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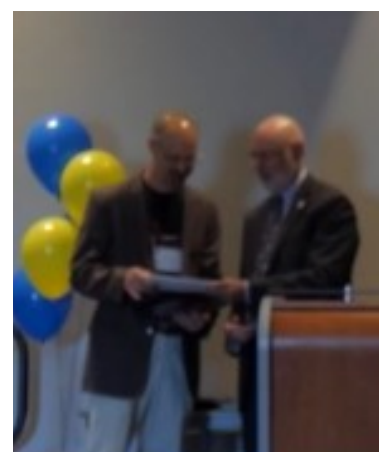
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First Baptist Church of Salina, Kansas, Receives 2019 George D. Younger Award



Kevin Hazelton accepts Younger Award from Dana Younger

First Baptist Church, Salina, KS, received the 2019 George D. Younger Award for Excellence in Local or Regional American Baptist History from the American Baptist Historical Society. Rev. Dr. Kevin Hazelton, the church's pastor, accepted the award on behalf of the

presentations during the anniversary worship service were made by the mayor of Salina, the interim executive minister of the American Baptist Churches of the Central Region, and the ABC/USA general secretary. General Secretary Rev. Dr. Lee Spitzer preached the anniversary sermon.



In addition to planning monthly events related to their anniversary, the church included informational bits in Sunday bulletins and designed a logo that was used throughout the yearlong celebration. Through the anniversary events they connected with the community in many diverse ways (an automobile show, an ecumenical music concert, children's events) and increased their involvement with and giving to ongoing ministries. Church members wore T-shirts bearing the anniversary logo at every anniversary function; Rev. Hazelton wore his T-shirt when accepting the Younger Award.

The example of Salina First Baptist Church serves as an encouragement, inspiration, and model to other congregations planning a celebration of ministry in their community.



A highlight of the anniversary celebration was opening the time capsule that had been sealed decades earlier.

congregation during the Historical Society's breakfast on June 23, part of the American Baptist Churches' Biennial Mission Summit held in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Mr. Dana R. Younger, son of George and Dodie Younger, made the presentation.

The Award was given in commendation of First Baptist Church's year-long celebration of their sesquicentennial. Choosing the theme, "Faithfully Growing in Christ," the church celebrated their history of ministry as well as focusing on ways to continue growing in Christ into the future. The weekend of June 2-3, 2018, was the high point, with the opening of a time capsule;

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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 a paper for one of the upcoming issues, please contact editor Curtis Freeman (CFreeman@div.duke.edu) as soon as possible.

Upcoming Themes	Submit by:
The Fundamentalist Fight in the Northern Baptist Convention	Dec. 1, 2019
Christian responses to Global Warming	March 1, 2020
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Seeing the Sacred in a Secular Society	June 1, 2020

Our Mission

The American Baptist Historical Society, as a premier religious historical society, advances Baptist identity, promotes historical literacy, and thereby inspires spiritual and social transformation.

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George D. Younger Award

George D. Younger (1926-2001) was a historian, minister, ecumenical leader, and lifelong enthusiast for Baptist history. Along with his parish and regional ministry in New York City and New Jersey, he served as editor-in-chief of the Historical Society's journal, *Foundations* (predecessor to the *American Baptist Quarterly*), represented the Baptist World Alliance at the United Nations, and taught Baptist history and polity at Princeton Theological Seminary, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Drew Theological School, and Union Theological Seminary.

Dr. Younger stressed the importance of Baptist history and principles. Seeking to honor his achievement and to continue his legacy of

encouraging others to share their own part in Baptist history, the Historical Society's Board of Managers created the George D. Younger Award in 2004.

The next Younger Award will be presented during the 2021 Biennial Mission Summit in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Projects



eligible for nomination must reach completion in 2019 or 2020 and include, but are not restricted to, church anniversary celebrations, congregational or regional histories, oral history projects, or other historical programs that promote Baptist history in the local community or region. The judges especially look for evidence of the impact on the targeted audience, with special consideration given for those projects with outreach beyond the immediate Baptist community. Deadline for submission is April 1, 2021, and guidelines for nominees are available from the Historical Society website: www.ABHSarchives.org.

