

## **MS-309 Dayton Area Baptist Association (DABA) Records**

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**Title:** Dayton Area Baptist Association (DABA) Records

**Dates:** 1949-2011

**Creator:** Dayton Area Baptist Association (DABA)

**Summary/Abstract:**

The Dayton Area Baptist Association (DABA) was formed in 1964 by a merger between the Upper Miami Baptist Association and the Dayton Baptist Union. Membership includes participating Dayton area Baptist churches, the Ohio Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Convention. The association's active mission is the Dayton Christian Center, located on West Riverview Ave. The records are administrative (minutes, financial, etc.) and also related to the association's mission, partners, and affiliated churches.

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**Revisions:**

In July 2013, the finding aid was reformatted for encoded archival description and the overall arrangement was revised to compress the original 20 records series (some of which contained only one file) to four series and nine subseries. The small series were moved to other appropriate series. Approximately one linear foot of new material was added to the collection and placed within its appropriate series and/or subseries. In order to fit logically within the appropriate

series and subseries, some of categories of the records had to be moved to boxes closer to the beginning or the end of the collection. However, the original order of the folders within each content category was retained as much as possible (except for the files that were subsumed into another series and the new files that were added to the existing series).

**Related Material:**

MS-81, MFM-26 First Regular Baptist Church Records  
MS-257 Central Baptist Church, Oregon District, Records  
MFM-112 First Baptist Church of Centerville Records  
MS-449 Trinity Baptist Church Records

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**Arrangement:**

The collection is arranged in four series and nine subseries as follows:

- Series I: Administration, 1949-2011
  - Subseries IA: Executive Committee/Board of Trustees, 1957-2011
  - Subseries IB: Committees, 1963-2000
  - Subseries IC: Financials, 1949-1995
  - Subseries ID: Office, 1967-1995 and Organizational Documents, 1952-1996
- Series II: Ministers, 1971-1996
- Series III: Missions and Partnerships, 1968-1996
- Series IV: Baptist Organizations and Churches, 1955-2009
  - Subseries IV A: Ohio Baptist Convention, 1967-1992
  - Subseries IV B: American Baptist Churches of Ohio, 1963-1997
  - Subseries IV C: American Baptist Churches in the USA, 1968-2009
  - Subseries IV D: Churches, 1955-1999
  - Subseries IV E: Church Development, 1973-1997

**Biographical/Historical Note**

The Dayton Area Baptist Association (DABA) was formed in 1964 by a merger between the Upper Miami Baptist Association and the Dayton Baptist Union. In their 1965 yearbook, the association defines its purpose as:

- To promote the cause of Jesus Christ through the cooperation and fellowship of local Baptist churches identified with the association.
- To extend the interests of the Baptist denomination.
- To advance the work of the Dayton Christian Center.
- To develop new churches and support existing churches.
- To cultivate mutual fellowship among its churches.

The association is still active. Membership includes participating Dayton area Baptist churches, the Ohio Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Convention. The association's active mission is the Dayton Christian Center, located on West Riverview Ave. Its purpose is to provide a Christian environment in which neighborhood residents can come to meet for fun and fellowship, for sharing and learning, for discovery and growth; to be an advocate for those who are forsaken and oppressed; and to encourage and give hope to those who have become disillusioned.

## **Scope and Content**

This collection is arranged into four series and nine subseries.

Series I, Administration, contains four subseries: Board of Trustee/Executive Committee Records, Committees, Financials, and Office/Organizational Documents.

Subseries IA, Board of Trustee and Executive Committee records, includes correspondence, members lists, reports to the board, meeting sign-in sheets, and minutes and agendas from board meetings.

Subseries IB, Committees, contains files on committees and includes records kept by the respective committees, such as reports on the goals and activities of the committees. The Fall Rally Committee files are the most extensive in this subseries.

Subseries IC, Financials, contains the financial records of the organization, including receipts and disbursements, annual reports, financial statements, treasurer's reports, budgets, monthly worksheets, and church contributions, as well as one file labeled correspondence and communication.

Subseries ID, Office and Organizational Documents, contains general office documents, including papers on the activities of administrative coordinator, Mary DiNofa. It also includes calendars, correspondence, mailing lists, information on president turnover, a brief history on some member churches, and the original papers on a Panasonic Typewriter. Lastly, this subseries contains organizational documents, such as membership applications, DABA banner history, constitutions, directories, statements of goals, brochures, information on the general board and election district #3, maps, newsletters, and yearbooks.

Series II, Ministers, contains records on ministers, including ordinations and ordination procedures, the Minister's Council, mailing lists, and papers on Dinners for Ministers as well as one folder pertaining to the Rev. Robert Hight's retirement.

