

Historical Society Transitions:

New Members on ABHS Board of Managers

Felipe Candelaria is pastor of Iglesia Bautista de Quebrada in Puerto Rico. He has been on the Board of General Ministries, the ABC Biennial Planning Committee, the Hispanic Caucus, and the Puerto Rico Region Board.



Beverly Fink has been active with ABHS for many years. **“Because of my long involvement and interest in American Baptists, I appreciate and value the work of the Historical Society,” she said recently. “I count it a privilege to be on the Board of Managers as it gives me a first-hand view of what is**

happening behind the scenes. The more I see, the more respect I have for those who have preceded me in all areas of our faith.” **Bev is currently the coordinator of the Advanced Placement program at Manhattan High School, Manhattan, KS.**

Janice Fletcher resides in Rhode Island, and is a member of First Baptist Church of East Greenwich. Her experience on the Board of General Ministries and ABC World Relief Committee as well as Rhode Island regional committees gives her a **perspective on Baptist history. “I have never been directly involved with an Historical Committee, but have a strong background and interest in history. After retiring**



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Farewell to Two Staff Members

At the end of December we will bid farewell to two valued members of the ABHS team.

For almost nine years, Jan Winfield has been **ABHS’s voice on the phone, responder to emails, and poster on social media.** Jan has prepared and sent countless church anniversary certificates and member letters, coordinated arrangements for Board of Managers meetings and ABHS Biennial Meeting activities, and produced dozens of **newsletters and fundraising mailings. If you’ve received it from ABHS, Jan has probably touched it!**

During her tenure Jan developed an appreciation of Baptist history and a particular love of Association records. Among staff, Jan most frequently responds to research-by-mail requests, searching the archives to answer questions from people who are not in a position to do on-site research.

Jan had earned a Masters of Religious Studies from Pacific School of Religion before her 18-year career with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist church. Her knowledge and experience of the wider Christian church has often benefitted ABHS. In addition to her **administrative skills, Jan’s unfailingly positive attitude is a real blessing.** We wish Jan a very satisfying retirement!

In her time at ABHS, Jill Sweetapple has



Jill Sweetapple, left,
and Jan Winfield, right

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Church Anniversaries

October – December

We celebrate the faithful ministry of American Baptist Congregations and their pastors! The following churches mark anniversaries this quarter:

275 years

First Baptist Church of Hightstown, NJ;
Rev. Bruce J. Wood, pastor

200 years

First Baptist Church of New Albany, IN;
Dr. James G. Ivey, pastor
Second Baptist Church of Bowdoinham, ME;
Rev. John P. Ross, pastor

175 years

Underwood Memorial Baptist Church of
Wauwatosa, WI; Rev. Jason Mack, pastor

150 years

First Baptist Church of Council Grove, KS;
Rev. Christopher L. C. Carlson, pastor
Baptist Church, South Haven, MI; Jerry Koller,
pastor



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125 years

First Baptist Church of Attleboro, MA;
Rev. Cheryl Harris, pastor

100 years

Lynhurst Baptist Church of Indianapolis, IN;
Rev. Benjamin Wakefield, pastor
Queen Missionary Baptist Church, Marks, MS;
Rev. Bernard Handy, pastor

75 years

New Era Church of Indianapolis, IN;
Rev. Clarence C. Moore, pastor

50 years

Mid-American Baptist Churches of Iowa and
Minnesota; Rev. Jacqueline L. Saxton, Executive
Minister
Solomon Temple Missionary Baptist Church,
Denver, CO; Rev. Dr. John LaMar Tellis, Jr.,
pastor

If your church is celebrating a significant
anniversary, request a certificate from ABHS.

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“moved us forward by eons” (as former ABHS president and volunteer Garth Brokaw put it) in her expert processing of both backlogged and new collections. Shortly after her arrival, Jill staffed the ABHS booth at the ABC Biennial Mission Summit in Portland, OR, beginning her familiarity with the American Baptist community.

Over the course of 3-½ years, she has processed dozens of collections, organizing, indexing, and cataloging thousands of folders of materials. Jill delved in to the ArchivesSpace cataloging software and, in tandem with digital archivist Jenny Manasco, added hundreds of catalog records to our online catalog. Materials archived at ABHS **are far more accessible because of Jill’s work.**

The M.S. in Library and Information Studies and 8 years experience as a professional archivist **that Jill came with, as well as her “can-do”** attitude, have served her well. We deeply **appreciate Jill’s work with ABHS and wish her well** in her future endeavors.

