

Texas Baptist Historical Society

If you are interested in preserving the history of Texas Baptists, then you should be a member of the Texas Baptist Historical Society.

Membership

Membership in the Texas Baptist Historical Society is open to all interested individuals, churches, and institutions.

Benefits

Members receive a subscription to *Texas Baptist History: the Journal of the Texas Baptist Historical Society*, which is published annually, as well as two newsletters issues throughout the year. Back issues of the journal are available for purchase. A list of available back issues may be obtained from the Society's Secretary/Treasurer.

A member may also participate in the informative annual meetings of the society held in conjunction with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Texas State Historical Association.

History

The Texas Baptist Historical Society was formed in 1938 after the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive board had established the Texas Baptist Historical Collection in 1933. After a period of initial activity, the Society functioned intermittently for many years. In 1977, the Texas Baptist Historical Society was reorganized with a revised constitution and a structure that made it an auxiliary to the Texas Baptist Historical Committee. Today, the Society continues this relationship with the Texas Baptist Historical Council, formerly known as the Texas Baptist Historical Committee.

Mission

- Promote the value, preservation and education of the Texas Baptist heritage through a journal featuring articles and book reviews.
- Sponsor annual meetings that include opportunities for workshops, dialogue, and features of historical interest.
- Encourage and work with local churches to collect, preserve, microfilm, write, and observe their own history.
- Support the research, writing, and teaching of Texas Baptist history.

Texas Baptist Historical Society History Award

The Texas Baptist Historical Society provides an opportunity for those interested in history to receive an award recognizing quality work in documenting the life and ministry of Texas Baptist individuals, churches, associations or other institutions. Published and unpublished works are accepted in seven separate categories:

- Resident church membership under 100
- Resident church membership under 250
- Resident church membership under 500
- Resident church membership 500-1000
- Resident church membership over 1000
- General Texas Baptist and associational histories
- Unpublished papers about Texas Baptists

Awards are presented annually for works produced the previous calendar year. The application deadline is June 1st. The award includes a one-year membership in the Society and one-year subscription to *Texas Baptist History*, as well as a certificate and cash award. The editorial staff of *Texas Baptist History* may consider reviewing published works for the journal while award-winning papers will be published.