Presidents' Bible signed

During the closing worship service of the ABC/USA Biennial Mission Summit, ABC/USA President Josué Gómez-Menendez added his signature to the historic Presidents' Bible. Given in 1951 to the first president of the American (no longer "Northern") Baptist Convention by the First Baptist Church of Washington, DC, this Bible has been signed by every subsequent ABC/USA president. The American Baptist Historical Society serves as steward of this historic Bible.

"The signatures in this Bible represent faithful Christian leadership across many decades," said

Dr. Priscilla Eppinger, Executive Director of ABHS, as she explained the history of the Bible and invited President Gómez to sign the book.



Josué Gómez-Menendez and Priscilla Eppinger; Photo: Benjamin Chan

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Church Anniversaries

July – September

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

210 Years

First Baptist Church of Plymouth, MA; Coralotta Darwin, pastor

200 Years

Congregational-Baptist Church of Chester, NH; Rev. Linda Rackliffe, pastor
Ogden Baptist Church, Spencerport, NY; Rev. Nicole Iaquinto, pastor

175 Years

Worthington Baptist Church, Worthington, WV; Everett Palmer, pastor

150 Years

Centerville Community Baptist, Centerville, PA; Larry Hellein and Gary Kinnear, pastors
First Baptist Church, Fremont, NE; Rev. Richard Crooks, pastor
First Baptist Church, Lincoln, NE; John Harris, interim pastor
North Topeka Baptist Church, Topeka, KS; David Stuart, pastor
Wheat Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA; Rev. Dr. Ralph Basui Watkins, pastor

115 Years

First Baptist Church of Glendale, CA; Dr. Shane Kinnison, pastor

100 Years

Federated Church of Brookston, IN; David Doles, pastor
First Baptist Church, Lusk, WY; Tom Strock, pastor

50 Years

The First Cathedral, Bloomfield, CT; Archbishop LeRoy Bailey, Jr., pastor

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

Digital Archives Update

With our new FlexView microfilm scanner – purchased with *At Your Fingertips* funds – we've converted the first 20 rolls of missionary correspondence to .pdf files. We have now begun to digitize ABHMS records that were microfilmed in the mid-20th century and had begun to degrade. Digitizing these records will preserve them for future generations.

The ABHS listing of nearly 7500 loose pamphlets in the collections has been uploaded to our online catalog. Though most of the pamphlets date from the 18th to 20th centuries, the collection also includes older works like Andrew Ritor's *A Treatise on the Vanity of Childish-Baptisme* and *The Second Part of the Vanity and Childishness of Infants Baptisme*, both published in 1642. You can see the full list at http://bit.ly/ABHS_Pamphlets.

Increasing accessibility to our historical library will start with the conversion of the card catalog to an online catalog. This will allow better searching of the more than 40,000 bound volumes, including many 16th- to 18th-century works. This lengthy cataloging project is in progress.

Research Snapshot – Judith Wellman

Judith Wellman is working with the Michigan Street Baptist Church in Buffalo, NY, on an application for placement on the National Register of Historical Places. Michigan Street is the second oldest Black church in Buffalo. Ms. Wellman looked through National Baptist Convention records, association and state convention minutes and other records for the history and activity of the church and its members.

It was gratifying to supply many of the records for which Ms. Wellman was looking. A video of Ms. Wellman can be found on our [YouTube](#) channel, along with videos of other researchers.

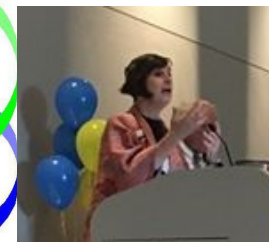


ABHS at the ABC/USA Mission Summit at Virginia Beach

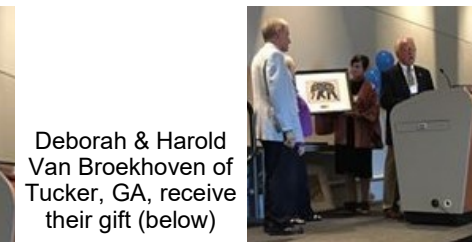


Celebrating the Successful Conclusion of the *At Your Fingertips* Campaign

This year's American Baptist Historical Society breakfast recognized donors to *At Your Fingertips*, the Historical Society's campaign to fund the initial phases of our digital project. A total of two hundred fifty supporters provided \$480,000 to get the project off the ground. ABHS expressed appreciation to donors who gave over \$5000 with gifts of reproductions of materials from the archives. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray and Rev. Sharon Koh accepted certificates of appreciation on behalf of the organizations they lead, the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and International Ministries, respectively.