ABHS copies of *Philadelphia Confession of Faith* and **Rauschenbusch's** *Christianity and the Social Crisis* exhibited in Geneva



Philadelphia Confession of Faith, far right, on loan from ABHS

From Gabriel de Montmollin, Head of the International Museum of the Reformation: We are very proud to be able to present two emblematic works of your Society in our exhibition “Calvin in America” in the International Museum of the Reformation.

The Philadelphia Confession of Faith (1743) is an important part of our exhibition on the Protestant identity of the United States. We explain to the public that the development of the churches of the Reformation was very different there than in Europe. They were able to grow without finding the religious and political resistance of the Old World, hence this dynamism and great diversity. Confessions of faith are like identity cards that allow us to measure the differences and convergences with other traditions. Moreover, this edition is particularly interesting because it was printed by Benjamin Franklin himself. It is a beautiful testimony that underlines the extraordinary personality of one of the Fathers of American Independence.

As for the first edition of Walter Rauschenbusch's book *Christianity and the Social Crisis*, its exhibition allows the European visitor to understand that the United States and its churches have been strongly involved in social justice. It is often thought on this side of the Atlantic that the USA is the land of freedom and money. With his book, Rauschenbusch testifies to a very different reality defined by poverty, which, like elsewhere, alienates millions of people. His book is next to the *Gospel of Wealth* by Andrew Carnegie, also in its first edition, where the question of poverty tries to solve itself with instruments more philanthropic than political.



Christianity and the Social Crisis, right, on loan from ABHS



One section of the “Calvin in America” exhibit at the Musée International de la Réforme, Geneva

These two important books of the early 20th century remain of obvious relevance. We would like to thank you again for your presence in our museum and hope that other collaborations are now possible between our two institutions.

The exhibit will run through April, 2021, at which time the items on loan will be returned to ABHS.

Bringing our legacy to light

From the Archives Baptists and Political Life

Baptists have long been involved in political life. From the commitment to include religious liberty in the U.S. Constitution to local issues, pastors have offered their views on the issues and people on the ballot. The items on this page show addresses before legislators and political groups as well as newspaper clippings.



For Electors of Pres
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 JOHN RUN
 ISAAC V. B
 JOSHUA BR
 CHARLES B
 ROBERT V.
 CALVIN HO
 PETER I. AC

For Member of the Hou
 the United
 JAMES G. KIN

For Sena
 ASA WHITEHE

For Assem
 HUGH H. BOW
 CHARLES HAR
 JOEL W. CONDI
 LEWIS C. GROV
 OBADIAH MEEK
 WILLIAM F. DAY
 STEPHEN PERSON

For Sheriff,
 WILLIAM FRAME.

For Coroners,
 MATTHIAS J. SNYD
 JAMES W. WOODRU
 MOSES B. MARTIN.

A
SERMON,
 DELIVERED BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF
 CONNECTICUT,
 AT THEIR
ANNUAL ELECTION,
 AT
 NEW-HAVEN,
 MAY 3d, 1820.

BY ELISHA CUSHMAN,
 PASTOR OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN HARTFORD.

NEW-HAVEN:
 PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE LEGISLATURE.
 J. Barber, printer.
 1820.

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 SERMON
 DELIVERED BEFORE
 HIS EXCELLENCY GEORGE N. BROWN,
 GOVERNOR,
 HIS HONOR JOHN REED,
 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,
 THE HONORABLE COUNCIL,
 AND
 THE LEGISLATURE OF MASSACHUSETTS
 AT
 THE ANNUAL ELECTION,
 WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7, 1846.

BY GEORGE PUTNAM,
 Minister of the First Church in Roxbury.

Boston:
 DUTTON AND WENTWORTH, PRINTERS TO THE STATE,
 1846.

Christian Engagement with Politics
 Jackson-Madison County Republican Party meeting
 September 13, 1999

Introduction
 Good to be with you. Thanks to Sharon for the invitation. See other friends. Clark Shaw? Andrea
 McDaniel? Steve McGoey

Topic: Christian Engagement with Politics. Three No's and Three Yes's.

