations will be accepted for projects completed in either 2017 or 2018.

**Eligible projects include the following:**

- Using the names of the project and the award and contact information, organizational or institutional history, and family history, as a program or project for the 2017 Biennial.
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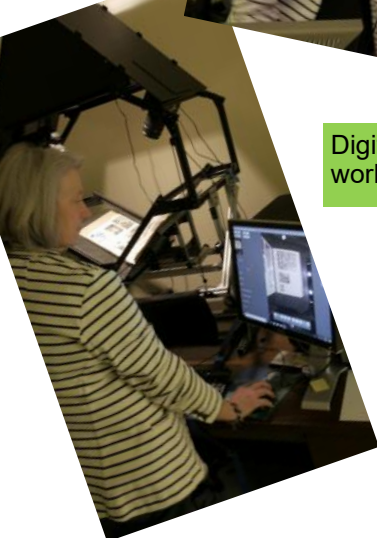
The Board of Managers will consider your nomination. This certificate signifies our trust that you will continue to contribute to the history of the American Baptist Church, U.S.A.

Given this 27th day of January in the year of our Lord 2019

Jan D. Phillips  
President, Board of Managers



Digital Archivist Jenny Manasco working at the book scanner



Sending anniversary certificates and shipping displays to regional events are some of the outreach Jan Winfield provides.

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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.

George & Liz Daniels

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## Have you included the American Baptist Historical Society in your will?

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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## Church Anniversaries

### 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

#### 150 Years

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](#).

# Join us at Virginia Beach!

**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 **at YOUR FINGERTIPS**



Biennial Registration is open online at [www.ABC-USA.org](http://www.ABC-USA.org).

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**ABCUSA Biennial Academy, Saturday, 3:45-5:00pm:**  
**Making Sure 'Born-Digital' is 'Born-Again': The Salvation of Your Church's Story:** Today's church records – annual meeting minutes, clerk's and treasurer's reports, membership rolls, newsletters, etc. – are "born-digital" in Word documents, spreadsheets, websites, social media posts, digital pictures, digital recordings, and other formats. But all of these digital records are more fragile than the paper of the past. Come find out what basic digital preservation steps you can take to ensure these records can be "born-again" (accessed in the future). The salvation of your church's story is at stake!

**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.

## 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](mailto:CFreeman@div.duke.edu)) as soon as possible.

Upcoming Themes	Submit by:
<b>Celebrating Women in Ministry:</b> biblical, theological, and historical reflections, upon the occasion of the 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of American Baptist Women in Ministry	Mar. 1, 2019
<b>On Foreigners and Neighbors:</b> biblical, theological, ethical, and historical perspectives on immigration and hospitality	June 1, 2019
<b>Baptists in Rhode Island</b>	June 1, 2019
<b>The Fundamentalist Fight in the Northern Baptist Convention</b>	Dec. 1, 2019

# Join the Historical Society and Become a Time Traveler

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*at Virginia Beach in June.*

### **Nominations Open for George D. Younger Award for Excellence in Local Baptist History**

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](http://www.ABHSarchives.org).

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### **Torbet Prize**

Emerging scholars are invited to submit essays in any area of Baptist history for the Torbet Prize competition.

Deadline: Sept. 1.

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