Series III, Missions and Partnerships, contains records of missions, including Baptist Home, Harvester's Chapel, telemissions, and associational, local and state mission funding. The Dayton Christian Center is the largest group of records in this series, covering the years 1951-1992. Among the materials included are by-laws, financial records, reports to the board, the real estate contract for its West Riverview Ave. property, papers on flood control, and other general documents. This series also contains miscellaneous files on issues of interest and (formal or informal) partnerships and/or organizations DABA supports that do not fit elsewhere.

Series IV, Baptist Organizations and Churches, consists of four subseries: The Ohio Baptist Convention, American Baptist Churches of Ohio, American Baptist Churches in the USA, Churches, and Church Development.

Subseries IV A, contains the Ohio Baptist Convention's records, including its constitution and rules, correspondence, newsletters, announcements, resolutions, and papers regarding the group's interest in draft amnesty from the Vietnam War.

Subseries IV B, contains the American Baptist Churches of Ohio's records regarding the Baptist Youth Fellowship and Campus Ministries as well as manuals for associations, correspondence, organizational charts, and other general office documents.

Subseries IV C, contains the American Baptist Churches in the USA's records regarding Bacone College, National Ministries, World and Nation Councils of Churches, and World Mission Support. There are also multiple files of progress reports and newsletters regarding mission support (covering international, national, state, and perhaps local/regional). The mission support documents which are dated seem only to cover the years 1989-1990, but many of the mission support documents are undated and it is unclear which of them go together. Although the documents are grouped as much as possible in smaller sets by folder, these documents may **not** be arranged in the correct original order—either as a complete set or inside the individual folders—since at least half the documents in the folders have no date. It is recommended that the researcher review all of the folders labeled “Mission Support-Progress Reports and Newsletters” rather than simply relying on the date range indicated on each folder. This will ensure that potentially relevant information on mission support is not missed.

Subseries IV D, Churches, contains folders representing individual area churches. These files generally contain papers such as correspondence and membership applications. The three “Central” files in this subseries are related to DABA's foreclosure/sale of the Central Church Property. There is also a file in this subseries that relates to two specific church camps. These documents appeared to be filed together in DABA's original arrangement of the records so the separate file was maintained. Rather than include a separate series or subseries for a single file, this file was placed within the “Churches” subseries.

Subseries IV E, contains Church Development program records, such as papers on the “Campaign for New Churches and New Church Development,” the “Capital Funds Campaign,” and “Impact for the Future.” The Springboro and Huber Heights property acquisitions and creation of new churches in these areas have the most extensive amount of material in this series. The Rev. Lee Anglin and wife Carol are prominently mentioned in the Huber Heights papers.

## **Subject Terms**

### **Organizations/Corporate Names**

Baptist Associations  
American Baptist Churches of Ohio  
Ohio Baptist Convention

### **Places**

Dayton (Ohio)

### **Subjects (General)**

Baptists

**Material Types**

Minutes  
Correspondence  
Annual Reports  
Budgets

**Collection Inventory**

**Series I: Administration**

**Subseries IA: Executive Committee/Board of Trustees**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Correspondence	1979-1983
	2	Members	1984-1989
	3	Reports to Board of Trustees	1968-1993
	4	Summit Meeting	2005
	5	Pamphlet Templates	Undated
	6	Sign-in Sheets	1982-1990
	7	Minutes/Agenda	1957-1969
	8	Minutes/Agenda	1970-1971
	9	Minutes/Agenda	1972-1973
	10	Minutes/Agenda	1974-1976
	11	Minutes/Agenda	1977-1979
	12	Minutes/Agenda	1980-1981
2	1	Minutes/Agenda	1982-1983
	2	Minutes/Agenda	1984-1985
	3	Minutes/Agenda	1986-1987
	4	Minutes/Agenda	1988
	5	Minutes/Agenda	1989
	6	Minutes/Agenda	1990-1991
3	1	Minutes/Agenda	1992
	2	Minutes/Agenda	1993
	3	Minutes/Agenda—Board of Trustees	1992-2011
	4	Minutes/Agenda	2002-2003
	5	Minutes/Agenda	2006-2011

