

History and Archives Committee Report
Missionary Baptist Association of Texas November 2023

The committee is meeting twice each year. The first meeting was held May 9th, 2023, and the second meeting is to be held Monday afternoon here at San Antonio. We regret that Bro. Mike Fodge, a member of our committee since being elected in 2011, passed away on October 18, 2023.

The Sweet Gum Grove Museum on the campus of Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary continues to be a major part of our discussions. Bro. Steve Butler was at our May meeting and discussed aspects of this structure and its location. The committee agreed to pay \$50 per month to TBI for the purpose of managing the cleaning of the museum and the Memorial Garden which contains 6 biographical markers. The committee elected Bro. Paul Clark to look into future development of the museum. The digitizing of pre-1980 issues of the Baptist Monitor is also an ongoing project.

The uploading of local minute books to the MBA of Texas website under the History and Archives section has begun. The Red River - Bowie Association which had their 180th session in September was the first to complete a major upload. Their earliest minute online is 1871. The Baptist Monitor issues that have already been digitized have been uploaded to TBI's computer to be included with those issues which the school has posted to the Baptist Monitor website.

Bro. Curtis Gilbert who has faithfully served as our Secretary/Treasurer has asked that his replacement be elected. We thank him for his years of faithful service.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Thompson, Chairman
Mike Fodge
Curtis Gilbert
Paul Clark
Ryan Youngblood
Roddy Rogers