

“Baptists and America 250: Preserving Liberty and Religious Freedom, Then and Now”

Association of Librarians and Archivists at Baptist Institutions Annual Meeting Program

Hybrid Meeting
July 15-17, 2026

Hampton Inn Charleston Downtown
345 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29403

*In-person program events for Wednesday and Thursday, July 15-16,
held in the Ashley Room of the Hampton Inn.*

*The Ashley room is located on the 1st floor just off of the lobby.
From the lobby, take the main corridor and the Ashley Room
is the first room on your right.*

Zoom links sent prior to meeting.

Tuesday, July 14

6:00 pm – Optional Early-Arrival Dinner
7:00 pm Rooftop at the Vendue (19 Vendue Range, Charleston, SC 29401)
<https://www.rooftopcharleston.com>
Pay for your own

Wednesday, July 15

11:30 am – Optional Early-Arrival Lunch
12:30 pm 39 Rue de Jean French Bistro (<https://39ruedejean.holycityhospitality.com/food-menu>)
Pay for your own

1:00 pm –	Session A:	Moderator:
1:45 pm	Baptists and Religious Liberty: Case Studies in Documentation and Outreach	
	<i>History on Canvas: Exploring Baptist Contributions to the American Revolution and Early Republic Through Artwork</i>	Taffey Hall
	<i>Early American Revolutionary Documents at the American Baptist Historical Society</i>	Jenny Manasco*

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm	Session B: North Carolina Baptists and the Early American Republic <i>Revolutionary Faith on the Frontier: Theology, Dissent, and Armed Conflict Among Baptists of the North Carolina Frontier</i> <i>The Biblical Recorder and Early American History</i>	Moderator: Jonathan Lawler Natalie Bishop Marcia Phillips*
3:00 pm	Carpool to First Baptist Church, Charleston (61 Church Street, Charleston, SC 29401)	
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Tour of FBC Charleston and Historical Presentation	Marshall Blaylock
5:00 pm – 6:30pm	Dinner Hyman's Seafood (215 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401) Pay for your own	

Thursday, July 16

9:15 am	Welcome, Refreshments	
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Session C: Panel Discussion <i>Digitizing Church Records and Balancing Access, Cost, and Stewardship</i>	Moderator: Taffey Hall Jason Fowler Jennifer Taylor Daniel Williams Tanya Zanish-Belcher
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break	
10:45 am – 11:30 am	Session D: African American and Women's Voices <i>The Phillips Manuscript: The Narrative of Rev. William H. Phillips</i> <i>Sallie Holmes: SBC Foreign Missionary</i>	Moderator: Joanna Beasley Cat White* Scott Peterson
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	Session E: International Voices <i>Freedom Isn't Free: Case Studies from the Keston Center for Religion, Politics, and Society at Baylor University</i> <i>Library Happenings at the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary</i>	Moderator: Jason Fowler Kathy Hillman* Carlos Eduardo Salinas*

Build your own historical site and visit adventure day! Details provided at meeting.

Program Participants

- Beasley, Joanna. Archivist and Technical Services Librarian, Library, North Greenville University, Tigerville, South Carolina.
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- Blaylock, Marshall. Pastor, First Baptist Church, Charleston, South Carolina.
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- Fowler, Jason. Director of Library Services, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina.
- Hall, Taffey. Director, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Hillman, Kathy. Associate Professor and Director of the Keston Center for Religion, Politics and Society, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.
- Lawler, Jonathan. Archivist and Digital Collections Manager, Library, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina.
- Manasco, Jenny. Digital Archivist, American Baptist Historical Society, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Peterson, Scott. Manager, Archives, Libraries, and Records, International Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Virginia.
- Phillips, Marcia. Metadata Technician, Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
- Salinas, Carlos Eudardo. Head of the Marian Sanders Library, Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Taylor, Jennifer. Chair of University Archives and Special Collection, Library, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama.
- Taylor, Nathan. Executive Director, Virginia Baptist Historical Society, Richmond, Virginia.
- White, Cat. Director of Historic Collections, Stowe Center for Literary Activism, Hartford, Connecticut.
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