

Celebrate!

Suggestions for Celebrating your Church Anniversary.

- ◆ Establish a church history committee if your church does not have one.
- ◆ Decide on the length of the celebration (one Sunday, one week, each Sunday during the month, etc.).
- ◆ Write a history of your church, if one has not been written, or bring the existing history up to date.
- ◆ Present a play based on the history of your church or dress in clothes from different time periods.
- ◆ Have your church records and church history microfilmed at the Samford University Library, courtesy of the Alabama Baptist Historical Commission.
- ◆ Write a children's storybook based on your church history.
- ◆ Create a newspaper with articles highlighting church history, members, anecdotes, etc.
- ◆ Compile photographs from member's scrapbooks. Identify and date the photos. Display photos of earlier church buildings and other church memorabilia.
- ◆ Make a slide presentation of old photos with narration from older church members.
- ◆ Establish a church library. Donate books in memory/honor of church members.
- ◆ Organize a family day. Include a picnic, relays, old fashioned games, face painting, dunking booth, moonwalk, horse and buggy rides, special singing groups, etc. Create an anniversary T-shirt for the church members.
- ◆ Make an anniversary quilt. Let each square represent an event in your church history. Display the quilt inside the church.
- ◆ Produce anniversary plates, parlor fans, coffee mugs, pens or key medallions with the anniversary dates and other church information.
- ◆ Video tape the celebration.
- ◆ Recognize members who were married in your church. Allow these couples to renew their wedding vows as a group. Ask couples to donate a photo of their wedding. Compile a record of marriages celebrated in the church.
- ◆ Recognize founding members and their descendants.
- ◆ Organize a special anniversary dinner or reception. Invite special visitors, former pastors, associational leaders or Convention leaders.
- ◆ Contact the Alabama Baptist Historical Commission for a certificate of recognition.
- ◆ Submit information to *The Alabama Baptist*.
- ◆ Begin a cemetery preservation project.
- ◆ Present a special anniversary gift such as a Communion table, organ, stained glass window, playground, anniversary tree or garden.

The mission of the
Alabama Baptist
Historical Commission,
an entity of the
Alabama Baptist State
Convention, is to
collect, preserve, and
share the history of
Baptists in Alabama
through collecting,
researching, teaching,
publishing, and
communicating.

Contact Information

Alabama Baptist
Historical Commission

Samford University
216 North Divinity Hall
P. O. Box 293928
Birmingham, AL
35229

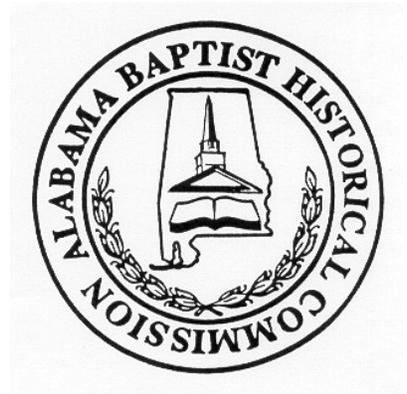
205-726-2363
1-800-325-9863

www.abhconline.com

Lonette Berg,
Executive Director
lberg@samford.edu

Alabama Baptist Historical Commission

Celebrate
Your
Baptist Heritage!



Lonette Berg,
Executive Director
Alabama Baptist
Historical Commission
P. O. Box 292286
Birmingham, AL 35229
(205) 726-2363/1-800-325-9863