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>	
<b>Subseries 1B: Committees</b>				
3	6	Board of Christian Education Banquet	1992-2000	
	7	Christian Education	1967-1994	
	8	Church Program and Outreach	1968	
	9	DABA Study Committee	Undated	
	10	Division Meetings	1970-1972	
	11	Fall Rally	1981-1992	
	12	Fall Rally	1993-1994	
	13	Fall Rally	1995-1996	
	14	Finance	1971-1993	
	4	1	Implementation	1981
		2	Long-Range Planning	1978-1980
		3	Mission Fair	1991-1993
		4	Nominating	1963-1993
		5	Pastoral Relations	1969-1988
6		Pastoral Relations—Lay Ministry Scholarship	2003-2008	
7		Personnel	N.D.	
8		Reorganization	1969	
9		Singles Support	1991	
10		Spring Rally	1983-1987	
11		Task Force on Inactive Churches	1989-1991	
12		Urban Strategy	1968-1977	
13		Youth Committee	1980	
<b>Subseries IC: Financials</b>				
4	14	Correspondence/Communications	1974-1992	
	15	Receipts and Disbursements/Monthly Worksheets	N.D.	
	16	Annual Reports, Financial Statements, Receipts and Disbursements, Treasurer's Report	1951-1964	
	17	Annual Reports, Financial Statements, Receipts and Disbursements, Treasurer's Report, Budgets	1965-1969	
	18	Annual Reports, Financial Statements, Receipts and Disbursements	1970-1971	
	19	Annual Reports, Financial Analyses, Budgets, Church Contributions	1972-1973	
	20	Annual Reports, Monthly Financial Analyses, Budgets, Church Contributions	1974-1975	
	5	1	Annual Reports, Monthly Financial Analyses, Budgets, Church Contributions	1976-1978

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
5	2	Annual Reports, Monthly Financial Analyses, Budgets, Board of Trustees Finance Committee, Church Extension Accounts	1979-1981
	3	Annual Reports, Monthly Financial Analyses, Budgets, Church Extension Accounts	1982-1984
	4	Annual Reports, Monthly Financial Analyses	1985-1987
	5	Annual Reports, Monthly Financial Analyses, Budgets	1988-1990
	6	Annual Reports, Monthly Financial Analyses, Budgets	1991-1993
		Annual Reports, Monthly Financial Analyses, Budgets	1994-1995
5A	1	Budgets	2000-2009
	2	Balance Sheets	2004, 2007-2009
	3	Balance Sheets	2010-2011
	4	Expenditures-Gifts and/or Requests	1979, 2007-2010
	5	Associational Mission Fund	1984-1990
	6	Business Banking Brochure-Provident Bank	Undated
6	1	Last Will and Testament—Frank Ver	1969
	2	Auditor's Reports	1949-1971
	3	Chart of Accounts	1992
	4	Real Estate Taxes	1992-1993
	5	Stocks, Bonds, IRS, CDs	1964-1993
<b>Subseries ID: Office and Organizational Documents</b>			
6	6	Administrative Coordinator	1981-1993
	7	Calendars	1969-1994
	8	General Correspondence/Communication	1967-1980
	9	Mailing Lists	1969-1991
	10	President Turnover Information	1993-1995
	11	Typewriter—Panasonic	1987-1988
	12	Applications for Membership	1978-1979
	13	Banner History	1992
	14	Constitutions	1964-1992
	15	Constitutions	1992-2008
	16	Constitution and Bylaws	1993
	17	Incorporating Documents—Non-Profit Status	1993-2004, Undated
7	1	Directories	1987-1989/90
	2	Directories	1990/91-1992/93

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
7	3	Directories	1993-1996
	4	Directories	2006-2008
	5	General Board/Election District #3	1974-1994
	6	Maps	1982-1985
	7	Newsletters	1968-1994
	8	Officers/Committee Members Lists	1981-1995
	9	Statement, Goals, Brochures	1988
	10	Yearbooks	1952-1981

### **Series II: Ministers**

8	1	Dinners for Ministers	1987
	2	Minister's Council	1985-1992
	3	Ordinations	May 1971-Mar 1990
	4	Ordinations	May 1990-Oct. 1996
	5	Ordination Procedures	1980-1987
	6	Mailing Lists—Ministers and Churches	1991
	7	Rev. Robert Hight's Retirement	1995

### **Series XIII: Missions and Partnerships**

8	8	Baptist Home	1968-1969
	9	Harvester's Chapel	1982-1995
	10	Local Mission Funding	1988-1990
	11	Telemissions, Associational Mission Fund, State Mission	1986-1995
	12	Dayton Christian Center—Board of Directors/Bylaws	1964-1991
	13	Dayton Christian Center—Documents	1951-1992
	14	Dayton Christian Center—Financials	1960-1967
	15	Dayton Christian Center—Flood Control	1987
	16	Dayton Christian Center—Real Estate Contract for 1346 W. Riverview	1991
	17	Dayton Christian Center—Reports to Board	1966-1981
	18	Dayton Christian Center-Giving by DABA Churches	2007-2009
	19	East Dayton Ministry "Partnership"	2006
	20	Montgomery County Hunger Coalition—Request for Support	1980
	21	Obscenity Laws/Decency for Greater Dayton	1973-1974
	22	United Way Brochure and Volunteer Profile (Blank)	Undated