Priscilla Eppinger welcomes guests to the ABHS breakfast (above)
Photos courtesy of Jerrod Hugenot



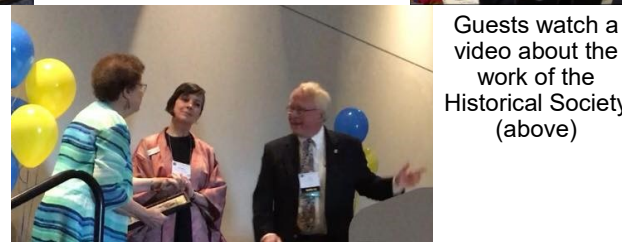
Deborah & Harold Van Broekhoven of Tucker, GA, receive their gift (below)



Beverly Fink of Manhattan, KS, receives her gift (below)



Garth and Karen Brokaw of Rochester, NY, receive their gift (above)



Guests watch a video about the work of the Historical Society (above)

ABHS friends and supporters Carol and George Bauer, John and Zelinda Douhan, Pearl Garner, and Everett and Jane Goodwin were unable to attend the breakfast and were thanked in their absence.



In the Exhibit Hall

ABHS staff greeted old friends and made new ones. The main display told some of the story of the ABC of the South, the region hosting the 2019 Mission Summit. A second display showed highlights of the construction and dedication of ABC/USA Mission Center at Valley Forge, PA.



Rev. Paul Reeder again repaired books for attendees in return for a donation to benefit ABHS. Thank you, Paul!



Priscilla Eppinger, Kay Eland, and Jenny Manasco at the ABHS booth
Photo courtesy of Bridget Lipin

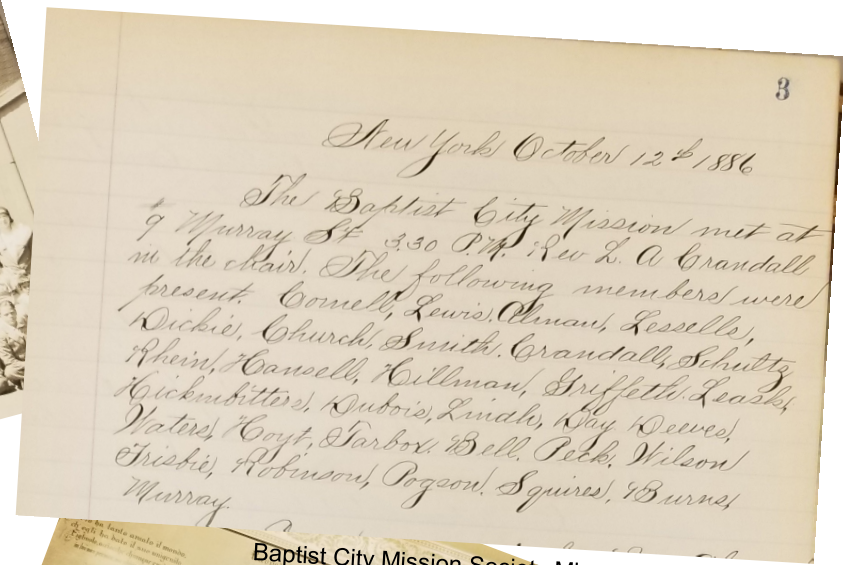
From the Archives

New York Baptist City Society

Begun in 1893, the New York Baptist City Mission Society engaged in various ministries throughout the metropolitan New York City area. The Society enabled ministry and outreach by loaning funds, starting churches, and supporting programs. This was a time of great immigration to the US, and the Society founded many foreign language churches: Italian, German, Spanish, Hungarian, etc. The inner city tenements were not particularly healthy, so the Society started camps and a Fresh Air Society to bring children to a different environment. Tracts were printed to introduce city residents to Baptist beliefs. There was a Home for the Aged, and a Woman's Auxiliary.