Presuppositions: This is a political party meeting. Not everyone here is necessarily a Christian, nor need they be. I am here as a Christian moral thinker, not as a partisan. I keep my own politics fairly close to the vest, because my vocation is to think Christianly about all this, from the outside looking in. Ot had prophets, priests, and kings. Kings handled government, priests handled the temple, the prophets critiqued both. I prefer that role! X ethics training

Christians and Politics: Three No's

Draft of a 1999 address by David Gushee,
 RG 1559, Box 59, Folder 31

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut,
 holden at New-Haven in said State, on the first
 Wednesday of May, A. D. 1820.
 ORDERED by this Assembly, that the Honorable
 Sylvester Wells, and Henry Seymour, Esq. present
 the Thanks of this Assembly to the Rev. ELISHA
 CUSHMAN, for his Sermon, delivered before this As-
 sembly at the opening of the session, and request a
 copy thereof, that it may be printed.

A true copy of record,
 Examined by
 THOMAS DAY, Secretary.

From Pamphlet Collection,
 Elisha Cushman, 1820

LEARNING THE LESSON
 Mr. George Hoadley, one of the
 Conservative candidates at
 election, passing through
 his way to the storm cen-
 ter, gave an interview
 with some opinions upon
 the subject. Mr. Hoadley has
 a greater independence
 of mind than his colleagues in the
 opposition. He is not
 afraid to support it. He
 says the fact that such
 a man as Mr. Hoadley
 is in the opposition is
 a great advantage to
 the Conservative party.

FRUITS OF PROTECTION
 Two hundred tractors have been
 sold in the Lethbridge district this
 year, according to the Leth-
 bridge Herald, only three of these
 are machines of Canadian manufac-
 ture. All the others were of American
 manufacture, and on these the farmers
 paid \$600,000 duty. The Lethbridge
 paper made a canvass of the imple-
 ment dealers of Lethbridge last week,
 and learned that one firm had sold 110,
 another 40, and the others a total of
 50. But could the dealers have ac-
 quired more machines, and had the
 price been more reasonable, they
 could have sold a great many more.
 The farmers want tractors to speed
 up production, but they cannot get
 them. One farmer out of every 25
 would use a tractor in So-
 beria this year if he could
 on every machine purchase
 border the western farm taking an active part in the
 \$300 duty in order to "p
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BRITISH FAIR PLAY
 Sergeant-Major Gullfoyle, who is
 in the present
 Mr. Davidson has resided in Red
 which sur Deer, said that our ideas of British
 fair play should be modified and

THE ALIEN VOTE
 The Calgary Herald attributes the
 defeat of the Conservative candidate
 in North Calgary to the alien vote—
 cry with which it endeavored
 race strife to carry the day
 election.

As can be ascertained up to
 the native German or Aus-
 person cast a ballot in the
 Thursday. Naturalized
 American, Italian, Swedish
 origin voted in smaller
 usual. The number of
 Italians, and other
 countries in the com-
 the lack of consideration for the
 ciously smaller than
 owing to economic
 the departure of
 ally flags at the
 ar. All told, the
 citizens was lighter
 this province.
 the soldier sup-
 candidates, the
 affords an in-
 of 12 votes in
 gary, David-
 locks seven.
 soldiers are
 the alien
 indicate
 military

Every woman over 21 years of age who is a British subject, and has
 months, has a vote in the provincial elections today. Every woman living
 north of the Bow river has a vote in the constituency of North Calgary.
 The Liberal candidate, W. M. Davidson, respectfully solicits the sup-
 port of every woman in this constituency who is interested in
 Equal pensions.
 Better conditions for soldiers' dependents.
 Higher education for children.
 Agricultural and technical education.
 Free public hospitals.
 A provincial half holiday, and many other forms of legislation of im-
 portance to women, which the provincial legislature has the right to enact.
 Mr. Davidson has resided in Calgary for the past 15 years, during
 which time he has been the editor of The Morning Albertan. He has used
 his influence during that time to the utmost of his ability for:
 Prohibition.
 Women's suffrage.
 Rural hospitals.
 Free medical treatment in Calgary schools.
 Free school books.
 A minimum wage of \$9 per week for women who work in stores, shops,
 unions.
 If Scotch and Irish ancestry, descend-
 n the interests of good government
 ation as to where she votes may tel-
 rooms:
 nt Heights

THE MORNING ALBERTAN, CALGARY,
AN Markets and Meetings **WOM**
A FINAL WORD TO WOMEN VOTERS

Newspaper clippings from Does R. Sharpe
 collection, RG 1246, "Politics 1917"

MY PLATFORM FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

ARE THE POLITICIANS TODAY DEALING WITH THE REALLY FUNDAMENTAL THINGS?