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Series IV:</b>		<b>Baptist Organizations and Churches</b>	
9	1	Dayton Area Association of American Baptist Women-Constitution, Prayer Chain	1988, 1992
		<b>Subseries IV A: Ohio Baptist Convention</b>	
9	2	Amnesty from Draft	1972-1973
	3	Area Ministers	1983-1988
	4	Constitution and Rules	1990-1992
	5	Correspondence, Newsletters, Announcements, Conferences, Resolutions	1967-1990
	6	Various Conferences	1990
	7	Supplemental Material from Zanesville Conference	1990
		<b>Subseries IV B: American Baptist Churches of Ohio</b>	
9	8	Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF)	1982-1989
	9	Building Dedication	1992
	10	Campus Ministries	1968-1993
	11	Communication System	1995-1997
	12	Correspondence	1977-1986
	13	Directories	1984
	14	Directories	1992
	15	Directories	1992
9A	1	Manuals for Associations	1963-1968
	2	Organizational Chart	1985
		<b>Subseries IV C: American Baptist Churches in the USA</b>	
9A	3	Affiliation—Procedure for Churches Seeking to Affiliate with American Baptist Churches in the USA (ABC)	2009
	4	<i>The American Baptist</i> (Magazine)	1989-1990
	5	Bacone College	1988
	6	Mission Support-Progress Reports and Newsletters	Dec. 1988-Dec. 1989, Undated
	7	Mission Support-Progress Reports and Newsletters	Jan. 1989
	8	Mission Support-Progress Reports and Newsletters	Mar. 1989

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
	9	Mission Support-Progress Reports and Newsletters	Apr. 1989
	10	Mission Support-Progress Reports and Newsletters	Oct. 1989
	11	Mission Support-Progress Reports and Newsletters	1989, Undated
	12	Mission Support-Progress Reports and Newsletters	1989-1990, Undated
	13	Mission Support-Progress Reports and Newsletters	Feb. 1990-Sept. 1990
	14	National Ministries	1985
	15	World Council of Churches/National Council of Churches	1986-1989
	16	World Mission Support	1968-1995
<b>Subseries IV D: Churches</b>			
9A	17	Church Camps—Judson, Kirkwood	1968-1969, 1991, 1996
	18	Calvary	1973-1999
	19	Canaan	1973-1995
10	1	Central (Property)	1978-1985
	2	Central (Property)	1985-1991
	3	Central (Property)	1985-1991
	4	Church of the Carpenter	1988-1995
	5	Christ Baptist	1973-1985
	6	Colorado Avenue	1987
	7	Dorothy Lane	1965-1992
	8	Faith in God's Way	1979-1995
	9	First Dayton	1968-1991
	10	First Springfield	1984-1992
	11	First Xenia	1972-1992
	12	First Yellow Springs	1981-1992
	13	Judson	1976-1989
	14	Linden Avenue	1974-1986
	15	Memorial	1973-1991
	16	Omega	1995-1996
	17	Pleasant Grove	1984
	18	Shiloh Baptist Church	2001
	19	Shroyer Road	1969-1995
11	1	Spinning Road	1955-1991
	2	St. John Missionary	1975-1984
	3	Third Street	1968-1988
	4	Trinity	1973-1988
	5	United Missionary	1978-1995
	6	Zion (photocopy news clippings)	1984-1985

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Series IV E: Church Development</b>			
11	7	Alive in Missions	1981-1989
	8	Campaign for New Churches/New Church Development	1973-1991
	9	Capital Funds Campaign	1982
	10	Central	1980
	11	Church Extension	1974-1988
	12	Church Partners	1979
	13	Closing Documents	1981
	14	Correspondence	1979-1983
	15	Funding Our Future	1980-1984
	16	General/Family Life Conference	1988
	17	Greater Dayton Council of Churches	1992-1993
	18	“Grow by Caring”	1984-1986
	19	Guidelines-Census Data Manual for Associational Planning (Home Mission Board)	1981
	20	Huber Heights	1978-1990
	21	Huber Heights	1990-1993
	22	Huber Heights Survey Information	1986
	23	Hungarian Baptist Union Property Transfer	1993-1995
	24	Impact for the Future	1990-1992
12	1	Metropolitan Churches United (MCU)	1977-1989
	2	Miami Baptist Association	1987-1989
	3	Morrow-Gordon & Byrd (note/mortgage)	1979-1983
	4	Neighborhood Revival	1994-2001
	5	Proposals	1978-1986
	6	Publicity	1981
	7	Reports and Communications	1979-1985
	8	Springboro Property	1978-1980
	9	Springboro Property	1981-1997
	10	Springboro Property/Real Estate, J. R. Remick	1980-1981
	11	Springboro/Ohio Bell/Easement and Answer Waiver/Service of Summons	1986-1988
	12	Springboro Property	1994-2000
	13	Survey Information	1980-1984
	14	Team Members	1983-1993
	15	Trinity Baptist/United Missionary Baptist	1975-1979