

# DENOMINATION DAY 2019

It has probably happened to all of us, a cherished record skips on our favorite track, the home movies we made so many years ago have faded or turned brittle, or perhaps the cassette we made of grandpa telling a favorite story can no longer be heard.

In the Historical Foundation's collection are thousands of sermons, children's programs, choir performances, and every other event imaginable that make up the life of the church. The Foundation always seeks to honor the collected witness of *all* Cumberland Presbyterians, past and present and to bring that witness to the world.

This year, Denomination Day offerings made to the Historical Foundation will fund the conversion of fragile and deteriorating analogue media to digital formats in order that it might better be preserved.

All methods of recording images and sound have very limited lives. Movie film turns highly flammable as it disintegrates making images impossible to retrieve, video and audio tape lose their magnetic emulsion after about twenty years and can no longer be played, and vinyl records are easily scratched and warped if not stored carefully.

Your Denomination Day offerings will be used to secure the professional conversion of these precious recordings into digital formats. The digital copies can much more easily be disseminated and will also be archived.

**Historical Foundation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America**  
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# IN THE ARCHIVES

Visitors to the Historical Foundation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America are sometimes surprised to discover that the archival collection consists of much more than books and documents. The Foundation strives to preserve all aspects of Cumberland Presbyterian life from the founding of the church in 1810 to the present day.

Part of that preservation includes all kinds of recorded media.

- The Foundation has spoken word and music not only on traditional record albums made by Cumberland Presbyterians but also sound sheets, reel to reel, cassette, and even 8-track tapes.
- The Foundation has movies, both home and professionally made, in various film and video tape formats.
- The Foundation has vintage computer files stored on 5¼ inch, 3½ inch, and 10 inch floppy disks as well as ZIP disks, mini-disks, and floptical media.
- The Foundation has slides and negatives in 35mm and 110 & 127 Instamatic as well as a variety of other formats from Kodak, Polaroid, Fuji, AGFA, Ansco, and Seneca.

Besides having media in all these formats, the Foundation must also preserve and maintain the equipment necessary to play them all back! Digitization and digital modernization bring media up to modern standards. Modernization is a continuous process as formats change but one we feel is necessary to preserve our Cumberland Presbyterian Heritage.



