

History and Archives Committee Report
Missionary Baptist Association of Texas
November 2021

The committee met October 8, 2021 at the Sweet Gum Grove Museum in Henderson. The passing of our two emeritus members, Bro. Billy Daniels and Bro. Donald Britton was the focus of much of the meeting. Bro. Daniel's Historical marker, sponsored by the Bogata Missionary Baptist Church received final approval. It should be noted that due to the significant cost of production of the plaques made and the fact that markers of similar appearance could be produced in aluminum, this less costly material was approved.

The future of the MBA of Texas website and a sub-website for the History and Archives Committee was discussed and agreed upon. That plan calls for the Secretary-Treasurer of Missions to pay fees for maintaining these sites from the general funds of the association. Since web presence is dependent on the fees being paid perpetually, and the probability of an individual not being perpetually available to host these pages on their personal web space, the association accepting this responsibility is necessary for archival activities to be possible and feasible. Bro. Paul Clark has agreed to search out and make arrangements for future host and plans.

Bro. Donald Britton is sorely missed on the committee. Files and passed records are currently trying to be secured. The Baptist Monitor of which he was also an active participant for many years is being scanned and archived. The minute books that he helped publish as clerk of the association are already all online at baptistville.org. These will be moved to the new site.

Bro. Curtis Gilbert has also been a real asset to the committee. He has overseen and in many cases actually done the work of cleaning and maintenance in and around the museum and memorial plaza. The future size and membership on the committee was discussed and it was agreed that the current membership of five seems to be productive. Any persons wishing to advise or work with the committee are encouraged to let us know of your interest.

Respectfully submitted,
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