THE NEED OF ELECTING CLEAN MEN TO OFFICE. SHALL A CORRUPT POLITICAL
 MACHINE CONTROL THE JUDICIARY IN NEW YORK?

Current Topic Talk by Rev. John Roach Straton, D. D.
 At Calgary Baptist Church, New York City,
 Sunday night, - November 2.

SCRIPTURE LESSON
 Psalm 12.

Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from
 among the children of men.
 They speak vanity every one with his neighbor: with flattering
 lips and with a double heart do they speak.
 The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that
 speaketh proud things.
 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our
 own: who is lord over us?

John Roach Straton Coll.
 RG 1075, Box 31, Folder 11

Politics

From John Roach Straton, RG 1075, Box 31, Folder 11, "Politics 1920"

Flyer for the Whig Party from 1848.
 Charles Morton collection, RG 1343

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from a teaching career I took over the Office Manager/Secretary position at my local church. ABHS information and the *American Baptist Quarterly* passed over my desk on a regular basis and made for very interesting reading. This led me to realize how important it is to preserve historical information. By working with ABHS I am hoping to be able to contribute to **that purpose.**"

Josué Gómez-Menéndez is the CFO of the Baptist Academy in Puerto Rico, and a member of the Baptist Church in Rio Piedras. He brings experience in the fields of accounting, fundraising, and investments. As past president of the Board of General Ministries of ABCUSA, Josué has a broad knowledge of American Baptist work.



Dennis Johnson is a retired church pastor, having served churches in Chicago and West Virginia. A self-proclaimed bridge-builder, his activities now focus on ways to do that in the community and within **the Baptist family.** Dennis says, "I believe that we do not outgrow the past; we grow out of the past, which is why the preservation of our Baptist family documents is so vital. My special interest in the ABHS archives is Walter Rauschenbusch, who has been for me a model of **Baptist spirituality for Baptists today.**"



After practicing psychology in Chicago, James Napolitan (M.A., Ph.D. University of Illinois, Chicago) became a commodities trader at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. "My mother had attended the Baptist Missionary Training School in **Chicago," James says. "I was interested in what information they had on the college and lo and behold, they had whole boxes of archives! I found materials written by my mother as the class secretary. Since none of this was digitized I quickly appreciated the importance of archival access if one wanted to do real research."**



We are grateful for the commitment of these new members of the Board of Managers.

Ways to Support ABHS

Many people would like to support the work of **the Historical Society, but don't have** discretionary money available. There are ways to support ABHS outside of your current funds.

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3. Donations of stock are always welcome. Have your broker contact us for transfer instructions.

Research Snapshot — During most of 2020 public health restrictions have prevented researchers from visiting ABHS — and requests for Research-by-Mail have increased. The variety of requests that come in mirrors the variety of collections in the archives.

The greatest number of requests are for Missionary Correspondence. A researcher in Japan contacted us for information for an article they are writing about Harry Baxter Benninghoff and his service in Burma. A doctoral student in China requested correspondence of Adele Fielde for their dissertation.

ABHS also holds personal papers from pastors, seminary presidents, ABC executives, and others. **One request related to the "Death of God" theology of the mid-1960s; the correspondence files of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School President Gene Bartlett held a thick stack of letters regarding this controversy, including both complaints and affirmations. Bartlett's practice of filing his reply along with the letters received made researching this question much easier.**

Some of the easiest research requests to fulfill are requests for a copy of a magazine article, pamphlet, or newspaper article. People writing a church history or searching for genealogical information often request obituaries of prominent Baptists from the *Watchman-Examiner*. Obituaries are often found in the state Annuals or Association minutes as well.

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* inclusion on a special plaque in ABHS Reading Room	

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*ABHS Items on display in
Geneva, Switzerland*

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In the archives there are numerous congregational record books dating from the late-17th- to early-20th-centuries. Because they are handwritten, they are not searchable electronically, so finding information can be a laborious task. This is where you come in: We invite you to help us transcribe these records using the crowd-sourcing platform **Zooniverse**. **You'll see images of the pages and type in your transcription.** This work will result in a version of the records that can be searched for names or keywords, helping genealogists and other researchers in their work.

The only requirements for participating in this project are a computer (it will not work on phones) and the ability to read cursive handwriting. Come transcribe online: bit.ly/ABHS_transcription_project.

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