First Pan American Baptist Church, 1932



Baptist City Mission Society Minutes



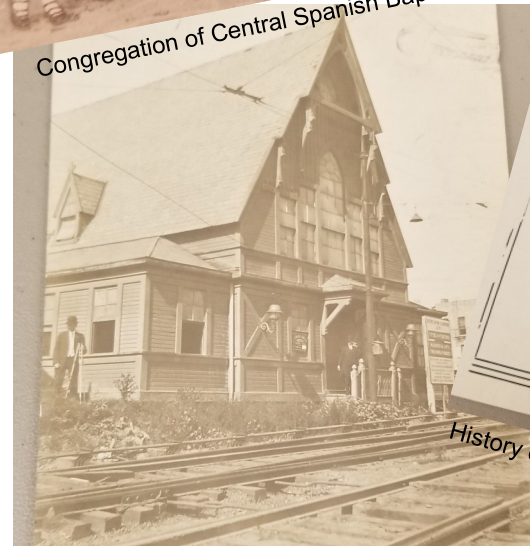
Hope Chapel, forerunner of First Italian Baptist Church

It was renamed the New York City Baptist City Society in 1938 to highlight its concern for all aspects of church work in a modern metropolis. A parallel development had been the forming of a Brooklyn Baptist Church Extension Society in 1886; in 20 years its work was extended to Queens. The Extension Society, in time by mutual agreement, took over much of the work of the Long Island Baptist Association (founded in 1867) in Kings, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties. It was the formal merger of the Baptist City Mission Society and the Church Extension Society which brought about the formation of the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York in 1972 under the leadership of Executive Secretary Angus Hull.

ABHS archives hold 157 boxes of records from these societies under the name New York Baptist City Society. The collection comprises records of many of the churches the society helped to start, including Judson Memorial Baptist Church and Mariners' Temple, as well as records from various auxiliary ministries.



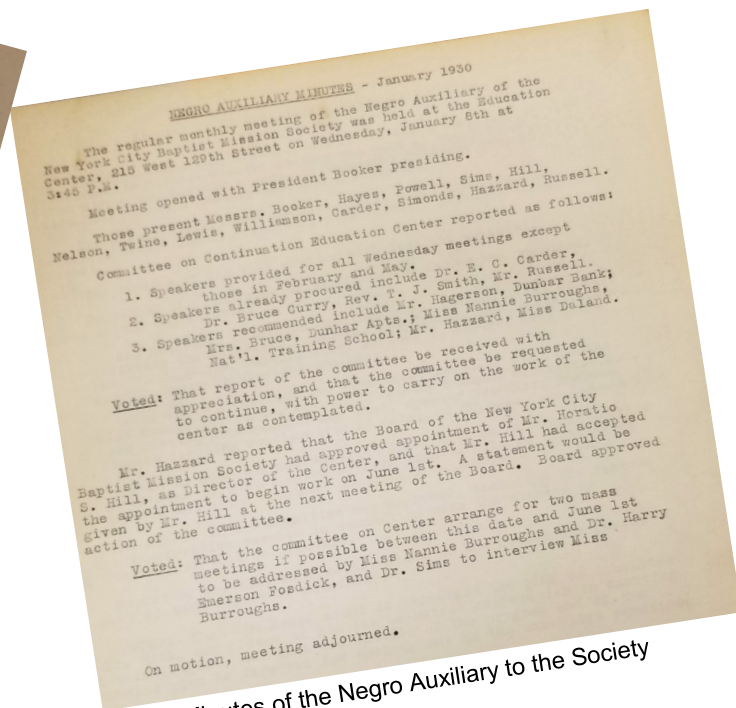
Congregation of Central Spanish Baptist Church



Bay Ridge Swedish Baptist Church in Brooklyn



History of The First Norwegian Baptist Church



Minutes of the Negro Auxiliary to the Society



Arrivals list from Mariners Temple Baptist Church



Book plate in Mariner's Temple ledger

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